



COLLEGE of COASTAL GEORGIA

ALUMNI

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.



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We asked our Superhero Alumni nominees to share a little about themselves and their life after graduating from the College. Learn more about our Superhero Alumni below:

SHAW MCVEIGH '71

Shaw McVeigh graduated from Brunswick Junior College in 1971 and continued his education at the University of Georgia. He and his wife Patricia have two daughters who are married, Erin (Jim) and Kate (Cameron). Shaw is the proud grandfather to Dallin, Grace, Blake, Olivia, Will, Lucy and Austin.

Since graduating from BJC, Shaw has been involved with many local and government organizations. He believes in giving back to the community and making it a better place for others. Here is a short list of some of the things Shaw has been up to since his days at BJC:

Professional

Currently: Self-employed as a certified public accountant and timber grower/ investor

Formerly:

- Vice-President of Government Affairs at Hospitality Mutual Insurance Company
- Controller of Friendly Express
- Controller, Senior Accountant of Sea Island Company
- Controller, Office Manager of Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Company at the Brunswick Plant
- Board of Directors for Frederica Credit Union

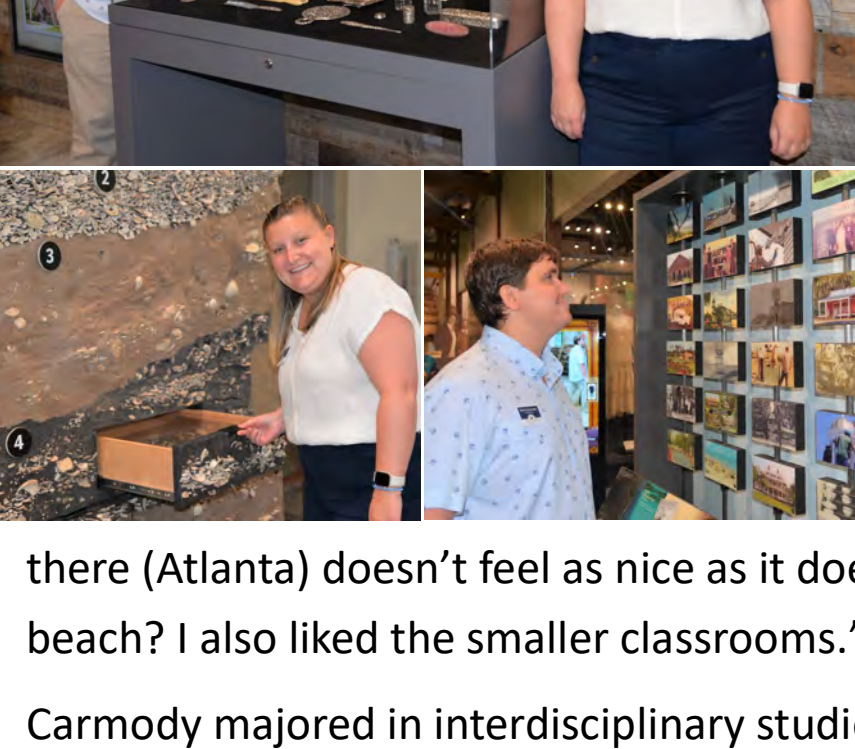
Community Service

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: Assistant Area Auditor, Florida Jacksonville Coordinating Council (2013-Date)
- Boy Scouts of America: Coastal Georgia Council: Executive Board Member (2014-Date), Commissioner (2021-Date)
- Kiwanis International: Brunswick Kiwanis Club: Member (1982-1999 and 2003-Date), Former President and Board Member, Legion of Honor (2007)
- Glynn County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (2017-Date)
- United Way of Coastal Georgia Board of Directors (1994-1996)
- Coastal Georgia Historical Society, Life Member

Political

- Coastal Regional Commission Board (2010-Date), Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center Board (1989-1990)
- Glynn County Board of Education (2005-2006), Vice Chairman (2006)
- Glynn County Board of Commissioners (1987-1990), Chairman (1989-1990)
- Georgia House of Representatives (1983-1984)

COASTAL GEORGIA ALUMS BRINGS THEIR LOVE OF HISTORY TO MOSAIC MUSEUM



If you ever find yourself having fun on a guided tour around Jekyll Island or special programming at the Mosaic, Jekyll Island Museum you may be enjoying the work of College of Coastal Georgia alumni. Coastal alums Patrick Carmody and Lucy Hatcher—both graduates of the Class of 2020—are using their love of history and creative skills to educate the public about Jekyll Island as museum educators.

Patrick Carmody

Carmody was raised in Carlinville, Illinois, and around 2001, his family moved to Canton, Georgia. For college, he wanted to get away from all the Atlanta traffic, and liked the feel of Coastal when he visited.

"It felt vibrant on every tour," he said. "The weather up there (Atlanta) doesn't feel as nice as it does down here. Plus, who doesn't want to go to college by the beach? I also liked the smaller classrooms."

Carmody majored in interdisciplinary studies with a focus on communication, and a minor in history. He said interdisciplinary studies gave him the opportunity to craft his own major.

"Originally, I went into that major with the intent of going into film. I hadn't considered getting into history. I was good in history in high school, but I didn't think about it as a career," Carmody said. "Dr. Robert Bleil (professor of English) was my advisor and he pointed me to Dr. Hector Montford's (assistant professor of history) first public history course. It was the first time he ever taught it. I thought I'd give it a shot. After that, I was hooked."

Lucy Hatcher

Hatcher raised in Atlanta. She often vacationed on Saint Simons and continued to visit the area every summer while she was attending college in Virginia. That soon changed.

"The big school atmosphere wasn't too great for my education. The classes were too big and it didn't work for me. I felt like I didn't have enough one-on-one experiences with my professors," Hatcher said.

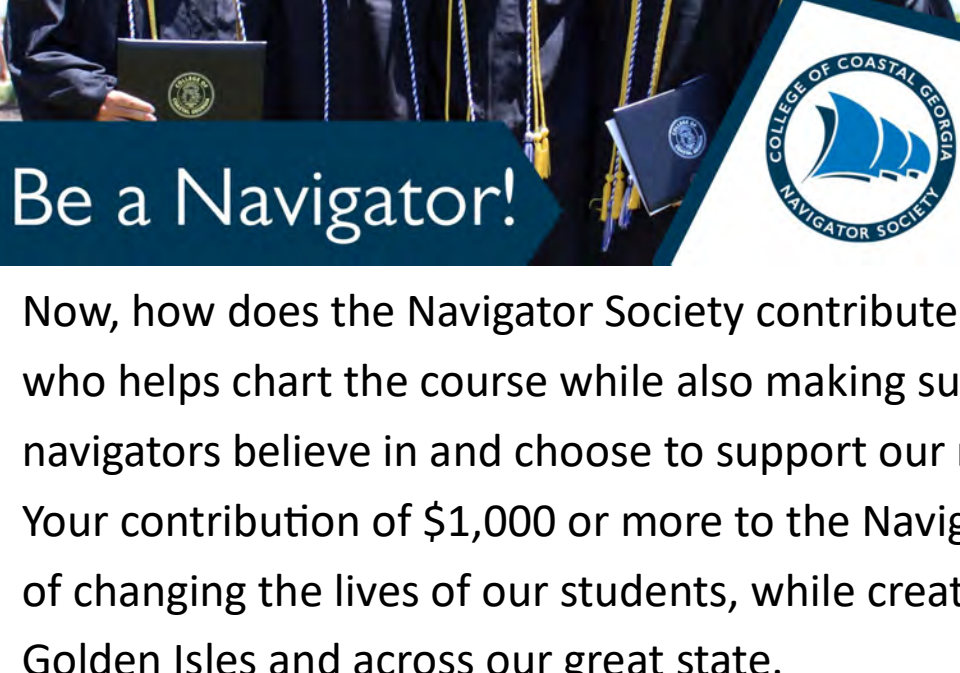
"My mom suggested I come to Coastal because it was smaller and I get to live by the beach, so, why not? It ended up being the best decision I made. The classes were smaller, and I still have good relationships with my professors. It was the best experience."

Hatcher majored in American studies, history and political science.

"I loved my major. The professors were incredible. I've never had professors who've had so much passion for what they teach. It really resonated with you," she said.

Like Carmody, Hatcher didn't always see herself with a career in history—although she loved the subject in middle and high school. She was an athlete, and originally wanted to pursue sports management. Hatcher ended up switching her major twice while studying in Virginia. She came to Coastal wanting a fresh start, and decided to pursue her old love of history.

Read more about Lucy and Patrick [here](#).



JOIN THE NAVIGATOR SOCIETY

Our mission at the College of Coastal Georgia can be summed up in two words – student success. Our goal is to provide students with the tools to be successful once they graduate and venture into the future, while reminding them that they will always be part of the Mariner Family.

Now, how does the Navigator Society contribute to the mission of the College? A navigator is someone who helps chart the course while also making sure that the journey is free of risk and danger. Our navigators believe in and choose to support our mission and passion that higher education benefits all. Your contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Navigator Society will enable the College to continue this path of changing the lives of our students, while creating a lasting impact on our local communities here in the Golden Isles and across our great state.

Become a member of the Navigator Society [here](#).

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The College of Coastal Georgia community came together to engage the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan and 2022-2032 Master Plan to guide the continued success of the institution into the future.

The strategic plan includes six strategic focus areas supported by three thematic pillars: Grow & Thrive, Excel & Lead, and Engage & Connect.



COLLEGE of COASTAL GEORGIA

OUR VISION

The College of Coastal Georgia is a leader in higher education, transforming lives through engaged learning – every student, every time.

OUR MISSION

- **Accessible and Affordable** We will be a college of choice for Georgia residents and beyond by providing accessible and affordable quality education.
- **Student-Centered Experience** Advocating excellence in scholarship and community engagement, the College promotes student progression and timely graduation through student-centered programs that offer a rich and diverse student experience.
- **Student Success** Students are prepared for meaningful careers, advanced study, lifelong learning, and participation in a global and technological society.
- **Regional Impact** The institution will provide associate and baccalaureate degrees that support the intellectual, economic, and cultural needs of the community and region.

Grow & Thrive
Ensure an inclusive and welcoming community and sustainable institution in which to grow and thrive that attracts and retains a diverse body of faculty, staff, and students.

GOAL 1
Attract, recruit and enroll a diverse and inclusive student body.

GOAL 2
Drive student success and promote timely degree completion.

Engage & Connect
Engage in purposeful and mutually beneficial partnerships to develop enriched learning opportunities and connect campus assets to community needs.

GOAL 3
Cultivate and sustain a welcoming and vibrant Mariner culture that engages the community.

GOAL 4
Enhance the college's unique identity and increase brand visibility.

Excel & Lead
Encourage and challenge students to excel in a supportive teaching and learning environment that lead to collaboration, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

GOAL 5
Engage students in a rich academic and co-curricular experience to prepare them for future global careers and lifelong learning.

GOAL 6
Diversify and grow resources and improve operational efficiency and effectiveness at all levels.



The master plan will accommodate the growing student body, address students' needs, and provide spaces for academic programs, with more than 10 significant capital projects. Projects include: Nursing Building, expansion of a third on-campus residence hall, Performing Arts Center, Andrews Center renovation, a Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Complex and more.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

- Labor Day Observance: Sept. 4. Campus Closed.
- Volleyball vs. Florida College: Sept. 9, Brunswick Campus, starting at 12 p.m. Vs. Wesleyan College: Sept. 9, Brunswick Campus, starting at 3 p.m.
- **Men's Golf** Fall Invitational -54 Holes: Sept. 11-12, Sanctuary Cove in Waverly, Ga.
- **Women's Golf** Fall Invitational-36 Holes: Sept. 11-12, Jekyll Island

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.

