IMPORTANT DATES
- January 18: MLK day, no classes
- January 19: Last day of Drop/Add for full semester classes
- January 25: Last day to submit Individual Enrollment and Bachelor's Essay applications to Dr. Callahan and Ms. White
- February 1: Last day to submit an Undergraduate Application to Graduate in Spring 2021
- February 10: Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W" from Express-1 classes

SPRING 2021 COURSES
Spring 2021 courses have resumed both in-person and online. Check out all of our Spring 2021 course flyers here. Have a question about Spring 2021? Please reach out to the instructor with course-related questions or Kristen White (whitekl@cofc.edu) for general department questions.

2020-2021 RESOURCES & INFO
Our Resources & Info file for the 2020-2021 Academic Year has been updated for Spring 2021. This document provides information on campus resources such as Zoom spaces, tutoring sessions, useful apps, and more! Access the document here.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: SIGN-UP TO BE A COURSE ASSISTANT (TA)
TA sign-ups for Spring 2021 are live! There are still spots left (and some have re-opened). GEOL 103, GEOL 105, and HONS 156 labs begin the week of January 19, however you CANNOT work for the College until all paperwork is submitted and training is completed. Authorization from the Career Center can take up to 7-14 days so NOW is the time sign up! Simply signing up does not authorize you to work.

1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: https://signup.com/go/tVORfww
2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES WITH FACULTY
- Applications for student research with faculty are due FEBRUARY 12.
  - These opportunities are for students wanting to apply for funding to do summer projects. Students and faculty coordinate together on the applications.
    - Successful student applicants would receive $4,000 for their time and effort during the summer. Faculty may also be provided summer compensation and funds for materials and travel to field sites needed to perform the project.
    - (1a) SSM application for faculty advisor (1b) SSM application for student researcher (2) SURF application info

- Title: Biogeochemistry of Stormwater Ponds
  - Project advisors: Professors Heather Fullerton of Biology and Vijay Vulava of Geology
  - Student background: Any geology major that has completed/completing Chemistry requirements and Biology sequence. All student researchers will be trained. Student will
• Sign up for independent study in Spring semester and leading to a potentially-funded research project during summer.
• Contact Professor Vulava (VulavaV@cofc.edu) for more information.

• Research position available with funding to study microplastic in stormwater starting Spring or Summer 2021.
  • Skills development includes environmental sampling, processing, and microscopy methods as well as data analysis and reporting.
  Contact Dr. Barbara Beckingham (beckinghamba@cofc.edu) for more information.

KUDOS
• Kudos to Dr. Scott Persons on a new paper in Cretaceous Research. It describes the first ostrich-mimic dinosaur bones from an Early Cretaceous site in the Junggar Basin, China. Many of the elements were collected inadvertently -- found while prepping the jackets of a big sauropod skeleton.

CHECK IT OUT
• The Mace Brown Museum of Natural History is re-open by appointment! Appointments are available during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. If you would like to schedule a visit, please email museum@cofc.edu at minimum 3 days in advance. The Museum is scheduled to re-open to all visitors on February 1.
• NASA’s Earth Observatory has published a side-by-side comparison of rising seas in Charleston from 1985 to 2020, using Dr. Norm Levine’s The impact of forest cover on flooding and climate change in Charleston County, SC as one of its sources. Check it out here!
• The SC Association of Environmental Professionals is continuing their monthly seminars on Zoom. The next meeting is Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 pm. Email Dr. Callahan (callahant@cofc.edu) for the Zoom link.

SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP, GRADUATE SCHOOL, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Check out our new and improved Job & Opportunity Board (formerly just Job Board)! Here you'll find info on workshops, internships, grants and scholarships, Masters and PhD opportunities, Fellowships, entry-level and mid-upper level positions, webinars, and career development opportunities. This is updated often, so be sure the save the link!

GEOLOGY OFFICE HOURS
Staff are available for in-person assistance during the following hours.

Kristen White, Office Manager
• Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Dr. Tim Callahan, **Department Chair**, and Ms. Kristen White continue to be available virtually in addition to the in-person assistance hours. To request an appointment with Dr. Callahan, please email callahant@cofc.edu and whitekl@cofc.edu.