Be Well, Victor Wilson

Victor Wilson, who has served as Senior Vice President or Executive Vice President for Student Affairs at the College since 2004, has been named Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Georgia. Effective August 1, 2013 Jeri O. Cabot, Dean of Students and Associate Vice President, is serving as Interim Executive Vice President for Student Affairs.

Victor has been a strong and effective leader, overseeing a division of more than 350 employees and nearly 20 departments. Students have always been at the center of everything Victor does. He has placed their safety and well-being above all else. His smile, sense of humor, and empathy have endeared him to thousands of students.

During his tenure, he has created the Higdon Student Leadership Center, instituted the McNair Scholars Program to increase Ph.D. recipients among minorities, planned the College’s first Welcome Week, created a Drug and Alcohol Task Force, renovated and expanded the Student Health Center, coordinated the planning of the 600 bed George Street Apartments student housing complex, improved handicapped accessibility in student media offices and improved student safety through nighttime shuttle transportation. Wilson has championed diversity education on campus and the elimination of racism in American society. He has contributed leadership to several national organizations, including the National Orientation Directors Association and the American College Personnel Association.

Victor will be returning to his alma mater. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at UGA and served most recently as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs from 1999 to 2004. We will miss Victor’s leadership and wish him well in his new position. 

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Campus Recreation Teams Up

If you were a part of any Campus Recreation Services (CRS) fitness or wellness offering this past semester you might have seen some young new faces in some important roles. This is because CRS teamed up with the Health and Human Performance Department (HHP) this past semester to help provide the College of Charleston community more fitness and wellness opportunities by utilizing student interns. In addition to accruing 3 credit hours toward their major, student interns gain valuable experience in the fitness and wellness field while bolstering offerings on campus. Of the 6 CRS student interns in the spring semester, two worked as wellness interns and four served as fitness interns. The two wellness interns were instrumental in having CRS offer new programs to the College community. They worked closely with Kevin Ferrelli to provide a weekly wellness seminar entitled “Wellness Wednesday”. This seminar provided students, faculty and staff, valuable wellness information in a fun, open environment. Information ranged from staying healthy in college to how to manage stress. In addition to the information students received, the seminars also demonstrated many types of exercises and workouts that could be done without going to the gym.

The 4 fitness interns helped CRS continue to improve its fitness growth by allowing for 4 additional classes to be offered during the semester. Each student was trained by Kevin Ferrelli to help interact with students and understand what was needed to run a fun and effective fitness class. Classes included a morning Boot Camp class, a week-long noon hour class, and an additional faculty and staff class.

Here is a student intern’s reflection on the experience: “This project offered me the opportunity to instruct a fitness class with groups ranging upwards of about 20-25 people. Under the supervision of qualified personnel, I was able to plan and execute an exercise program, including the warm up and cool down. For the second half of the semester, I conducted 2 faculty workouts per week, being in charge of one and assisting in the other. I have learned that it takes time for clients to get used to new instructors. At first I could see how they interacted with some of the veteran instructors compared to me. They were quiet and sort of shy, but as time passed they got used to my instruction and me. The challenge I faced was how to come up with fun workouts with the limited equipment that was available. I wanted to keep the attendance high and had 2 variables to keep balanced: intensity and variety. If they didn’t balance each other equally, then I think the clients wouldn’t get the adequate experience they paid for. I was fortunate to have motivated cliental. Following the FITT principle (frequency, intensity, time, and type) was my guide to many successful workouts.” Campus Recreation looks forward to its continuing partnership with the HHP department and the fostering of future student leaders in the fitness and wellness fields.

Bowling League Champs

Campus Recreation has set up a Faculty and Staff Bowling League that has become tremendously popular. These bowling teams allow members of various departments to meet and play together. This facilitates better communication when the bowlers are back on the job!

The Spring Season Faculty and Staff Bowling League Champions for 2012-2013 are the Atom Smashers from the Chemistry Department (Robin Overby, Andy Gelasco, Richard Lavrich, Kristi Augustyn).

The 2012-2013 Fall Season Champions are the Smooth Gliders (Elizabeth and Paul Grantham, Skip Rector, David Battey and Ralph Muldrow (not pictured).
Meritorious Service Awards
Campus Recreation Services makes it a point at the end of each year to recognize student staff members who go above and beyond the call of duty to make facility users, program participants, and fellow staff members have a memorable experience with CRS. This year’s recipients of the CRS Meritorious Service Award pictured below are Andrew Eads, Brittany Crowe, Joshua Watts, and Ben Hoggess.

Summer Recreation Offerings for Faculty & Staff

The Summer Softball League plays in May and June. There are two divisions of play: Colonial for the highly competitive, and Southern for those who play for the sheer enjoyment of the game and camaraderie. No equipment needed. CRS provides it all. And yes, spouses can play too.

Summer Bowling League
Gene Sessoms, Director of Campus Recreation, says this: “So I have already heard from a number of folks who feel that languishing on baked clay, shooing unrelenting gnats, and on top of this doing your best not to be the last out of the inning is a questionable way to spend the afternoon. Bowling, they point out offers a cool air-conditioned environment, where the sound of strikes is a good thing, and you’re ‘on deck’ more frequently than when playing softball.” The summer bowling league is always well attended because a handicap scoring system is used. This means that regardless of skill level, each player will be able to help their team win. Summer Bowling is always popular.

Student Sports Clubs

The Crew CRS Sport Club Wins First National Title
Hank Hays ’13 and Joseph Berger ’13 won the ACRA National Championship in the Men’s 2X this past Memorial Day Weekend at the 1996 Olympic Rowing Venue at Lake Lanier in Gainesville, GA. This marks the first national title ever for the program, and it is an unbelievable accomplishment for our team. Hank and Joseph have poured their hearts and souls into this team over the past four years and have represented our College and our team impeccably. This was the perfect ending to their rowing career and to sprint season. Crew has been one of the CRS sport clubs since 1990.

Meet and Learn at Welcome Week 2013
One of the best ways to meet new people at College of Charleston is through playing casual pick-up sport games such as indoor soccer, volleyball, racquetball, and ultimate frisbee. CRS teaches the basic rules and skills of the most popular sports played by students and in playing, students expand their social network. Students will also be introduced to the game of kinball which is rising in popularity. Never heard of it? Come to a kinball clinic. Students are invited to one of the clinics or come to them all. Its a great way to meet new friends and there’s no need to sign up.
National Student Employment Week and Student Employee of the Year Reception featured information sessions and a special reception to honor student employees and their supervisors who were nominated for special recognition. Two students received a financial award and all students received a certificate.

The 2013 Career Fair was held in March with 53 employers and 296 students. There was a great variety of employers including high tech, government, retail, human service and others. They recruiting for full time, summer or part time positions.

Education, Health and Human Performance Collaboration
In February a Career Center staff member met with 146 graduating education majors to discuss the job search process. In March the Career Center advised graduating seniors at the Teacher Employment Expo with around 20 school systems attending.

The Summer Job Fair held in February had 16 employers attend and 120 students. Employers hiring for summer jobs included camps, recreation departments and others.

Choosing a Major Seminar was held in two sessions in March and April, in partnership with the Academic Advising Center. The seminars were timed to accommodate the period when sophomores were expected to declare a major before signing up for fall classes.

Kaplan Free Practice Tests Students considering graduate or professional school were able to take a practice test for the LSAT, MCAT and GRE exams. Seventy students came to practice their test taking ability.

Cougar Career Workshop Series
Seven seminars on various topics were offered mostly on Thursday evenings during the semester and several seminars had off campus employers as part of the panel. These continue to be very successful.

Wando High School Job Fair
Career Center staff participated in Wando’s preparation for juniors and seniors planning on attending its Job Fair. Career Center Staff critiqued resumes, provided mock interviews, advised students on how to follow up after interviews and on the job search process. Over 100 students were helped and 40 employers attended the Job Fair.

Alternative Spring Break Collaboration. Two Career Center staff members were selected by the Civic Engagement Office to lead service trips during spring break. One group went to Asheville, NC. and the other traveled to the Dominican Republic.

Admissions’ Accepted Students Day March, 2013. A Career Center staff member sat on three similar panels for parents where the focus was on experiential learning opportunities available in different offices at the College. Each session had around 500 parents in attendance.

Summer 2013 activities

New Student Orientation
The Career Center offers two different seminars during each of the 10 orientation sessions. Day one focuses on Get A Job/Student Employment, and Day two covers Parents as Career Coaches.

Career Center partnered with Admissions for a special program for first generation/minority students. The Admissions Office hosts two groups of students on campus this summer, having them participate in a class, skills building and getting acquainted with higher education. Career Center advises these students on how to write the best admissions essay you can.
Mental Health Monologues
Counseling and Substance Abuse Services and the College of Charleston’s Peer Counseling hosted the 4th annual Mental Health Monologues in March with the goal of raising awareness and reducing stigma associated with seeking mental health services. As with each production, the stories were submitted by College of Charleston students and the director and cast were also College of Charleston students. The stories ranged from descriptions of depression, addiction, sexual assault, anxiety and others. The stories truly shared the difficulties that people experience, but still offered the hope that was seen in the students’ description of receiving treatment and the support of friends and family. We hope that this annual event helps to foster a sense of community building to greater understanding which will aid in our students and our community members seeking help early.

Counseling and Substance Abuse Services and Hotline, Trident United Way’s crisis line, have joined forces to aid in suicide prevention for College of Charleston, the Charleston area and our county. As of Fall 2012, our Peer Counseling program increased their training, supervision and skills to include in depth training in evidence supported therapeutic listening and crisis management skills. This new training has added dimension and skills to these student volunteers which parallels or possibly exceeds the skill level of a professional in crisis prevention and response.

Residence Life & Housing
Lighten Your Load
During the annual Residence Hall move out, College of Charleston students donated 1,355 bags or items to Goodwill Industries of Lower South Carolina, Inc. To put that number in perspective, students saved 9,679 pounds from going into Charleston area landfills. The donations are equivalent to five days of average donations through Goodwill stores. All nine campus residence halls participated in the Lighten Your Load program.

“This is the first year we have donated items directly to a charity,” explains Melantha Ardrey, College of Charleston director of Residence Life. “We really wanted to promote both sustainability and community involvement in our residence halls, so a partnership with Goodwill just made sense. We are so happy the Charleston community will benefit from the items donated by our students.”

The move out program, known as Lighten Your Load, has been going on for years. In previous years, the items have been sold in a yard-sale-type setting, with profits donated to alternative spring break trips through the Center for Civic Engagement.

“Donations are key to our ability to fund mission services such as job training and employment services,” says Tina Marshall, Goodwill Industries of Lower South Carolina, Inc. VP of corporate relations. “We provide clothing assistance to people in need... So, students can be proud to donate to Goodwill knowing that they are making an environmental impact on the community while also making difference in people’s lives. Our sincere thanks once again to the College of Charleston for your support.”
In an untouched countryside full of Bougainvillea thickets and wandering goats, exists a paradise where fresh lemons grow and crystal blue waters are a typical vista. This slice of paradise, known as Gerakas, Zakynthos, is where 9 College of Charleston Students, and one CofC employee visited to volunteer at Earth, Sea, and Sky, a wildlife rehabilitation center. However, the trashy and touristy Laganas Bay that characterizes the island as a party destination sadly overshadows the natural and beautiful Gerakas. As one of these students, I thought I was going to a turtle hospital to volunteer; I was not expecting the life-changing journey that was to come.

I packed my bags and hopped on an Athens bound plane with 9 women that I had only known for two-hour intervals at a time over a few months. After the 36-hour journey concluded and we were sitting in a traditional Greek Taverna a short, athletic, grey-haired man named Yannis welcomed us to the center. Despite our fatigue, the group quickly noticed that the center lacked a key element: Loggerhead Sea turtles. Yannis explained that there were no turtles because none had been rescued yet—a message that we would share with many turtle-seeking visitors over the next two weeks. A message that I would come to learn would be much harder for others to accept as a good thing. However, at that moment I thought, “so with no turtles, what will we be doing?”

After a much-needed night’s sleep, the group reported for work and we received our schedule. For the first couple of days we cleaned dozens of glass tanks, dusted hand-made turtle figurines, sealed and painted the newly constructed rescue tanks, and aided in the gift shop. For a while I wasn’t really sure if I was truly making a difference, but I did know these tasks helped Yannis who runs Earth, Sea, and Sky as a two person organization. My favorite part of every shift at the center was talking with the visitors who came in search of turtles. People travelled from all over the world to Zakynthos; some were rude, some were indifferent, but the best were the people who truly listened. I learned to accept that not everyone cared that they were on an island that was home to 60% of the world’s entire population of an endangered species, and I learned to appreciate those who did. Seeing the glimmer in the eyes of eager children as they learn something they will never be taught in the classroom was the best reward. My favorite visitor was named Lily, a girl of about eight who was visiting with her parents. Because she lived on a boat, she had to give up the majority of her possessions, so instead of collecting stuffed animals she collected experiences. Her family had just stopped by on their way down to the beach but ended up staying for hours, leaving only after many smiles, photos and hugs were exchanged. I know that Lily and her family left with an understanding and appreciation for the Loggerheads and that confirms our reasons for volunteering in Zakynthos were worthwhile.

After each shift, we explored the nearby sites. One site in particular, Gerakas Beach, tells the story of tourism better than any one picture. On our arrival day the beach was particularly beautiful because the untouched sand stretched from cliff to cliff without disruptions from people or trash. Yannis explained that because of the development of the other parts of the island, the majority of turtles now escaped to the security of Gerakas Beach to lay their eggs. A few days later, a tractor unloaded 50 beach chair and umbrella sets onto the sand. The following day the parking lot started to overflow with rental cars and that would continue to happen every day from then on. By the middle of our second week there, we were treated to tacky vacationers spilling out of enormous tour busses who just wanted to see a turtle at any cost. We learned that the island with a population of about 44,000 swells to a colossal 110,000 in the summer months. One must ask, “where are the turtles supposed to go?”

Although we aided Yannis and his organization’s mission, I know that he actually made more of a difference in our lives. I came to Zakynthos to volunteer and serve, but left with a new attitude. My perspective changed when Yannis brought us to Laganas at night, so that we could see the damage. Flashy strip clubs lined the streets next to burger joints and tourist gift shops that sold tacky towels and t-shirts. At the end of an endless alley of nightclubs, lies the remains of a once wide and white sandy beach. Today, lounge chairs line the grey dirty beach for miles that only separate to make pathways up to the bars and for sewage from the hotels to dump out into the ocean. After seeing Laganas, I see how devastating the classic “Spring Break” trip can be and I now understood Yannis’ frustration and lack of trust in the island. As a Hospitality and Tourism major, I hated to see tourists destroying such a beautiful slice of nature. Furthermore it was shocking to see that people actually enjoyed this garbage bin of a location. Tourism should complement a destination, not destroy it. Yet at the end of the gloom is an inspirational and accomplished man. What made the difference is seeing one man do it all. The world constantly stereotypes and categorizes individuals, stripping their identities. However, to see one man make a difference in his community, country, and also the world, made a difference in our worlds.
Learning to Start Something that Matters continued...

I liked finishing everyday by having a real and genuine conversation with someone who shares the same interest and passion as me rather than the typical half-hearted small talk. I admired Yannis’ undeniable persistence to the cause; even though desperation tries to push him away from the island, he is forever rooted by his passion for the Caretta Caretta.

At the end of this journey, I am reminded of the song World by Five for Fighting:

“What kind of world do you want
Think Anything
Let’s start at the start
Build a masterpiece
Be careful what you wish for…
Tomorrow’s Calling”

This trip taught me to think about what’s true in my life. Although the group had an amazing time in Santorini and viewed hundreds of thousands of years of history in Athens, my time in Zakynthos produced the strongest memories. Among the flowering vines and citrus groves, sprouted the friendship between ten women who would have never become friends without this experience.

Instead of bringing back souvenirs, we returned with stories, memories, and seeds for change in our hearts. Yannis said that our biggest responsibility is to share our experience with others to dispel ignorance regarding marine habitat and replace it with the knowledge to start and lead something that matters to preserve what we treasure most.

I am starting now.
The McNair Scholars program was established at the College of Charleston just a few short years ago. In those few short years they’ve managed to do so much and help so many students. Over this past school term students have worked diligently to prepare for their future, especially our seniors. Many of them were accepted into several graduate schools. Over this past year McNair put on several workshops to help seniors with graduate school applications and juniors prepare for their senior year. Recently we held a symposium where students were allowed to present their research to fellow McNair students across the state. Our closing ceremony was simply amazing. There was a lot of laughter and tears. Students were presented with portfolios and an engraved plaque recognizing them for their participation in the McNair Scholars Program.

Student Spotlights

Several of the McNair students were able to do wonderful things this school year and some have things lined up for the summer. Recent graduate Priscillia White is spending her summer in Germany as she awaits acceptance letters into graduate school for a Masters in Public Health. Tyler Ray was recently announced as a HSS Scholar for Philosophy and Religious studies. Jordon Holland received the Septima Clark Award given out at the Excel Awards. Paige Wallace travel to San Francisco to present research on bullfrogs at a conference. Junior Tomika Caldwell also spent a few days in Hawaii presenting research at a conference. Junior Serena-Kaye Kinley-Cooper was recognized as a student employee for easing the transition for first-year students! Also recent graduate Drisana McDaniel will be involved with the YWCA Girl’s Circle helping young girls identify their purpose, She is also conducting research this summer. Many of our seniors have also received and accepted offers to graduate school.

Congratulations to the following graduating McNair seniors on their acceptance into graduate school:

Anita Ard..................Armstrong Atlantic State University
India Broadwater... University of Rochester
Andrea DeLeon..... University of South Carolina
Shateara Hall.......... Vanderbilt University
Jordon Holland......University of Central Florida
Manale Patel...........University of Miami

News from Erica Flores, a former McNair Scholar

Hi. This is Erica Flores, a former McNair scholar from CoC and I just ran into a group of current scholars that were visiting here at the University of Miami. I had a chance to show them around the lab and answer a few questions about grad school. I just wanted to say hello and let you know that if you would like to set up a Skype session with the rest of your scholars I would be happy to help answer any questions they have about applying and grad school life in general.

For a quick update, I am currently on the Initiative for Maximizing Student Development Research Fellowship here at UM, a program to increase the competitiveness of minority students after graduate school. I have my qualifying exams coming up in the Fall, and will be teaching undergraduate labs again once my fellowship ends this year. On a personal note, I got married this past January in Charleston, Our photo is at the bottom, and my husband and I are both in Miami in school.

I am so thankful for everything the McNair program has done to prepare me for graduate school and I would be happy to help your senior students if I can, maybe by answering questions they send in, doing a Skype panel, or even sending a copy of my CV. If there is anything I can do just let me know. Thank you and I hope you have a great summer! - Erica Flores

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Dorothy Wright Retires

Upward Bound’s Dorothy Wright has established a long track record of committed service to the needs of youth and the removal of barriers to higher education that not only warrants but virtually demands recognition.

Mrs. Wright has worked tirelessly with and for the Upward Bound program for over 10 years, serving as Academic Counselor and chief recruiter. She has been Day School Committee Chairperson for over 10 years at Calvary Episcopal Church and chaired their tutoring program for Burke High School.

Mrs. Wright conceived of “Project DST: Deltas Serving Teens” for her beloved sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The project was later infused into the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy. Mrs. Wright was co-chairperson of the North Charleston Alumnae Chapter Delta Academy, providing key vision and guidance, when the chapter received regional and national recognition for the project.

In her work with Upward Bound students, Mrs. Wright has provided years of caring guidance and instruction. She visited students in schools, made her herself available to parents for questions, interacted with guidance counselors, principals, and often extended her day voluntarily to make sure that she reached students. She worked collaboratively with all the Upward Bound staff and kept fastidious records of student information, which helps tremendously in the Upward Bound annual reporting process to the U.S. Department of Education. As a retired English teacher, she was just as meticulous in assisting the program staff and the students in ensuring that anything put in writing is up to par and is dedicated to strengthening the skills of young people at every turn.

Mrs. Wright was a mother-figure, a counselor, a teacher and a friend to all who work with her, either as a colleague or as one of her students. She was tough on students because she cared and was determined to strengthen them for the challenges ahead as they transition from high school to college. Mrs. Wright deserves accolades that she would never seek on her own because she is also very humble. The Upward Bound and Pre-College Programs is grateful to Mrs. Wright for her years of dedication.

Welcome New Staff Members

Sarah Buchanan is the new Director of Student Conduct & Case Management. Sarah received her M.S. and Ed.S. in Counseling from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her B.S. in Communication from Appalachian State University. A North Carolina native, Sarah is a fiercely proud Mountaineer fan and enjoys college football, good coffee, and an afternoon on the Blue Ridge Parkway or at the beach. Having spent time in the “high country” of North Carolina, Sarah thought it was time to experience the “low country” in South Carolina. She is excited to be at the College of Charleston and looks forward to connecting with new colleagues.

Katie Dean Williams joined the Office of Student Life as the Assistant Director for Student Life Marketing and Media on July 1. Ms. Williams received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Georgia and received her Master’s degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the Ohio State University in May. In addition to advising the student organizations that fall under the CisternYard Media umbrella, Katie Dean will oversee departmental marketing projects, including the Student Life social media accounts. You may have already met Ms. Williams as she served as a summer intern with Housing and Residence Life and the Higdon Student Leadership Center in 2012.
Dance Marathon raises $42,605

More than 200 College of Charleston students danced the night away to benefit the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Children’s Hospital. After dancing for 17 hours and 70 minutes (the College was founded in 1770), student organizers announced that $42,605.06 was raised. Dance Marathon (DM) is the College’s largest student-run philanthropy and in six years has raised more than $450,000. Each year participants pledge to raise $150 and celebrate their fundraising efforts in an all-night Dance Marathon. Students arrive on Friday night and stay on their feet until Saturday morning to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for the struggles children in the hospital face every day. Despite the name of the organization, DM is not about dancing. DM is all about raising funds and awareness for the kids at MUSC Children’s Hospital and Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. Throughout the night of the event, participants learn a fun and easy line dance, called the Morale Dance, as well as enjoying entertainment that has included bands, DJs, break dancers, improv groups, games, an air guitarist, and loads of food.

Leadership CofC is a prestigious group of 60 juniors and seniors selected to learn about leadership from members of the community, as well as each other. Most of the students are nominated for the program by faculty and staff on campus. Once nominated, they complete a rigorous application and group interview process. Through participation in monthly programs off-campus, the students in this program are committed to their own personal development and are willing to give their time to discover more about leadership and how to make a positive difference. These students are devoted to engaging community members and broadening their horizons.

LeaderShape
For our seventh year, 56 students participated in The LeaderShape Institute for the College of Charleston, held in May at Bonnie Doone, Walterboro, SC. Driven by a national based curriculum, the program content of The LeaderShape Institute reflects key leadership issues of vision, partnerships, integrity, and results. In addition, all participants leave the Institute with a LeaderShape Breakthrough Blueprint, a well-conceived vision and plan of action for the participants to implement back in their organization or community.
Greek Leadership Institute
Sixty Greek leaders, including Chapter and Council Presidents, New Member Educators, and Greek RAs, attended the 6th annual Greek Leadership Institute at Bonnie Doone in Walterboro, SC for a weekend of training, leadership development, and strategic planning.

Greek Emerging Leaders Graduation
This year’s Greek Emerging Leaders, the largest class the program has ever seen, graduated on March 25th. The ceremony saw a new addition as students presented their local, small group service projects which they completed as part of the Greek Emerging Leaders program.

Greek Peer Educators
Nine Greek Peer Educators made the rounds of chapter meetings this past year in an effort to provide information about alcohol and drug abuse among CoC students and encourage healthy lifestyles among all members of the Greek community.

New Member Conferences
All the new members welcomed into our community this semester attended one of the New Member Conferences to introduce new members to other new members, upper classmen leaders, and the Greek Life staff. Members learn about the larger Greek community outside of their chapter and what it means to be a part of a values-based organization.

Greek Community Spring Initiations
This spring saw an influx of members with successful spring recruitments for the IFC and Panhellenic communities. Over 100 men joined our IFC groups while Panhellenic had it’s largest informal recruitment with over 100 women joining this semester. Six of our seven NPHC groups took a new line and the Delta Sigma Thetas took 13! Beta Theta Pi also had their first self-sustained recruitment! We congratulate all of the men and women who have joined our community. And our honors societies, Rho Lamda and Order of Omega also welcomed the addition of new members, increasing their presence on campus.

Greek Activities Board (GAB)
The Greek Activities Board had a full semester as they planned a successful Homecoming and Greek Week! The board, which is open to all members of the Greek community, meets weekly to coordinate campus events. Their first event of the semester included the Homecoming Chili Cook-off tailgate and competition.

The second big event, Greek Week, was held at the beginning of April as Greek members geared up for a week of friendly competition. Events included dodgeball, bowling at The Alley, Trivia at Kickin Chicken, Cougars for Coins for Kids competition, and a cookout complete with corn hole and a BYOG concert. In addition each council participated in a service project.

Borelli Awards
The annual Borelli Awards Ceremony presented a new award this year. The Office of Sustainability presented the first ever sustainability award to the chapter in each council that excelled in recycling efforts, community service or stewardship in the area of sustainability and events or education centered around sustainability.

New Student Leader Award - Charles Essi
Cistern Award
- Tiffany Kingston
- Nicholas Biedron
- Drew Ford
- Tyler Tilghman
- Lauren Krey
- Gregory Mangieri
- Shelby Ball

Hall of Leaders
- Norman Schwartz
- Kat Shidler
- Arvaughnna Postema
- Jenny Rumble
- Lauren Krey
- Rudy Baldus

Leadership Certificate
- Shelby Ball (Kappa Delta 2013)
- Tiffany Kingston (Kappa Alpha Theta 2013)
- Lauren Krey (Phi Mu 2013)
- Jenny Rumble (Phi Mu 2013)
- Greg Mangieri (Pi Kappa Phi 2013)
- Tyler Tilghman (Sigma Nu 2013)
- Drew Ford (Phi Mu 2013)

SALA Awards
Below is a photo of the Greek members who were recognized at the SALA Awards. Left to right:
- Shelby Ball (Kappa Delta 2013)
- Tiffany Kingston (Kappa Alpha Theta 2013)
- Lauren Krey (Phi Mu 2013)
- Jenny Rumble (Phi Mu 2013)
- Greg Mangieri (Pi Kappa Phi 2013)
- Tyler Tilghman (Sigma Nu 2013)
- Drew Ford (Phi Mu 2013)
Jeri O. Cabot, Ph.D., Dean of Students and Associate Vice President, who has been associated with the College of Charleston since 1987, is serving as Interim Executive Vice President of Student Affairs, effective August 1, 2013.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Jeri Cabot has devoted more than 20 years of her professional life to the development of college students. As the interim executive vice president for student affairs, she is charged with planning and implementing development services and programs for more than 10,000 students. While the dean of students, she has overseen the evolution of the College’s honor system; initiated co-curricular civic engagement efforts; launched a gender violence awareness network; and implemented processes to help students balance out-of-the-classroom concerns with their academic goals.

Cabot frequently presents at professional meetings, sharing her research and practice. Recently, she presented papers at the annual conferences of the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and the Southern Association of College Student Affairs. She has a variety of research interests, and, most recently, her work has been in the areas of understanding the practical implications of federal directives regarding sexual misconduct and drugs and alcohol on college campuses and the evolution of administration in student affairs. Cabot enjoys teaching and recently taught legal and ethical issues in higher education administration and introduction to student development services. She also is committed to continuing education and went back to the seminar room to hone her skills in alternative dispute resolution techniques.

Her career path has been distinct when compared to other student affairs administrators. Cabot earned her Ph.D. in political science at Duke University. Her areas of specialty were the U.S. policy-making process; mass media and politics; Congress and the presidency. Adapting social science research and teaching skills to the realms of student affairs practice has been easy and exciting, according to Cabot. As she moved up from student media coordinator to the dean of students, Cabot found that integrating various theories and practices became even more stimulating. Cabot is a living example of the value of a liberal arts and sciences education.

Service on campus and to the greater community is a significant part of Cabot’s professional life. She speaks regularly on political campaigns and media coverage to community groups and with media outlets. She is a member of the board for Region III of the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and its Steering Committee on Associate/Assistant Vice Presidents for Student Affairs.

College of Charleston Career Highlights

2012-Present: Associate Vice President for Students Affairs and Dean of Students
1999-2012: Dean of Students
2002-2004: Interim Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
1997-2001: Director, Women’s Studies Program
1997-1999: Director of Student Judicial Affairs
1994-1996: Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
1991-1994: Assistant Director of Student Life and Student Media Coordinator
1987-1991: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Charleston and The Citadel.