



The Spiral

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President's Message

Greetings!

I hope you were able to join us for our annual Kauffman Luncheon at the Etheredge Center this past month. Center for Lifelong Learning members are invited to attend this luncheon at no cost. There is no cost because the family of Dr. Earl Kauffman has funded this luncheon in perpetuity. If you were unable to join us this year, we hope your schedule next year will permit you to attend.

The Kauffman Luncheon has become an important event for our organization because it gives us the opportunity to honor those who have played valuable roles in the success of the Center. This year we honored Mr. Carl C. Fields with the Kauffman Award. Carl has been associated with the Center for many years and has served in many important positions including past president of the organization. We were happy to be able to recognize him for his outstanding work for many years.

This year, the Board of Advisors authorized a new award. Called "The President's Award", it is presented to the board member who has performed meritorious service for the Center and the Board. This award will not be given every year but only in those years when significant and lasting service to the Board and to the Center have been noted. The very first President's Award was given to Mr. Daniel C. Gluvna, a man of extraordinary talent who has served on the General Interest Curriculum Committee for the past two years and chaired it this year. Dan and his committee have been responsible for a substantial increase in the number and quality of our General Interest courses during the time he has chaired that committee.

The Board of Advisors joins me in congratulating Carl and Dan for their continuing efforts to make the Center for Lifelong Learning the success that it is today.

Be Curious! Keep Learning! Stay Young!

Raleigh Daniel, CLL President
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Kauffman Remembrance Luncheon

The annual Kauffman Luncheon was held April 24 at the Etheredge Center on the USC Aiken campus to honor the memory of Dr. Earl F. Kauffman, the man most responsible for the creation of the Academy for Lifelong Learning (now the Center for Lifelong Learning) at USCA in 1989. Dr. Kauffman lived long enough to see his work come to fruition but passed away early in the Academy's first term in October 1990.

A few months later, at the end of the Academy's first spring term, an award was created in Dr. Kauffman's name to recognize exceptional contributions to the organization, its goals, and operation. This annual tradition has continued to this day.

The honoree for this year, Carl Fields, has been a mainstay of the organization for twenty years, and continues to be an important contributor to its success.



Carl Fields (left) receives the 2024 Kauffman award from Center Vice President Jim Tisaranni

Following his retirement from the Savannah River Site in 2004 Carl became a volunteer on the Academy's Curriculum Committee, and has continued to serve ever since. During that time he has brought in many courses and instructors, served as liaison for numerous courses, and has even taught a few. During his tenure he has served as President of the organization and as Chair of the Curriculum Committee. He continues to be a dedicated major contributor year in year out.

It's hard to imagine a more deserving recipient of the Kauffman award than Carl Fields.

The Inaugural President's Award

In his President's Message, President Daniel introduced the creation of the new President's Award. Dan Gluvna, Chair of the General Interest Curriculum Committee is its first recipient.



Dan Gluvna (right) displays the President's Award he received from President Raleigh Daniel.

Dan has made great strides in improving the curriculum creation and scheduling process, and under his leadership the number of courses presented and their popularity have increased significantly.

Looking Ahead to the Fall



The Center for Lifelong Learning Spring 2024 semester has now come and gone but work continues to put the finishing touches on the curriculum for next term. As it stands now CLL is planning more than 90 different courses for next fall, covering an even wider range of subjects and interests.

Tentative dates:

- Catalog availability, early August
- Open House and Opening of Registrations, August 13
- Classes begin, September 3

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