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Jekyll Island Authority and College of Coastal Georgia Announce Partnership
Authority to Offer Exciting Student Program

JEKYLL ISLAND, Ga. (July 19, 2010) – Today, the Jekyll Island Authority Board of Directors approved a partnership agreement between Jekyll Island Authority and the College of Coastal Georgia (CCGA) to provide a pilot student program offering a wide range of mutually-beneficial educational, employment, social, athletic, and environmental activities to CCGA students.

Beginning next month, the College of Coastal Georgia will offer a joint parking pass to all full-time CCGA students that will provide access not only to college facilities, but also access to all of Jekyll Island’s public outdoor areas, including picnic spaces, beach parking and beach access points, playground, soccer complex, 250-acre historic landmark district, fishing pier, bicycle paths, nature trails and more.

“We are thrilled to affiliate with the College of Coastal Georgia,” said Bob Krueger, Chairman, Jekyll Island Authority Board of Directors. “Partnerships such as this are a terrific way to ensure the Jekyll Island experience is enjoyed by all Georgians, particularly as we progress through the highly anticipated revitalization of this special, state-owned island.”

Through this agreement, Jekyll Island will become a preferred location for CCGA, similar to that of a campus life venue, to support academic, athletic and student life programming.

“The College of Coastal Georgia is excited to embark upon this partnership with the Jekyll Island Authority to develop programming that benefits our students academically, athletically, and socially during their tenure with us,” said Valerie Hepburn, Ph. D, President, College of Coastal Georgia. “We look forward to offering college enrichment opportunities and campus activities on Jekyll, as well as giving our students access to this beautiful island.”

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The new College of Coastal Georgia was inaugurated in October 2009 and currently enrolls nearly 3,200 students. The College embraces its new mission to foster academic excellence and individual development; investigate, capture and disseminate 21st century knowledge and skills; provide accessible and affordable higher education to a wide spectrum of learners; and engage actively with the community and region.

“It is a pleasure for us to be able to actively engage with and help shape the path for students studying in our area,” said Jones Hooks, Executive Director, Jekyll Island Authority. “Jekyll Island has been a sought-after educational destination for many years, and we’re pleased to continue this tradition.”

About Jekyll Island

Located on Georgia’s coast, Jekyll Island with its rich history and quiet, laid-back atmosphere has attracted vacationers for more than one hundred years. Jekyll Island offers a variety of amenities, including 10 miles of beach, a 250-acre Historic Landmark District, four golf courses, a large water park, 20 miles of bike paths, a tennis center, and an array of lodging options including hotels, cottages and campgrounds. Owned by the state of Georgia and managed by Jekyll Island Authority, the island’s development is limited to just 35 percent of the available land area to preserve the critical barrier island ecosystem. Great lengths have been taken to honor this ratio as the highly anticipated revitalization of Jekyll Island moves forward. By 2012, the island will boast three new hotels, an all-new beachfront convention center with more than 78,000 square feet of function space, a beautifully redesigned entry corridor to the island, beach village shopping and dining area and many more enhancements. Please visit www.jekyllisland.com for more information or call (877) 4-JEKYLL.

About College of Coastal Georgia

Located in historic Brunswick, Georgia, the College of Coastal Georgia is Georgia's newest state college. Armed with a new mission and vision, the College has embarked on a decade long strategic growth initiative. From its current enrollment peak of nearly 3,200 students, the College plans academic and infrastructure expansions to accommodate some 10,000 students in the future. Bachelor’s degrees in business, nursing, teacher education, biological sciences and health informatics, as well as a full complement of pre-baccalaureate and career programs will enhance Southeast Georgia’s reputation as an outstanding place to live, work and grow. Additional programs, innovative service initiatives, student life and residential options and a fresh spirit of civic engagement are on the horizon. To learn more about the College of Coastal Georgia, visit www.ccg.edu.

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