

# CLOCK TOWER

## *eNewsletter Edition*

MAY 2025

### TOP STORY



### Spring commencement ceremonies to celebrate 1,055 Columbus State graduates

Six graduation-related events on May 8 and 9 will celebrate the 1,055 Columbus State University students comprising its Spring 2025 graduating class. The festivities will include three college-specific ceremonies throughout the day on Friday, marking the university's 129th commencement exercises. [read more >>](#)



**Columbus State again cited as military-friendly school for students, spouses**

CSU continues its decade-long run in Military Friendly®'s 2025-26 ranking of schools nationwide that support military students and spouses. [read more >>](#)



**Annual Cougarthon raises \$10K+ for local Children's Miracle Network**

Student leaders of CSU's Cougarthon organization recently raised \$10,334.47, exceeding last year's total efforts by more than \$1,000. [read more >>](#)

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**ALUMNI NEWS**



## Moore '07 finds prescription for career success at Columbus State

From "big man on campus" at Columbus State to "ultimate guy" on the cover of Men's Health, Dr. Leo Moore '07 takes health, wellness and fitness seriously. [read more >>](#)

## CLASS NOTES



**Lori Frazier Bearden '00**

was named deputy secretary of Labor Department's Employment and Training Administration.





**Lionel Haynes '06 & '07**

was promoted to deputy comptroller at the United States Department of Defense.



**Stephanie Parrish- Chester '10 & '12**

was awarded the Women in Finance-Leadership Luminary Award by her company Ernst & Young (EY).

*Received a promotion? Won an award? Had a baby? Got married? Simply need to update your contact information? [SHARE YOUR CLASS NOTE >>](#)*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Friday, May 9 | Commencement Ceremonies**

**Starting at 9 a.m. | Location: Lumpkin Center**

Three in-person ceremonies at Columbus State's Lumpkin Center. [more here >>](#)

**Thursday, May 22 | Young Alumni Night at Columbus Clingstones Game**

**6:00 p.m. | Location: Synovus Park, 100 4th Street, Columbus, GA 31901**

Swing into nostalgia and fun with fellow Young Alumni Council members at the Columbus Clingstones baseball game! [purchase tickets >>](#)

[MORE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS >>](#)

## ATHLETICS NEWS



## Columbus State Cougars tap Justin Hay as new athletics director

The current NCAA Division II athletics executive brings experience in fundraising, facilities development and external relations to his new role leading Cougar Athletics. [read more >>](#)

### MORE ATHLETICS HEADLINES

[Nominations Open for 2025 CSU Athletic Hall of Fame](#)

[Columbus State announces Girls In The Game 10th anniversary class of student-athletes](#)

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## MAKE YOUR IMPACT

### 📅 Celebrate the Class of 2025 – Welcome Our Newest Alumni!

May is a time of milestones, and we're thrilled to welcome a new class into our alumni family. Help us celebrate their achievement and make their transition unforgettable. Let's show the newest Cougars what it means to be a proud CSU alum!

[Support the Class of 2025](#)

## CONTINUING & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

As alumni, you can advance your career or explore a new career or hobby through our continuing and professional education programs. Your kids and grandkids ages 4-18 can benefit from our 100+ youth summer camps as they explore their interests in sports, hobbies and academic subjects.

- [Participate in an online course](#)
- [Explore our Activ8 summer camps](#)
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