



# The Spiral

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

SEPTEMBER, 2025

## President's Message

Welcome back to the USCA CLL's 2025 fall semester. Hopefully, most of our students had the opportunity to escape Aiken's summer heat and humidity with vacations to a cooler climate.

At last semester's Kauffman Award luncheon Ms. Harriet Haynes was introduced as the 2025/2026 Advisory Board President. Since the luncheon Harriet has had to resign as President and from the Board for personal concerns. She has contributed mightily to CLL over many years, and we sincerely hope she will be able to return soon. In the meanwhile, we will miss her more than can be imagined.

*Harriet, may you have all the  
happiness that life can hold.*

*And at the end of all your rainbows  
may you find a pot of gold"*

As Vice President, I have agreed to fill Harriet's spot as President for the 25/26 school term.

Our fall Open House and remote registration was hugely successful with over 400 students and still counting participating with CLL. We all owe our thanks to our registration coordinator Debbie Brooks, External Programs Staff, and the dedicated generous folks who give their time and energy to volunteer to create and make registration successful.

Once again, the CLL Curriculum Committee has put together an interesting program covering everything from soup to nuts that each and every one should enjoy.

USCA development plans call for the CLL

Tech trailer to be demolished to make room for further campus construction. Our Lab and technical computer courses have been relocated to the B&E Building, room 238F, which is on the second floor and is elevator accessible. We are learning how to best utilize this new facility and there likely will be lessons learned as the term progresses. Please be patient.

With our growing student population and increasing number of course offerings, we can always use more help. If you'd like to assist us to continue a successful program, please volunteer.

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## Fall Registration in Full Swing

The Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) is a program of the USC Aiken External Programs Department.

Registration for the CLL Fall 2025 semester opened on August 12. Over 300 people registered on opening day, 161 (53%) by visiting the Opening Day Open House on the USC Aiken campus, and another 144 (47%) online from home. As this is written, the number of Fall registrants has grown to exceed 425.

The first handful of short courses started up in mid-August, but more than eighty courses have not yet begun and there still is plenty of time to enroll and register for them. The current catalog can be obtained online at [aikenlearning.org/current\\_catalog.pdf](https://aikenlearning.org/current_catalog.pdf).

You may bring the registration form from the catalog along with any required payment to

the USC Aiken External Programs Office, Business and Education Building, Room 103, or you can register and enroll online at [aikenlearning.org/online.html](http://aikenlearning.org/online.html).

For questions and further information, contact USC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / [info@aikenlearning.org](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org)).

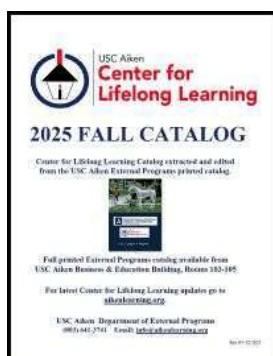
## Parking Permit Reminder

USC Aiken requires students to display a parking permit sticker on their windshields to park on campus. The free sticker is valid for the academic year and expires each August. Fill out the Parking Decal Form found in the CLL catalog and bring it with your **driver license** and **vehicle registration** to room 103 or 105 of the USCA Business and Education Building.

Be sure to park in the spaces marked by white lines. The yellow-lined spaces are reserved for USCA faculty and staff, and violators may be ticketed.

## Catalog Updates

Changes affecting upcoming classes have been announced since the printing of the External Programs catalog and the previous 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](#).



These courses have been withdrawn:

Page	Course
16	<i>Excel 101</i>
22	<i>Excel 102</i>

These courses have been reassigned to larger classrooms to accommodate more students. All take place at their original dates and times:

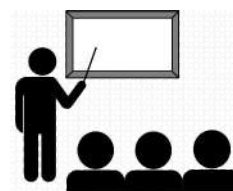
Page	Course	Room
16	<i>Information Literacy, Fake News</i>	B&E 122
21	<i>Gardening in Fall and Winter</i>	B&E 124
21	<i>Introduction to AI</i>	PEN 106
22	<i>Gullah Geechee Linguistics</i>	PEN 106
25	<i>Hadrian's Wall</i>	PEN 106
27	<i>Geology of South Carolina</i>	B&E 116
28	<i>S Carolina in the Revolutionary War</i>	B&E 122
32	<i>The Erie Canal</i>	PEN 106
32	<i>Vampires, Witches, Superstition</i>	PEN 106
35	<i>Virtual Tour of Aiken County</i>	PEN 106
36	<i>The Story of Aiken</i>	ETH CTR O'Connell Theater
36	<i>US-China Trade War</i>	PEN 106

Other course updates:

Page	Course
21	<i>Edgefield Pottery History</i> - Date change: Sep 23, 30, Oct 7, Nov 4

## Courses and Events 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](http://aikenlearning.org/courses.html)).

COURSE / EVENT NAME	START
<a href="#">Excelsior! Marvel Magic</a>	Sep 02
<a href="#">Cruising the Mediterranean</a>	Sep 02
<a href="#">Apple Watch</a>	Sep 02
<a href="#">Presidential Powers</a>	Sep 03
<a href="#">Practicing Mindfulness</a>	Sep 03
<a href="#">What is Digital?</a>	Sep 04
<a href="#">WWII American Homefront</a>	Sep 04
<a href="#">Relativity &amp; Einstein</a>	Sep 08
<a href="#">SC Suffragists</a>	Sep 08
<a href="#">TV Streaming</a>	Sep 08
<a href="#">Attracting Butterflies</a>	Sep 09

COURSE / EVENT NAME	START
<a href="#">Facebook Security</a>	Sep 09
<a href="#">Nuclear Fundamentals</a>	Sep 09
<a href="#">Home Security</a>	Sep 10
<a href="#">East India Co.</a>	Sep 10
<a href="#">Pine Lawn Cemetery</a>	Sep 11
<a href="#">Fall &amp; Winter Gardening</a>	Sep 12
<a href="#">Introduction to AI</a>	Sep 16
<a href="#">Gullah Geechee Linguistics</a>	Sep 17
<a href="#">iPhone 102</a>	Sep 18
<a href="#">Hidden World of Moths</a>	Sep 19
<a href="#">Computer Security</a>	Sep 22
<a href="#">Home Surveillance</a>	Sep 23
<a href="#">Edgefield Pottery</a>	Sep 23
<a href="#">Applied AI (Sect A)</a>	Sep 23
<a href="#">America Through Women's Eyes</a>	Sep 24
<a href="#">Hospice and Palliative Care</a>	Sep 25
<a href="#">Who's Afraid of Opera</a>	Sep 25
<a href="#">Intro to Bicycling Touring</a>	Sep 26
<a href="#">Book Banning &amp; Censorship</a>	Sep 29
<a href="#">Apple Help Lab (Sect A)</a>	Sep 29
<a href="#">Hadrian's Wall</a>	Sep 29
<a href="#">Advanced Funeral Planning</a>	Sep 30
<a href="#">Rilke's Life and Poems</a>	Sep 30
<a href="#">Applied AI (Sect B)</a>	Sep 30

Full course descriptions can also be found:

- in the downloadable catalog ([aikenlearning.org/catalog.html](http://aikenlearning.org/catalog.html))
- in the printed catalog

Register online at [aikenlearning.org/online.html](http://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.

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## Cumberland Village Promotes Lifelong Learning Membership

Cumberland Village retirement center is promoting the Center for Lifelong Learning and senior education with its new "Cumberland University" program. A recent article in the *Aiken Standard* reported:

"Cumberland University" [is] being promoted by the retirement home as a way to recognize its residents [that take Center for Lifelong Learning] classes. Cumberland residents completing their sixth class will receive a Cumberland University diploma in a spring graduation ceremony.

Cumberland brought a full shuttle bus of interested residents to the CLL Registration Open House so they could enroll in the CLL the Fall Semester.

The complete August 14 *Aiken Standard* article may be found [here](#)


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CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2025				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>2</b> Excelsior! Marvel Magic 9:30-10:30 [B 144] Graniteville Company 11:00-12:00 [B 144] Cruising the Mediterranean 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Apple Watch 1:30-3:30 [B 238F]	<b>3</b> Presidential Powers 9:30-10:30 [B 144] Practicing Mindfulness 12:30-1:30 [B 144]	<b>4</b> What is Digital? 9:30-10:30 [B 144] WWII American Homefront 11:00-12:00 [B 144] iPhone 101 1:30-3:30 [B 144]	<b>5</b>
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