

# FRESHMAN<sup>news</sup>letter

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It's hard to believe that your freshman year of college is winding down. Hopefully you have settled into the campus routine by now and are already in the planning stages for next year.

In this newsletter we've included some tips, gentle prods and reminders, and information that just might not have filtered down to you yet.

Take full advantage of everything going on around you this semester.

And remember, if you have questions about anything, or need help, **JUST ASK!**

## MAYMASTER/ SUMMER SESSIONS

Registration begins on Feb. 28. Go to the summer sessions website for information. Email your questions to [summer@cofc.edu](mailto:summer@cofc.edu).

## MARCH 3-11 spring break

**FIRST:**  
A Guide to  
Your College of  
Charleston

## Go GREEN!

If you're interested in protecting the environment and don't want to be a slave to rising gas prices, but still want to get around town without a hassle, why not give public transportation (FREE to College of Charleston students) a try. CARTA bus passes are now available! Bring your Cougar Card to Cougar Card Services, Calhoun Street side of Berry Hall. Check [CARTA schedules](#) online or call 843.953.7834. If you park in the Aquarium Garage, you need only show your Cougar Card to ride the shuttle.

# PLAN AHEAD

## DECLARING A MAJOR

As a degree-seeking student, you must declare a major no later than the second semester of your sophomore year. You can do this through the Program of Study Management (POSM) system, which you can access through MyCharleston. Click on the "academic services" tab, and the POSM box will appear in the center of your screen. Read the information, then click on "open POSM" at the bottom of the box.

You should also contact your academic advisor if you need help with your [academic planning](#), or if you have declared a major, discuss your academic plans with your faculty advisor.



**GO  
COUGARS!**

## DON'T FORGET THIS DATE!!!

# MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>

Mid-term grades are available.

## YOUR COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

Check out the many facets of the College of Charleston experience. Have you taken it all in yet?

- study abroad – think about it.
- support your intramural and sport clubs teams
- check out a Maymester or summer school class



## SPREAD THE NEWS

Did you make the dean's list? Were you voted homecoming king or queen? Are you about to graduate? If you want media relations to send a press release to your hometown newspaper, please complete the [hometown news form](#) and follow the instructions for submitting it.



## COLLEGE CALENDAR

check out upcoming events and important dates

## Where do you stand?

As you know, you must earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) to avoid being placed on academic probation. Because you won't receive official notification that you've been placed on probation until the end of the semester, it's always a good idea to monitor your own progress. Use the GPA calculators on the [Undergraduate Academic Services website](#).

## CENTER FOR STUDENT LEARNING

The Center for Student Learning is located on the first floor of the Addlestone Library. CSL offers a variety of services that can help you be successful throughout your college career.

- Walk-in labs (math, foreign languages, writing accounting, presentation lab)
- Study skills seminars
- Standardized test preparation
- Supplemental Instruction
- Tutoring

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