

Cougar PAWWS Parents & Alumni Working With Students

2016-17 Program Manual

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MISSION

The mission of Parents and Alumni Working With Students (PAWWS) is to take a meaningful role in recruiting and enrolling high achieving, diverse students for the College of Charleston.

ROLE

Each year the Office of Admissions, along with the President and the Board of Trustees, sets admission enrollment goals. PAWWS (Parents, Alumni Working With Students) members serve as ambassadors for the College to assist the Office of Admissions in achieving these goals. Enthusiastic volunteers are excellent resources for students and their families who want to learn more about the characteristics of a College of Charleston education, student/faculty interaction, campus activities, and career opportunities.

RESPONSIBILITIES

» Serve as a positive ambassador for the College at college nights and fairs.

You may be asked to assist an Admissions Counselor and/or represent the College of Charleston at an assigned booth or table where students and parents seek information about colleges.

» Host or Co-host yield/send-off receptions.

You may wish to host a reception for prospective and/or admitted students who live in your surrounding area.

» Attend receptions in your region.

You may be asked to serve as a co-host at a reception in your area.

» Visit and establish relationships with local high schools.

You may be asked to reach out to high schools in your area by delivering current College information, offering to meet with guidance counselors and/or prospective students.

» Contact students by calling campaigns or email.

The students we admit are highly qualified and typically garner a high level of attention from the many colleges that admit them. Your personal contact with students and/or their families can make a difference in the college they ultimately choose.

» Participate in occasional volunteer training events on campus/in your local area.

Information sessions and training events will be organized on campus and in various regions throughout the year to support your efforts to recruit students.

» Maintain up-to-date information about the College of Charleston.

Various materials will be available, in addition to the college website, to serve as references for current information about the College.

TIME COMMITMENT

Approximately 15-20 hours per year will be required, depending on the tasks with which you agree to assist.

If you are interested in becoming a Cougar PAWWS volunteer, please contact:

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GENERAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Situated in the midst of a city that treasures its past while promoting its future, the College of Charleston is located on one of the nation's most beautiful historic campuses. Founded in 1770 and chartered in 1785, the College is the oldest institution of higher education in South Carolina and the thirteenth oldest in the United States. In 1836, it became the nation's first municipal college and in 1970 it joined the state's higher education system. In 1992, the Graduate School was established and today this modern, thriving academic institution offers a world class liberal arts education for more than 10,500 undergraduate and 1,100 graduate students.

- » Approximately 10,500 undergraduate and 1,100 graduate students
- » 65% in-state and 35% out-of-state student body
- » International students from 62 foreign countries
- » 15% minority
- » 16:1 student to faculty ratio
- » Average class size: 26

ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Students must apply online at cofc.edu/apply.

2017-2018 application deadlines:

- » November 1 Early notification (non-binding decision)
- » December 1 To be considered for merit-based scholarships and Honors application
- » February 1 Regular admission (priority deadline)

Students applying for early notification will receive a decision by the end of December. Students applying for regular admission will receive a decision by mid-April.

Important note: in order to receive information about orientation and housing, students must submit a \$300 non-refundable enrollment deposit (\$100 tuition deposit and \$200 housing deposit), as well as a \$30 housing application fee. (Housing is only guaranteed for incoming freshmen who pay the \$200 housing deposit and \$30 housing application fee by May 1). If a student wants to attend the College of Charleston but does not want to live on campus, they are only required to pay the \$100 tuition deposit.

ADMISSIONS FACTORS

The challenge of recruiting well-qualified, talented students who are a good "fit" for College of Charleston is a daunting task. We value input from administration, faculty, current students, alumni and parents. When making freshman admission decisions, the College of Charleston admissions committee relies on several factors.

Primary admission factors:

- » Course curriculum
- » High school GPA
- » SAT/ACT scores
- » Class rank
- » State of residency (preference given to S.C. residents)

Secondary admission factors:

- » Admission essay
- » Leadership skills
- » Letters of recommendations (not required)
- » Extracurricular activities
- » Special talents and abilities

ADMISSIONS PROFILE

In addition to consistent academic achievement in the A/B range, the average admitted applicant scores/ranks as follows:

Class of 2020: By the Numbers*

Number of freshmen: 2384

Number of states: 41, along with DC, and overseas military bases

Number of countries represented: 10

Number of students from one state other than S.C.: 119 → North Carolina

Number of miles traveled to the College of Charleston by the student who lives farthest away (Mohali

Punjab, India): 7,791 Highest ACT Score: 35 Highest SAT Score: 1560

Highest GPA: 6.22

Number of high schools represented: 957

Recommended high school curriculum

- » 4 units–English, math and lab science
- » 3 units—Foreign language, social sciences
- » 1 unit—Physical education or ROTC, fine arts, electives

Students are encouraged to go above and beyond our recommendations, especially by taking AP and Honors classes.

Transfer students with at least 24 semester hours of college-level credits need a minimum cumulative 2.6 GPA for in-state students and 3.0 GPA for out-of-state students to be considered for admission. Transfer students with less than 30 semester hours of college-level credits need to meet the GPA requirements listed above and need to submit their high school transcript and test scores in addition to college transcripts for review.

CAMPUS VISITS

One of the best ways to make a decision on college enrollment is by visiting the campus. There are a number of ways to visit the College. Fall campus visits are offered Mon. and Fri. at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Spring campus visits are offered Mon.-Fri. at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and at least one Saturday each month at 11:30 a.m.

Campus visits begin at the Office of Admissions (Craig Hall, 65 George St.) with a 30-minute information session conducted by an admissions counselor. Immediately following, families take a 75-minute campus walking tour led by one of our "Charleston 40" student tour guides. Tour space is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested students must register in advance online at admissions.cofc.edu/explorethecollege/campusvisits. (Students can also register by phone at 843.953.5670.

At "Open House" events, the College offers extended activities designed to give prospective students and their families a more detailed view of programs and offerings at the College. Information is provided about academic departments, residence life, financial aid, student activities, etc. Partial listing of event dates for the upcoming year are as follows:

Maroon Mondays (Info Sessions, Tours, Residence Halls Drop In & Special Topics) will be held Monday, September 5th and October 10th

Super Saturdays (Info Sessions, Tours, Residence Halls Drop In & Special Topics) will be held Saturday, October 29th.

AALANA (African American, Latino, Asian, Native American) Preview Day will be held Saturday, September 24th

MOVE (Multicultural Overnight Visit Experience) will be held September 23rd, October 14th, November 11th, February 3rd, March 24th and April 28th

ACADEMIC UPDATES

A list of specific academic majors and minors may be found on Page 11.

- » Public Health (B.S. or B.A.), dance and archeology
- » Supply Chain Management
- » New business courses in venture creation and small business management
- » New programs in early childhood education and middle level education
- » The Department of Communication (one of our most popular majors) recently sent students to intern with NASCAR, Red Cross, Bank of America, Good Morning America and Kiawah Island Resort
- » S.C. Commission on Higher Education recognized the College for French, German, Spanish, History, Classics and Bi-lingual interpreting programs
- » New Science Center opened in recent years
- » Our School of Science and Mathematics has earned the most Commendations of Excellence, the highest Award from the Commission of Higher Education, in the state
- » We have an exclusive alliance with NASA which allows our students to view a live feed of Mars
- » TD Arena, Science Center, Addlestone Library, School of Business, Cato Center outstanding facilities

HONORS COLLEGE

The Honors College at the College of Charleston challenges bright, motivated students to make the most of the opportunities available to them and to become actively involved in their own education. Honors classes are smaller, thereby allowing for more intensive student participation. They are accelerated to meet the needs of superior students and many of them are interdisciplinary and teamtaught so that the student's education transcends the boundaries of traditional academic disciplines.

There is a separate application required for admission to the Honors College. Apply by December 1.

Typical student profile:

- » Strong honors/AP schedule, active in extra-curricular and leadership activities.
- » 1300-1400 SAT/29-31 ACT
- » Average Rank in Class 95%

HOUSING

Housing information is sent to students once they have been enrolled. (\$100.00 deposit) **Students** must pay the \$200 housing deposit and \$50 application fee, and submit the application and housing contract by May 1 to guarantee on-campus housing. Note: housing options vary in style and pricing. Early deposits are encouraged but are non-refundable. Contracts are binding for entire academic year.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

There are several types of federal and state sponsored financial aid programs available to prospective students including scholarships, grants, work-study, and student and parent loans and veterans.

Federal Financial Aid Programs

Federal student programs are described in *The Guide to Federal Student Aid* published by the U.S. Department of Education and may be accessed at **studentaid.ed.gov**.

Merit-Based Scholarships

Students must have all documents and a completed application to the Office of Admissions by **Dec. 1** to be considered for merit-based scholarships. Considerations include but are not limited to:

- » 1300 SAT/29 ACT
- » High GPA and class rank
- » Palmetto Promise: The CofC Palmetto Promise guarantees that all Palmetto Fellows admitted as incoming freshmen will receive at least \$4,000 in institutional scholarships.

Departmental Scholarships

There are scholarships for several Departments/Majors. Students interested should refer to the Financial Aid webpage on the College website for more information.

Athletic Scholarships

Students should complete interest form on the web and have their coach contact College of Charleston's coaches. (There are no scholarships for the Sailing and Equestrian teams.)

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The mission of the Office of Multicultural Student Programs (MSPS) is to develop new initiatives and complement existing programs that enhance the holistic development of minority students. The MSPS staff works cooperatively with students, faculty and staff to develop programs, which assist students from admission to graduation. As a member of the College of Charleston family and the greater community, MSPS works cooperatively to create a welcoming campus climate, which fosters academic success and the recruitment and retention of a diverse and inclusive student body and future workforce.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ATHLETICS

A list of specific organizations and teams may be found at the end of this manual.

- » Division One Colonial Athletic Association
- » Campus Recreation, Intramural and Club Sports
- » Over 200 Clubs and student organizations
- » Approximately 20% of students involved in Greek Life. » 26 nationally recognized sororities and fraternities on campus.

COUGAR ATHLETIC TEAMS

NCAA DIVISION 1, COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION cofcsports.com

MEN'S SPORTS

- »Basketball
- » Baseball
- » Golf
- » Soccer
- » Tennis
- » Cross Country

WOMEN'S SPORTS

- » Basketball
- » Cross Country
- » Equestrian
- » Dance Team
- » Golf
- » Sailing
- » Soccer
- » Softball
- » Tennis
- » Track & Field
- » Volleyball
- » Sand Volleyball

CO-ED SPORTS

- » Cheerleading
- » Sailing
- » Dance Team

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Campus Recreation Services campusrec.cofc.edu

Campus Recreation Services offers a wide variety of intramural sports clubs, including:

- » Badminton (singles)
- » Basketball League
- » Chess Playday
- » Dodgeball
- » Flag Football League
- » Frisbee Golf
- » Kickball League
- » Kin Ball

- » Knockout Basketball
- » Pickleball (Singles) Playday
- » Racquetball (Singles) League
- » Table Tennis (Singles)
- » Team Handball Playday
- » Tennis (Singles) League
- » Volleyball League
- » Sepka Takraw

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

Student Life studentlife.cofc.edu

The College of Charleston offers over 200 clubs and organizations. A sample is listed below:

- » Black Student Union
- » Campus Outreach
- » Center Stage
- » Charleston 40
- » College Republicans
- » College of Charleston Radio
- » Cougar Activities Board (CAB)
- » Cougar TV
- » Crew
- » Ducks Unlimited
- » Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- » George Street Observer Newspaper

- » Golden Key National Honors Society
- » Greek Life
- » Honors Student Association (HSA)
- » International Club
- » Jewish Student Union/Hillel
- » Lacrosse
- » National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)
- » Student Alumni Associates
- » Student Government Association (SGA)
- » Student Union of Minority Affairs (SUMA)
- » Watersports Club
- » Young Democrats

MAJORS, MINORS AND CONCENTRATIONS

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Majors:

Art & Architectural History, Arts Management, Computing in the Arts, Dance, Historic Preservation and Community Planning, Music, Studio art, Theater

Minors:

Art history, Arts management, Dance, Historic preservation and community planning, Music, Studio art, Theater

Concentrations:

Theater: Performance (acting/directing), Costume design and technology, Scenic/Lighting design and technology, Theater for youth, or general theatre studies

Dance: Performance or general dance studies

Music: Performance, theory/composition, or music history/literature

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Majors:

Accounting, Business Administration, Economics, Finance, Hospitality and Tourism Management, International Business, Marketing, Supply Chain Management

Minors:

Business Administration, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Global Logistics and Transportation, Global Trade, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Leadership, Change and Social Responsibility, Real Estate

Concentrations:

Business Administration: Entrepreneurship, Finance, Global Logistics and Transportation, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Leadership, Change and Social Responsibility, Marketing, Real Estate

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, & HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Majors:

Dept. of Teacher Education

Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Foreign Language Education, Middle Grades Education, Physical Education, Special Education A Secondary Education cognate major is available for majors in: Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Physics, History (social studies), Political Science (social studies) and Sociology (social studies).

Dept. of Health & Human Performance

Athletic Training, Exercise Science, Physical Ed. Teacher Ed., Public Heal

Minors:

Coaching

A foreign language education minor is available for majors in: Classics (Latin), French, German and Spanish.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Majors:

Anthropology, Communication, English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health, Religious Studies, Sociology, Urban Studies, Women's and Gender Studies

Minors:

African American Studies, African Studies, Anthropology, Archaeology, British studies, Communication, Comparative Literature, Creative Writing, Crime, Law and Society, English, Environmental Studies.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES (CONTINUED)

Minors (continued):

Film Studies, Geography, History, Media Studies, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health, Religious Studies, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies.

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES, CULTURES & WORLD AFFAIRS

Majors:

African-American Studies, Archaeology, Classics, French & Francophone Studies, German, International Studies, Jewish Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Spanish

Minors:

African-American Studies, African studies, Archaeology, Asian studies, Business Language Minor in French and Spanish, British studies, European Studies, Classics, Comparative Literature, European Studies, French, German, German Studies, Ancient Greek, International Studies, Italian, Japanese Studies, Jewish Studies, Latin, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Linguistics, Russian Studies, Spanish

SCHOOL OF SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

Majors:

Astrophysics, Astronomy, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computing in the Arts, Data Science, Geology, Marine Biology, Mathematics, Physics

Interdisciplinary Minors:

Environmental Studies, Neuroscience

Concentrations:

Biology: Molecular biology

Chemistry: Environmental chemistry

Mathematics: Actuarial Studies, Applied Math, Discrete Math, Pure Math

Physics: Energy Production, Meteorology

Pre-Professional Curriculum:

Allied health, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry, Osteopathy, Podiatry, Pharmacy, Veterinary medicine

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When will I find out about housing and orientation?

Once students submit their enrollment deposits, they'll receive housing and orientation information via email.

Freshmen who want to live on-campus in the fall must submit their enrollment deposits and housing application fee & application housing contract by May 1. The College cannot guarantee on-campus housing after May 1.

2. How do I pay my enrollment deposits?

Students may deposit online or by mail. To deposit online, they must visit my.cofc.edu and log in to their MyCharleston account. Admitted students will receive an email with instructions on how to log in for the first time. Once they have logged in, students must click the Student tab, then E-bills, and then Deposits. If students opt to submit their deposit by mail, they must include the enrollment form.

3. Is housing guaranteed all four years?

Housing is not guaranteed for all four years; however, housing is assigned based on the number of semester hours a student has earned. All students who want to live on campus after their freshman year are able to do so, provided they meet deadlines.

4. Can freshmen bring cars?

Because the campus is situated in the middle of an urban area, parking can pose a challenge. Fortunately, because of our location, it is not necessary to have a car. Freshmen who have fewer than 30 semester hours of college work are not eligible for campus parking. The Auxiliary Services Office (843. 953.7834) does provide listings of off-campus parking spaces available to students.

5. What sort of public transportation is available around campus?

The CARTA public transportation system is free to students, faculty and staff, including the DASH route downtown and any CARTA route outside of the downtown area. For more information, visit **ridecarta.com**. The College also has the Cougar Shuttle that will come and pick you up and anywhere on the peninsula and return you to campus.

6. How safe is the College of Charleston?

The College of Charleston is located in an urban setting. Our campus is historically significant and a host to numerous visitors who come to enjoy the beauty and architecture. We encourage all members of the campus community to use common sense and practice good personal safety techniques at all times. A campus safety escort service is available as well as emergency call boxes, which are strategically placed in 45 locations across campus. The Cougar Alert system is in place. Copies of the annual security report containing campus security policies and procedures as well as crime statistics are available at both Student Affairs and Public Safety.

7. When can I visit campus?

The Office of Admissions offers information sessions and campus tours when school is in session.

- » Fall: Mon. and Fri.: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tues. -Thurs.: 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- » Spring: Mon.-Fri. at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Some Saturday tours are available at 11:30 a.m. summer tour times vary. For more information, see Page 6 or visit cofc.edu.

8. What happens if there is a hurricane?

Throughout the hurricane season (June-Nov.), the College of Charleston Department of Public Safety monitors all weather developments in the Atlantic Ocean. In the event a hurricane threatens the campus, the U.S. Weather Bureau will issue a "Hurricane Watch" (i.e., threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours) or a "Hurricane Warning" (i.e., hurricane conditions expected within 24 hours). If a hurricane warning is issued, the College's Emergency Management Team (EMT) will activate the Hurricane/Tropical Storm Emergency Plan. The EMT is prepared to respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Student safety is our primary concern. If a formal warning, the College will cancel classes in a timely manner so students may evacuate the area. Transportation and accommodations will be provided for students who need them.

9. Is the College of Charleston a party school?

The College of Charleston has a strict alcohol and drug policy. There are many clubs and organizations on campus, as well as in the city of Charleston. Students must use their own discretion when choosing to participate in social activities.

10. What is the alcohol policy?

Students under the age of 21 are not allowed to have any alcoholic beverages in their possession. Students caught with alcohol will be subject to disciplinary action. The College has a no tolerance policy for drugs or drug paraphernalia. Students caught with this will be immediately removed from on-campus housing.

11. Do you accept AP and IB credits?

Contact the Office of Admissions for specific information.

- » **AP** The college often awards one semester's credit, or in some cases two semester's credit with a score of 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam. Visit **registrar.cofc.edu/transfer** for more information.
- » **IB** The College often awards one semester's credit, or in some cases two semester's credit with a score of 5, 6, or 7 on a Higher-level IB exam. Visit **registrar.cofc.edu/transfer** for more information.

12. What is the cost?

2016-17 tuition for the academic school year:

» In-state: \$11,386 » Out-of-state: \$29,544

Visit **finaid.cofc.edu** for up-to-date information on tuition costs.



Membership Form

Are you interested in helping College of Charleston with admission recruitment? We welcome your assistance! Please fill out the following information:

Name
Address
Phone
Cell phone
Email
For parents:
Name and graduation year of student(s)
For alumni:
Graduation year and major/minor
Indicate what you are willing to do:
Attend a College of Charleston event in your area
Host send-off or yield reception
Co-host send-off or yield reception
Call accepted students and/or their families (JanApril.)
Cover or assist with college fair (fall & spring)
Return to:
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