



COLLEGE of COASTAL GEORGIA
2026 Spring Commencement

*Friday, the Eighth of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Six
Jekyll Island Convention Center*

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations, Class of 2026! Today, we celebrate you and the incredible achievement you have reached. Completing your degree is no small feat, and this moment marks the culmination of years of determination, growth, and hard work. You should take great pride in all that you have accomplished—we certainly do!

Your time at Coastal has been defined by perseverance, curiosity, transformative experiences, and a willingness to rise to challenges. You have learned, led, and contributed in ways that have strengthened our campus community and embodied what it means to be a Mariner—like Keira Lepage, who is graduating with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences. Keira has taken on leadership roles both in and outside the classroom. She has presented her research at conferences and enriched campus life as president of the Weightlifting Club, helping students reach their fitness goals and find a sense of community. Like many of you, Keira has faced challenges head-on and is now equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make a positive impact in the world.



Today, more than 280 students are graduating, representing 15 states across the U.S. and five countries. More than 40 of you are the first in your family to attend college, setting a new legacy of success that others can follow. In addition to internships, research projects, and clinicals, you have collectively contributed 7,335 service-learning hours across 489 service-learning experiences—more than double the number of experiences completed by last year's graduating class. One student even completed 11 service-learning courses. It is inspiring to see you give back to our local community while reinforcing your own education in the process. As members of the Spring Class of 2026, you carry forward the spirit and values of this institution—innovation, integrity, service, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Wherever your journey takes you next—whether into a career, graduate school, or new adventures—we are confident that you will lead with purpose and represent your alma mater with pride. Thank you for the energy, passion, and perspective you brought to our campus. You have left a lasting mark on this institution, and we are honored to welcome you into our alumni family. Please stay connected with us. This will always be a place you can call home. Remember, once a Mariner, always a Mariner.

Once again, congratulations! We cannot wait to see all that you will accomplish in the years ahead. Go Mariners!

Dr. Johnny L. Evans, Jr.
President

**Sixty-Eighth Commencement of the College of Coastal Georgia
Order of Ceremony**

Processional Grand Marshals

Dr. Don H. Mathews
Professor of Economics

National Anthem

(Please Stand)
Aubry Dorsey
Remley Farr
Josh Hinson
Dr. Colleen Knight

Invocation

Alexander Salgado, Class of 2026

Welcome

Dr. Johnny L. Evans, Jr.
President

Greetings from SGA President

Logan Zimmerman

Charge to the Class

Denise Hayes, Class of 2026

Presentation of Candidates

School of Arts and Sciences

School of Business and Public Management

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Dr. German Vargas
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees

President Evans

Announcement of Graduates

Dr. Michael Butcher
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Recognition of Alumni Status

Daren Pietsch
Chair, College of Coastal Georgia Foundation

Closing Remarks and Recessional



THE HISTORY OF ACADEMIC REGALIA & THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The gown, the cap, and the hood, representing the major components of the academic dress, are a ceremonial inheritance from the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries where dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility. The academic dress worn by those participating in today's academic processional symbolizes the level of their academic attainment and the institution they attended.

The gown is usually black, however some universities have authorized colored gowns. The gown for an undergraduate degree has pointed sleeves and is worn closed in front. The gown for the master's degree is typically black and has longer oblong sleeves, with a large section that hangs below the wrist. The gown for the doctoral degree is distinguished by the loose sleeves with bell-shaped cuffs, three bars of velvet on each sleeve and velvet facing running down the front of the gown.

The most symbolic feature of the academic dress is the hood. The velvet edge of the hood represents the specific degree or discipline with dark blue for Doctorate of Philosophy, light blue for Education, apricot for Nursing, brown for Fine Arts, canary for Library Science, crimson for Communications, drab for Accounting or Business Administration, gold for Science, sage for Health and white for Arts. The satin field and chevrons of the hood represent the colors of the university that granted the degree. Master's and doctor's degree holders wear the hood draped over the shoulders and back.

The standard cap, known as the mortarboard, is flat and square with a tassel fastened to the center of the stiff top. Bachelor's and master's tassels are black or the color of the gown. Doctor's tassels are shorter and gold. Once the degree is conferred, the tassel is worn on the left. In recent years, some American universities have adopted soft velvet caps for holders of their doctor's degrees.

The ceremonial mace, a symbol of presidential authority, is carried at the head of the academic procession by the Grand Marshal, Dr. Don H. Mathews. The College of Coastal Georgia mace is a gift from the Golden Isles community and Dr. Carl Dohn. Dr. Dohn handcrafted the mace out of reclaimed heart pine cut from huge beams collected and donated by the former Sea Island Company Chairman & CEO Bill Jones, III. This same heart pine was used by Dr. Dohn to craft the table used by the ten delegates of the G-8 Summit, held on Sea Island, Georgia in June of 2004. The mace was first used at the inauguration of the former College of Coastal Georgia President, Dr. Valerie A. Hepburn, in 2009.

LEGEND

Summa Cum Laude - 3.9 - 4.0 Grade Point Average
Magna Cum Laude - 3.70 - 3.89 Grade Point Average
Cum Laude - 3.50 to 3.69 Grade Point Average
Honors - Associate Degree - 3.75 to 4.0 Grade Point Average
*Student Hall of Fame
+Deceased

REGALIA LEGEND

Academic Honors - Gold Cord
Athletics - Royal Blue Stole
Residents Assistant - White Stole
Veterans - Navy Stole

MORNING CEREMONY GRADUATES

School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Syvillia Averett, Dean

Bachelor of Science in Education - Elementary and Special Education

Valerie Suzanne Beaver	Rachel Michelle Owens
Anna Grace Costello	Julianna April Pittman,
Doriangelis Cotto Caez,	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Lannon Boyd Ramirez, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Madison Leigh Culbertson	Sandra Reynolds
Gretta Lynette Hall	Shuntia Richards, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Amy Renee Handley	William Robert Richardson
Jacob Austin Handley	Robrionna Sara-Lean Roberts,
Georgia R. Herndon	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jeremy Cornelius Jackson	Rebecca Scarbrough, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Kara Lynn Johns, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Lauren Smith
Alyssa M. Lane	Emily H. Van Devender, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Natalie Marie Lynch, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Marlee Amelia Veal,
Sydney Hope Martin	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Abbie Raye Mason,	Abigail Elizabeth Watford
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kylie Ashlynn Womack, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Mallory McGill	Amanda Wood
Tatum Leigh Miller	

Bachelor of Science - Middle Grades Education

Alyssa Jean-Anne Blair	Lauren Jones, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Anissa Jahiara Brown	Danielle McCullough,
Christian Tyler Flowers, <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Kathryn E. Hannick,	Sophie Kay Pinter,
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Madelyn Claire Hickox	



School of Nursing and Health Sciences
Dr. Lydia A. Watkins,
Southeast Georgia Health System Distinguished Chair and Dean

Bachelor of Science - Nursing

Armani Essence Melnae Atkinson Jackson	Summer Keen
Madeleine Carol Bordeleau	Annabelle Autumn McCannon-Spikes
Marie Madelyn Brown	Grace Millican
Mary Mackenzie Brown, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Samara M. Padilla
Jillian Church	Nicole Marie Paiz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Palmer Matthew Davenport	Abigail Pruitt
Kamiah Janea Durham	Elizabeth Grace Rogers
Elizabeth Perry Gibbs, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kelly Rae Screen
Carrie Harman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kiara Souvanarath, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Alyssa Jean Heinmuller	Rebekah Eunice Wise, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Kalyn Henderson	

Bachelor of Science - Health Sciences

Rosa Pearl Almond	Kendra F. Lantrip
Delaney Brock, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Charles Medders, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Lauren Elise Caldwell	Raeshia Noble
Alyssa Crowe, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Jenna Pattison, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Carly Day	Phillip Strozier
Tiernen Eutsey	Shaniyah Williams
Emma Lander, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jasmin Alexis Worsley

School of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Syvillia Averett, Dean

Associate of Arts

Kimora Charrise Coleman-Johnson

Associate of Science

Christian Barnett, <i>Honors</i>	Madison M. McDonald, <i>Honors</i>
Olivia Maci Belles	Cassandra Carter McLune+ <i>Degree Awarded Posthumously</i>
Alysse Benavides	Mackensi Denae Murray
Tammy Renee Cooler, <i>Honors</i>	Mary Elizabeth Towns
Quadaisha Cooper	Mekayla J. Peters
Marshall Dylan Diamond	Amia Plummer
Navaeh Furr, <i>Honors</i>	Bailey Poole
Katie Mckell Geddie, <i>Honors</i>	Violeta Esparanza Poppell
Graham Gordon Greenwood	Torre Ray
Gabrielle Hendrix	Sarah Elizabeth Rhyan
Jaimme Janice Herbold	Destany Laquess Smith
Kandyce Amarie' Samone Hines	Marissa Kay Tachovsky
Mychael Lawson	Duc Tran
Chelsea Marlyn Lennon	

School of Business and Public Management

Dr. William S. Mounts, Jr., Dean

Associate of Applied Science - Culinary Arts

Genesis Mykala Danielle Barber

Emma Rose Griner, *Honors*

Afya Ranjiru Kinyua

Kelsey Ann Ling, *Honors*

Santiago Silvano Martinez

Valarie Jean Smith

Harmony White-Howerton

Savannah Monee Wiggins, *Honors*

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Dr. Lydia A. Watkins,

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Associate of Science - Nursing

Jasia Aron

Kaylee Bruce

Efua A. Ghanney

Nyah N. Green

Angellina Greening

Emily Grevera

Allison Hardy

Alison Hoffman

Trena R. Jackson

Emma S. Jacobs

Kaliandra Leigh Johnson

Abigail Nicole Lehmann

Ahliah Janae Marie Lewis

Constance Livingston

Ty Martin

Casson Mitchell

Ashley O'Kelley

Jacorie Parrish

Daniel Penney

Sasha-Gaye Reid



AFTERNOON CEREMONY GRADUATES

School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Syvillia Averett, Dean

Bachelor of Arts - American Studies

Alexander Reagan Cook,
Magna Cum Laude
William Hiram Ellis, III,
Magna Cum Laude

Valencia Jada Stecher,
Magna Cum Laude
Asia E. Stokes, *Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science - Biological Sciences

Kaylee Lynn Alexander
Brandon Thomas Baker
Makayla-Shayne Shayne Bramlett,
Cum Laude
Ellie Elizabeth Brooks, *Cum Laude*
Alyssa Janine Carpenter,
Magna Cum Laude
Annale Claxton
Piper Lee Davidson
Gracie Victoria Davis
Elena Marie Doppelt
Allyson Dawn Gibson,
Summa Cum Laude
Carson James Griffin,
Magna Cum Laude
Jessi Erin Griffin
Claire Hannah, *Summa Cum Laude*
Adam James Jones, *Cum Laude*

Christie Brianna Joseph
Joshua S. Kreider, *Magna Cum Laude*
Keira Lepage, *Magna Cum Laude*
Emily Carlin Paulk
Olivia Grace Pilkinton,
Summa Cum Laude
Sarah N. Rana
Olivia M. Rothwell
Alexander Gerardo Salgado*,
Summa Cum Laude
Reanna G. Schmalz
Meet Bhikhabhai Talati, *Cum Laude*
Adelilah Tallent-Vazquez,
Cum Laude
Mikaya Walker
Hannah Watters, *Summa Cum Laude*
Samuel Lowe Wildes

Bachelor of Science - Data Science

Gregory Graham
Karyl Faith Humbert, *Cum Laude*

William Edgar Ross, *Summa Cum Laude*
Gonzalo Angel Tano

Bachelor of Science - Environmental Sciences

Megan Brooke Bagley, *Cum Laude*
Marisa Field, *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael E. Helton, III, *Cum Laude*
Emma Danielle Highland,
Magna Cum Laude
Jackson E. Jeffcoat

Claire Laporte
Austin James Martin, *Cum Laude*
Bruce Allen Proman
Lanie C. Sharpe, *Cum Laude*
Chloe L. Young, *Magna Cum Laude*
Logan Andrew Zimmerman*



School of Arts and Sciences
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Bachelor of Science - Interdisciplinary Studies

Kikio Awuku, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Tamekia Ashay Mann
Ana Catarina Baptista, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Patrick Markwalter
Christyn Boone	Brionna Lynn Morgan
Jonathon Klay Brown, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Rod Dillon Norris, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Rachel Nicole Busbee	Paige O'Keefe
Dezaniek Michelle Campbell	Parker Emory Pittman
Jeunsi Soveidi Cortez-Bonilla	Balber Reyez-Hernandez,
Preston Avante Crisp, <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Julie Kate Gill	Abigail J. Shepard
Derrick Dewayne Harris, Jr.	Jalayah Tootle
Khameelah Hasan	Trameka Trotter
Jalen Voncilla Love	Xandra Prescila Joniga Valdez
Aamir A. Mack	Anna Catherine Young

Bachelor of Science - Mathematics

Jeffrey Daniel Whitesides, *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science - Psychology

Mattie Lauren Brown	Riley Marie McGeachy
Kelsey Bush	Mckenzie Chyenne Miller,
Ashley Carter	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Patrick Hezekiah Cochran	Jovan Jeremiah Mills
Emma Joy Cordell	Anna L. Niemeier
My'Asia Goodman	Liliana Isabella Novak
Jaimme Janice Herbold, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Ashley Poe
Lindsey Gail Herrin	Emily K. Ross, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Antonio Lawrence	Gabriela Nicole Sloan
Lauren Gaohli Mansfield	Jonathan W. Wright
Carolyn Markes	Taylor Wright



School of Business and Public Management

Dr. William S. Mounts, Jr., Dean

Bachelor of Business Administration - General Business

Sofia Marie Allen	Andra Latricia Lundy
Angeline Marie Blanchard	Scott Mckay Madrid
Saelor Dawn Branch	Mackenzie Martin
Anthony Lionel Burgess	Heavenleigh Kristin McCrary
Tyler Renee Butler	Sarah Elizabeth Moore, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Jordan Campbell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sinea Murdock
Jarrod Scott Cathey	Paul Thanh Nguyen, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Raegan Mckenzie Collins	Benjamin Joseph Nitowski
Madelyn Cook	Tanay Pandey
Amanda Nicole Crews	Amelia Claire Paschall
Chelsea Tamara Davis	Beau-Grayson Peacock
Helene May Denker	Eugene Edwin Reid
Cealie G. Dever	Kiara Charity-Alexis Reynolds,
Shannon Ebner	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
John Thomas Ferguson,	Iesha Jean Rhodin*, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Shannon Roche
Katelyn Marie Finsness, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Olivia Berry Ross, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Elise Forberg, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Austin Rowe, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Alissa Elaine Gaston, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jarrett Scott Rowell,
Tanner Copeland Gheesling	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Taylor A. Gordy	Ashton Taylor Scoggins
Jeffery Carson Watson Hall	Bo Christopher Shuler*,
Denise Danielle Hayes, <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kristin L. Hayes	Coy Smith
Jennifer A. Helliwell,	Morgan Steed
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Jordan Lee Stephens
Cheyenne Howard	Marquita Janelle Swinson Bess
Allison Jeanae Lanier	Kevin Alexis Tornel-Gonzalez, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Alvin T. Lewis, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Leyland Whitetree
Kenzie Renee Lloyd	Meredith Youngblood, <i>Cum Laude</i>

Bachelor of Science - Accounting

Destini Cooner	Andrew Gregory Ross, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Brittany Nichole Fair, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Catherine Smith, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Katelyn Irene Johnson,	
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	



School of Business and Public Management
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Bachelor of Science - Criminal Justice

Tanisha Marlene Delgado Sifuentes, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Sammy Maldonado
Jovanna Esteban Perez	Mia Xaria KiMara Moore
Caleb Denby Fiveash	James Lewis Purvis, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Emma Grace Gravley	Victoria Mackenzie Shingler, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Brandon James Gregory	Haylen Van Washington
Kiara Patrice Herrera	Gracie Alece Watkins
Matthew Christopher Hughes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Shaun Willis

Bachelor of Science - Hospitality, Tourism, and Event Management

Isabelle Lowrey*, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Carson Ray
James Arthur Nave*, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Connor Ezekiel Asbury, <i>Cum Laude</i>

Bachelor of Science - Public Administration

Jessica Turner

Bachelor of Applied Science - Workforce Management and Leadership

Richard Davis, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Karri Carver Starling, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Dana Duncan	Vernette Latrell West Brennon, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Patricia Frady, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	
Jeremy King, <i>Cum Laude</i>	



Special Thanks

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the members of our faculty, staff, student body and community who generously volunteered their time to sing our National Anthem today. Their exceptional talent beautifully enriched this very special occasion.

2025-2026 FULL TIME FACULTY

Cynthia J. Atwood, Senior Lecturer of Criminal Justice

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Assistant Professor of Nursing

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Jennifer Pooler Gray, Ph.D., Coordinator of the Writing Center, Professor of English

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Rachel Hartnett, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English

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Professor of Biology

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Professor of Biology

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Professor of Chemistry

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Lainie Pomerleau, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English

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Chef Instructor

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Richard Stephens, Ed.D., Lecturer of Business Administration

Kimberly Takagi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Oceanography

Dantera Tangpisuthipongsa, M.D., Associate Professor of Biology

Gregory Taylor, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History

Lori Tigani, Laboratory Lecturer of Chemistry

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Min-Cheng Tu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Environmental Science

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Professor of Mathematics

Joseph Vasquez, Ph.D., Lecturer of Political Science

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Tourism and Culinary Arts and Criminal Justice and Public Policy,
Associate Professor of Hospitality and Tourism

Lydia A. Watkins, D.N.P., Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences,
Professor of Nursing

Scott Williamson, Professor of Practice: Marketing and Communication

Aaron Yeager, Ph.D., Chair of Faculty Senate, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Renren Zhao, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics

THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE OF COASTAL GEORGIA

- 1964-1966:
Inaugural
Brunswick Class
- The College began operations as “Brunswick College” with an initial class of 269 students, 11 full-time teaching faculty members, and 25 full-time staff. In 1966, 28 students were awarded associate degrees at the College’s first graduation. Over the next four decades, the College offered associate degree programs as well as postsecondary technical and adult programs.
- 1992:
Camden
Instruction Began
- The Board of Regents authorized an off-site instructional unit to be located in Camden County to serve students in the region. Classes were offered one year later in the former Kingsland Elementary School until the Camden Center site was opened in 2004.
- 1996:
Community
College Status
- To better reflect the broader mission of serving the educational needs of the surrounding coastal communities, the College was renamed “Coastal Georgia Community College.”
- 2007:
State College
Status
- College Degree Access for Coastal Southeast Georgia*, a report to the USG Chancellor, recommended “senior college” status for the College, noting that the campus is in one of the state’s most desirable locations and has one of the largest acreages within the System. The report called for the new “senior college” to offer a wide range of targeted baccalaureate degrees and to become a “destination campus to attract Georgians from other regions.”
- 2008:
Baccalaureate
Degrees Began
- The College was renamed “College of Coastal Georgia” and was approved to offer the inaugural set of baccalaureate degrees in business administration, early childhood/special education, middle grades education, and nursing. The master plan for the College shifted to “1) serve significantly increasing numbers of people from its 12-county region, and 2) be a destination College, attracting students from elsewhere in Georgia and, to a lesser extent, from other states and nations.” Over the last decade, the College has implemented a full array of innovative baccalaureate programs and community engagement strategies.
- 2012:
Student Housing
Offered
- The College began offering student housing, which has grown today to two on-campus student housing complexes as well as off-campus housing.
- Today:
- Today, the College has a spring enrollment of over 3,300 students, employs over 270 full-time faculty and staff, offers 19 baccalaureate degrees as well as associate degrees in core curriculum and three career associate degrees. The College graduates an average of 573 students each year, with more than half earning a baccalaureate degree.