



**ACADEMIA**

**CCU continues strong rankings by U.S. News & World Report**

Coastal Carolina University moved up 10 spots to No. 38 in the Regional Universities (South) list released by U.S. News & World Report for 2023. Now in its 38th year, the rankings evaluate more than 1,450 colleges and universities on up to 17 measures of academic quality.

CCU is ranked No. 7 on the Best Value Schools (South) list, where it has earned high rankings consistently for the past 11 years. The Best Value category calculation takes into account the school's academic quality and net cost of attendance.

"Our quality academic programs and reasonable costs continue to be very appealing to prospective students and their parents, as shown by our second straight year of record-breaking new student enrollment," said CCU President Michael T. Benson. "We are committed to offering our students the best collegiate experience. These U.S. News rankings validate our efforts as we continually work to enhance the reach, rigor, and reputa-

tion of the University."

CCU's other highlights in the U.S. News (South) rankings include:

- No. 11 in Most Innovative Schools (tie).
- No. 12 in Best Undergraduate Teaching (tie).
- No. 14 in Top Public Schools.
- No. 16 in Best Colleges for Veterans (tie).

"It is encouraging to see how these ratings reinforce the direction of the University," said Daniel Ennis, CCU's provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "Being recognized as innovative is a compliment to the faculty and staff who have found creative solutions that show that academic quality and affordability are not mutually exclusive."

According to U.S. News, the Most Innovative Schools are making the most innovative improvements in terms of curriculum, faculty, students, campus life, technology or facilities.

Regional universities (North, South, Midwest, and West) are defined as institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate programs, some master's programs, and few doctoral programs.

CCU enrolls more than 10,000 students, and offers baccalaureate degrees in 95 major fields of study. Among

the University's graduate-level programs are 27 master's degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and two doctoral programs — the Ph.D. in marine science: coastal and marine systems science, and the Ph.D. in education.

**HGTC surgical technology students applauded for 100% pass rate**

Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) announced that all surgical technology students successfully passed the National Board Examination for HGTC's Surgical Technology Program.

There were 14 students that completed the program and a 100% pass rate. After successfully completing a National Surgical Technology Board Exam, all graduates will be prepared to enter the workforce as Certified Surgical Technologists.

"We are very pleased with the results of the board examination for our students. This is a huge accomplishment for our students who have worked tremendously hard to complete their classroom study, laboratory practice, and clinical assignments while preparing to pass the exam," said Erin Ivey, HGTC Assistant Chair of Surgical Technology. "I am looking forward to hearing their success stories and following their careers as surgical technologists in the workforce."

The HGTC Associate in Applied Science, Surgical Technology degree prepares skilled

care environment as surgical technologist. Graduates work under the supervision and delegatory authority of a surgeon to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive and non-invasive surgical procedures, ensuring that the operating room environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. Surgical technologists are experts in the theory and application of the principles of asepsis and sterile technique to combine the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation and tools and technologies to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.

For more information about applying, enrolling, and registering at HGTC, call 843-3186 or visit [www.hgtc.edu](http://www.hgtc.edu).

**HGTC celebrates employees with years of service to the college**

Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) is excited to announce the employees celebrating years of service in 2022:

- Jonathan Barker, Professor of English (10 Years)
- Dr. Renee Causey, Professor of Human Services (10 Years)
- Dana Gasque, Administrative Assistant for Dental Sciences (10 Years)
- Samantha Martel, Chair/Professor of the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Assistant, Surgical



**Barker**



**Causey**



**Gasque**



**Martel**



**Scott**



**Boone**

Technology, and Medical Lab Technician Programs (10 Years)

- Jeff Scott, Assistant Chair/Professor of Criminal Justice (10 Years)
- Dr. Becky Boone, Assistant Vice President of Institutional Support (20 Years)
- Brian Tesseneer, Professor of Computer Technology (20 Years)
- Christopher Wheeler, Professor of English (20 Years)

"I am very proud of the commitment our faculty and staff have made to the College, not only in their tenure, but also in their love and dedication for our students and community. We are truly blessed with the best employees who

are well regarded and highly skilled in their fields, and I believe they're second to none," said Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore, HGTC President.

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**Tesseneer**



**Wheeler**

**BANKING**

**Bank of America names Kelly Tyler president of Bank of American Myrtle Beach**



**Tyler**

Bank of America announced that Kelly Tyler, preferred lending market leader for the South Carolina coast, has been named president of Bank of America Myrtle Beach.

Tyler succeeds Robin Agnew, who held the position for 13 years and has shared that she will retire next month after 34 years with the company.

As president of Bank of America Myrtle Beach, Tyler will be responsible for connecting clients, teammates, and communities to the full power of the franchise, driving integration across the bank's eight lines of business. She will also lead the effort to deploy Bank of America's resources to help advance economic mobility and build strong communities.

"Over her 16-year career at Bank of America, Kelly has established deep relationships

**ON THE MOVE, 4**



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All 14 HGTC surgical students had a 100% pass rate. Shone above are Erin Ivey, HGTC assistant chair of surgical technology; Lauryn Head, Audra Phillips, Callie Metts, Bethany Hart, Nayana Pires, Veronica Dilorio Marsden, Kaswana Haynes, Christy Johnson, Emily Coker, Julie Keener, Bryana Carrera, Chris Carpio, Olivia Borowicz, Kari Morris and Courtney Kriesle, HGTC surgical technology clinical coordinator.

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