Classics Day

Saturday, November 4, 2017
Registration & Meal

The registration cost for CofC Classics Day 2017 is $1 per student, and sponsors / teachers and chaperones are free. Registration at the event will be in the Stern Center Ballroom (4th floor).

Stern Center

Lunch will not be provided, but participants have two options. (1) You may bring your own lunch, and we will provide a space in which to eat. (2) You may take the advantage of the lunch hour to walk two blocks to King St., one of the best restaurant strips in the nation, and have a downtown Charleston meal experience. We will provide a list of potential quick-stop places. Lunches in this area generally range $10-20, though there are places where you can eat cheaper (e.g. the numerous a pizza places).

Schedule

**Registration:** 8:30–9:30AM  
**General Assembly:** 9:30–10:00AM  
**First Workshop Session:** 10:15–11:00AM  
**Second Workshop Session:** 11:15AM–12:00PM  
**Lunch:** 12:00–1:15PM  
**Castraromana Demonstration:** 1:00–2:00PM  
**Third Workshop Session:** 2:15–3:00PM  
**Campus / Library Tours:** 3:15–3:45PM  
**Dismissal:** 4:00–4:15PM
Classics at the College of Charleston

Since the founding of the College in 1770, Classics has been a core component of the undergraduate curriculum. Today, the Classics Department at the College of Charleston is a vibrant center for the study of the Greco-Roman past and its influence upon the present. With eight full-time faculty and annual enrollments in Greek, Latin, and classical civilization courses of over 1,000, CofC is among the largest undergraduate classics programs in the nation.

Founded in 1770, the College of Charleston is the oldest educational institution south of Virginia, and the 13th oldest in the United States.

Several of the College's founders played key roles in the American Revolution and in the creation of the new republic. Three were signers of the Declaration of Independence and another three were framers of the U.S. Constitution. Other founders were or became federal and state lawmakers and judges, state governors, diplomats and Charleston councilmen and mayors.

In 1837, the College became the nation's first municipal college when the City of Charleston assumed responsibility for its support. The city provided funds, for example, in 1850 to enlarge the main academic building, to construct Porters Lodge and to fence in the Cistern yard, the block that is still the core of the campus. It remained a municipal college until the 1950s, when the College again became a private institution.

Under Harrison Randolph (president, 1897-1945), women were admitted to the College and the enrollment increased from just 68 students in 1905 to more than 400 in 1935. For many institutions of higher education across the South, integration took place in the late 1960s. For the College, the first black students enrolled in 1967.

The enrollment remained at about 500 students until the College became a state institution in 1970. By 1979, at the end of Theodore Stern’s tenure as president, the number of students increased to about 5,000.

Today, the College is led by Glenn McConnell ’69 (2014–present), the third alumnus in the College’s 244-year history to hold the office. The College currently offers 60 different majors and 77 different minors to an undergraduate population of slightly over 10,000.