

# R.E.A.C.H.

# Realizing Educational and Career Hopes

An inclusive educational program for students with intellectual disabilities

# **About the REACH Program**

The R.E.A.C.H. (Realizing Educational and Career Hopes) program at the College of Charleston is a four-year inclusive program for students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. The purpose of the REACH program is to provide the opportunity for all students to realize their intellectual and personal potential, and to become responsible, productive members of society. REACH students will participate in the academic, residential, social, and cultural experiences offered by the College, with appropriate support for success. The REACH program will commence in the beginning of Fall Semester 2010.

The REACH program offers an opportunity for the College to extend its mission of providing extensive credit and non-credit programs to students whose quality of life and opportunities to contribute to society hinge on access to educational opportunities in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. The College of Charleston is eager to fill a much-needed void by meeting the growing campus that is rooted in the liberal arts philosophy of embracing diversity and forward-thinking for a better society.

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## **Apply Now**

Applications for the REACH program, both for the program and for housing, are now available online at http://blogs.cofc.edu/life/.

If you are a **traditional CofC student** and would like to apply to live in the REACH house for 2010-2011, please complete an application and submit to Edie Cusack or Dr. Bruce Fleming.

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For further details about course work, residence, and internships, please visit our site at http://blogs.cofc.edu/life/.

### **Overview**

- Regular College of Charleston courses
- · Residential housing
- Internships on and off campus for career development
- Life skills, self-advocacy, and study skills training
- Participation in College of Charleston Best Buddies activities
- Stern Student Center, recreation and exercise facilities, sporting events, and student clubs
- Support for social, academic, and professional integration

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