NOMINATE YOUR FAMILY

for the

2016 Cougar Family of the Year Award

Brought to you by the College of Charleston Parents’ Fund

The Parents’ Fund supports the student experience through scholarships, faculty enhancement and student-centered programs. It has been identified by our Parent Advisory Council as the fund for all parents to support in order to make an impact on our school.

The College of Charleston Parents’ Fund wants to honor all CofC families by recognizing a Cougar Family of the Year. This award celebrates the supportive role families play in the lives of students and the College community.

Learn how to enter at familyweekend.cofc.edu/family-of-the-year. All entries must be posted by September 9, 2016, at noon.

Cougar Family of the Year award winners will receive:

1. Complimentary registration for your family (up to three members; your current CofC student is free). If you’ve already registered, you will be reimbursed.

2. Accommodation for up to four people (two rooms) for two nights in historic downtown Charleston.

3. Private carriage tour of Charleston for up to four people.

Family Weekend is a Zero Waste event, meaning that volunteers – and you – will work to keep more than 90 percent of potential waste from going into the landfill.

Help us achieve this goal!
TIME WITH YOUR STUDENT?
A VACATION IN CHARLESTON?

PACK YOUR BAGS.

Charleston (and your student) are calling your name. Why not plan a quick trip to experience all that the College and the city have to offer? Join us for Family Weekend, October 7–9, 2016. We’ve arranged a host of activities for you and your family with bonding time and fun in mind. Registration opens in August.
STUDENT EXPERIENCES

WITH YOU IN MIND.
FAMILY WEEKEND 2016 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

HOSPITALITY AND CHECK-IN
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Stern Student Center
Pick up your welcome packet, grab some snacks, and meet one of our student Family Weekend Ambassadors.

EXHIBIT: FAHAMU PECOU
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art
DO or DIE: Affect, Ritual, Resistance, a solo exhibition featuring the work of Fahamu Pecou, an artist profoundly involved in exploring the state of black existence – life and death – today. Pecou asks, “Under looming threat of death, how might we inspire life?”

TOUR: MACE BROWN
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
School of Sciences and Mathematics Building, 2nd Floor
More than 10,000 fossils and 3.8-billion years of evolution are on display, including a giant armadillo, T. rex and a sabre-toothed cat, to name but a few!

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
Enjoy a meal on campus in one of our outstanding dining facilities or treat your student to lunch in downtown Charleston.

VISIT
Free Things to Do in Downtown Charleston
Visit the historic City Market on Market Street.
Run the Battery and enjoy the beauty of Rainbow Row. (self-guided maps available)
CONNECTING 2 HOPE: HELPING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES AT RISK
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Robert Scott Small Building, Counseling and Substance Abuse Services, Suite 300
Learn how to recognize a mental health emergency and how to find help for someone at risk.

TOUR: AVERY RESEARCH CENTER
2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.
125 Bull Street
Explore this archive and museum of African American culture in the Lowcountry.

TURNING A DEGREE INTO DOLLARS
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Stern Student Center, Room 205
Hear how your student can take advantage of the Career Center’s varied resources, including assessments, help deciding on majors, a jobs database, and tools for the job and graduate-school market.

EYE ON ACADEMICS: HISPANIC STUDIES
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Stern Student Center, Room 206
Mark Del Mastro, chair of the Department of Hispanic Studies, will provide a brief overview of the Hispanic studies programs and their benefits for all majors. Followed by Q&A.

HAVING ACADEMIC CONVERSATIONS
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Stern Center Ballroom
Join the assistant director of the Center for Student Learning for an interactive session on how to help your student achieve academic excellence.

WELCOME RECEPTION
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Alumni Hall in Randolph Hall
Meet other families, tour the College’s historic first classroom, and enjoy light hors d’oeuvres as faculty and staff welcome you to campus.
EXPLORE THE CAMPUS
TAKE A RIDE
JSU / HILLEL SHABBAT CELEBRATION
5:45 p.m. service; 6:30 p.m. dinner
Yaschik Jewish Studies Center
Join us for a student-led, pluralistic Shabbat service, followed by a free vegetarian, Kosher-style dinner prepared in our dairy kitchen. All are welcome.

HISTO-MUSICAL WITH QUEEN QUET
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Stern Center Ballroom
Get edutained by the Chieftess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation through craft demonstrations, history, language and other traditions.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN
Let your student pick a favorite spot!

JAZZ AT 7:30
7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall, Simons Center for the Arts
Enjoy the sizzling sounds of the College of Charleston Jazz Ensemble. Proceeds benefit the Jazz Scholarship Fund. $10/person (pay at door); free for CofC students with Cougar Card

TOUR: HAUNTED JAIL
8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., & 10:00 p.m.
The Old City Jail, 21 Magazine St.
Join us for a 45-minute tour of The Old City Jail, which housed some of Charleston’s most infamous criminals.

FAMILY FEUD GAME SHOW
8:30 p.m. (doors at 8:00 p.m.)
Stern Center Ballroom
The Cougar Activities Board invites you and your family to compete in a variation of the popular game show Family Feud. Participating families will have their names pulled for several rounds of fun and prizes!

VISIT
Free Things to Do
Head to King Street for window shopping and people watching.
Take a trolley ride to Harbor Walk.
Take your picture in front of Sottile House.
Stroll through the Charleston Farmers Market in Marion Square (Saturdays).
Play a game of pool in the Stern Student Center Game Room.
BRIDGE WALK WITH SNL
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Stern Center Lobby
Meet Stern Nite Life (SNL) members for a morning walk to the top of the Ravenel Bridge.

HOSPITALITY AND CHECK-IN
9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Stern Student Center
See Friday listing for description.

PARENTS’ LISTSERV MEET AND GREET
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Stern Student Center, Room 205
Meet staff, parents and family members who participate in the CofC Parents’ Listserv.

FAMILY PORTRAITS ON THE CISTERN YARD
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Cistern Yard
Make your Family Weekend memories last a little longer with a family portrait.

CONVERSATION WITH STUDENT AFFAIRS
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Stern Center Ballroom
Our executive vice president, dean of students and Student Government Association president will welcome you to campus and provide an update on the College, followed by Q&A.

TOUR: CAMPUS
10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. (1 hour)
Meet on the Cistern Yard
Experience the beauty and history of the College as our student tour guides lead you on a walking tour of campus.
A VACATION OF HISTORIC PROPORTIONS.
PRESENTATION: CAREERS IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Tate Center, Room 202
Get information on various types of professions in hospitality and tourism management and how to successfully prepare for a career.

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE COLLEGE READS!
11:00 a.m. – noon
Beatty Center, Wells Fargo Auditorium
Get a deeper look into The College Reads! 2016 selection, The True American: Murder and Mercy in Texas, and its impact on our students’ and College community’s views of religion, tolerance, mercy and forgiveness.

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LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN
1:00 p.m. (45–60 minutes)
Meet in front of Randolph Hall
Join a local guide for a tour of the historic College neighborhood.

RESHAPING AMERICAN POLITICS: MILLENNIALS AND THE 2016 ELECTION
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Stern Center Ballroom
Political science professor Gibbs Knotts will discuss the political activities of millennials, comparing their generation to previous ones and addressing recent electoral trends.
SITING INFORMATION

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SHOWCASE AND FUNDRAISING FAIR
Hosted by SGA
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cistern Yard
Talented students showcase their gifts and abilities, and help their clubs and organizations raise money for conferences, research and special events.

SCAVENGER HUNT
Co-sponsored by the Center for International Education and Multicultural Student Programs and Services
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (1 - 1.5 hours)
Meet in the Stern Center Lobby
Learn more about the College by participating in a scavenger hunt. The winning family will receive a voucher for a carriage tour!

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

MEN’S SOCCER VS. DREXEL
7:00 p.m.
Patriots Point Athletics Complex
40 Patriots Point Rd, Mt. Pleasant

TOUR: CHARLESTON GHOST AND GRAVEYARD
7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., & 9:30 p.m.
Bulldog Tours, 18 Anson St.
Learn about the history of Charleston’s graveyards, and hear the stories of the famous individuals who found their final resting place in the Holy City.

BINGO
8:00 p.m. (doors at 7:30 p.m.)
Stern Center Ballroom
Stern Night Life invites you and your family to enjoy a night of relaxed fun!

VISIT

Campus Dining
Fresh Food Company
Chick-fil-A
Marty’s Place (kosher kitchen)

Shopping
College of Charleston Bookstore
The College Corner
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

YOGA
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Rivers Green, behind Addlestone Library
Enjoy a relaxing morning with your family, and develop a better body and better state of being through yoga. Rain location: Robert Scott Small Building

ZUMBA IN THE GARDEN
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Stern Center Garden
Get energized for the day with this upbeat, Latin-inspired mixture of aerobic movements and dance moves! Rain location: Stern Center Ballroom

FAMILY PORTRAITS ON THE MALL
10:00 a.m. – noon
Meet on Cougar Mall, by fountain
Get a family portrait next to our beautiful fountain behind Randolph Hall.

LOWCOUNTRY BRUNCH
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
TD Arena
Connect with other families, faculty members, departments and students while enjoying a savory combination of brunch and student entertainment.

RING CEREMONY
1:00 p.m.
TD Arena
Joined by family and friends, students will receive their official College of Charleston rings at this revered ceremony. The event will include remarks from College dignitaries about the history and significance of the College ring.

REGISTER
Register at familyweekend.cofc.edu by September 17, 2016. Registration is $55 per person and is non-refundable. There is no registration fee for College of Charleston students with a current Cougar Card or for children 12 and under.

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Please find detailed ticket information and updates to the schedule at familyweekend.cofc.edu.