

# COUGAR CATCH-UP

Your monthly newsletter from the Graduate Student Association, specially curated for the students of the Graduate School of the University of Charleston, South Carolina



## WELCOME!



Hello everyone! Welcome to the first Graduate Student Association newsletter. This monthly newsletter will be the place to find the latest CofC graduate student news. This year, we'll be working hard to advocate for graduate student issues and finding ways to better engage graduate students at CofC. We're very excited to start curating content for YOU! Please feel to reach out to us with any ideas you would like to see in our newsletter! Be sure to check out Brooke's and Jill's youtube videos for an introduction and breakdown of upcoming events!  
<https://youtu.be/-q8vrCQw9ig>  
<https://youtu.be/c6lzuACgD90>

Sincerely,  
Brooke, Katrina, Claudia, and Jill

# GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS


Please join us for the first GSC meeting  
**October 22nd, from 6PM-7PM**

How to get involved:

All graduate students are invited to attend each Graduate Student Council meeting. The council meets once a month to discuss and vote on pressing issues within the graduate school. **Each program needs to pick one representative to send to each graduate student council meeting.** If you are interested in serving on the graduate student council OR you are already a member, please reach out to any of the executive board members, ASAP.

This month's meeting will take place virtually via zoom on  
**October 22nd from 6PM to 7PM.**

## COUGAR CONNECT

Make sure you sign up to the Graduate Student Association page on Cougar Connect as soon as possible, to stay up to date with all things GSA! You can find the page at <https://cougarconnect.cofc.edu/organization/gsa> 

## What is the GSC?

*The Graduate Student Council consists of student representatives from each program sub-organization or program. The council members represent the voting body of the Graduate Student Association. In order to best represent the students of the graduate school, we need council members who can attend every monthly meeting, keep their program up to date on motions made by the council, and serve as an advocate for their program.*

# MEET THE 2020-2021 GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD!

## **BROOKE BLOSSER-PRESIDENT** **(BLOSSERBC@G.COFC.EDU)**

For the '20-'21 school year, Brooke is ready to work for you! She was born and raised outside of Raleigh, North Carolina before attending undergrad at NC State University (class of '18). At The College, Brooke is in her third year studying Marine Biology and working on her thesis, titled "Microplastic Content in *Crassostrea virginica* from South Carolina, USA". Brooke has a pint sized hound dog named Bee, and loves to read, exercise/play sports, cook, travel, and drink sour beers when she's not working.

## **CLAUDIA BROWN- VICE PRESIDENT** **(BROWNC12@G.COFC.EDU)**

Claudia was born and raised in Manhattan, New York and is ready to bring that fast pace energy to The College of Charleston's student body! In the School of Education's Teaching, Learning, and Advocacy program, she aspires to create changes in the education system to minimize educational disparities so successfully, that South Park airs an episode making fun of her. Claudia promotes open and honest communication so she encourages her fellow students to reach out at any time! If she takes longer than two hours to reply, note she is probably busy solving the Jon Benet Ramsey case for the 7th time and will get back to you at her earliest convenience. Claudia is looking forward to hearing from you as she serves as Vice President of our Graduate Student Association.

## **KATRINA WILLIAMS- TREASURER** **(WILLIAMSK10@G.COFC.EDU)**

Katrina is currently a member of the MBA program, focusing in finance and is looking forward to bringing her experience to the treasurer role. Katrina is originally from Houston, Texas but grew up in Bermuda, making her both a water baby and a massive football, bbq, Dillon Panthers and country music fan (Texas Forever!) Katrina ended up falling in love with Charleston after coming down frequently to train and compete in sailing events. She was looking for a career change and the C of C MBA program was a perfect fit. On school days you can catch her in the library but on the weekends you will find her on the water!

## **JILL GOODMAN- SECRETARY** **(GOODMANJ1@COFC.EDU)**

Jill is excited to take on the role of Secretary this year! She is currently in her first year of the MAT in Performing Arts: Theatre Concentration program. Prior to CofC, she studied Secondary Theatre Education at the University of New Hampshire. Originally from Pennsylvania, Jill is a big Philadelphia sports fan. In her free time, you'll find her watching old episodes of Seinfeld, sewing clothes, and eating an unhealthy amount of Indian food. Feel free to reach out to her for absolutely anything!



# UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## Hump Day Trivia

***October 14th, 7:00PM-8:00PM***

Love trivia and winning prizes? Join the GSA for the first social event of the year for a mid-week break! Prizes will be given to first, second, and third place winners!



## Graduate Student Council Meeting via Zoom

***October 22nd, 6:00PM-7:00PM***

Look out for a link!



## Early Voting "Party"

***October 29th, 2:00PM-4:00PM***

On October 29th, students interested in voting early don't have to go alone. We will meet (masked up and socially distanced) by the Cougar statue on Cougar Mall at 2:00 pm before walking the two and a half blocks to the early voting station at the Charleston County Library.

More details to follow.



# GRADUATE STUDENT WORK HIGHLIGHT

WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR AMAZING WORK!



## STEM FIELDS

*Made a super cool discovery?  
Interested in interdisciplinary  
collaboration? Once a month, we  
would like to highlight YOU!*

## NON-STEM FIELDS

*Excited about an internship or a  
cool project you've worked on?  
Once a month, we would like to  
highlight YOU!*



## HOW TO SUBMIT:

*Send us a fun picture and a blurb  
about your research via email to  
Brooke Blosser ([blosserbc@g.cofc.edu](mailto:blosserbc@g.cofc.edu)) or  
Jill Goodman ([goodmanjl@cofc.edu](mailto:goodmanjl@cofc.edu)) by  
the 25th of each month! Highlights will  
be accepted on a first come first serve  
basis.*