Pourquoi Les Amis?

Les Amis supports and promotes French and Francophone Studies at the College.

Membership in Les Amis enables students and faculty to interact with one another, with the Alliance Française de Charleston, and with other Francophone groups in the Charleston community. Through their participation in cultural, literary, social and educational events, members of Les Amis will become acquainted with French students at the College as well as their accomplishments, activities, events and challenges.

With your help, we will be able to assist students who major or minor in French with their academic and cultural endeavors.

"General Charles de Gaulle saw an unending circular link between the grand tradition of France and the liberty of the world. Most Americans remember the decisive role that France played in the American war of independence and the fascination of our founding fathers with the writings of the 18 century French philosophers, which in large part inspired the U.S. Constitution. Despite occasional geopolitical twists and turns, the peoples of France and America continue to share in mutual admiration and to enjoy the fruits of their common destiny translated as freedom and joie de vivre. In the Charleston community and beyond, interest in France and things French abounds in the domains of language and culture, food and wine, fashion and style, design and architecture, and of course, theatre and cinema. Les Amis will help our French students to be part of this unique culture."

- Professor Godwin Okebaram Uwah
Chair, Department of French and Francophone Studies

About the Department of French and Francophone Studies

The Department of French and Francophone Studies has one of the best French language programs in the Southeast. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education conducted a comprehensive review of public, four-year universities and awarded our department a Commendation of Excellence.

Our diverse team of more than 20 faculty members attracts highly talented students from the U.S. and abroad who don't just learn French in class, but also use the language in social interactions:

- *The French House gives students an immersion experience in the language*
- *Cultural and community-based activities centered around the French House and Table Ronde create more awareness of the French culture.*
- *The weekly activities of the French Club attract students and faculty from other disciplines*
- *Involvement and planned integration into the activities sponsored by the Alliance Française de Charleston.*

Les Amis Can Help Students

- *Purchase promotional items for newly declared majors and minors*
- *Subsidize study-abroad opportunities*
- *Underwrite partial scholarships for qualified French majors*
- *Participate in academic and cultural conferences and workshops via sponsorships.*

Les Amis Can Help Faculty

- *Supplement travel grants to conferences and workshops involving students*
- *Bring renowned French educators to Charleston*
- *Sponsor cultural get-togethers with our French majors and minors.*

Join Les Amis

Membership is valid for one year. The membership rates and benefits apply to two people per membership. Please choose your level of participation from the following:

Ami

($75 - $199)

Benefits include:

- Borrowing privileges from the College's extensive collection of French videos and DVDs
- Invitation to special Friends reception at the College of Charleston French Film Festival
- Invitation to lunches with French faculty and students (does not include price of lunch, which will vary)

Connoisseur

($200 - $399)

All of the benefits listed above, plus:

- Poster from the College of Charleston French Film Festival
- Membership in Les Amis Contemporary Book Club

Confrère

($400 – $749)

All of the benefits listed in each category above, plus:

- Invitation to Friends lecture series on subjects such as French media, politics and culture
- Dinner with French department faculty and students at a local French restaurant (includes the price of dinner)

Visionnaire

($750 and above)

All of the benefits listed in each category above, plus:

- Wine tasting at a local French restaurant with French department faculty and students
- Dinner (price included) with French faculty, students, and president, dean or special guests (for example, the French Consul of Atlanta)

Membership Form

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Are you an alumnus/a of the College of Charleston?
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Are you a member of the Alumni Association?
( ) yes ( ) no

Is a member of your immediate family an alumnus/a?
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