COLLEGE of CHARLESTON
PRESIDENT’S REPORT
- 2018 -
CLASS READS

President Oz is a voracious reader. Below is a list of favorite books from his personal library. Some of these works he was introduced to as a student at the College; others are books that captivated his imagination later in life. All of them are great reads.

FAVORITE AUTHOR

Pat Conroy

FICTION

All the King’s Men (Robert Penn Warren)
Beach Music (Pat Conroy)
Cold Mountain (Charles Frazier)
Strangers and Brothers (C.P. Snow)
Prince of Tides (Pat Conroy)
The Grapes of Wrath (John Steinbeck)
The Catcher in the Rye (J.D. Salinger)
Look Homeward, Angel (Thomas Wolfe)
For Whom the Bell Tolls (Ernest Hemingway)
Pedigree (Georges Simenon)

NONFICTION

A Team of Rivals (Doris Kearns Goodwin)
The Best and the Brightest (David Halberstam)
Huey Long (T. Harry Williams)
Truman (David McCullough)
The Soul of America (Jon Meacham)
All Over but the Shoutin’ (Rick Bragg)
Franklin Roosevelt (Robert Dallek)
The Last Lion: Winston Spencer Churchill (William Manchester)
Every Book Its Reader (Nicholas Basbanes)

PRESENTING THE
2018 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dear Campus Community:

I am pleased to share with you the 2018 President’s Report, which offers a glimpse at our progress as a liberal arts and sciences university as well as some of the many outstanding accomplishments by CofC students, faculty, staff, alumni and donors.

This past year has been one of change and sustained momentum for the College of Charleston. From former President Glenn F. McConnell ’69 retiring to me being named interim president to the College hiring Andrew T. Hsu as its 23rd president, much took place in 2018.

As I look back at the path we have traveled, I am incredibly proud of what was achieved at the College in 2018. We enriched our liberal arts and sciences core while strengthening our professional and pre-professional programs. Our student experience continued to cultivate confidence and curiosity in our students while preparing them with the leadership skills they’ll need to solve 21st-century problems. Our student-athletes shined inside and outside the classroom and competed strongly in the Colonial Athletic Association and nationally. And we continued to increase engagement and support from our alumni, donors and friends in a record-setting fundraising year.

Thank you to all of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, donors and friends who continue to help us be a world-class university. Our success this past year is evidence that the College of Charleston is on the rise and remains a very relevant university in South Carolina and the higher-education landscape.

With warm regards,

Stephen C. Osborne ’73
Interim President
The College opened the newly renovated Rita Liddy Hollings Science Center in the heart of campus. The Hollings Science Center will transform STEM education at the College for decades to come.

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES, CULTURES, AND WORLD AFFAIRS (LCWA)

Timothy S. Johnson was named dean of LCWA in October 2018. James D. Melville Jr., retired U.S. ambassador to Estonia, joined LCWA as associate dean for international and community outreach and as a faculty member in the school’s international studies program.

FACULTY SENATE

The Faculty Senate approved proposals for academic program revisions, including a new concentration in legal studies for the Bachelor of Professional Studies degree, a new 4+1 program for students who wish to earn both the bachelor’s degree in urban studies and the Master of Public Administration degree, and the first major revision in many years of the Honors curriculum.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

• The CofC School of Business MBA program placed first in the country for job placement, according to U.S. News & World Report.
• For the last 17 consecutive semesters, College of Charleston student-athletes have earned a 3.0 GPA or better.
• Beth Sundstrom, associate professor in the Department of Communication and in the public health program, received a Fulbright Scholarship for her research project, Horror and Hope: Reproductive Justice Activism in Ireland, Past and Present.

FACULTY REPRESENTATION

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60 new faculty members hired, representing a broad array of research and teaching specialties.

ACADEMICS

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Bachelor of General Studies Undergraduate Program

Students who opt for this program choose two minors (out of 70), which may or may not be related, instead of focusing on one specific major. Select minors enable students to earn the degree completely online.

Master of Education in Languages Program Emphasis are on Spanish and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). This program can be completed entirely online.

Master of Data Science and Analytics Program

The first master’s degree of its kind in South Carolina, it is designed for students from diverse academic backgrounds — ranging from traditional liberal arts to STEM disciplines. The first cohort will begin in summer 2019.

Computing in the Arts Program Game Development and Interaction Concentration

Writing, Rhetoric, and Publication Minor

Designed for students who want to tailor their writing skills to the digital age, the program has courses like Writing for the Web, Technical Writing, Usability and Document Design (focused on user-centered approaches to information design).

Undergraduate Mathematics Track

It has fewer hours and more flexibility for students in physics, computer science or chemistry.
The CofC Greek Life community, which represents 18% of the student body, put in 10,052 hours of service and raised $64,510.56 for charity.

MULTICULTURAL GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

Each spring, the College celebrates its diverse students at a variety of multicultural graduation events:

- Lavender Celebration, honoring the accomplishments of our LGBTQ+ graduates
- Hispanic Latino Graduation Ceremony
- Asian-Pacific Islander Unity Celebration
- Nia Rite of Passage ceremony, celebrating accomplishments of the College’s African American graduates and those who supported them and helped them to achieve

STUDENT FOOD AND HOUSING INSECURITY EFFORTS

On September 5, 2018, CofC students celebrated the opening of the Cougar Pantry on the second floor of the Stern Student Center. The pantry provides dry goods and hygiene products at no charge to any CofC student in need.

EXPANSION OF THE COLLEGIATE RECOVERY PROGRAM AND NEW SPACE

In May 2018, the Collegiate Recovery Program saw its first five graduates cross the Cistern with a College of Charleston degree. The program moved into a new space over the summer on the first floor of the Education Center; use of this new space by the 15 active members of the program has tripled this semester.

Evan Bailey ‘18 and Madeline Leiben ‘18 received the Bishop Robert Smith Award - the highest, most selective honor for undergraduate students at the College.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

S.A.L.A. AWARDS

Each spring, the Student Activism and Leadership Achievement (S.A.L.A.) Awards ceremony recognizes outstanding CofC students.

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Bria Dantzler ‘18 and Allison Camp ‘18 received the Ted Stern Cup, which honors a senior who, by character and influence, has best exemplified the ideals and qualities of President Theodore S. Stern (1968-78), both in the College and the community.

Erie Day ‘18 received the Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award for being the graduating senior who made the most unselfish contribution to CofC’s student body.

ALTHERNATIVE BREAK PROGRAMS

CofC students spend their academic breaks addressing critical issues such as affordable housing and sustainability. A perfect example is photographed here – students flash the Bonner Program “b-love” sign while on an alternative break in Vinales, Cuba, where they visited Finca Agroecologica el Paraiso, an organic farm-to-table business where the students learned about sustainable farming practices. In 2008, two students brought the Bonner Leader Program to the College of Charleston as a way to increase student service and civic engagement. After 10 years on campus, 75 CofC students have participated in the program and volunteered more than 80,000 hours.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Received an at-large bid to the NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship for the first time in the program and Colonial Athletic Association history — the program’s ninth all-time NCAA Tournament appearance.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

• In just 65 career games played, sophomore Grant Riller, men’s basketball guard, became the fastest player in school history to reach 1,000 career points.

• The Cougars won the 2018 CAA regular-season and tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1999.

• CofC was one of only seven NCAA Division I schools to go unbeaten at home during the 2017–18 season.

BASEBALL

• Seven players received all-conference nods, headlined by junior Dupree Hart, who was selected as CAA Defensive Player of the Year and to the All-CAA First Team.

MEN'S GOLF

Sophomore Michael Sass was CAA Men's Golfer of the Year and CAA Men's Golf Individual Medalist. He qualified for NCAA Regionals as an individual.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Under head coach Jamie Futrell, CofC made its seventh all-time NCAA Regional appearance and won the CAA title for the fourth time in program history.

SAILING HIGHLIGHTS

• The CofC sailing team was awarded the Leonard M. Fowle Trophy in back-to-back seasons for the first time in program history.

• CofC captured its second consecutive LaserPerformance Team Race National Championship and third in program history.

ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

• CofC teams broke multiple records and achieved numerous milestones in 2018.

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• A trio of CofC baseball players, including Evan Sisk and senior centerfielder Luke Morgan, signed pro contracts. Sisk and Morgan were selected in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the St. Louis Cardinals (16th Round) and Colorado Rockies (20th Round), respectively.

Carter Love inked a professional contract with the Chicago White Sox.

2016 Rio Olympian Stefano Peschiera ’18 (far right) closed out his storied career as the College Sailor of the Year and recipient of the national Everett B. Morris Trophy. He is only the fifth CofC sailor to earn such distinction.
The Alumni Association Board of Directors voted to rename the association’s two athletics scholarships the Otto B. German ’73 Endowed Alumni Scholarships in Athletics.

Bob Dukes, professor emeritus for the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the School of Sciences and Mathematics, and his wife, Anne, established the Bob Dukes Endowed Scholarship in Astrophysics.

Mary Ellen Long Way and Joyce Long Darby donated the funds to restore the historic murals in the Sottile Theatre.

Recipient of the Reba Kinne Huge Music Scholarship, the Marion and Wayland H. Cato, Jr. Endowed Scholarship for the School of the Arts and the Lee Harwood Scholarship in Music, Tianyu Liu is one of 16 violinists invited to compete at the Michael Hill International Violin Competition in June 2019.

The College experienced another outstanding year securing philanthropy for top College priorities, engaging the College’s 89,000 alumni, stewarding nearly 1,200 funds and inspiring and celebrating more than 6,500 donors.
As you can see, it’s been a phenomenal and historic year at the College of Charleston.

From excellence in education and student achievement to prominence in athletics competition and worldwide engagement, we Cougars have much to be proud of and to celebrate. Our 2019 and beyond promises to be just as exciting and triumphant! The best is yet to come!