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AROUND TOWN

USC Upstate's Erin Hill named to Big South All-Academic Team

Charlotte, N.C. – The Big South Conference office recently announced the members of the Softball All-Academic Team, and USC Upstate senior pitcher Erin Hill (Maryville, Tenn.) earned a spot on the 2020 squad.

Hill, a business administration major accumulated a 3.64 Grade Point Average (GPA) over the past four years. A four-year starter for the Spartans pitching staff, Hill was a member of the Spartans ASUN Championship Team her freshman season. The Volunteer State native holds a 30-17 career record at USC Upstate and has a lifetime 2.18 earned run average (ERA). Hill's 73 appearances are the ninth most in school history and her 44 strikeouts looking are tied for the eighth most in program history. This past season she recorded a career best 11-strikeout performance against Bucknell.

Hill was a three-time NFCA All-America Scholar Athlete and this is her first Big South All-Academic Team honor in her career.

Chapman Cultural Center creates 'Made in SpARTanburg' Facebook group

Are you a Facebook user and an art lover? Check out the new Made in SpARTanburg group!

Are you looking for a gift, a treat for yourself, or want to commission something for a special event? You've come to the right place. All the artists, writers, musicians, designers, dancers, and other creatives posting in the group live and/or work in Spartanburg County. Scroll through, share, purchase a handmade piece, download a song, watch a film. And come back soon...more and more art is added every day!

The goal is to provide the public with great art and cultural experiences, and to provide a platform to help local artists make a living.

CCC wants artists and creatives to be successful, sell their work, and grow their creative businesses, especially during these difficult times. This Facebook group is meant to lift up, celebrate, explore, and sell original art of all mediums.

Search 'Made in SpARTanburg' in Facebook groups to find this group!

Wellford student named to Columbia College Spring Semester dean's list

Columbia - The following students from this area were recently named to the Columbia College dean's list for the Spring Semester (January -April, 2020):

Ellie Gowin from Wellford

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 semester hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

S.C. State Fair names 2020 scholarship recipients

Columbia – The South Carolina State Fair has named its Ride of Your Life Scholarship recipients for 2020.

The fair annually awards 50 scholarships to South Carolina high school students planning to pursue their studies at any public or private college, university, or technical college in the state. The \$6,000 scholarships are awarded at an annual rate of \$1,500 and are based on academic and extracurricular achievement, communication skills, need, and completeness of the application.

The recipients from Spartanburg County include Jacob Kimbrell (Chesnee High School), Samuel Latimer (James F. Byrnes High School), Enajah McCluney (Chapman High School), Jacob Mossbrook (Woodruff High School), Julia Richardson (Dorman High School), Hannah Wildman (SC Virtual Charter High School).

Recipients must retain a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and enroll in no less than 30 credit hours each academic year to receive funding for that year.

The fair has awarded nearly \$4 million in scholarships since beginning the Ride of Your Life Scholarship program in 1997.

SCDSS receives grant to benefit SC children

SCDSS received promising news recently, as an \$11 million Preschool Development Grant has been renewed by the USDHHS/Administration for Children and Families/Office of Child Care to continue work with Early Childhood partners to serve South Carolina's youngest citizens. The Preschool Development Birth through 5 Renewal Grant (PDG B-5) is made possible through funds Congress added to the final fiscal year 2020 spending bill. Initial PDG funds in 2018, were used to develop a statewide early childhood needs assessment, strategic plan and a web portal to help parents of young children access early learning programs.

Local educator Ella Mae Colbert turns 104!

Ella Mae Colbert has dedicated her life to the young people of the Chesnee, and the community recently showed her just how much she is loved with a special parade in honor of her 104th birthday!

Mrs. Colbert taught elementary school in Chesnee from 1942-1978. Even after her retirement, she is a frequent visitor to the community's schools and mentors students in a number of ways.

As a way to celebrate Mrs. Colbert and maintain social distancing, a surprise parade was recently held around her home on May 9th. Mrs. Colbert's actual birthday was May 11.



Local educator Ella Mae Colbert recently turned 104. Happy birthday Mrs. Colbert!

Spartanburg Community College announces finalists in search for sixth president

As Spartanburg Community College approaches a sixth decade of providing affordable educational access and unwavering leadership in economic development to the residents of Spartanburg, Union and Cherokee counties, the College has narrowed a search for the sixth president since its founding more than 57 years ago.

"After a nationwide presidential search, three candidates have been selected as finalist for the presidency of Spartanburg Community College," explains Kandy Peacock, vice president and chief human resources officer with the South Carolina Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, the agency coordinating the search. "Thanks to the dedicated service of a search committee, three finalist selected from 124 applicants have been presented to the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education for consideration."

Peacock adds that search committee members include Mr. Sonny Anderson, chairman of the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education; Mr. E. Grantland Burns, member and 4th congressional representative, State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education; and Dr. Mary Thornley, president, Trident Technical College.

The final presidential candidates include Dr. Lisa J. Copprue of Lancaster, Texas; Dr. Cheryl Cox of Spartanburg, SC; and Dr. Michael Mikota of Sumter, SC.

"We are excited about the opportunity to name a new president who will lead SCC," explains Mr. Anderson, chair of the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Educa-

tion." "I am appreciative to the search committee members for their tireless efforts to narrow our search for the next SCC leader, and I am confident that our transition to the next president will be seamless. We have strong leadership in place as well as dedicated faculty and staff, all who continue to focus on the College's mission to 'change the lives and build the futures of our students while acting as a catalyst for economic development through innovation, collaboration and excellence in educational programs and services.' Thanks to the leadership of Pres. Henry Giles, the College is poised for a successful future."

Information on each candidate is listed below:

Dr. Lisa Copprue has spent the last 32 years of her career advancing the mission of colleges and universities. Of this, 17 years have been in service to community college students. Approaching her work as a servant leader and committed to social justice, equity and civic engagement, she believes in access, excellent and affordable education and placement of individuals in careers that will vastly improve their lives and that of their families.

As a staunch believer in the value of community college education both she, her husband Stephen and at their recommendation, their four children all began their educational journeys at community colleges.

Dr. Cheryl A. Cox, senior vice president of academic affairs at Spartanburg Community College, and has had over 23 years of experience in the South Carolina Technical College System with over 13 years of experience at the vice president or senior vice president level. Dr. Cox is responsible for

leading SCC's educational programs and services and ensuring the quality of academic curriculum, instruction, and student assessment while enhancing the overall learning environment. She is also responsible for enrollment management, student retention, and the strategic planning and institutional effectiveness functions of the college. Her priorities include providing student access to high quality programs and instruction, removing barriers to student success and aligning programs to meet the needs of both students and businesses. She firmly believes that education creates a foundation of a better life for individuals, and ultimately a better quality of life for a community.

Dr. Cox earned a Bachelor's Degree in chemistry and geology from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky and a Master's Degree and a doctorate in geology from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

Dr. Michael Mikota became Central Carolina Technical College's eighth president on July 17, 2017. Since his arrival, President Mikota has greatly enhanced the value of the college to current students, future students, and approximately 20,000 alumni who predominately live and work in the midlands of South Carolina with specific concentrations in Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter counties. Central Carolina Technical College has been an engine for growth and development for this region that has provided an economic impact of over \$1 billion during the past decade.

Dr. Mikota resides in Sumter, SC with his wife Camila, two daughters Cecilia and Penelope, and son Henry.

Bad times and depression

From the American Counseling Association

Even in the best of times, depression is a major mental health issue. Recent statistics find more than 17 million Americans are affected by major depressive disorders in any given year. And in today's period of pandemics, social distancing and wide-spread uncertainty about financial and health issues, it's not surprising that depression is a growing problem.

Major depressive disorder is, however, more than simply feelings of sadness or grief. We all have times when things aren't going quite right and the results leave us unhappy. Our sadness might be triggered by anything from problems at work to the grief brought on by the loss of someone dear to you.

The difference between that type of unhappiness and major depression is both the severity of what is being experienced and the fact that is long lasting. Simple sadness over life circumstances normally fades within a couple of weeks, but major depression is deeper and much longer lasting. Major depression doesn't just have you feeling blue but it's a mental health illness that can directly affect your life in a number of negative ways.

Major depressive disorder can be recognized through the wide range of symptoms that often come with it. In addition to feeling sad and being in a depressed mood, major depression will often affect sleep patterns, making sleeping difficult or having someone sleep too much. Some people have little energy and feel fatigued most of the time. They may have no appetite or are eating too much. Depression can make it difficult to think clearly, to concentrate and to make decisions. In the most severe cases there may be frequent thoughts of death or suicide, or even suicide attempts.

Clinical depression can also cause or aggravate serious health issues. It has been linked to heart issues, the worsening of chronic health conditions, experiencing headaches and other unexplained aches and pains. But the good news is that depression is a treatable illness.

Depression will not just heal itself, but today there are a variety of therapies and medications which can provide real help. If you, or someone close to you, is facing severe depression, call your family physician or a professional counselor. If there has been talk of suicide, or a suicide attempt, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Major depressive disorder is a serious but treatable health problem. Not dealing with the issue should never be an option.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org

Around the Upstate

Spartan Spotlight: Francis Gyau - from midfield to frontlines

Editor's Note: This is the first installment in a four-part feature series as USC Upstate Athletics, in partnership with the USC Upstate Mary Black School of Nursing, recognizes former student-athletes in the nursing profession in conjunction with International Nurses Day, which was May 12.

After transferring to USC Upstate from Cincinnati State Community College to play men's soccer, Francis Gyau completed his bachelor's degree in psychology in 2016. However, he had always been interested in a nursing career from a young age. Originally from Ghana, Gyau says he had family members in healthcare whose stories made him curious about the nursing profession.

"Any time the nurses would come home, they would tell me all about their day, things they encountered, cases they came across. It was all very interesting to me so I started to do research on it," said Gyau. "I got to Upstate and realized they have a really good nursing program, so after I got my bachelor's degree, I went back for nursing school."

"He was a very quiet, well-mannered, hard worker that was motivated to learn all he could to become a great nurse," said senior nursing instructor Monique Jones, DNP, MSN, RN.

After completing nursing school in 2018, Gyau returned to Ohio where he has since been working on the orthopedic and neurovascular floors at Mercy Health in Fairfield, a suburb of Cincinnati. However, since the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic in March, things have changed. Mercy Health altered all hospital protocols once it started receiving COVID-19 patients and began training its personnel to handle all the coronavirus cases they would encounter. "For the last month or two I've been rotating through the COVID-19 floors and my normal floor. We stopped all surgeries except emergencies, so occasionally we will do surgeries, but the majority of it is COVID-19 and strictly emergency procedures," said Gyau.

Though he never knows if he will be on his normal floor or the coronavirus floor until he arrives to work each night, Gyau says his mentality stays the



Francis Gyau has taken his talents from the USC Upstate soccer field to the healthcare field, where he is serving on the frontlines in the COVID-19 pandemic.

same. "No matter what floor I'm on, my goal is to get my patient comfortable and healthy. Preparation wise, we dress differently on the COVID-19 floor, but that's pretty much the only difference from a non-coronavirus floor. Since I have a beard, I cannot wear an N95 mask so I have to wear the big face shield," Gyau said.

Gyau is sure that being a student-athlete at Upstate played a major role in helping him prepare for this career. He says when you're playing soccer, the team mentality is very essential, and in the hospital setting, you have to be part of a team as well. "Everyone plays a huge role. Whether you're a nurse, doctor, or nurse

assistant, we all work as a team. I took the concept of playing on a soccer team where you have the defenders, midfielders, and strikers all working together to win a game and brought that same mentality to the hospital setting where we all come together and use our skills to help our patients. I think being on a team in my college days prepared me well to be where I am now," said Gyau.

That team mentality is also his favorite memory of playing soccer at Upstate. "It was so diverse to me. We had guys from Germany, Jamaica, England, and Ghana. It was guys from everywhere so I think how we all came together with such diverse back-

grounds and played together as a team was the most fun part to me," he said.

"It was an absolute pleasure coaching Francis during his time at Upstate. He had a quiet and soft spoken personality but quickly earned the respect of all his teammates due to his character. Everyone on the team liked him and he always seemed to have a smile on his face. On the field, he was a beast. He played with composure and intelligence but he also had a side that was sheer grit, determination and fight. He had a huge influence on his teammates," said head men's soccer coach Scott Halkett. "His qualities as a person are exactly what you would want in someone taking care of and watching over you. His patients probably love and respect him."

As with any job, Gyau's career is not without its challenges. "You never know what to expect going into work. You have to know how to deal with pressure and intense situations. For instance, if someone is on the verge of losing their life, you have to stay calm and professional in order to do your job while consoling the patient and family. I think

the hardest part is trying to combine all that while staying calm at the same time," he said.

Though it's on a much larger scale these days, adapting and responding to pressure is nothing new to Gyau. He says the pressures of being a student-athlete built him up to be able to deal with every situation that comes around.

Gyau's number one piece of advice to anyone starting out in the nursing profession is to be confident. "If you don't have confidence in yourself, I don't think you can do anything else," he said. "Believe in yourself, your education, your instructors, classmates, and teammates. Whatever you've learned from them, believe in it and apply it."

Lastly, when Gyau thinks about his time at Upstate, he remembers it with great fondness. "I've been in Cincinnati ever since I came from Ghana, so I've always been really grateful for Upstate giving me the opportunity to come to South Carolina and play soccer. I met a lot of new friends around Spartanburg," Gyau said. "Upstate has done a lot for me and given me great opportunities in my life."

The Riley Institute at Furman University appoints new communications director

Greenville - The Riley Institute at Furman University has appointed a new staff member to direct its marketing and communications work.

Katie Quine joined The Riley Institute on March 30. Hailing from Nashville, Tennessee, Quine formerly served as the content marketing specialist for Ryman Hospitality Properties, a leading entertainment company with a portfolio that includes cultural institutions Ryman Auditorium and the Grand Ole Opry.

Quine will direct all marketing efforts for The Riley Institute and help to further raise the profile of Furman, the institute and the institute's core programs, including those of the Center for Critical Issues, Center for Diversity Strategies, and Center for Education Policy and Leadership. Her hiring follows the 20th anniversary of the institute's founding.

As the recent board chair of Slow Food Middle Tennessee, a nonprofit that advocates for sustainable, just, and accessible food systems, Quine also brings a community-focused vision to the role.

"In the few weeks she's been with us, Katie has already demonstrated her ability to bring sophisticated strategies and vehicles into play to help our audiences better understand the work of The Riley Institute and how they can be involved," says Don Gordon, executive director of The Riley Institute. "She's also demonstrated



Katie Quine

great sensitivity to the communications priorities

and challenges imposed by the novel coronavirus. She's extremely talented and we are delighted to welcome her to our team."

The Riley Institute broadens student and community perspectives about issues critical to South Carolina's progress. Named for former U.S. Secretary of Education and S.C. Governor Dick Riley, the institute builds and engages present and future leaders, creates and shares

data-supported information about the state's core challenges, and links the

leadership body to sustainable solutions. It is committed to a nonpartisan,

rhetoric-free, and facts-based approach to change.

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Super Crossword

Answers

DIRT	SEERS	THANE	CAMPS
ERR	ARRON	HONOR	OMAHA
BEA	YANNA	ANNIE	HONOS
INFILATED	PIDRIPS	MERITS	
TEFOR	SOGR	HALLT	ALOE
GRANT	SWOLLER	ENGLEND	
UPROAR	PLA	YEAR	
CRUSHED	GARTIC	JETWAY	
LOS	SARLY	LOAM	TOONE
ASHNE	AMES	DIHOTA	EMOTE
MASAGE	GEDK	LESALAD	
SOTT	GORE	NAST	EPAS
SORER	ERITE	RESSET	UFIPO
EDENIC	GRU	ISED	APPLIS
CRITIC	ELPS	GREFIS	
BOOSTE	ISALS	APHID	
OGRE	SAUTE	ABBE	NADIA
BRAVO	SHATT	LEBOD	LASS
GATER	BUEN	LEAKEL	IN
ADORE	BANES	ADELLE	TINT
TYRES	CLARE	SEDER	EGO

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Completed

4 Tea leaf readers, e.g.

9 Title for Macbeth

14 Places to pitch tents

19 Transgress

20 Bow go-with Dignity

21 Largest city in Nebraska

23 Arthur of TV

24 White of TV

25 Writer Dillard

26 Prohibited acts

27 Gougers charge them

30 Warrants

31 Sioux division

32 Just OK

33 Papa Doc's country

35 First-aid flora

36 No-see-ums

38 Symptom of mumps

41 Tumult

44 Air safety gp.

45 1492, e.g.

46 Pesto ingredient

51 Portable enplaning bridge

56 — Banos, California

57 All tangled up

58 Friable soil

61 — degree or another

62 Arthur of tennis

64 Home of Iowa State

65 Organisms of a region

66 Chew the scenery

67 Hand-softened "superfood" dish

71 "1492" director

73 Pierces

74 Condé —

75 Cyberjunk

78 More ticked

79 A Great Lake

80 Turns back to 000

82 Sci-fi hoverer

83 Like paradise

85 Result of dropping a bushel, maybe

88 Plant "pet"

91 45s' relatives

92 Flimsy pancakes

93 What a great ad campaign leads to

99 Plant pest

101 Grimm nasty

102 Pan-fry

103 Lane of song

105 Gymnast Comaneci

109 Encore-eliciting cries

111 What many shards are

114 Handle the party food

115 Lake — Vista, Florida

116 George who played Sulu

117 Suffix with neat

118 Love to bits

119 Scourges

120 Sister of Fred Astaire

121 Blasting aid

122 Car rollers, in London

123 Actor Gable

124 Jewish ritual meal

125 Something associated with the first words of this puzzle's seven longest answers

DOWN

1 Credit's opposite

2 2011 hurricane

3 Air current

4 Safari sites

5 Part of QED

6 "Marty" star Borgnine

7 Sonata parts

8 Exchanges

9 Hot cuisine

10 Bigwig

11 Heat to prevent stress

12 In a racket-filled way

13 Prior to, in poems

14 Pylon shape

15 Indifferent to epithets

16 Capital of the Philippines

17 Light particle

18 Wised off to

28 Corporate symbols

29 Nun's beads

30 Rapper Nicki

34 Driving range peg

37 Concert sites

39 — -Mart

40 Sister of Hansel

41 Sch. near Beverly Hills

42 Experts

43 Mount with presidents' heads

44 Bone of the lower chest

47 Bring harm to

48 Mendel of genetics

49 Skater Kulik

50 Fonz's quality

52 "Traffic" actor

53 Fiber for newsprint

54 Wee colonist

55 "— haw!" owl

59 "Relax, Gil!"

60 Assembled as one body

63 All gone, as dinner

65 Bible divs.

68 Not lax at all

69 Elk's kin

70 Fasten

71 Reno-to-Riverside dir.

72 Chowder fish

76 For — (not gratis)

77 Peat source

80 Tries to shred

81 More elastic

84 Fischer's skill

86 Suffix with glob or duct

87 Apt rhyme for "treadle"

89 Lupino of film

90 Like always

93 Lynx variety

94 "Hellcats" actress

95 Expert talker

96 Intense

97 Goddess with an owl

98 Less fat

99 Chafe

100 Snuck a look

104 Test models

106 "Purgatorio"

107 "Of Thee —"

108 Invite to join at

110 Mined finds

112 Duty

113 Editor's strike-out

115 Telly giant

SELF DESCRIPTIONS

Four steps to create a household budget with staying power

(StatePoint) These uncertain times are forcing more people to reexamine finances and rewrite their household budgets. According to the Pew Research Center in a survey conducted soon after the COVID-19 crisis began, 33% of Americans either lost their jobs or suffered a pay cut or reduction in work hours. Plus, 49% said the outbreak is a major threat to their personal finances.

Regardless of your situation, examining your budget and making some changes can save money and make your financial future more secure. Here are four ways to budget wisely.

1. Calculate the bottom line: Figure out your baseline income. Then, categorize expenses by what you need to maintain your standard of living, such as a mortgage, utilities, groceries and insurance. Another category should include non-essential expenses. Determine if you also want to set aside money for savings, retirement plans or college tuition. And, experts advise setting aside at least three to six months of expenses for emergencies. Once you have these numbers, you can calculate what you'll



need on a monthly basis.

2. Eliminate or reduce nice-to-haves: If your expenses are still too high, or you want to save more, take another look at discretionary spending and find ways to cut. One easy way to save is to cancel premium TV channels, switch to a basic package or even sign up for a streaming

service instead (Sling, Hulu, etc.). You can also drop your DVR option to save on the monthly bill. Digitally streaming or downloading content from your local library is another entertainment option too – everything from movies, music and magazines is available at no charge.

3. Find ways to save on

the must-haves: Everyone needs insurance and many companies offer discounts if you buy both auto and home insurance together. You can also look for unique programs to control expenses. For example, Erie Insurance offers a program called ERIE Rate Lock that takes away the worry of having car insurance premiums rise with

inflation. Instead, unless you move, get a different car or change drivers, you'll pay the same amount every year, even if you have a claim. Erie Insurance also announced immediate financial relief for auto customers impacted by the pandemic. Other ways to save include taking advantage of credit card rewards and cash back

apps, and making sure to use them. And if you're overwhelmed by keeping things organized, there are free services online to track your loyalty program points, including airline miles.

4. Consider at-home side gigs: Many are supplementing their income without leaving the safety of their living room. In fact, nearly half of working Americans have a gig outside their primary job, according to Bankrate. But before applying for a remote job, always check with the Better Business Bureau to make sure the company is legit. Depending on your skills, there are a variety of online jobs you could do, such as customer service, copywriting or online tutoring.

By tracking and cutting expenses, taking advantage of discounts and special savings programs, and perhaps even earning extra money on the side, you'll be on your way to having a household budget with staying power.

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AAA offers car care tips to get your vehicle ready for the road

Charlotte – As some states begin to make plans to re-open businesses and stay-at-home orders are slowly being lifted, now is a good opportunity for AAA to remind drivers about the importance of car care maintenance.

"It's important that during these times when your car has been parked for an extended period of time, to make sure the vehicle stays in good running condition," said Tiffany Wright, AAA spokesperson. "A lot of cars have been at a standstill lately due to stay-at-home orders so it's imperative to prep your vehicles before getting back on the road."

If your car hasn't hit the road in a while, AAA encourages you to take these simple steps to keep you and your vehicle safe:

Don't short change a short trip. Drive your vehicle(s) once a week to ensure the battery stays properly charged, even if that means just around the corner.

Gas goes a long way. Keep your gas tank level at three-fourths or full. Full tanks provide less space for air and help minimize the possibility of condensation.

Fluid situation. Check oil, brake fluid, automatic transmission fluid, power steering fluid and windshield washer fluid. Replace or refill as needed by consulting your owner's manual.

Under pressure. Check the tire pressure and fill, as needed, to the proper inflation amount located inside the driver's door.

Road trip ready. As an added precaution, consider taking your vehicle to a AAA Car Care for service. Make sure to call first for shop hours and procedures for bringing in a car for service.

If you do find that your car won't start once you're ready to go, AAA offers mobile battery service, which will 1) come to

wherever you are located 2) perform a diagnostic test of your electrical system 3) replace your battery on the spot if needed – all while observing social distancing guidelines.

The Auto Club Group (ACG) is the second largest AAA club in North America with more than 14 million members across 14 U.S. states, the province of Quebec and

two U.S. territories. ACG and its affiliates provide members with roadside assistance, insurance products, banking and financial services, travel offerings and more. ACG belongs to

the national AAA federation with more than 60 million members in the United States and Canada. AAA's mission is to protect and advance freedom of mobility and improve

traffic safety. For more information, get the AAA Mobile app, visit AAA.com, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.



2020 DOWNTOWN EVENT SCHEDULE

<p>March 14</p> <p>March 14</p> <p>Thursdays in April</p> <p>Fridays in April</p> <p>April 3 & 4</p> <p>April 18</p> <p>April 18</p> <p>April 24-26</p> <p>Thursdays in May</p> <p>Fridays in May</p> <p>May 2</p> <p>May 9</p> <p>Monday, May 18</p> <p>May 30</p> <p>Thursdays in June</p> <p>June 6</p> <p>June 20</p> <p>Thursdays in July</p> <p>July 4</p> <p>August 22</p> <p>September 12</p> <p>September 17-20</p> <p>October 3</p> <p>October 24</p> <p>October 24</p> <p>November 7</p> <p>December 3</p> <p>December 8</p>	<p>Shenanigans on the Square, Noon-10 pm</p> <p>Queen Fest, Bamet Park, 2-10 pm</p> <p>Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>Jazz on the Square, Morgan Square, 5:30-8 pm</p> <p>Hub City Hog Fest, Morgan Square/Church Street</p> <p>Spartanburg Soaring Kite Festival, 11am-5 pm</p> <p>Cribb's Burger Cookoff, West Main St., 1-8 pm</p> <p>Spring Fling Weekend/Criterium</p> <p>Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>Jazz on the Square, Morgan Square, 5:30-8 pm</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo, Noon-9 pm</p> <p>Soul Fest, Bamet Park</p> <p>Assault on Mt. Mitchell</p> <p>Worship Without Walls, Bamet Park</p> <p>Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>Sparkle City Rhythm & Ribs (Bamet Park)</p> <p>Afro Fest, Bamet Park</p> <p>Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>Red, White, & Boom, Bamet Park, 5-10 pm</p> <p>85 South Country Fest, Bamet Park</p> <p>Hispanic/LatinX Music Fest, Bamet Park</p> <p>Spartanburg Greek Festival</p> <p>International Festival, Bamet Park, 11am-7pm</p> <p>Hub City Brew Fest, Spring/Broad Streets, 1-5 pm</p> <p>Synergy Music Fest, Bamet Park</p> <p>Upstate PRIDE Festival, Bamet Park</p> <p>Dickens of a Christmas, 6-9 pm</p> <p>Spartanburg Jaycees Christmas Parade</p>
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****** Please note that events in April and part of May have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Please visit www.cityofspartanburg.org for more information. ******

City organized events

City permitted/supported events

(New) Synergy Music Series at Bamet Park

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - TWO DOZEN NOUNS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters
APE
CAR
IVY
RAT
SUN

4 Letters
ARCH
DOOR
FARM
GAME
MASK

5 Letters
ANKLE
CHILD
DRAIN
LIGHT
TOKEN
WATER

6 Letters
CLOSET
OFFICE
STRING
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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Firefighter's "steps" _____ D _____ | Storeroom _____ R _____ |
| 2. River transportation _____ E _____ | Tenet _____ N _____ |
| 3. Jim Henson's frog K _____ | Loner H _____ |
| 4. Fair-haired _____ O _____ | Without flavor _____ A _____ |
| 5. Sugary _____ W _____ | Bed linen _____ H _____ |
| 6. Almost, not quite _____ L _____ | Close at hand _____ B _____ |
| 7. Fire starter _____ L _____ | Muffled _____ A _____ |
| 8. Catsup container _____ T _____ | Prepared for a trip _____ D _____ |
| 9. Give 10% _____ H _____ | Book heading _____ L _____ |
| 10. Margarine's rival _____ U _____ | Feeling well _____ E _____ |

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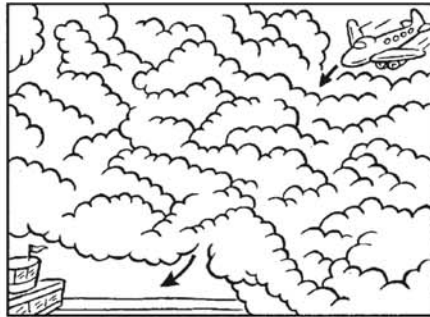
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence slat is missing. 2. Window is added. 3. Book is upside down. 4. Steak is missing.



SOCKED IN! Visibility is zero. Can you guide the small plane through the maze of clouds to a safe landing at the airport pictured above?

LUCKY SEVENS! Professor Flunkum wants you to make up a math problem using seven 7's and one minus sign to arrive at the answer "7." You have seven minutes to solve this one.

Answer: $7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 - 7 = 7$.

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Lack, lace, lane, lank, line, link, lick, lice.

Illustrated by David Coulson

A WORD BRIDGE!

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word plus plenty of hints:

1. A family relation.
2. Type of onion.
3. A free-for-all fight.
4. A snack or light meal.
5. A lyric poem.
6. A wooden church bench.
7. A clever, witty remark.
8. A picture puzzle.
9. A short performance.
10. A sailor.

Answers: 1. Kin, 2. Leak, 3. Melee, 4. Nosh, 5. Ode, 6. Paw, 7. Quip, 8. Rebus, 9. Skit, 10. Tar.

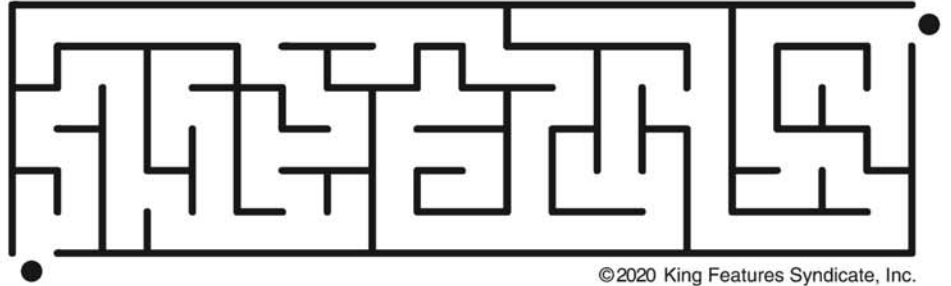


Kids' Maze Solution

- Even Exchange** answers
1. Ladder, Larder
 2. Canoe, Canon
 3. Kermil, Hemil
 4. Blond, Bland
 5. Sweet, Sheet
 6. Neary, Neary
 7. Flint, Faint
 8. Packet, Packed
 9. Tithe, Title
 10. Butter, Better

Puzzles4Kids Answer

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1961 Econoline Ford van
VIN: E10SH113231
Gray in color

Contact: Blackwell's Truck and Tractor at 1-864-320-3692 5-7, 14, 21

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2000 Chevrolet S-10
VIN: 1GCCC14ZM828365
Blue in Color

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1961 Ford Falcon
VIN: 1H118137417
Rust in Color

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1965 Ford Falcon
VIN: 5H176167780
Red in Color

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1964 Ford Falcon
VIN: 4T17U174087
Rust in color

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A No.: 2019-CP-42-02831 Bank of America, NA, Plaintiff, vs. The Estate of Louie W. Brooks and John Doe and Richard Roe, as Representatives of all heirs and devisees of Louie W. Brooks, deceased, and all persons entitled to claim under or through them; also, all other persons, corporations or entities unknown claiming any right, title, interest in or lien upon the subject real estate described herein, any unknown adults, whose true names are unknown, being a class designated as John Doe, and any unknown infants, persons under disability, or person in the Military Service of the United States of America, whose true names are unknown, being a class designated as Richard Roe, Willard Oil Company, Inc., Defendant(s).

AMENDED SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FIDUCIARY OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND BY ANSWERING THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREBY SERVED UPON YOU, AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER ON THE SUBSCRIBERS AT THEIR OFFICES AT 508 HAMPTON STREET, SUITE 301, WILMINGTON, SC 29201, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE HEREOF, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SUCH SERVICE; EXCEPT THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IF NAMED, SHALL HAVE SIXTY (60) DAYS TO ANSWER AFTER THE SERVICE HEREOF, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SUCH SERVICE; AND IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE THAT PLAINTIFF WILL MOVE FOR AN ORDER OF REFERENCE OR THE COURT MAY ISSUE A GENERAL ORDER OF REFERENCE OF THIS ACTION TO A MASTER-IN-EQUITY/SPECIAL REFEREE, PURSUANT TO RULE 53 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED TO APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS AND NOTICE UPON YOU. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, APPLICATION FOR SUCH APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE BY ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF. AMENDED LIS PENDENS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ACTION HAS BEEN OR WILL BE COMMENCED IN THIS COURT UPON COMPLAINT OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF AGAINST THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S) FOR THE FORECLOSURE OF A CERTAIN MORTGAGE OF REAL ESTATE GIVEN BY LOUIE W. BROOKS TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BIRMINGHAM BANCORP MORTGAGE CORPORATION DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2010 AND RECORDED ON MARCH 23, 2010 IN BOOK 4333 AT PAGE 8, IN THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY REGISTRY (HEREINAFTER, "Sub-

ject Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Mortgage was transferred to the Plaintiff herein by assignment. The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as: All that lot or parcel of land located about one mile Northwest of Fairforest in Spartanburg County, State of South Carolina, lying on the Southeast side of Walden Circle, being known and designated as Lot No. 15 as shown on Subdivision Plat for Walden Estate Development, recorded in Plat Book 33, Pages 438 to 433, Register of Deeds Office for Spartanburg County, South Carolina, which property is more recently shown on a plat prepared for John E. Brandien by Gooch & Taylor, Surveyors, dated November 16, 1959, and recorded December 28, 1959, in Plat Book 39 at Page 689, in the Register of Deeds Office for Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Being the same property conveyed to Louie W. Brooks and Norma D. Brooks by deed of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington, D.C., acting by and through the Federal Housing Commissioner, dated July 28, 1966 and recorded August 5, 1966, in Deed Book 32-T at Page 234, Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina; thereafter, Norma D. Brooks died testate on December 29, 1994, leaving subject property to her heirs at law or devisees, namely, Louie W. Brooks as is more fully preserved in the Probate Records for Spartanburg County, in Case No. 95ES4200083. Parcel No. 6 17-01 063.00 Property Address: 119 Walden Circle Spartanburg, SC 29301

ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS IN MILITARY SERVICE It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of J. Marshall Swails, Esq. as Guardian ad Litem for known and unknown minors, and for all persons who may be under a disability, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esq. has consented to said appointment, it is FURTHER upon reading the Petition filed by Plaintiff for the appointment of an attorney to represent any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esq. has consented to act for and represent said Defendants, it is ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esq., 8 Williams Street, Greenville, SC 29601, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all known and unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 119 Walden Circle, Spartanburg, SC 29301; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esq., 8 Williams Street, Greenville, SC 29601, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act aka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants, AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in Spartan Weekly, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Spartanburg, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above entitled action.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Original Complaint, Summons, and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Spartanburg County on August 13, 2019, and amended pleadings were filed in the same office on February

6, 2020. J. Martin Page, Esq. (SC Bar: 100200) D. Max Sims, Esq. (SC Bar: 103945) Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201 Phone 803.509.5078 Attorney for the Plaintiff ECPG No. 19-42627 5-14, 21, 28

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Date of Death: February 25, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4200569 Personal Representative: Jennifer C. Waldrop 3539 Atdoann Drive Hoover, AL 35226-2012 5-7, 14, 21

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the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Roberta O'Shields Hodge AKA Bert O. Hodge Date of Death: February 11, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4200448 Personal Representative: Ms. Martha O. Horton 154 Foxhall Road Spartanburg, SC 29306 5-7, 14, 21

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basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Jack Vaughn Date of Death: February 18, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4200382 Personal Representative: Ms. Lillian E. Vaughn 151 Gas Plant Road Moore, SC 29369 5-14, 21, 28

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Estate: Vernon Smith, Jr. AKA Vernon Smith Date of Death: January 30, 2020 Case Number: 2020ES4200466 Personal Representative: Mr. Michael C. Danzler 212 Cherry Grove Drive West Columbia, SC 29170 5-14, 21, 28

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COVID-19: Red Cross offers virtual care for families who have lost loved ones

Charleston - The American Red Cross of South Carolina is launching a Virtual Family Assistance Center to support families struggling with loss and grief due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. People can visit [redcross.org/get-help](https://www.redcross.org/get-help) to access a support hub with special virtual programs, information, referrals and services to support families in need. The hub will also connect people to

other community resources and partners. People without internet access can call 833-492-0094 for help.

“This is an incredibly difficult time for everyone, but especially for those who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19,” said Louise Welch-Williams, the Regional CEO of the Red Cross of SC. “Not only have these families experienced the unexpected passing of a loved one, but they are also facing

additional challenges caused by this public health emergency. We want them to know that the Red Cross is here to provide compassion and support as they grieve.”

Many families have experienced a disrupted bereavement and grief process due to restrictions related to COVID-19. To help, the Red Cross has set up a virtual team of specially trained mental health, spiritual care and

health services volunteers who are:

- * Connecting with families over the phone to offer condolences, support and access to resources that may be available

- * Providing support for virtual memorial services for families, including connecting with local faith-based community partners

- * Hosting online classes to foster resilience and facilitate coping skills

- * Sharing information and referrals to state and local agencies as well as other community organizations including legal resources for estate, custody, immigration or other issues

All Family Assistance Center support will be provided virtually and is completely confidential and free.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to

victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

Five not-so-obvious household essentials for your time at home

(StatePoint) Extended time at home is making many families more aware of what products they simply can't do without. While you may have predicted what some of these essentials would be -- ahem, toilet paper -- other, not-so-obvious items are helping to make quarantines more comfortable nationwide.

To get a handle on what has come in most handy during this stay-at-home period, Zevo recently conducted a national survey, and here are some of the items topping people's lists:

- **Home Exercise Equipment.** Those with gym memberships or a love of the outdoors may never have assumed there would come a day when they would need a home stationary bike or tread-

mill. But such equipment is for many people the best way to work out these days, and those who lack the space for a piece of heavy machinery are turning to resistance bands, yoga mats and other smaller items that can be tucked away between uses.

- **Bug Killer Spray:** The last thing people want during quarantine is to share their home with pests. Unfortunately, due to a warm winter and wet spring, the forecast for ants, roaches, mosquitoes and more predicts a very buggy 2020. With so much additional time spent around the house, selecting products without harsh chemicals and odors makes a lot of sense. Zevo Instant Action Sprays with BioSelective Technology use essential oils to attack nervous system receptors



Don't let pesky pests drop in on movie night.

vital to insects -- not people or pets. With a light

scent of lemongrass and no harsh chemical odors, it's a powerful bug solution you can feel good about using around the home.

- **Multipurpose Tools:** Many people are finding that certain basics can be used in more than one way, making them ideal to have around the house. Baking soda for example, has many potential uses, including kitchen cleaner, odor eliminator, itch remedy, vegetable wash, and even as an ingredient for homemade dog toothpaste, to name a few. Likewise, you might find that pair of scissors a go-to household item right about now, whether you are home-schooling, crafting or giving yourself a haircut.

- **Streaming Video:** At a time when people must remain at home, they are

relying more than ever on video streaming services like Netflix and Hulu to keep them entertained night after night.

- **Fun and Games:** Screen time may be on the rise, but as it turns out, so is good-old-fashioned family fun, with many households naming puzzles and games as must-have items. Whether it's solving a complicated 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle or organizing a family checkers tournament, having a well-stocked game room or den is a great idea right now.

While everyone's situation looks a bit different and every household operates in its own unique way, there are certain items with widespread potential to create happier, healthier, more comfortable spaces.

Bank of America funds Data Analytics Learning Laboratory at Converse College

Bank of America has awarded \$145,000 to Converse in support of the college's new data analytics program. Converse will use the funds to design an engaging space that encourages classroom participation and active problem solving, and that includes interactive platforms for students to share in real-time the work they are doing with the instructor and each other through a linked system as they review data sets together.

"Bank of America's investment in Converse provides exceptional opportunities for our students and faculty in the field of data analytics," said Krista L. Newkirk, Converse president. "And in turn, Converse will continue to develop graduates who understand not just data science, but the practical application of these principles to their chosen field. The funding from Bank of America will help us continue our growth in our faculty, facilities, and research initiatives -- all of which are paramount to successful outcomes in the classroom."

The learning laboratory will include modern digital resources and infrastructure necessary to support the course content. As the space is designed, consideration will also be given to understand past, current, and potentially future trends based on projected needs in the field. Tandem to the technical capabili-



ties, from furniture selections to classroom layout, the new data analytics learning laboratory emphasizes a dynamic learning environment. As opposed to a more traditional lecture-only model, the new classroom design will encourage active learning, with student involvement and collaboration in the education process.

The partnership between Bank of America and Converse originated after Bank of America's Chief Operations and Technology Officer, Cathy Bessant, spoke in 2019 at Converse College's annual President's Leadership Forum, which is one of several initiatives at

Converse to build stronger partnerships with the business community, and to serve as a resource both in terms of professional and workforce development. The relationship with Bank of America includes the Data Analytics Learning Laboratory, as well as benefits aimed towards Converse students and the local community, such as the participation of Bank of America executives as speakers for Converse classes and events, internship opportunities for Converse students, and potential support for starting a Girls Who Code club in Spartanburg.

Bessant, who has led Bank of America's Global

Technology and Operations organization since 2010, delivering end-to-end technology and operating services across the company through nearly 95,000 employees and contractors in 35 countries, recognizes that data analytics is a sought-after skill set.

"In business, we need resilient leaders who think cross-functionally to solve challenges," said Bessant. "I applaud Converse's rich history of developing their graduates to see the value in technology and the impact it will have on society if created and used responsibly. I am confident that the partnership with Bank of America and

Converse will develop women to lead, in not only in the areas of data science and analytics, but across the technology sector as a whole."

Over the past two years, Converse has added three faculty members who will provide instruction within the institution's interdisciplinary data science minor that will launch in fall 2020. Dr. Amanda Mangum, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Data Science, has led the development of the data science minor at Converse since she came to the college in 2019. The data science minor, housed in the Department of Mathematics & Computer

Science, will consist of courses that provide fundamental skills in processing, analyzing, and inferring meaning from data sets.

With the launch of the data science minor and the focus of data science in its mathematics, business, and Master's in Healthcare Management programs, Converse is continuing to provide its students with a personalized education that includes the professional and technical skills they need to be successful in their careers. "With nearly 2.5 billion gigabytes of data produced every day, designing an appropriate learning environment for the study of data analytics will help further prepare students to be marketable in their field of study by providing them with cutting-edge skills," said Dr. Mangum.

Bank of America's investment in Converse's data analytics learning laboratory will further develop students' transferable skills, such as project management, critical-thinking and problem-solving, and open up opportunities across industries in data management, data consulting, consumer and market knowledge management, business analytics, and healthcare informatics.

For more information on the data science minor at Converse, visit <https://www.converse.edu/program/data-science/>

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