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Celebrating Stories of USCB Student and Alumni Success

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Celebrating Stories of USCB Student Success

Resilience matters. We have all been through a lot and our success as an institution lies in the achievement of our students, despite and because of the times. Considering all that our students have faced collectively, they have shown remarkable spirit, fortitude and resourcefulness. In the most challenging circumstances, they have excelled in academics, service, research, internships, politics... you name it! Congratulations to our student Sand Sharks who have made a difference!

Eric Skipper
Provost & EVCAA

Angela Simmons
Vice Chancellor for Student
Development

Education PREVAILS!

COVID notwithstanding, USCB honored its graduates with 5 in-person Graduations ([Link](#)) and a celebratory Nurse-Pinning ceremony ([Link](#)).



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS:

USCB Celebrates These Success Stories



19 and Leading: USCB Student Wins County Council Seat

Noah Alexander is only 19 years old, but his drive to help Hampton County evolve has already made headlines. Alexander is the youngest County Councilman in the county's history, and likely the youngest elected official in South Carolina's history. Elected in November 2020, he takes office this January and said he'll spend the first few weeks getting to know the county's staff and fellow elected officials and learning about their responsibilities. Alexander is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina Beaufort majoring in Biology and works about 30 hours a week as an administrative assistant for Dr. Crews and Mills Dentistry in Hampton. Noah is a graduate of [Wade Hampton High School](#) in South Carolina. Hilton Head Monthly article [link](#).

Amazing Journey: Local Student and New Citizen Assists Rep. Jim Clyburn

Maria Antonia Quintero of Hilton Head Island recently became a U.S. citizen – and she celebrated this milestone by immersing herself in national politics. Quintero, who was born in Colombia and grew up in South Carolina, just spent a semester working for U.S. Congressman James Clyburn in Washington, D.C. A senior at the Bluffton campus of the Univer-

sity of South Carolina Beaufort, she participated in a highly competitive selection process to become a congressional intern. This fall, she was behind the scenes of the U.S. legislative process, attending meetings and helping constituents who called to express their concerns



about issues large and small.

After graduation, she will work for the office of Congressman Clyburn in DC. Antonia is a graduate of [Hilton Head High School](#) in South Carolina. Bluffton Sun article [link](#).



Two USCB Students and a Faculty at Front Lines of COVID-19 Treatment Research

Shane Carey and Morgan "Skip" Howard are assisting Dr. Edward D'Antonio to collaborate with biochemists in South America in identifying compounds that could be devel-

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STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS:

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oped into innovative drugs. D'Antonio said the team's goal is to screen 30,000 small-molecule compounds against "a critically important target protein" in SARS-CoV-2 to see how they affect the protein's functionality. At USCB's main campus in Bluffton, D'Antonio, Shane and Skip are spending long hours in the lab, growing and purifying the target protein to a high yield. D'Antonio said after initial testing, the researchers will send a large batch of the coronavirus protein to research partners at Laboratório Nacional de Biociências in Campinas, Brazil, for more experiments — hopefully by late spring.

Shane is a graduate of [Colleton County High School](#) in South Carolina. Skip is a transfer student from the University of Central Florida.

Bluffton Today article [link](#).

Junior Leia Aldrich Chosen as Washington Semester Fellow



University of South Carolina Beaufort junior **Leia Aldrich** will spend four months in the nation's capital as a participant in South Carolina's prestigious Washington Semester program. In D.C., they get close to the political process and sharpen their analytical skills in preparation for a professional career in the field of their choice. Aldrich, who is an honors student majoring in Communication Studies, hopes to do her Washington Semester internship at a national media outlet such as NBC4 Washington or CBS. Aldrich is a producer and host of the university's "Crunch Time," a production of USCB Sand Shark Studios at the Sand

Shark Center for Innovative Media.

Leia is a graduate of [Berkeley High School](#) in South Carolina.

USCBe Informed article [link](#).

Karns Hazlett receives 2020 Tourism Student Award



USCB Hospitality Management major **Karns Hazlett** has been selected as one of the nine seniors from South Carolina colleges and universities that have received the 2020 Tourism Student Award for outstanding academic achievement in their culinary, hospitality and tourism studies. Every year, faculty at each college or university selects one student from their hospitality program for the award. The 2020 Tourism Student Award winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship, provided through the Fred Brinkman Memorial Fund, sponsored by the South Carolina Travel and Tourism Coalition.

Karns is a graduate of [Deer Lakes Jr-Sr High School](#) in Pennsylvania.

SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism article [link](#).

Ashley Hamm: Alumni returning to teach at USCB after MPH at Arnold School of Public Health



Ashley Hamm, a past graduate from USCB is returning to teach for the Public Health program. Since graduation from

USCB, Ashley completed her Master of Public Health (MPH) through the University of South Carolina Columbia Arnold School of Public Health and is currently completing her doctorate in Public Health through Walden University. Ashley is a certified health education specialist (CHES) and has worked with the Child Abuse Prevention Association in Beaufort since 2016. She has currently served as their Family Services Coordinator since 2019. We are excited to have Ashley return to USCB in this capacity.

Ashley is a graduate of [Beaufort High School](#) in South Carolina.

Internships as PGA Live Crew, RBC Heritage Golf Tournament



Tyler Cunningham, Senior, **Lauren Henderson**, Senior, and **Sophia Peach**, Junior, Communication Studies majors (Dept. of Social Sciences) were awarded the coveted internship with the PGA Live crew, as Camera Assists, covering the RBC Heritage Golf Tournament.

Tyler is a graduate of [Bluffton High School](#) in South Carolina.

Lauren is a graduate of [Wando High School](#) in South Carolina.

Sophia is a graduate of [West Forsyth High School](#) in Georgia.

USCB Communication Studies social media story [link](#).

The Future is Now: USCB Goes High Tech For History



"My students are working on real digital projects currently in development at USCB that will be for the public," said Dr. Brent Morris, who teaches digital history and is director of the USCB Institute for the Study of the Reconstruction Era. "If you can harness technology that is second nature for students who were born into a digital world, that's how you get people's attention."

Using a 360-degree camera to take photos is one of the first steps in building the virtual reality tours. **Liz Erickson**, a USCB sophomore majoring in history, swung one around recently on the university's Bluffton campus to learn how it works. The software that comes with the camera stitches together multiple photos or videos captured by separate lenses, and the selfie stick disappears when the images are merged. Digital technologies make Beaufort County's rich history accessible for more people, said **Tucker Perry**, a senior from Summerville who is majoring in History. For their virtual tour projects, students can choose to spotlight Mitchellville or one of the many sites in Northern Beaufort County's new Reconstruction Era National Historic Park, a component of the National Park



System. These sites include the Emancipation Oak, where freed slaves witnessed the first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation; Camp Saxton, where African-American volunteers trained for service in the Union army; and Darrah Hall at Penn Center, among others.

Liz is a graduate of [Hilton Head High School](#) in South Carolina.

Tucker is a graduate of [Waccamaw High School](#) in South Carolina.

USCBe Informed article [link](#).

Virtually There: How Two Classes Connected Across the Atlantic During COVID-19



USCB French classes teamed up with Professor Nathalie Callies from the *Université de Paris-Nanterre's-Institut Universitaire de Technologie* to fill the gap when both universities' study abroad programs were cancelled this year due to the pandemic. The two trans-Atlantic groups of students (4 sections from UofParis, 2 sections from USCB) had joint classes and used "Two Truths and a Lie," to enhance class foreign language conversations. **Olayah Safouan**, USCB Student Government Association-Secretary/Treasurer, told the French students that she was Moroccan, had family in Paris and owned a cat. The Parisians chose correctly that the feline was pure fiction. USCB Psychology major **Gabrielle Idsall** summed up the experience of the virtual exchange when she said, "We are social beings, and we need human interactions. This has been a refreshing experience for us all." Professor Callies said, "It was for my students a way to travel and dive into another culture, getting the opportunity to talk with the American youth beyond stereotypes, enjoying their common points and differences."

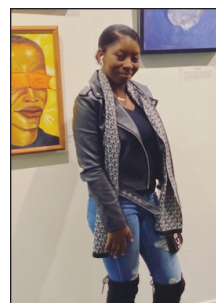
Olayah is a graduate of [Carlisle High School](#), Pennsylvania.

Gabrielle is a graduate of [Beaufort High School](#) in South Carolina.

USCBe Informed article [link](#).

USCB Communication Studies Majors: Virtual Internship with WHHI

Three USCB Communication Studies majors spent last week gaining valuable broadcasting experience with local TV station WHHI. As part of the *Students Connected* program at USCB, students have opportunities for unparalleled hands-on experiential learning through a community organization. Seniors **Makayla Bing** and **Julia Flemming** and junior **Nicholas Milhan** learned about working on air and behind the camera, producing, editing, and day-to-day operations of the TV sta-



tion. The internship culminates with a report by each student that aired Monday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. on WHHI.

Makayla is a graduate of [Beaufort High School](#) in South Carolina.

Julia is a graduate of [Lower Richland High School](#) in South Carolina.

Nicholas is a graduate of [Egg Harbor Township High School](#) in New Jersey. USCBe Informed article [link](#).



Two USCB Students present at Johns Hopkins Symposium: Gabrielle Idsall and Nicki Cristobal Grace



The annual *Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium* at Johns Hopkins University had shifted online for this year's event on April 24-25. The proposals of **Gabrielle Idsall**, a USCB Psychology major, and USCB Business Administration senior, **Nicki Grace**, were accepted for presentation at the symposium. This undergraduate research conference provides hundreds of students the opportunity to share their work in a professional presentation style. Attendees also participate in professionalization and recruitment events during the three-day symposium.

Gabrielle is a graduate of [Beaufort High School](#) in South Carolina.

Nicki is a graduate of [River Valley High School](#) in California.

Symposium [link](#).

USCB ACADEMIC AWARDS 2021

MARIA MOLLOSEAU

OUTSTANDING BIOLOGY STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Maria is a graduate of [Seneca High School](#) in South Carolina.

ASHLEY ESTHER LOCKARD

TOMBE/EBY OUTSTANDING ENGLISH STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Ashley is a graduate of [Red Land High School](#) in Pennsylvania.

LEIA NAGY

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Leia is a graduate of [Clover High School](#) in South Carolina.

ALISON REED

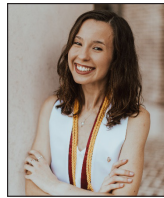
OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Alison is a graduate of [Absegami High School](#) in New Jersey.

MADISON MURY RILEY

GRADUATE IN ENGLISH EDUCATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Madison is a graduate of [Union County School](#) in New Jersey.

IMANI SHERRILLS

LYNN M. MULKEY HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Imani is a graduate of [Lake City High School](#) in South Carolina.

MARIA ANTONIA QUINTERO

PAMELA J. COOPER COMMUNICATION STUDIES STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Antonia is a graduate of [Hilton Head High School](#) in South Carolina.

CLAYTON WEEKS

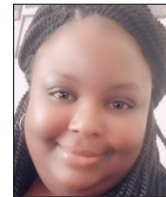
GOVERNOR PAUL HAMILTON SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN HISTORY AWARD



Clayton is a graduate of [Solebury School](#) in Pennsylvania.

DONIKA QUATTLEBAUM

PALMETTO COLLEGE ON-LINE HUMAN SERVICES DEGREE COMPLETION OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Donika is a transfer from UNC Charlotte.

JAROD VALVO

OUTSTANDING COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Jarod was home schooled.

LAURA CENCI

OUTSTANDING SPANISH STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Laura is a transfer from St. John's College in Santa Fe, NM.

DESTINEY RAINS

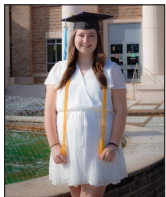
GORDON HAIST INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Destiney is a graduate of [DeKalb High School](#) in Indiana.

HANNAH LINDER

OUTSTANDING EDUCATION STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Hannah is a graduate of [Bamberg-Erhardt High School](#) in South Carolina.

SAMANTHA MOORE

OUTSTANDING HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Samantha was home schooled.

MADALYN MORRIS

OUTSTANDING NURSING STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Madalyn is a graduate of [Spring Valley High School](#) in South Carolina.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

SA'LIMA LAZARUS

OUTSTANDING SOCIOLOGY STUDENT
OF THE YEAR AWARD



Sa'Lima is a graduate of [Charleston Math/Science High School](#) in South Carolina.

SHADIRAH NIBBLETT

CHARLES L. SPIRRISON PSYCHOLOGY
OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE
YEAR AWARD



Shadirah is a graduate of [Ellison High School](#) in Texas.

BRICE ADKINS

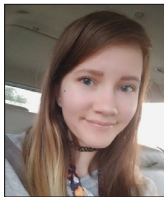
FOUNDING CHANCELLOR JANE T.
UPSHAW OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN
MATHEMATICS AWARD



Brice is a graduate of [Beaufort High School](#) in South Carolina.

BRYANNA CANTRELL

OUTSTANDING STUDIO ARTS
STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Bryanna is a graduate of [Stratford High School](#) in South Carolina.

DREW BOUTILIER

DARWIN B. BASHAW
STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Drew is a graduate of [Greater Hartford Academy of Math](#) in Connecticut.

USCB Magellan Scholars



The Magellan Scholars' grant is a competitive opportunity offered through the Office of Undergraduate Research at the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Lindsey Moon , Honors, Junior – Biology; a graduate of Ichabod Crane Central School in NY.	Magellan Scholar , Summer-Fall 2021 <i>The Prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 Variants in Beaufort County Wastewater</i> Mentor: Tye Pettay, Natural Sciences
Bruce Brasseur , Honors, Junior - Computational Science, Mathematics.	Magellan Mini-Grant , Spring 2021 <i>Evolving Artificial Neural Network Cost Functions Using Genetic Programming</i> Mentor: Brian Canada, Computer Science
Shane Carey , Honors, Sophomore – Biology; a graduate of Colleton County High School in SC.	Magellan Scholar , Spring 2021 <i>Synthesis and Evaluation of N-Phenylbenzenesulfonamides as Effective Trypanosoma cruzi Inhibitors</i> Mentor: Edward D'Antonio, Natural Sciences
Emily Siegfried , Senior – Marketing; a graduate of Bluffton High School in SC.	Magellan Scholar , Spring 2021 <i>The Impact of Customer Service Features on Conversion Rates for Online Retailers in the U.S. and European Markets</i> Mentors: Richard Heiens, Business Administration, USC Beaufort, Ravi Narayanaswamy, Management, USC Aiken
Bryanna Cantrell , Junior - Media Arts; a graduate of Stratford High School in SC.	Magellan Scholar , Summer-Fall 2020 <i>Digital Sculpting in a Virtual Reality Environment</i> Mentor: James Sidletsky, Visual Art and Design
James Smith , Senior - Computer Science, Anthropology; a graduate of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School in SC.	Magellan Mini-Grant , Fall 2020 <i>Using Cybersecurity Data Science to Detect Malicious URLs</i> Mentor: Xiaomei Zhang, Computer Science

Student Leadership Workshop Completion

On March 16 and 17, the Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs offered a workshop for USCB Honor and Standout students, as well as the officers of the Student Government Association. Six students completed the required workshop activities and received the USCB Student Leadership Workshop Completion Certificate:

- Leia Aldrich
- Heaven Allah-Davis
- Ian Deery
- Melfry Gonzalez
- Nicki Grace
- Gabrielle Idsall

USCB STUDENT LEADERS
Mini Workshop Series for
Honor Students, Student Government
and Standout Students



2021 Student Research and Scholarship Day



Keynote Speaker:
Morgan Jones-Williams, PhD
Assistant Professor of Mathematics, University of South Carolina Beaufort

Keynote Address:
Researching Black Women's Hidden Brilliance: Inserting Our Voices in Mathematics Scholarship

SPSD2021 will be online—it is still free and open to the public. Come learn, share, talk, and develop new ideas in a friendly, collegiate atmosphere!

MONDAY
**April
19**

CATEGORY WINNERS

Oral Presentations	1st - Molloseau, Maria 2nd - Stephens, Edra 3rd - Mayers, Kiara
Hypothesis-Driven	1st - <i>Tied</i> - Group 1 Johnson, Carlee Lowery, Zachary Sember, Victoria 1st - <i>Tied</i> - Group 2 Brown, Abby Baker, Heidi Peeler, Kayle Smith, Payton 3rd - Dobis, Erin
Issue- and Inquiry-Based	1st - Quintero, Antonia 2nd Cazales, Frank Chen, Lingtao Garcia Hernandez, Jesus Hohmeier, Kaitlyn McLeod, Veronica Pechersky, Joyce Williams, Amanda Yadav, Sankalp 3rd Elliott, Jesse Jacobs, Katherine Lopez, Abby Roberts, Cathryn
Descriptive	1st - Dent, Robert 2nd - Smith, Kayla 3rd - Furbush, Kaleigh
Innovation / Application	1st Tollison, Kelley Shindler, Katelyn Iglesias, Liz 2nd - Kaufman, William Brodie 3rd - Golden, Imelda
Visual Arts	1st - Bryan, Williams 2nd - Brigmon, Demetre 3rd - Cantrell, Bryanna

DISCOVER UofSC



DISCOVER UOFSC

Proudly sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research

Four USCB students presented their research work at the [Discover UofSC](#).

Student Presenters

Bryanna Cantrell
Emily Siegfried
James Smith
Kelley Tollison

Faculty Mentors

Jim Sidletsky
Richard Heiens
Xiaomei Zhang
Jena Chojnowski

Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology



On December 1st eight psychology majors were inducted into the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology. In a virtual online induction ceremony, Dr. Cindy J. Lahar, welcomed eight outstanding psychology students to the USCB Chapter of Psi Chi. The eight students are: **Jared Bailey, Da'Cia Campbell, Christopher Catalano, Sarah Dubay, Yasna Hadipour, Gabrielle Idsall, Jason McLain, Alexis Shaw.**



A recording of the virtual induction ceremony can be viewed at this [link](#).

More information about Honor Societies at USCB can be accessed through this [link](#).

JASPER COUNTY VACCINATION CLINIC VOLUNTEERS



USCB students played a major role in assisting community members get their COVID vaccines through their volunteer services at two regional mass vaccine clinics.

March 5, 2021 Mass Vaccination Clinic

Vaccinators:

Nana Ackaah, Kimberly Alicea, Christian Annunziata, Kelly Bouthillet, Maggie Couch, Chad Deaton, Olivia Geisel, Sara Glancy, Linda Lanni-Kreisel, Grace Lindsey, Christian Lorenzo, Mackenzie Mansfield, Madeline Matusik, Molly Minasi, Darby O'Donnell, Kathryn O'Neill, Josie Ray, Destiny Roper, Henry Schubert, Aushatavia Stiney

Helpers/Runners: Adam Bessenger, Karen Chavarria, Lily Clough, Hannah Clowers, Caroline Coker, Carmella Coughlin, Allison Davis, Dick Herrin, Katherine Molina, Antonia Quintero, Olayah Safouan, Shayla Walters, Preethi Wilson

April 2, 2021 Mass Vaccination Clinic

Vaccinators: Richard Herrin, Lindsey Moon, Emily Penzenik, Madison Rine

Helpers/Runners: Chassity Anderson, Carmella Coughlin, Nicki Grace, Dick Herrin, Antonia Quintero, Olayah Safouan

WSAV News [article link](#) and Bluffton Today [article link](#).

Visual Art and Design Alumni News

Katelyn Eisenhardt (Studio Art 2019) was accepted into the University of Louisville's Hit Art Institute in Louisville, Kentucky to pursue a Master's degree in Art History.

Itzel Guedea (Studio Art 2019) will teach a Beginning Sculpture Class at Idea Studio on Hilton Head Island during May 2021. Itzel continues to make sculptures for commission and worked as a set dresser on the film "Stars Fell on Alabama".

Micalah Locke (Studio Art 2018) taught an "Affordable Block Printing" workshop to MUSC staff at Redux Contemporary Art Center in Charleston, SC.

Jaime Thomas (Studio Art 2017) Painting, minor in Art History; teaches Middle School Art at John Paul 2 Catholic School in Jasper County, SC.

Joey Roberts (Studio Art 2019; minor in Computational Science) works at CrossFlight Sky Solutions as Manager of Marketing and Data Processing in Bluffton, SC. Joey's responsibilities range from Website design, Photo and Video production and editing, flying drones for data collection, processing drone data, and teaching drone education classes.

Athletics Highlights

USCB athletes, collectively as a department, had a cumulative GPA of 3.2, the highest GPA the department has ever had. All of the teams had team GPA's over 3.0

Three graduating senior student-athletes that have applied for medical school:



Dr. Jane Upshaw and Maria Molloseau

Allison Schaffer – still waiting to hear

Maria Molloseau – still waiting to hear

Ryan Reynolds – has been accepted to the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Optometry School and he will begin in the fall!

On April 19, USCB Athletics held their annual awards and the highpoint was the prestigious Jane T. Upshaw (JTU) Award. The award is given to a graduating senior that shows leadership and commitment to USCB on and off the field. The five nominees for the award were - [Ryan Reynolds](#), [Maria Molloseau](#), [Madison Mury Riley](#), [Carter Freeman](#) and [Allison Schaffer](#). The winner of the 2021 JTU Award was softball senior [Maria Molloseau](#).

USCB Athletics [article link](#).

For more Sand Shark Athletics stories, visit this [link](#).

For more USCB student news information visit this [link](#).

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