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# 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



## HELLO AGAIN!



Hi everyone! ! Finals season is among us! We hope you're hanging in there. What a better way to take a break than to check out this month's newsletter.

In this issue, you'll find information on our special survey and the amazing projects being worked on by your CofC graduate peers. We hope you enjoy the last newsletter of the semester and have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Brooke, Taylor, Claudia, and Jill

# Graduate Student Council

## Recap:

### November 19th, 2020 Meeting



**The GSC went over the newly revised GSA constitution and bylaws . The group passed both items during the meeting. We also went over the GSA budget and the graduate student survey that was sent out at the end of November.**

***\*If you would like to see the specific notes that were taken during this meeting, log onto the GSA CougarConnect page. You'll find them under the documents section. If you're having any issues accessing the document, email Jill @ [goodmanj1@g.cofc.edu](mailto:goodmanj1@g.cofc.edu)***

# CHECK YOUR INBOX: *GRADUATE STUDENT SURVEY*



**SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US!**

***LINK TO SURVEY:***

[HTTPS://COFC.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV\\_85ISB5CE5PIADRF](https://cofc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_85isb5ce5piadrf)

On **November 23rd**, a comprehensive survey assessing students' graduate school experience was sent out. This anonymous survey asks about financial stressors on graduate students, how individuals may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the performance of the graduate school office and the graduate student association. A prize will be given to a random survey taker!

# Counseling Center



Did you know the counseling center offers free services to all students?

These free services include group counseling and individual counseling.

<https://counseling.cofc.edu/>

843-953-5640

[counseling@cofc.edu](mailto:counseling@cofc.edu)

RSS Building, Suite 300

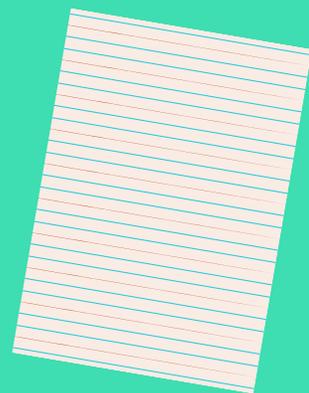
# Student Work Highlight: Caitlin Cabrera (Computer and Information Sciences)



Caitlin is currently enrolled in the graduate college pursuing a Master of Science in Computer and Information Sciences with a concentration in Software Engineering. Caitlin is a lab instructor and teaching assistant in the Computer Science department and loves to share her passion for programming with undergraduate students. Caitlin has also worked as a research assistant in the Cyber Infrastructure Research & Development Lab for the Earth Sciences to assist with developing new user experiences for analyzing geochronology data. She is due to graduate in May 2021 and looks forward to continuing to flex her creative muscles in the technology sector. In her free time, Caitlin enjoys training and competing in powerlifting competitions, learning new programming languages, surfing, and spending time with her husband and her dog.



# **Student Work Highlight: Joshua Garcia (Creative Writing)**



**Joshua Garcia is a second-year graduate student at the College of Charleston where he is pursuing an MFA in Creative Writing and a Graduate Certificate in Arts and Cultural Management. His poetry has appeared or is forthcoming in Arts & Letters, The Massachusetts Review, Image, Poet Lore, The Shore, and elsewhere. He recently received nominations for the Pushcart Prize and the Best of the Net anthology, and he was accepted for a writer's residency with Sundress Academy for the Arts in Knoxville, TN, where he plans to continue his thesis work this winter.**

# GRADUATE STUDENT WORK HIGHLIGHT

WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR AMAZING WORK!



## STEM MAJORS

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

## NON-STEM MAJORS

*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.*

# List of Non GSA Events/Dates of Interest to Graduate Students

- **Free Covid Testing Dates**
  - December 1st & 2nd (11am-4pm)
  - December 14th & 17th (9am-4pm)
- **End of the Semester Graduate School Happy Hour**
  - December 4th (6pm-7pm)
  - Register here:
    - [https://ucsccofc.secure.force.com/events/targetX\\_eventsb\\_\\_events#/esr?eid=a1R1I000002okXWUAY](https://ucsccofc.secure.force.com/events/targetX_eventsb__events#/esr?eid=a1R1I000002okXWUAY)
- **Last Day of the Semester**
  - December 4th

