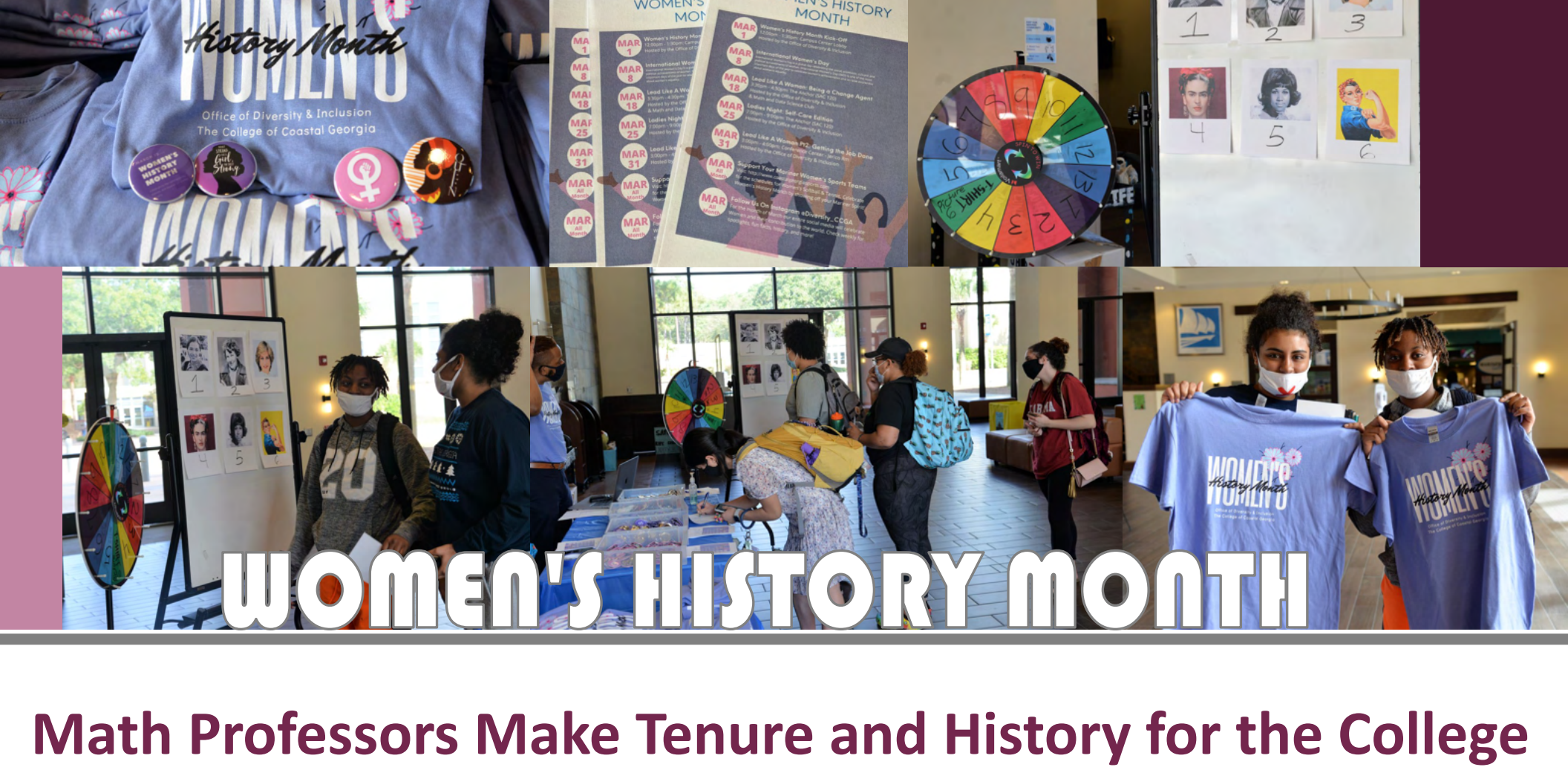


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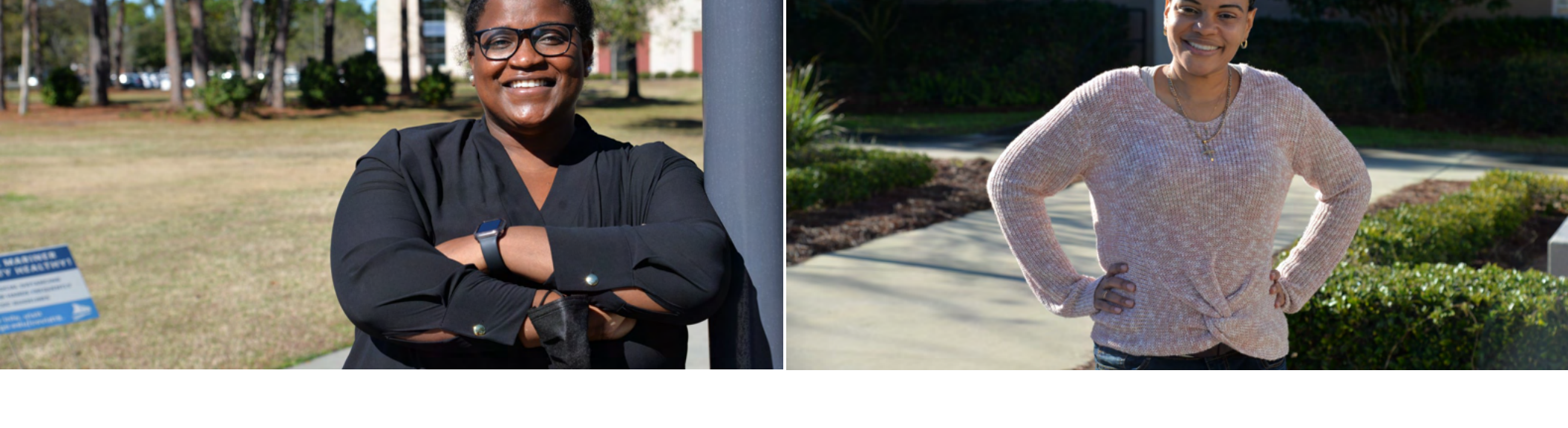
Charting the Course Since 1961

A newsletter for the alumni of the College of Coastal Georgia, Coastal Georgia Community College, Brunswick College, and Brunswick Junior College.



Math Professors Make Tenure and History for the College

By Tiffany King



One of the noblest professions one can have is that of a teacher or educator. Being able to shape and build generations for the future requires a lot of dedication, sacrifice, service, and enthusiasm. Faculty at the College of Coastal Georgia are no different. Many contribute to their field while simultaneously sharing their enthusiasm for subject matters with students, and hope some will take what they've learned one step further. While there are many professional and personal milestones a faculty member can have, such as being published, achieving the status of tenure is a defining moment for many. Dr. Syvillia Averett and Dr. Courtenay Miller recently earned tenure at the College and joined the ranks of other tenured faculty. However, their achievement includes being the first two African American women to earn tenure since the College became a four-year institution in 2008. They took a moment to share what it means for them and what they learned about themselves during the process.

Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr. Syvillia Averett is a native of Columbus, Ohio. She attended The Ohio State University through a scholarship she received while in the sixth grade. The Young Scholars Program awards young students a scholarship to Ohio State if they maintain certain requirements through high school and graduate—which Averett was able to do. She was a first-generation college student. Her career in math almost didn't happen when she first thought of majoring in biology to become a doctor. However, when the well-known sentiment "major in what you like, not what makes money" sunk in, she decided to pursue what she enjoyed—math.

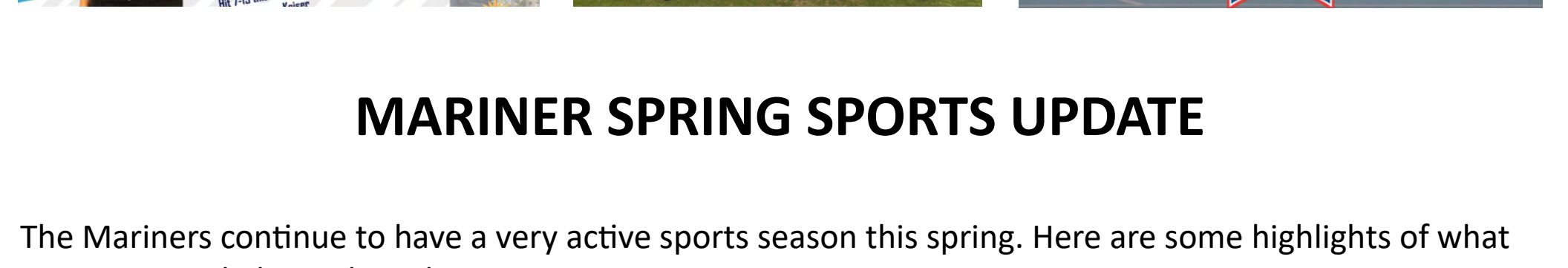
"I knew I wanted to teach math and thought I wanted to teach high school math. I then realized I didn't because teaching k12 is challenging. You're not only dealing with the needs of students, but also the challenges of their parents—however, I always wanted to teach," Averett said.

Ohio State is a research-focused institution, so math education is not a heavily emphasized program, Averett said. She decided to attend graduate school in order to have more time to figure out her career in math. Averett graduated from Ohio State in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, and went on to earn both a master's and a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Iowa. Averett described the math graduate program at the University of Iowa as a model program for attracting minority students to doctorate programs in math and graduating many, if not all, in the program.

She came to the College in January 2016 after teaching in Wilberforce, Ohio for three years. Averett shared that she reached a point of capacity there and reached out to her mentor at the time, Dr. Victor Vega-Vazquez, who was then interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. She expressed to Vega-Vasquez how she felt and he eventually informed her about an opening at the College for a math professor.

"I told myself that if I moved again, I would move somewhere that didn't have snow and ice storms. Interestingly enough, I got an ice storm the first couple of years here, but not like the ones up north," she said. "I ended up moving here January 2016 and jumped right in."

To read their story, click [here](#).



MARINER SPRING SPORTS UPDATE

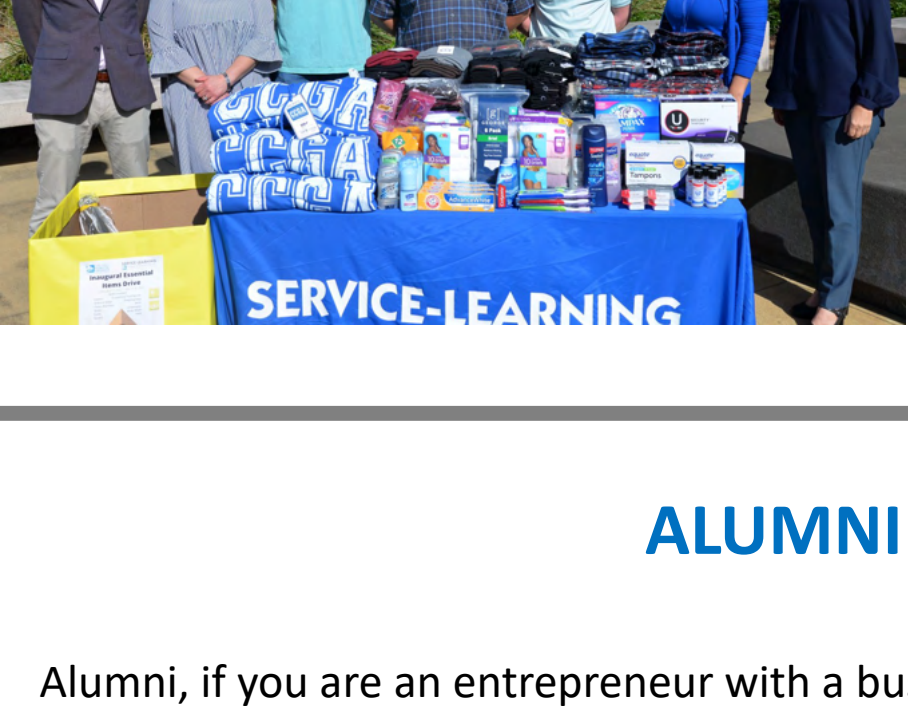
The Mariners continue to have a very active sports season this spring. Here are some highlights of what our teams and players have been up to:

- Men's Golf finished second in the Battle at Primm after shooting 849 strokes as a team. Mariner Chip Thompson finished first in the event and became the second Mariner to win the Battle at Primm. He was also named The Sun Conference (TSC) Golfer of the Week for March 29.
- Women's Golf ranked 19th on the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Coaches' Top 25 Poll. Men's Golf ranked 3rd on both the NAIA Coaches' Top 25 Poll and Bushnell Golfweek Poll. Men's Tennis also found a spot on the NAIA Coaches' Top 25 Poll and ranked 19th.
- Mariner Softball has a 13-5 record, splitting with NAIA No. 10 ranked Georgia Gwinnett. One of our outstanding players is Mary Waldron, who was named TSC Softball Player to Watch, and Bryce Peacock was named TSC Softball Player of the Week for March 29.
- Marianela Landi was named TSC Women's Tennis Player to Watch, and Felix Arroyo Vigiliano was given the same honor for Men's Tennis.
- Kristen Crooms has been having a great season. She was named TSC Women's Golfer of the Week for February 23 and won three events so far for the academic year.

Service-Learning Project with The Well



Coastal Georgia students in Dr. Roscoe Scarborough's Sociology of Deviance course partnered with FaithWorks ministry on a service-learning project to address a need in the community. Under FaithWorks ministry, The Well is a hospitality center for people who are homeless, where they are provided resources such as a shower, laundry room, phone, internet access, and address for correspondence.

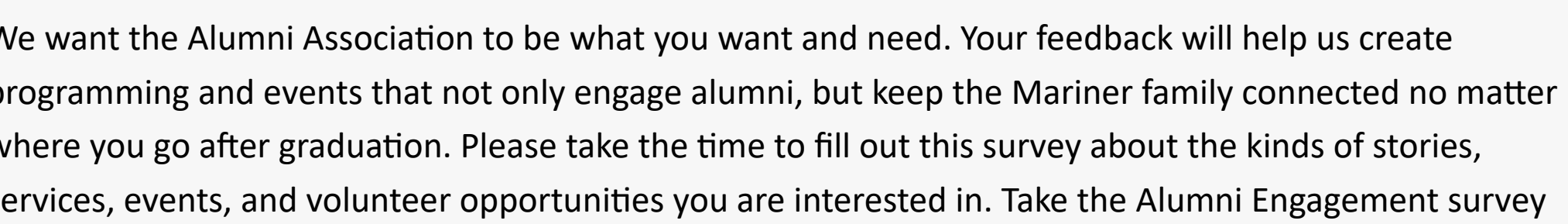


Students hosted a clothing drive on campus for winter clothes and basic hygiene items over a couple of weeks to be passed out at The Well. The Mariner campus community donated blankets, hats, gloves, hygiene products, hand sanitizer, and more. A special event was held to present The Well with the donations from the Mariner family.

ALUMNI BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Alumni, if you are an entrepreneur with a business we would love to hear about it. We want to highlight alumni businesses and celebrate those who are making their mark in the world and are contributing to the growth and well-being of their communities.

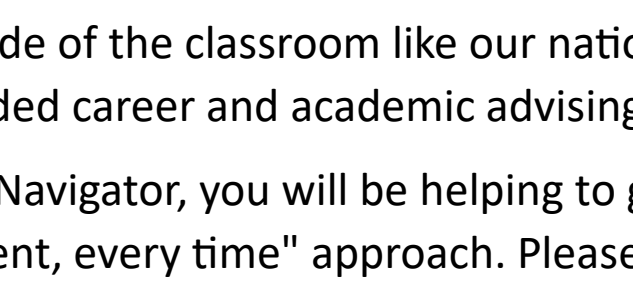
If you are interested in being highlighted in the newsletter please contact us at alumni@ccga.edu. In the email, please provide your name; the year you graduated from the College; the name of your business; business website; brief description of your business; and contact information.



ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT QUICK SURVEY:

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT

We want the Alumni Association to be what you want and need. Your feedback will help us create programming and events that not only engage alumni, but keep the Mariner family connected no matter where you go after graduation. Please take the time to fill out this survey about the kinds of stories, services, events, and volunteer opportunities you are interested in. Take the Alumni Engagement survey [here](#).



ELEVATE '21

Alumni, are you a Navigator? Navigators embody the mission and passion of the College by donating \$1,000 or more to our fund that directly invests in the student success. Areas like training for our faculty and staff, so we always use the best and most high-impact practices; service-learning and undergraduate research that allow students to find solutions for real-world problems; student development programs outside of the classroom like our nationally-recognized athletics teams; and in our recently-launched blended career and academic advising model that is started on day one of the student journey.

As a Navigator, you will be helping to guide the College and reinforce our commitment to an "every student, every time" approach. Please consider making a \$1,000 donation, and remember, all gifts - no matter how big or small - will make a difference in our student's lives.

Donate Now at www.ccca.edu/Elevate

Hail the Sail and Go Mariners!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There is always something going on at the College of Coastal Georgia. Here are some upcoming events:

- April 19: Service-Learning Symposium, virtual event. More details to follow.
- May 8: Spring Commencement at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.
- Check out the Athletics [calendar](#) for upcoming sporting events.

STAY IN TOUCH

We would love to stay in touch with you. Please tell us about yourself and what you've been up to after college. Update your contact information [here](#).

Questions? Contact alumni@ccga.edu.

