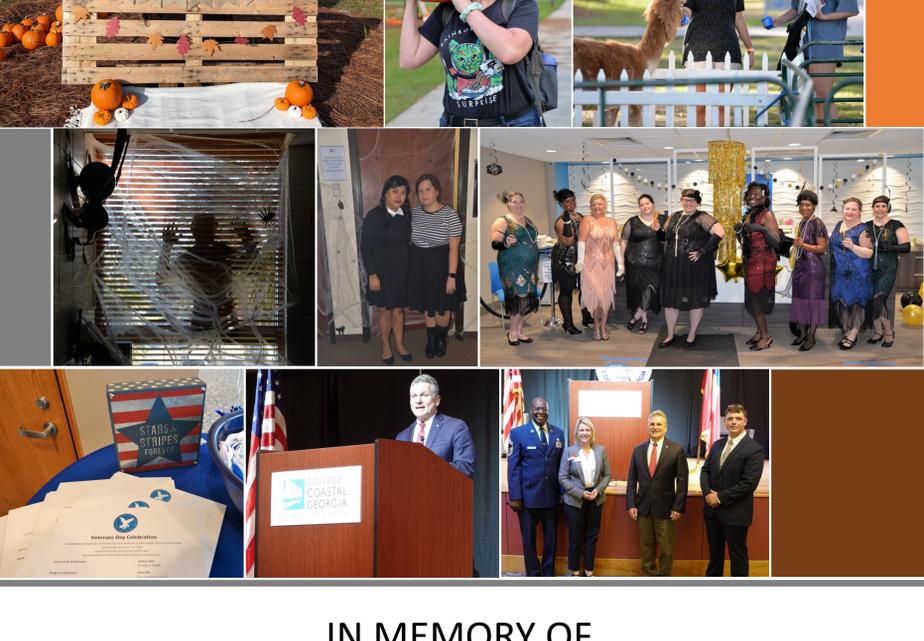


# The Mariners' Log

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.



## IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR MICHAEL HANNAFORD

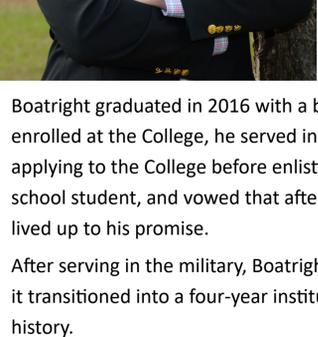
In 2018, the College of Coastal Georgia lost a legend—Associate Professor of English Michael Hannaford. He served at the College for 25 years and was known and loved for his curmudgeonly personality bolstered by a true passion for the institution. To honor Michael and all that he's done for the College, a sundial was dedicated to him at the Camden Center, and a newly planted tree on the Brunswick campus. President Michelle Johnston, faculty, and staff shared fond memories about Michael and his enthusiasm for educating students.



## GIVING TUESDAY—DECEMBER 1, 2020

December 1 is Giving Tuesday at the College. Your contribution—no matter how big or small—will help to provide extraordinary opportunities for students that will help prepare them for a lifetime of success. Scholarships, state-of-the-art learning facilities, athletics, student programs, faculty development—all of this is possible and will continue to be possible because of the generous support of people like you. Knowing the importance of donations to the success of our students, a group of Trustees has funded a **two-to-one match** for gifts received. Each dollar you donate online today will earn two dollars from the \$25,000 Trustee Challenge Fund. The more dollars raised, the more the College continues to be an economic pillar in Coastal Georgia. Your support gives us confidence that the College's service to the community will continue well into the future. Please remember to go [online](#) on December 1 to make your contribution.

Click [here](#), to donate for Giving Tuesday.  
GO Mariners! #CoastalGAGives



## ALUMNI PROFILE: SHAWN BOATRIGHT '16

### “Giving Back Comes Full Circle”

By Tiffany King

Coastal Georgia alum Shawn Boatright believes in giving back to the College that has given him so much. He describes his time at the College of Coastal Georgia as being truly transformative—setting him up for success and helping to shape him into the person he is today.

Boatright graduated in 2016 with a bachelor's in public affairs and a minor in economics. Before he enrolled at the College, he served in the Marines for eight and a half years. He started the process of applying to the College before enlisting, but it wasn't the right time. Boatright said he wasn't a good high school student, and vowed that after he left the military, he would do his best in college—and he certainly lived up to his promise.

After serving in the military, Boatright came back to Brunswick. He saw the expansion of the College, how it transitioned into a four-year institution, and wanted to be a part of the new chapter in the College's history.

“I wanted to be a part of a college that was new and growing so I could leave my mark—not only educationally, but in how the institution was growing,” Boatright said.

Some of Boatright's favorite experiences at the College include co-founding VALOR (Veterans Academic Learning Opportunities & Resources) in 2013, for which he later served as president, and networking. He defines networking as making long-lasting, meaningful relationships—many of which he still cherishes to this day.

“Having the ability to meet fantastic and amazing people, and making those connections that you carry beyond the classroom is valuable. There are a number of faculty and staff here that I still talk to on a regular basis. The people here transform you in the classroom, but they can also help transform your career and your life—if you allow them. The professors and staff really left a mark on me. I tell them all the time that I'm not here based on my ability, but also on what they've done for me,” he said.

One person who directly helped Boatright with his career was Assistant Professor of Public Management Dr. Mary Eleanor Wickersham. He only had Wickersham for one class and continued to work with her on projects outside of class. As his time at the College was winding down, he shared his concerns with Wickersham about finding a job.

“I gave her my resume, and she got in contact with one of her professional peers, who was the interim county administrator in Charlton County,” Boatright said. “She sent him my resume, he looked at it, and gave me a call a few days later asking for an interview—which I gladly accepted.”

As a result, Boatright became the Charlton County administrator for one and a half years, giving him his start in local government. In 2017, he took the position of deputy county administrator in Camden County.

One way Boatright is giving back is by serving as a new College of Coastal Georgia Foundation trustee. He considered being nominated to the Foundation an honor and is looking forward to once again contributing to the College's growth.

“I have a vested interest in Coastal Georgia, not only because I am an alum but also because of what the College has done for me. I want to make sure that it continues to happen for future students,” he said.

Tuesday, December 1 is Giving Tuesday, a global movement that encourages people to do good and give to organizations that are dedicated to transforming their communities. For the second year, the College is hosting Giving Tuesday where contributions—no matter how big or small—will help to provide scholarships, state-of-the-art facilities, athletics, student programs, and faculty development opportunities. Boatright is encouraging friends of the College and alumni to give back for a special reason—to pay it forward for other students.

“If an alum had a wonderful experience at the College, or did not, and felt there was something missing, here is a great opportunity to make sure you are providing a future for the next generation and giving them the opportunity you had or missed,” he said. “If there was a missed opportunity here, give back to see that those opportunities are afforded to everyone. These are our future business leaders. Why not help them be successful here so that they can be successful tomorrow. Without the Foundation's support and people giving out of their hearts, I wouldn't have had the experience I enjoyed. We wouldn't have such beautiful facilities and new features. What an opportunity to be a part of something where you can leave your mark.”

To read the full story and learn more about Shawn, click [here](#).



## ALUMNI, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our fall 2020 graduation. Many of you have expressed a desire for more volunteer opportunities, and graduation is one of the best. Not only will you help celebrate our graduates, you will also be helping to give them a bit of normalcy after a very unusual year.

2020 has not been the easiest year for our graduates or our extended Mariner family, but to help give everyone something to look forward to, we have decided to hold an in-person graduation on December 13th at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. The ceremony will begin promptly at 1 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to make sure the day runs smoothly. We will be following CDC guidelines to ensure everyone is safe during this special event. This means that masks will be required. We will be graduating small groups of students at a time while also getting students ready to enter when it is their turn. It will have to be a well-oiled machine. The more volunteers we have, the better the event will be for our graduates.

Please consider volunteering!

If interested, please click [here](#) or to get more information and to complete a short survey to sign up.

On behalf of the College and the graduating Class of 2020, thank you for your continued support!

## HERE FOR YOU. HEAR FROM YOU.

The Mariner's Log newsletter is dedicated to you—our alumni. We want to hear from you and tailor this newsletter to your interests. What do you want to see in the newsletter? How can we improve it? What are your ideas and suggestions? We want this newsletter to not only connect you to the College but also reflect the wonderful graduates who have attended here. Share with us news of your job promotions, births, marriages, awards, accomplishments, etc. By working together we can keep the Mariner family going strong well into the future.

Please contact Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Engagement Casey Hanak at [chanak@ccga.edu](mailto:chanak@ccga.edu) or email the Alumni Association at [alumni@ccga.edu](mailto:alumni@ccga.edu) with your ideas, news, updates, and questions about campus services.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There is always something going on at the College of Coastal Georgia.

Here are some upcoming events:

Nov. 26 - 27: Closed for Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 1: Giving Tuesday

Dec 13: Fall Commencement starting at 1 p.m. at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.

## 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](mailto:alumni@ccga.edu).

