FAMILY WEEKEND at CofC

welcome cougar family

MARCH 2-4, 2018
nominate your family for the 2018 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 Friday, January 26, 2018, 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.
Welcome to FAMILY WEEKEND 2018

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Hospitality and Early Check-In
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
TD Arena Lobby, 301 Meeting St.
Pick up your welcome packet/materials with updated schedule information, and meet one of our student Family Weekend Ambassadors.

College of Charleston Ring Ceremony
7:00 p.m., TD Arena, 301 Meeting St.
Family and friends are invited to witness College of Charleston students receive their rings. Hosted by the Alumni Association, the Ring Ceremony celebrates the history and tradition of the College ring, which may be worn by a student upon completion of 30 hours of study toward a degree. On the evening prior to the ceremony, students will have the opportunity to place their rings inside the College of Charleston’s first classroom. The rings will spend the night there so that they may be imbued with the spirit of Bishop Robert Smith and the College’s first students. Bishop Smith was the first President of the College and held classes on the ground floor of his home at 6 Glebe Street (c. 1770). This house is now the official residence of the President of the College of Charleston.

For more information, please visit http://bit.ly/CofCRingHistory

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Hospitality and Check-In
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Stern Student Center
Pick up your welcome packet/materials with updated schedule information, and meet one of our student Family Weekend Ambassadors.

TOUR: Mace Brown Museum of Natural History
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
School of Sciences and Mathematics Building, 2nd floor
The Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences is home to a display of more than 1,000 fossils. Nearly four billion years of evolution are on display, including a sabre-tooth cat and the reconstructed jaw of a giant extinct shark Megalodon, to name a few.
We loved having a chance to spend time with our son and appreciate all that went into planning the weekend.
The interaction with the College’s representatives was excellent. We left the event convinced that CofC was the best choice for our student.
ROBERTO DIAGO: La Historia Recordada
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art,
Cato Center for the Arts
Born in 1971 in Havana, Diago’s work is often a direct criticism of racism in Cuba and explores the roots and role of slavery in Cuban history and culture. Diago works and lives in Havana, and utilizes a variety of strategies for examining the aftereffects of slavery in the 21st century.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
Enjoy a meal on campus in one of our outstanding dining facilities, or treat your student to lunch in one of downtown Charleston’s many eateries - over 30 within walking distance.

PRESENTATION: Sustainability Literacy Institute
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Stern Student Center Ballroom
Representatives from the Sustainability Literacy Institute will discuss their support of curricular and co-curricular programming for teaching the Triple Bottom Line of sustainability. The College is committed to preparing its graduates to be advocates for resiliency to help solve complex 21st-century problems at the interface of pressing social, economic and environmental issues. For example, our CofC Sustains/Solves sustainability literacy theme for 2018-2019 is “Social Justice and Fair Distribution.”

PRESENTATION: Connecting 2 Hope:
Helping Students and Families at Risk
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Office of Counseling and Substance Abuse Services
Robert Scott Small Building, Suite 300
Learn how to recognize a mental health emergency, and how you can help a person at risk find the help that they need. Presented by Rachael McNamara, the College’s Health Educator in Counseling and Substance Abuse Services.

PRESENTATION: Turning a Degree into Dollars
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Stern Student Center, Room 205
Discover how your student can take advantage of the Career Center’s varied resources, including assessments, help determining majors, a jobs database, and additional tools for the job and graduate-school market.
PRESENTATION: How to Have Academic Conversations with Your Student
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Stern Student Center Ballroom
Melinda Coleman, Director of the Center for Student Learning, will provide an interactive session on how you can assist your student with achieving 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 with faculty and staff who will be on hand to welcome you to campus.

Shabbat with Jewish Student Union/Hillel
5:45 p.m.
Jewish Studies Center, 85 Wentworth St.
Join JSU/Hillel for a student-led Shabbat service at 5:45, followed by a Shabbat dinner at 6:30.

OPEN HOUSE: Fraternity and Sorority Life and Higdon Student Leadership Center
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Higdon Student Leadership Center
69 Coming Street
Please join our staff in the Higdon Student Leadership Center for an open house showcasing the opportunities for student leadership programming and fraternity and sorority life at the College.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Let your student pick a favorite spot – on campus or off!

HOLE IN ONE: Golf Tournament with Campus Recreation Services
7:30 p.m.
Stern Student Center Gardens
Come give our on-campus golf simulator a try and take a chance at winning a grand prize! Each person will be allotted five swings, and the closet swing wins!
Ask your student how they’re involved with campus groups!
Ask your student how they’re staying active on campus!
Tour: Charleston Ghost and Graveyard
8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 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. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to CofC students with their Cougar Card on Thursday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m., in the Stern Student Center Lobby.
Students may pick up tickets for their registered family members.
(Maximum 20 participants per tour.)

Family Feud Game Show
8:30 p.m. (doors open at 8:00 p.m.)
Stern Student 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 four to five rounds of fun and prizes!

Saturday, March 3

Family Bridge Walk with Stern Nite Life
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Stern Student Center Lobby
Meet Stern Nite Life members for a morning walk to the top of the Arthur Ravenel Bridge! While there, you can have a family photo taken that will be available on the Family Weekend website or provided to you via email.
Water and snacks will be provided.

Hospitality and Check-In
9:00 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.

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 taken on the Cistern Yard. (First come, first served; max of 50 family portraits.) Portraits will be
available for free on the Family Weekend website and Facebook page. Printed copies may be purchased up to 60 days after Family Weekend from Capture Photography. https://www.captureyourmomentclt.com/new-page-1/

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 College’s Parents’ Listserv.

Conversation with Student Affairs
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Stern Student 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 a Q&A session.

TOUR: Campus
10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Meet on the Cistern Yard in front of Randolph Hall
Experience the beauty and history of the College as our student tour guides lead you on a 60-minute walking tour of campus. (First come, first served; max 30 participants per tour.)

PRESENTATION: Trends - Why International Business is Important
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Stern Student Center, Room 205
Marvin Gonzalez, associate professor, School of Business, will provide insights regarding the global economy and world business. He’ll comment on the advantages students have as international business majors in the current times.

PRESENTATION: Careers in Hospitality and Tourism Management
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Stern Student Center Ballroom
Get information on various types of professions in hospitality and tourism and how to successfully prepare for a career. Presented by Wayne Smith, the chair of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

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11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
School of Sciences and Mathematics Building, 2nd floor
See Friday listing for description.

Indulge in some Southern comfort food—Charleston style.
Ask your student what they love most about Charleston!
Ask your student which classes they love most!
Ride CARTA DASH for free to the College’s Harbor Walk campus.

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Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art
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Lunch on Your Own
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Walking Tour of Downtown Charleston
1:00 p.m. (45-60 minutes)
Meet on the Cistern Yard in front of Randolph Hall
Join a local guide for a tour of the historic College neighborhood. (First come, first served; max 40 participants per group.)

PRESENTATION: Student Diversity and Inclusion Council
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Stern Student Center Ballroom
Learn how students can become engaged in diversity and social justice work during their time at the College as a means of preparing for their global futures.

Family Pickleball with Campus Recreation Services
2:00 p.m.
Johnson Physical Education Center
24 George St.
Bring the whole family to enjoy this fun fitness opportunity, and learn about all of the other recreational opportunities offered by Campus Recreation Services at the College.

Student Organization Showcase and Fundraising Fair
Hosted by the Student Government Association
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Cistern Yard
Check out our talented students as they showcase their gifts and abilities; and help their clubs and organizations raise money for conferences, research and special events.

Family Scavenger Hunt
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (1 - 1.5 hours)
Meet in the lobby of Stern Student Center, 71 George St.
Learn more about the College of Charleston and downtown Charleston by participating in a scavenger hunt, compliments of Multicultural Student Programs and
Each family will receive a separate set of instructions! The winning family will receive a basket of goodies!

**Histo-Musical Presentation by Queen Quet**
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Stern Student Center, Ballroom (4th Floor)*
Don’t miss this incredible opportunity to be “edutained” by the Chieftess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation. Queen Quet will share craft demonstrations, history, language and other Lowcountry cultural traditions from the Gullah/Geechee Nation.

**TOUR: Charleston Ghost and Graveyard**
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**Dinner on Your Own**
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Family Bingo Night**
8:00 p.m. *(doors at 7:30 p.m.)*
*Stern Student Center Ballroom*
Stern Night Life invites you and your family to enjoy a night of relaxed fun with a classic game of Bingo!
We thought that the College went above and beyond in welcoming the families.
**SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

**Family Yoga**  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
*Rivers Green (behind Addlestone Library)*  
Enjoy a relaxing morning with your family and learn to develop a better body and better state of being through the wonderful practice of yoga. (Rain location: Robert Scott Small Building, 3rd floor)

**Family Zumba in the Gardens**  
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 Student Center Ballroom)

**Family Portraits on the Mall**  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
*Meet on Cougar Mall; next to the fountain*  
See Saturday listing for description. Please note this is a different location.

**Lowcountry Brunch**  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
*Cistern Yard*  
Connect with other families, faculty members, departments and students while enjoying a savory combination of brunch and student entertainment.

Don’t forget to visit the bookstore for your Cougar swag!
hey, sugar!

we can’t wait to explore College of Charleston with you!

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