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## November 2021 Newsletter



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opportunities  
through  
education.

### Grant Center hosts labor market presentation, panel discussion



Edward Lopez, Ph.D., of Western Carolina University, spoke to CCU students on the pandemic's effect on the labor market. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion on the same topic with Grant Center director

### Michael King speaks with Coastal Real Estate Club



Grant Center advisory  
board chairman Michael  
King spoke with the  
Coastal Carolina  
University Real Estate  
Club about his

Rob Salvino, Ph.D., and CCU assistant professor of economics Sourav Batabyal, Ph.D.

Students showed up in large numbers and asked great questions during the panel discussion.

The Grant Center sends a special thank you to Kimberly Hurd Hale, Ph.D., of CCU's Department of Politics for co-hosting this event!

[Click here to watch Lopez's presentation.](#)

[Click here to watch the panel discussion.](#)

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## CCU becomes university partner of FIABCI-USA



FIABCI-USA recently formed a new internship agreement with CCU. Through this agreement, members of FIABCI-USA are invited to consider appointing CCU students as interns.

The Grant Center is excited to announce this agreement to further strengthen its partnership with FIABCI.

[Click here to read more about the agreement.](#)

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## Valbridge Property Advisors visits CCU ahead of employment offering

experiences in real estate and how members can build their resume in the industry.

King is the CEO and founder of KingOne Properties International. We appreciate him speaking with the club!

The CCU Real Estate Club meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Wall 224. Students interested in the real estate industry are encouraged to join the club, which provides great opportunities for experiential learning. Each meeting features a new discussion topic or speaker.

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## Myrtle Beach named among top- 10 commercial US office markets

By Richard Caines

Myrtle Beach is one of the top markets for commercial office space in the United States. Low vacancy and high population growth shows the Grand Strand is the land of opportunity.

"What we saw before the pandemic was that Myrtle Beach was growing, the Sunbelt was growing, and that has been amplified with the pandemic," said Rob Salvino, Ph.D., director of the Grant Center for Real Estate and Economics.

# agreement



Jody Bishop and Karl Finkelstein of Valbridge Property Advisors visited campus to meet with members of the Grant Center, Wall College, and CCU career services to start the process of offering internships and jobs to students.

The Grant Center is very excited for this partnership to take shape, for this is a great opportunity for CCU students to become involved in a property valuation company with several locations in the United States.

[Click here to learn more about Valbridge.](#)

“People are trying to get places where they have space and less commuting misery. They are coming to Myrtle Beach in higher numbers. When you have low inventory, strong job growth, population growth and hopefully income growth, this should be a positive place to invest.”

[Click here to read the article.](#)

**Batabyal provides economic outlook presentation at Conway Chamber of Commerce annual meeting**



CCU assistant professor of economics Sourav Batabyal, Ph.D., provided an economic outlook presentation to members of the Conway Chamber of Commerce at their annual meeting.

The Conway Chamber of Commerce serves the businesses of the City of Conway. They

promote economic growth, tourism, the development of transportation, and excellence in education in Conway and throughout Horry County.

Click here for Batabyal's economic outlook presentation.

Click here for previous economic outlook presentations by the Grant Center and Wall College faculty.



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