Greetings Parents & Families,

Last week, we welcomed your students to campus for the fall semester. Through our partnership with Trident Technical College (TTC), we are committed to providing a strong foundation for your student. To facilitate success, students have access to College of Charleston resources such as academic advising, tutoring services, a student success seminar, workshops, and a Charleston Bridge peer mentor to help guide them through the fall semester.

We hope your student has taken the time to read their course syllabi carefully to prepare for the semester ahead and what will be expected of them academically. The best way for students to keep track of their lessons is to write down their assignments and due dates for the entire semester in advance. We encourage them to reach out to the resources above if they find themselves needed additional support, academic or otherwise. The Charleston Bridge staff is always there to assist students when they ask for help.

This newsletter will remind you of the Charleston Bridge program requirements and inform you of some Fall 2021 resources. I encourage you and your student to talk about their academic experience and life on the College of Charleston campus. Encourage your students to get involved on campus, utilize campus resources, get to know campus administrators, and establish relationships with their TTC faculty members. Your student will find making these connections across campus will help them feel more like a member of the College's community and will help them succeed in their TTC courses.

Best wishes,

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**Important Reminders**

- Students need to follow the Fall 2021 Charleston Bridge Academic Calendar. This calendar is different from that of CofC and TTC’s academic calendars. If they look at any other calendar but the one linked here, they might end up missing out on important information.
- You’ll note from the "Important Dates" section at the top of the newsletter, the last day for students to withdraw from a course is December 6. If your student needs to withdraw from a course, they can find instructions on how to do so here.
- Your students should be checking both their CofC and TTC emails. Trident communicates with their students to the TTC-specific email and CofC communicates to the CofC-specific email.
Charleston Bridge Staff: Assistant Director

Lilly Frederick is the Assistant Director of Bridge Programs. She splits her time assisting with Charleston Bridge and iCharleston, an international bridge program. She is a College of Charleston graduate and worked as a student within the Office of New Student Programs as both an Orientation Intern and at the front desk. Should your student need assistance this semester, they can contact her at frederickls@cofc.edu or by phone at 843.953.2017. She also monitors the Charleston Bridge email account so any contact made that way will be answered by either her or Mindy Miley. The Charleston Bridge staff is here to make the transition from high school to college as smooth as possible for your student.

Charleston Bridge Student Success Seminar Staff

Instructor: Stephanie Auwaerter has worked as the Director of Orientation at the College of Charleston since 2004. This is her fourth year facilitating the Charleston Bridge Student Success Seminar. She has her Master's in Higher Education Administration from the University of South Carolina.

Peer Mentor: William (Will) Roebuck is a junior triple majoring in German, Foreign Language Education, and Sociology. This is his second year working as a Bridge Mentor.
Instructor: Carly Pruitt is the Assistant Director of Orientation. This is her third year facilitating the Charleston Bridge Student Success Seminar. She has her Master’s of Education in Student Affairs from the University of South Carolina.

Peer Mentor: Hannah Finley is a senior majoring in Secondary Education and English. This is her first year working as a Bridge Mentor.

Instructor: Bruce Fleming serves as the Director of First-Year International and Experiential Programs. This is his first year facilitating the Charleston Bridge Student Success Seminar. He received his Doctorate in Education from Washington State University in 2001 and began at the College of Charleston in 2002.

Peer Mentor: Guinevere (Guin) Hartman is a senior majoring in History and Secondary Education. This is her first year working as a Bridge Mentor.
Instructor: Dustin Roberts currently serves as the Assistant Director of the First-Year Experience and this will be his first year facilitating the Charleston Bridge Success Seminar. A South Carolina native, Dustin received his bachelor’s degree from Clemson University and a Master of Education from the University of South Carolina.

Peer Mentor: Zelda Proveaux is a senior majoring in Communication with a minor in Studio Art. This is her first year working as a Bridge Mentor.

Instructor: Richa Pokhrel is the Data Coordinator for the Center for Student Learning (CSL). This is her third year facilitating the Charleston Bridge Student Success Seminar. She has her Master’s in International Development from the University of Pittsburgh.

Peer Mentor: Jenna Nesmith is a senior majoring in English with a minor in Computer Science! This is their second year working as a Bridge Mentor.
Charleston Bridge Program Requirements

At the end of the fall semester, Charleston Bridge students who meet the following four requirements will be considered for spring admission to the College of Charleston:

- **Earn a minimum of 12 transferable credit hours during the fall semester.** Only hours completed during the fall semester are used to complete this requirement. Dual enrollment credit is not counted in the 12 hour total. Students take courses designated by Trident Technical College (TTC). A course from Trident Technical College is eligible for transfer credit when the course is graded at least a "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale). D or F grades are not be counted as earned hours.

- **Earn at least a 2.6 cumulative grade point average (GPA).** GPAs are determined by the accumulation of course credits, final grades, and semester hours spent in the class. A 2.6 on a 4.0 scale is approximately a letter grade of B.

- **Complete the Charleston Bridge Student Success Seminar (CBSSS).** There are 7 success seminars held during the fall semester on Mondays from 5:30 pm-6:20 pm. Attendance at all seminars is required. Students must earn a minimum of 70% of the seminar points (10 of 14 available points) to meet the seminar completion requirement. Points are earned by seminar attendance and completing assignments. The seminar does not count toward semester credit hours or the cumulative GPA.

- **Use the College of Charleston's Center for Student Learning (CSL) at least 2 times during the fall semester.** One use should be completed before midterm grades post and the second visit completed no later than the Thanksgiving break. Students may satisfy this requirement by attending a CSL study skills workshop (registration required), meeting with a CSL staff member, working with a tutor, or using the Center's lab services. To record service use, sign in at the CSL or record their attendance on the workshop attendance sheet. The CSL is located on the first floor of the Addlestone Library.

Charleston Bridge Student Success Seminar

Although classes began on August 24, the Charleston Bridge Student Success Seminar (CBSSS) starts today, **August 30.** The seminar will be taught in person which means students are expected to be in the correct room by the start of the class at 5:30 pm EST. Attendance will be taken. Students received information as well as heard from their seminar instructor and mentor prior to the start of class.

Access Student Courses on the TTC Student Portal

To access student classes on the my.tridenttech.edu portal, follow these instructions:

1. Sign in to [my.tridenttech.edu portal](https://my.tridenttech.edu).
2. On the right-hand side of the screen, there is an Access My Courses (D2L) module. Click the top link, which will open up the D2L homepage.
3. On the top navigation there is an icon has 9 squares. When a student clicks on that icon, their classes will appear.

If a student needs help logging in to the portal, they can submit an online help request or call 843-574-6999. Login Support is available Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

If a student needs help with D2L, they may call 843-574-6999 option #2 or fill out a D2L Help Request.
**How to Help Your Student Read Their Schedule**

TTC has provided instructions to your student on how they can access and how to interpret their student schedules.

Here are the instructions for your convenience to help your student if they come to you with questions on how to access their schedule:

**TTC Express > TTC EXPRESS FOR CREDIT STUDENTS > Academic Profile > My class schedule >**

Click the drop-down arrow for **Term** and choose **Fall 2021 Semester** (this will be located to the right of the menu list) > click **SUBMIT**. (There may be instructions for the students to put in the information for the EAS [Emergency Alert System], if they have not already before they can advance to see their schedule.)

Below is an example schedule. Under “Meeting Information,” your student can find their class information, including duration of the course, the course title, meeting time, and location. For example, the course HIS-105-X02 meets in person on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:25 am-10:40 am in Maybank 317.

![Example Schedule](image-url)
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Social Media

Please follow our various social media accounts for updates and events throughout the semester.

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@CofCChasBridge
@cofccharlestonbridge