



The Spiral

Newsletter of the Center for Lifelong Learning, University of South Carolina Aiken

APRIL, 2025

President's Message

Dear Fellow Students,

As we begin to prepare our course offerings for the upcoming Fall semester, I would like to thank you for your past and continued interest in our vibrant and growing program.

As we review the current semester, we note that our most popular classes in general studies have centered around Aiken history, travel, and history in general. In technical studies our most popular courses have been in artificial intelligence, TV streaming, and fighting computer scams. Many of these classes were filled to over 90% capacity, and some moved to larger classrooms to accommodate a higher number of attendees.

In creating our course offerings, we continue to consider your suggestions and recommendations.

The annual Kaufmann Award Lunch is only two weeks away and we hope for a large turnout for this annual event that recognizes and honors outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the ongoing success of the Center for Lifelong Learning. Be sure to mark April 15th on your calendar.

As we approach the end of our academic year, I will update you on timeframes associated with our catalog release and open house schedule for the new semester.

As always, I look forward to seeing old and new students alike on-campus during the current and in the new Fall Semester.

Sincerely,

David Tavernier, Advisory Board President
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Kauffman Remembrance Luncheon

On April 15, the Center for Lifelong Learning will hold its annual luncheon to honor the memory of Dr. Earl F. Kauffman, the primary founder in 1989 of the Center's predecessor organization, the Academy for Lifelong

Learning.

Each year at this luncheon the Kauffman Award is presented to an individual or group that has made significant contributions to the Center and its operation.



Dr. Kauffman

Invitations were sent to all registered members of the Center in late March. There is no charge for this luncheon, but for planning purposes you must respond to the invitation to reserve your place. Email Taryn.Wallace@usca.edu with your choice of chicken or salmon salad.

The Kauffman Luncheon is funded in part from an endowment created in memory of Dr. Kauffman by his son, the late USC Aiken Professor James Kauffman and family.

Catalog Updates

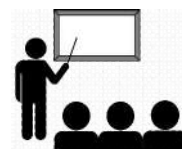
Changes to the printed catalog affecting upcoming classes have been announced since the last issue of *The Spiral*. Please enter these changes and corrections in your copy of the catalog. A cumulative list of errors and updates is maintained on the CLL website's [All The News Page](#).

Page 31 - 76. *Impacts of the American Civil War* has been withdrawn at the instructor's request.

Courses and Events Beginning this APRIL

As our semester nears its end, there are still some classes beginning this month.

Many of our classes fill quickly. Before attending please pre-register to assure there is a place for you.



Click each item name to access its full description from the CLL website listings (aikenlearning.org/courses.html).

COURSE / EVENT NAME	BEGINS
68. Life in Medieval Europe	04/01
80. 1775 & The Shot Heard Round the World	04/11
69. Creating a Butterfly Haven	04/02
70. Mysteries Behind the Writing of Dracula	04/03
71. Seizing Power	04/03
72. Chess Mate: For Beginners	04/04

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73. Inside The Suitcase	04/07
74. Recipes of the Great Depression	04/08
75. Genealogy	04/08
77. Meditation with Falun Dafa	04/09
78. Savannah River Ecology Lab (SREL)	04/09
86. Thompson Family Cemetery	04/09
79. Panama Canal Cruise	04/10
81. Is It Just Heartburn?	04/22
82. Beethoven's Ninth	04/24
83. History of Eurovision	04/29

Full course descriptions can also be found:

- in the downloadable catalog (aikenlearning.org/catalog.html)
- in the printed catalog

Register online at aikenlearning.org/online.html or bring the form from the catalog along with any required payment to the USC Aiken External Programs office, Business and Education

Building, Room 103. **Registrations can no longer be taken via mail or phone** due to more stringent requirements for credit card processing.

For questions, contact USC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

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CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR – APRIL 2025				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Life in Medieval Europe 11:00-12:00 [B 144]	2 Butterfly Haven 11:00-12:00 [B 144] Great Decisions 1:00-3:00 [B 144]	3 Edgefield Pottery History 11:00-12:00 [B 114] Writing of Dracula 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Seizing Power 2:00-3:00 [B 144]	4 Historic Hotels of Aiken 9:30-10:30 [B 114] Chess Mate 12:30-1:45 [B 144]
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