

The Mariners' Log

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.



SPRING CLASS OF 2022

To view more graduation photos, check out the College's Facebook [page](#).

LIFE UPDATES:

Alumni, we want to know what you've been up to after graduation. Please share with us your good news, job promotions, career changes, accomplishments, awards, marriages, birth announcements, and new businesses. We want to celebrate with you!

Contact us at alumni@ccga.edu and provide your name, year you graduated, and share your news which will be featured in the newsletter.

The Power of Partnership

The College of Coastal Georgia was recently featured as the Campus Spotlight at the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents Meeting on May 10.

The College presented on "The Power of Partnership" that focused on the new partnership with the Southeast Georgia Health System to expand the College's registered nursing program and address hospital staffing shortages. The presentation included a video, remarks from President Michelle R. Johnston, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences Dr. Lydia Watkins, nursing graduate Joey Lane, alumna and clinical instructor Courtney Dibble, and President and CEO of Southeast Georgia Health System Scott Raynes.

In Lane's speech, he talked about his journey to finding his passion in nursing and received a standing ovation from regents and college representatives from across the state.

Nursing alums, if you would like to share your nursing experiences from your time at the College and your career, contact us at alumni@ccga.edu.

We'd love to hear from you.

STUDENT PROFILE: Eva Rubio '22

"The Right Match: Playing, Learning and Growing"

By Tiffany King

Eva Rubio came to the United States from Madrid, Spain to enjoy the quintessential college experience while playing the game she loves—tennis. Not only did she get to play and learn, she came to appreciate what it means to work as a team.

"I always wanted to come to the U.S. to play tennis and go to college at the same time," she said. "In Europe, this is not possible. The U.S. is the only place you can do both."

Rubio spent her freshmen year at Bluefield State College in West Virginia, but wanted something different. She checked her options and learned about what the College had to offer.

"I really liked this school. It was near the beach, I liked the coach, and the business program as well," Rubio said. "I talked to a few people at the business school and they liked it here, so I decided to come here."

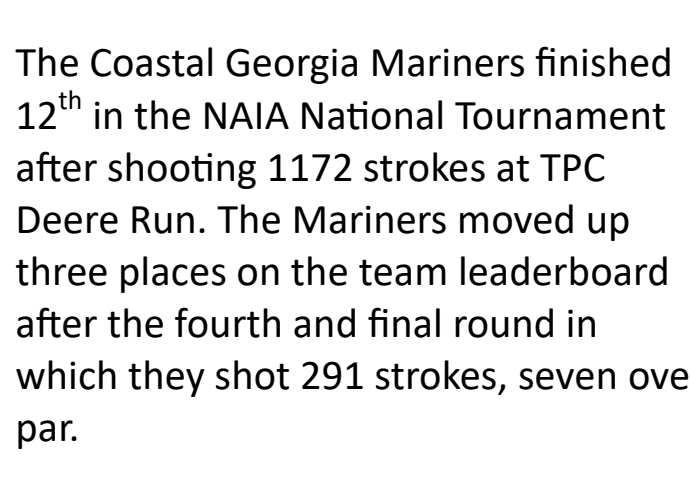
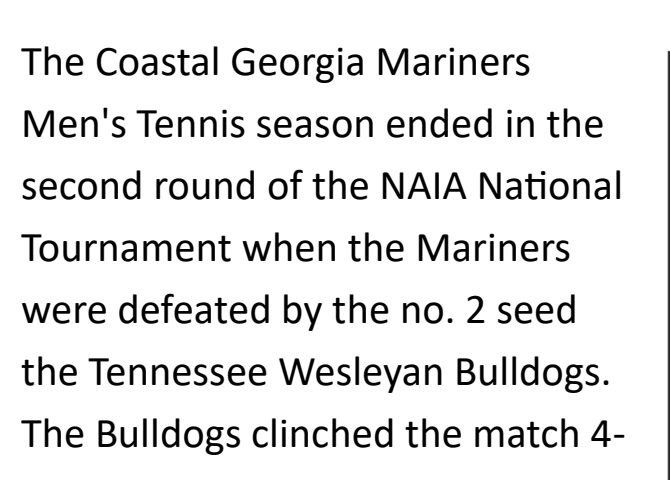
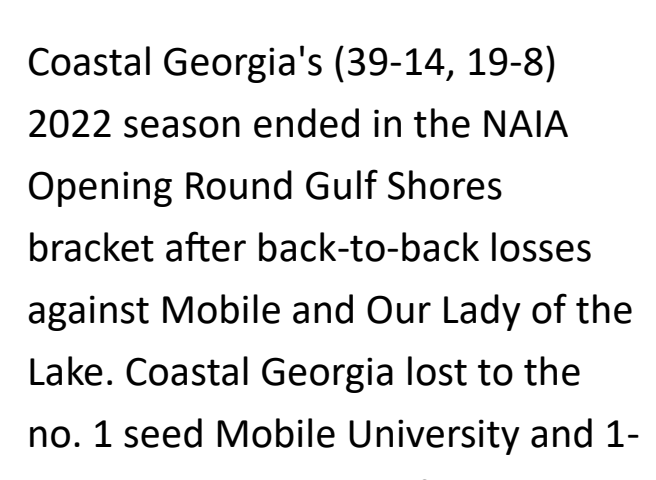
Rubio made a successful transition to the College and is graduating this May with a Bachelor's in Business Administration, with a concentration in finance and marketing, and a minor in data science. She'll also be leaving the College as the No. 1 women's tennis player for the school.

Rubio shared her own culture through her interaction with her peers and has helped others the same way she was helped. She became a tutor for the ATTIC (Academic Tutoring and Instruction Center), a STEM Collaborate Mentor, was a Student Government Association senator for Lakeside residence hall, and serves on the Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) as a representative for the Women's Tennis Team. Rubio encourages students to get involved on campus as a way to meet new people, make friends, and take advantage of available resources.

Read more about Eva [here](#).

MARINER TEAMS PLAY IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Mariner Softball, Men's Tennis, and Men's Golf all made it to the NAIA National Tournament for their sports. To have three different teams make it to nationals was a great feat. We look forward to returning next year.



Coastal Georgia's (39-14, 19-8) 2022 season ended in the NAIA Opening Round Gulf Shores bracket after back-to-back losses against Mobile and Our Lady of the Lake. Coastal Georgia lost to the no. 1 seed Mobile University and 1-2 to No. 17 Our Lady of the Lake.

Game One Recap:

In the heavily offensive game, both Coastal Georgia and Mobile scored in inning one. Coastal Georgia added their first run on a sac fly from [Kayla Rowell](#) which scored [Melani Jones](#). Mobile scored with a single through the left side to tie the game in the bottom of the first.

Coastal Georgia tacked on another run in the bottom of the second with a solo-shot home run over the left-field wall from [Malarie Peacock](#). Despite the continued offense for the Mariners, Mobile would go on to score four runs in the bottom of the second to make the game 5-2 in the Ram's favor. [Read more \[here\]\(#\).](#)

The Coastal Georgia Mariners Men's Tennis season ended in the second round of the NAIA National Tournament when the Mariners were defeated by the no. 2 seed the Tennessee Wesleyan Bulldogs. The Bulldogs clinched the match 4-0.

Doubles:

[Felix Arroyo Viglino](#) and [Lucas Landaluze](#) teamed up at the no. 1 doubles line for a 1-6 loss to Valentin Popescu and Octavio Volpi of Tennessee Wesleyan.

At line two, the doubles match went unfinished due to the clinch at the no. 3 doubles line. [Ramon Martinez Ferrer](#) and [Mohamed Belcora](#) were down 3-5 when the doubles point was clinched. [Bautista Chiaradia](#) and [Agustin Leguizamon](#) put up a tough fight at line three, but ultimately fell 6-4 to the pair from Tennessee Wesleyan. [Read more \[here\]\(#\).](#)

The Coastal Georgia Mariners finished 12th in the NAIA National Tournament after shooting 1172 strokes at TPC Deere Run. The Mariners moved up three places on the team leaderboard after the fourth and final round in which they shot 291 strokes, seven over par.

The Mariners shot 285, 297, 299, and 291 in the 72-hole National Championship. Keiser University finished first with a six-under-par 1130 strokes.

Following the event, Coastal Georgia proved they are strongest on par threes and par fives. Their par-three scoring was exactly 3.00, even with par. Their par-five scoring average was 4.93, averaging out to four strokes under par.

Coastal totaled 52 birdies and one eagle in the NAIA National Championship which was shot by [George Langham](#). [Thomas Henderson](#) was tied for second in the entire event averaging 2.75 strokes on the par threes. [Chip Thompson](#) was tied for seventh in the event with 16 birdies recorded. [Read more \[here\]\(#\).](#)

ELEVATE '22

Alumni, you have the opportunity to be Navigators and **Elevate '22**. Navigators embody the mission and passion of the College by donating \$1,000 or more to the College of Coastal Georgia Annual Fund, which supports areas such as training for our faculty and staff; service-learning and undergraduate research; student development programs outside of the classroom; and our recently-launched blended career and academic advising model.

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.ccga.edu/Elevate

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

- Summer Session 1 Begins: June 1
- Beat the Heat Snow Cone Special: June 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
- Campus Closed for Juneteenth: June 20
- Boys of Summer: July 5-15
- Girls of Summer: July 18-29
- Check out the College of Coastal Georgia [Calendar](#) for all 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.

