SAC’s Favorite Things!

You know that feeling you get when you go into a local shop or visit their website and find the perfect, unique gift for a loved one? You walk away with a little pep in your step and know that you’ve done something good – not just for your gift-recipient but for the neighbors you’ve supported by making that purchase. And you’ve kept THREE TIMES more of your dollars circulating in our local economy instead of leaving the community than if you had bought from a national chain or online mega-store. Supporting local does not always mean buying something, sharing, and liking, social media posts is also a no-cost way to help show how much you love a local business.

* Female Owned

+ BIPOC Owned

+Caribbean Delight Jamaican Restaurant: Jamaican meat curries, fish stews and veggie dishes in an easygoing, tropical-themed dining room

**Why:** Fresh and authentic with friendly service and large portions 🍽️

**Website:** [https://www.caribbeandelightsc.com](https://www.caribbeandelightsc.com)

*Chik’s Candle Bar: Creates all-natural soy candles, incense, and room spritzers.

**Why:** In this pandemic, candles are a must have self-care item, and the candles and incense smell amazing!

**Website:** [https://www.chikscandlebar.com/](https://www.chikscandlebar.com/)

Fire Grill Asian Fusion: Fire Grill Asian Fusion Restaurant offers delicious tasting Asian Cuisine and Sushi Rolls in Downtown Charleston, S.C.

**Why:** The owner is always friendly, and she hires CofC students. The food is great!

**Website:** [https://www.firegrillcharleston.com/](https://www.firegrillcharleston.com/)

Glazed Gourmet Donuts: Gourmet, fresh doughnuts with fun flavor combinations.

**Why:** Interesting and unique flavors that change often. Glazed also started delivering their donuts during the pandemic as well!

**Website:** [https://glazedgourmet.com/](https://glazedgourmet.com/)

The Green Dragon: Leading retailer of role-playing games, collectible card games, board games, gaming accessories and any collectible imaginable.

**Why:** Awesome place for roleplaying games, comics, and all things nerd!

**Website:** [www.thegreendragononline.com](http://www.thegreendragononline.com)

Holy Cow Yoga Center (Windemere): Offering a wide range of Yoga classes, plus 200-hour, 500-hour & CEU Yoga Alliance certified Yoga Teacher Trainings.

**Why:** Get your zen on at this accessible, welcoming local studio in West Ashley. Yoga gift cards make wonderful presents for all ages and are transferrable if they change their minds.

**Website:** [https://www.holycowyoga.com/](https://www.holycowyoga.com/)
*Low Country Showers: * Provides unique handcrafted gifting options with customized and personalized gifts, with a focus on personalized drinkware. 
**Why:** Owned and operated by one of our own CofC coworkers, Adrianne Davis! Plus, who doesn’t want their name on their coffee mug?
**Website:** [https://www.lowcountryshowers.com/](https://www.lowcountryshowers.com/)

*Motherland Essentials:* Plant-based bath and body company committed to the collective care of our community. 
**Why:** The whipped body butters smell delicious and save your skin all year round. 
**Website:** [www.motherlandessentials.com](http://www.motherlandessentials.com)

*Sugar Bakeshop:* Bakery and sweets shop in the historic Cannonborough Elliotborough neighborhood. 
**Why:** Everything is delicious, and they even have doggie treats! They also use local and seasonal ingredients. 
**Website:** [http://www.sugarbake.com/](http://www.sugarbake.com/)

*The Tiny Tassel:* Jewelry and accessories brand inspired by the vibrant colors of Charleston. 
**Why:** Great gifts, beautiful jewelry, and an adorable storefront! *Owner is a CofC alumna.* 
**Website:** [https://thetinytassel.com/](https://thetinytassel.com/)

**For the Cougar Nation:** The Alumni Association has a discount directory that includes alumni-owned and managed businesses that offer discounts to CofC alumni. 
**Website:** [https://alumni.cofc.edu/benefits-and-services/alumni-discount-directory/](https://alumni.cofc.edu/benefits-and-services/alumni-discount-directory/)
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