IMPORTANT DATES

• April 19: Senior Roast & Field Day
• April 21: Last day of classes
• April 22: Reading Day
• April 23-30: Final exams
• May 4 at 8:00 am: PS/NS course decision process opens (please see details below)
• May 5 at 5:00 pm: PS/NS decision deadline
• May 6-8: Spring 2021 Commencement Ceremonies (Visit the Commencement Information Website for details.)

FALL 2021 REGISTRATION & COURSES

• Fall 2021 registration is open! All Geology majors have an advising hold which prohibits students from being able to register. Check with your advisor about your plan for Fall 2021. Don't know who your advisor is? Email Kristen White (whitekl@cofc.edu). Elective and special topics course flyers are listed here, but check out details on our newest course and a returning fan-favorite below!

• GEOL 240: Dinosaurs and Mass Extinctions
• **GEOL 253: Earth Systems Science - NEW!**
  - core course for the proposed new GENV major
  - satisfies an elective for GEOL majors

**SUMMER 2021 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Summer 2021 Field Studies will be virtual this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. There are three courses that can be taken, and each are 2 credit hours. Students who plan to graduate in **Spring 2021, Summer 2021, or Fall 2021** should register for any combination of TWO of these courses. These TWO courses will satisfy the 4-credit hour Field Studies Requirement. Registration is open and course flyers can be viewed [here](#).
- **REGISTRATION NOTE:** There is a Registrar block because all three courses are "GEOL 395." Students are unable to register themselves for two courses due to a duplicate course error. Please contact Kristen White ([whitekl@cofc.edu](mailto:whitekl@cofc.edu)) for assistance registering.
- **GEOL 107: Introduction to Coastal & Marine Geology** is being offered in synchronous online format for the first time ever in **Extended Summer**! This course (popular among students in ALL majors) reaches capacity every Fall and Spring. Registration is open and you heard it here first!
**SPRING 2021 PS/NS GRADE OPTION**

- After final grades have been posted for the semester, students will be able to choose between the standard grade type (A-F) or the new PS/NS grade type for one eligible course completed in Spring 2021.
- In making the decision to retain a standard grade or choose the PS/NS grade type, it is critical for students to talk with their faculty, advisors, financial aids, and family. The Center for Academic Performance and Persistence is a valuable resource for students making these decisions.
- The PS/NS option will open for students starting at 8:00 am on May 4. The decision deadline is 5:00 pm on May 5. All decisions are final.

**KUDOS**

- Congratulations to Geology majors Natalie Sorrem and Corinne Luksch! They each were awarded NASA 2020-2021 Space Grant research awards. Natalie received a Minorities in STEM Research Award and Corinne received an Undergraduate Research Award. Also, Corinne received a research scholarship from the Alaska Geological Society. And kudos to Dr. Teddy Them for mentoring these students.
- Kudos to Geology major Camille Sullivan for also being awarded an SC Space Grant Minorities in STEM Research Award! Thank you, Dr. Adem Ali for mentoring Camille!
- We are pleased to share the news about Geology major Nathan McCuen's eLetter published in Science! Well done, Nathan, and kudos to Dr. Scott Persons for his co-authorship and mentoring of Nathan! Check it out [here](#)!
- Kudos, Dr. Scott Harris on leading the archaeology survey over the past several weeks near the library. The College Today has a nice [article](#) with video of the excavation. Great job coordinating this effort and providing students field experience on campus!

- Congratulations to the 2021 SSM Summer Research awardees and mentors!
  - Roxanne Buck (Teddy Them)
  - Samantha Czwalina (Bobby Boessenecker)
  - Kesli Kruzel (Vijay Vulava)
  - Nathan Linder (Scott Harris)
  - Corinne Luksch (Teddy Them)
  - Natalie Sorrem (Teddy Them)
  - Camille Sullivan (Adem Ali)
  - Karissa Venezia (Steve Jaume)
  - Cole Westbrook [Computer Science major] (Norm Levine and Lancie Affonso)

- Special thanks to Dr. Norm Levine for mentoring Data Science major Connor Cozad who received a 2021 SURF Award, and also the NOAA's Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship that recognizes outstanding students studying in NOAA mission fields.
2021 SENIOR ROAST & FIELD DAY
The tradition continues! The 2021 Senior Roast is April 19 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. This event will be held outdoors on Rivers Green. Students, faculty, and staff should RSVP here by today, April 6. The event is capped at 50. All students are welcome but graduating seniors will have RSVP priority.

CHECK IT OUT
- WARR (Women Advancing River Research) is hosting a monthly seminar series that continues all the way to the end of this year. The second seminar is April 28 at 11:00 am EST. Join in on these monthly water resources research seminars by registering on their website here.
- The PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Ed) is hosting a seminar series that will go on throughout the Spring 2021 semester with seminars every month. The seminar series covers various topics in earth and environmental sciences. The fourth of six seminars will be held on April 8 at 12:00 pm on Zoom. The link to the flyer on our job board can be found here.
- GSA is offering a webinar on April 14th at 1:00 pm EST (11:00 am MDT) with information about the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Practice of Geology (PG) exam. This is a national licensure exam that can be a great item for your resume and can be a big step in becoming a "professional geologist." The GSA webinar is free and can answer lots of questions.
  - Professional Geologist Licensure Requirements: Tips for the Exam and How Certification will Help Your Career
    Wednesday, April 14, 1:00 pm EST
SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP, GRADUATE SCHOOL, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES
New postings have been added Job & Opportunity 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.

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
- Ms. White will be on leave Thursday, April 8 starting at 3:00 pm through Friday, April 9.

Duncan Williamson, Graduate Assistant
- Monday from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Thursday from 1:00 pm - 3:00 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.