



# The Spiral

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## SPECIAL KAUFFMAN REMEMBRANCE ISSUE



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### 2023 Kauffman Remembrance Luncheon

In a tradition going back to 1982, a luncheon is held each year to honor the memory of Dr. Earl Kauffman, the driving force behind the creation of the Center for Lifelong Learning's predecessor organization in 1989, and the beginning of Senior education in Aiken.



*Dr. Kauffman*

This year's event took place at the USC Aiken Etheredge Center on April 26 with Aiken Mayor Rick Osborn giving the invocation.



*President Tavernier*

Center for Lifelong Learning President David Tavernier gave opening remarks regarding the Center's successful completion of its second year of combined operation following the merger of the Academy for Lifelong Learning with the McGrath Computer Learning Center.

USC Aiken Chancellor Daniel Heimmermann was the keynote speaker. His talk gave an update on the current state of the University. He also provided a look into upcoming developments at the USCA campus like the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative partnership with the US Department of Energy and the South Carolina



*Chancellor Heimmermann*

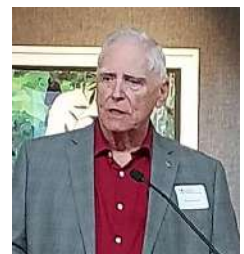
National Guard DreamPort Cybersecurity Center.

The luncheon is funded in part by an endowment from the family of late USCA Professor James Kauffman to perpetuate the memory of his father. The event is open to all current registered members of the Center for Lifelong Learning.

### 2023 Kauffman Award

A special part of the Kauffman Remembrance Day observation is the presentation of the Kauffman Award, given to an individual or group selected by the Board that has made significant contributions to the organization. CLL Vice President Raleigh Daniels presented this year's award to Wayne Rickman.

Wayne had a long-standing involvement with the McGrath Computer Center, one of the Center for Lifelong Learning's predecessor organizations. He not only created materials used in many of McGrath's technology courses, he also served as a frequent instructor and continues to do so now that McGrath is part of CLL.



*Kauffman Award Recipient Wayne Rickman*

During the difficult two year period in which McGrath and the Academy for Lifelong Learning worked together to hammer out a way to merge two very different organizations into one com-

mon entity Wayne was the President of the McGrath organization and an active member of the merger task force.

The success of the Center for Lifelong Learning's formative first year is due in no small part to Wayne's efforts. He served as the Center's first President, providing outstanding and much needed leadership during an exciting and challenging startup. He currently continues to serve on the Board in the Past President position where his knowledge and experience help to guide the Center's planning and activities.

In recognition of his long term service with McGrath and now the Center, and especially for his leadership, dedication, and willingness to tackle difficult issues throughout the creation and start up of our new Center for Lifelong Learning, the Board is proud to present the 2023 Kauffman Award for Exceptional Service to Wayne Rickman.

## Special Honor Given to CLL President David Tavernier

The rest of the Board surprised President David Tavernier with a plaque recognizing his efforts in dealing with many unique problems and difficulties arising during CLL's sometimes difficult second year.



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*Wayne Rickman presents David Tavernier with special Recognition award*

## CLL Discussions with USC Aiken

Center President David Tavernier, Vice President Raleigh Daniel, and Treasurer Liz Malyszek met with USC Aiken officials in April to discuss the relationship between CLL and the University. USCA was represented by Chancellor Dan Heimmermann, Provost Daren Timmons, and Vice-Chancellor for Finance Cam Reagin.

Ongoing issues and future desired enhancements were discussed. All felt the meeting was a positive

and productive work session with the potential to lead to welcome changes in the future.

## Looking Ahead to the Fall

The last class session for this term is scheduled for May 1, bringing a successful spring semester to a close.

Meanwhile the Technology and General Interest Curriculum Committees are hard at work assembling the course offerings for the Fall 2023 semester. Final touches are being assembled for five field trips, sixteen Technology courses and around forty General Interest courses.

Tentative dates:

- Catalog distribution goal mid-to-late July.
- Registration opens August 15.
- Classes begin September 5.



*Wayne Rickman and David Tavernier show off their award plaques.*

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