



### **Mission and Philosophy**

Hodges University's Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) was established in 1996 by the University and local leaders as the first lifelong learning program in Collier County. The CLL provides quality year-round educational programs to adults in the community at a reasonable cost. The CLL is a member-directed, multigenerational learning community that invites participants to experience diverse, collaborative, life-enhancing intellectual and social activities. The broad based curriculum includes stimulating discussion groups, lectures, field trips and workshops in current events, the arts, literature, economics, the environment, health and wellness, philosophy and spirituality, creative writing and much more. An affiliate of Elderhostel, the CLL is part of a national network of lifelong learning institutes.

### **Membership**

The Center for Lifelong Learning is a unique program, offering an affordable semester or annual membership, with no additional course fees. This membership allows access to more than 130 courses offered throughout the year and fosters commitment to the concept of lifelong learning, rather than to one particular course. In this environment, lifelong learning becomes a way of life where members provide each other with social and intellectual support leading to more active community involvement. Members not only attend and participate in the programs, but also help to plan them. Center members are involved in developing every aspect of the program. The CLL contributes to the mission of Hodges University by focusing on the needs of

the adult learner and serving as an educational resource for the residents of Southwest Florida. Many residents join The CLL with plans to take only a few classes but soon discover a sense of belonging that leads them to active engagement in the program and the community as residents who are more inspired and informed.

### **Campuses**

The Center for Lifelong Learning currently holds classes at three learning centers including Hodges University's Naples campus, Moorings Park in Naples and Homewood Residence in Naples, allowing access to all residents of the community.

### **Past and Current Support**

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**We encourage you to become involved. To receive more information please contact Christine Wheeler, Director of the Center for Lifelong Learning at (239) 598-6133 or by email at [cwheeler@hodges.edu](mailto:cwheeler@hodges.edu)**

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