



2026 Career Week

My HBCU Changed My Life

September 14th - September 17th

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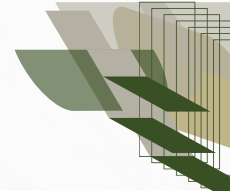


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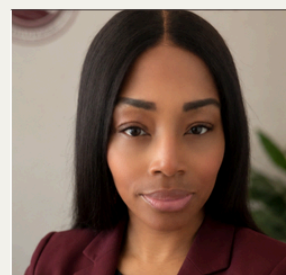
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MAJOR EVENTS | Fall 2026

**14TH
SEPT**

**10:00AM
Ballroom A**

Groomed for Greatness

This career readiness initiative provides students with professional grooming, career preparation resources, and confidence-building opportunities to help them make a strong impression with employers and networking contacts.

**15TH
SEPT**

**10:00AM
Ballroom C**

The AgFirst Advantage: Scholarships, Internships & Career Pathways

This informative session is designed to connect students with scholarship opportunities, internships, and career pathways available through AgFirst, while providing valuable insights into careers in agriculture, finance, technology, and business.

**2:00PM
Ballroom C**

Cultivating Success: An Afternoon with Colonial Life and UNUM

Engage in this career exploration event that connects students with professionals from Colonial Life and Unum to learn about internships, career pathways, workplace culture, and opportunities for professional growth within the industry.

**16TH
SEPT**

**10:00 AM
Ballroom C**

UNCF Scholarships:

This session introduces students to scholarship opportunities available through UNCF and provides guidance on eligibility requirements, application strategies, and resources to fund their educational journey and walk away from Claflin debt-free.

**11:00 AM
Ballroom C**

UNCF Internships and Employment

This career-focused session connects students with internship, employment, and leadership development opportunities through UNCF while offering insights into building professional skills and launching successful careers after graduation.

**2:00PM
Ballroom A**

Industry Mixer

The Mixer brings together students and employers from a variety of industries for meaningful networking and conversations about emerging workforce trends.

**17TH
SEPT**

**10:00AM
Ballroom B**

Fall Career Fest

The Fall Career Fest connects students with recruiters from leading organizations seeking talent for internships, part-time jobs, full-time positions, graduate programs, and professional development opportunities

**2:30PM
Conference Room 204**

Blue Cross Blue Shield

This session introduces students to scholarship, internship, and career development opportunities available through BlueCross BlueShield. Students will learn about eligibility requirements, application processes, professional development resources, and pathways to careers in healthcare, business, technology, and related fields.

2026 - 2027 Faculty Champions



Dr. Darryl Brockington
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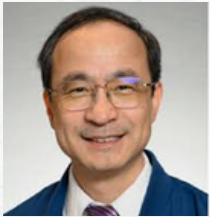
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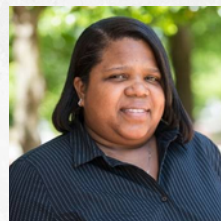
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School of Humanities and Social



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Dr. Peggy S. Ratliff
Professor of English
School of Humanities and
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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 | 10 AM - 3 PM
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER**



CLAFLIN
UNIVERSITY

GET READY. GET SEEN. GET HIRED.

GROOMED *for* GREATNESS

2ND ANNUAL

PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

Make Your First Impression
COUNT!

High-quality headshots to help
you shine in your future.



MONDAY
SEPT. 14
2026



**STUDENT
CENTER**



**10:00 AM –
2:00 PM**



KICKOFF TO
CAREER WEEK
SEPTEMBER 14–17, 2026

- ✓ Refresh your LinkedIn
- ✓ Elevate your resume
- ✓ Prepare for success

*Look the part.
Lead with confidence.
Leave a lasting
impression!*

●●●●● *Sowing Seeds and Growing Futures with AGFirst Farm Credit Bank*

Speaker: Ms. Olivia Scott, HR Business Partner

Moderator: Dr. Emily Crawford, Visiting Professor of Marketing

Interns: Bimal Itani and Swikriti Neupane

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10am and 11am | Student Center – Ballroom C

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Benefits Beyond the Classroom Career Conversations with Colonial Life & Unum

Moderator: Dr. Darryl Brockington, Chair, School of Education

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2pm and 3pm | Student Center – Ballroom C

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Fueling Dreams. Funding Futures. Unlocking Career Opportunities with UNCF

Speaker: Kashay Spaine, Senior Relationship Manager

Moderator: Dr. Peggy S. Ratliff, Professor of English

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Enjoy Coned Ice with Teach for America With TFA Ignite Fellows

Student Center Patio | 12pm – 1pm



Alexis Moore, '27
Criminal Justice & Political Science
Minor: Education



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Industry Mixer

Elevate Your Network with Connections that Count

**Moderators: Dr. Candice Idlebird, Chair of the Dept. of Social Sciences
Dr. Johnny Lowery, Asst. Professor of Management**

**UNCF Scholarships
2pm | Student Center - Ballroom A**

An industry mixer is a networking event that brings together professionals from various industries, faculty members, and students in an informal setting to foster connections, exchange insights, and explore career opportunities. The mixer is especially valuable for undergraduate students as they provide direct access to potential employers, mentors, and real-world perspectives on different career paths. For faculty, these events help strengthen industry partnerships, keep curricula aligned with workforce needs, and offer collaborative opportunities for student advancement. Overall, industry mixers enhance career readiness and build meaningful bridges between academia and the professional world.



Industry Mixer Participants



Regina Ciphran

Owner, CEO and Lead Strategist
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Melanie Collins

Director of Human Resources, Talent & Culture
International African American Museum

Marcus Fogle

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Recruiter
Teach for America

Olivia Scott

Senior Talent Acquisition Partner
AgFirst Farm Credit Bank

Kashay Spaine

SPDP Director
UNCF

Danielle Stokes

Manager of Regional Recruitment
Teach for America

Chiquanda Tillie

Community Outreach Specialist
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Ann Turner

AVP Underwriting Operations
CLA Growth and Risk Operations
Colonial Life

Louis Yuhasz

College & Workforce Recruiter
Explore Charleston

2026 Fall Career Fest

The Claflin University Career Fest is a signature event during Career Week, bringing together a diverse group of employers and industry representatives eager to connect with Claflin's talented students and dedicated faculty.

For students, the Career Fest provides:

- Direct access to recruiters offering internships, full-time positions, and graduate program opportunities
- A chance to practice professional communication, share résumés, and build confidence in a real-world setting

For faculty, the event offers:

- A valuable opportunity to engage with industry leaders and identify potential partners for student opportunities and classroom enrichment
- Insight into employer expectations and workforce trends.
- A platform to promote academic programs and student talent.



●●●●● Participants ●●●●●

- Advantage Capital
- Aflac
- AgFirst Farm Credit Bank
- Berkeley Charter Education Association, Inc.
- BlueCross BlueShield of SC
- Calhoun County Public Schools
- Charleston County School District
- Charter Schools USA
- Chesterfield County Police Department
- Clarendon County School District
- Clover School District
- CVS Health
- Department of Public Utilities
- Dorchester School District Two
- Enterprise Mobility
- Explore Charleston
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Georgia Dept of Public Safety
- Greenwood District 50
- International African American Museum
- Lancaster County School District
- Laurens 55 School District
- Legacy Early College
- Lexington County School District Four
- Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office
- Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Volunteer Services Auxiliary
- Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE)
- Palmetto Citizens
- Pre-College University, Inc.
- Richland County School District One
- Richmond Graduate University
- Santee Cooper
- Savannah River National Laboratory
- Savannah River Nuclear Solutions
- ScanSource, Inc.
- SC Department of Corrections (Columbia)
- SC Department of Employment and Workforce (Regional Workforce Advisors, DEW)
- SC Department of Juvenile Justice
- SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
- SC Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
- SC Department of Revenue
- SC Department of Social Services
- SC Department of Transportation
- TD SYNEX
- Teach For America
- U.S. Marine Corps Officer Selection
- U.S. Marshals Service
- University Of South Carolina Division of Law Enforcement & Safety
- Unum Group/Colonial Life
- UNCF
- US Customs and Border Protection
- USTA South Carolina
- Waffle House
- Williamsburg County School District



Beyond Healthcare: Exploring Careers with Blue Cross Blue Shield

Mr. Charles Kears II, Talent Acquisition

Moderator: Dr. Monica Greene Robertson, Asst. Vice President for Honors and College Experiences

Intern: Gabrielle Miller, Blue Scholar

Student Center - Conference Room 204 | 2:30 PM



Looking for a meaningful career where you can make a real difference? Blue Cross Blue Shield, one of the nation's most trusted and recognized healthcare organizations, offers students and recent graduates opportunities to grow, learn, and lead. Whether your interests are in healthcare, business, IT, communications, or customer service, there are a variety of pathways to explore.

During this session, you'll hear directly from BCBS professionals about the company's workplace culture, its mission to improve community health, and the skills they seek in future talent. You'll also learn about internships, entry-level roles, and long-term career tracks that can help you launch a rewarding career.

Students will walk away with strategies for connecting with recruiters, insights into how to stand out in the hiring process, and a better understanding of how BCBS can be the place where your passion and purpose come together.

Save -the Date



Clafin University
Division of Student Development and Services
Department of Career Development



2026 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

Visitation Day

THURSDAY
OCTOBER | **17** | 10 AM - 12 PM

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN
CLAFIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER
BALL ROOM B



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