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COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 7, 1994 ~ 10 o'clock
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding: Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
President, Coastal Carolina University

Prelude ...................................................... Coastal Carolina Wind Ensemble
Dr. William R. Hamilton
Director

Processional .................................................... Coastal Carolina Wind Ensemble
National Anthem ................................................ Coastal Carolina Wind Ensemble
Invocation .................................................... Mr. John Thomas Waid
Class of 1994

Choral Presentation .......................................... Coastal Carolina Concert Choir
Ms. Carolyn G. Cox
Director

Welcome and Acknowledgements ........................................ Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
President
Mr. James J. Johnson
Chair, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees

University Distinctions ................................................ Dr. Ronald R. Ingle

Conferring of Honorary Degrees ........................................ Dr. Ronald R. Ingle

Doctor of Public Service • Mr. Thurman W. Anderson
Doctor of Public Service • Mr. Joseph S. Dusenbury

Introduction of Speaker ........................................ Mr. Anthony B. LaRocca
Senior Class President

Commencement Address ........................................ Dr. Ronald D. Lackey
Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion

Dr. Paul E. Stanton
Provost

Conferring of Degrees in Course ........................................ Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
Dr. Paul E. Stanton

Academic Deans

Benediction ....................................................... Ms. Tamera Diane Fabry
Class of 1994

Recessional ..................................................... Coastal Carolina Wind Ensemble
Traditional

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Announcer: Dr. Linda Hollands worth, Senior Class Adviser

Students from Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society are ushers.
Ms. Jennifer Agresta and Ms. Michele Gilbert are lead ushers.
Thurman Wilson Anderson was born in the Adrian section of Horry County, South Carolina, on January 25, 1909, the son of Charles A. Anderson and Ina Hardee Anderson.

While growing up in the Poplar Community with three brothers and one sister, he attended Baxter Grammar School and was graduated from Burroughs High School in Conway where he was salutatorian of the class of 1927. Mr. Anderson attended Clemson University, Furman University, and Newberry College and received a master's degree in education from the University of South Carolina in 1959.

Dedicating his life's work to education, Mr. Anderson began as a teacher, continued as a principal, and on July 1, 1941, he became superintendent of the Horry County Schools.

Mr. Anderson was instrumental in addressing critical educational issues during the 32 years he was superintendent. Innovative school consolidation began in Horry County in the 1940s, more than a decade before it became a statewide practice. When Mr. Anderson took office in 1941, there were eight high schools and 123 elementary schools in Horry County, with many schools having only one or two teachers. Following consolidation, the number of elementary schools was reduced to 36 schools with larger, better equipped facilities by the school year 1956-1957. Mr. Anderson was responsible for establishing a committee whose members were charged with setting the first uniform textbook policy for the county.

With Mr. Anderson's guidance, Horry County's implementation of desegregation in the 1960s became a model for the state. Mr. Anderson attributes the successful desegregation of the Horry County Schools to cooperation, mutual respect, and honesty among leadership in both the black and white communities.

As superintendent, Mr. Anderson recognized the need for teachers in the county to be able to get college credit locally, and was instrumental in the establishment of what is now Coastal Carolina University. Mr. Anderson presented the idea of establishing a college in Horry County to the County Board of Education and pursued the idea by generating support among community leaders. Then, with a group of interested citizens, Mr. Anderson attended a meeting at the Horry County Memorial Library on July 23, 1954, to discuss the creation of a local college. When funds were needed to support the group's efforts, Horry County teachers were among those who donated to the cause.

Mr. Anderson was a member of the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc., from 1959 to 1964, serving as secretary from 1960 to 1963; and a member of the Horry County Higher Education Commission until 1970. He was presented a Founders Medallion during Coastal's first Founders Day Convocation in 1987.

Among the awards bestowed upon Mr. Anderson are the American Legion Distinguished Service Award for service to the community, the Greater Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce Award for 30 years of outstanding leadership in developing quality education in Horry County, and the Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award. In 1992, he was the first inductee into the Conway High School Hall of Fame and received the Outstanding Educator Award. He has been a member of the board of directors for the United Way, and the Heart Fund's Speakers Bureau.

Mr. Anderson has been a member of the Conway Lions Club since 1942 and has served as president, vice president, secretary, and on numerous committees, and has achieved the most years of active service among the club's members. He is a member of the national and Horry County Retired Teachers Associations.

An active member of the First United Methodist Church of Conway for more than 50 years, Mr. Anderson has held numerous positions and offices including Sunday School superintendent, church lay leader, a member of the Administrative Board and the United Methodist Men's Association, district lay leader for the Marion District, and a teacher for the Hut Bible Class. He and his wife, Ruth, were recognized as Outstanding Methodists during the 1975 Homecoming Service. Mr. Anderson served eight years on the Bishop's Episcopacy of the South Carolina Methodist Conference and was a trustee of the Orangeburg Methodist Home in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Mr. Anderson is married to the former Ruth Page of Aynor, South Carolina, and they have three children: the Rev. Thurman W. Anderson, Jr., of Spartanburg; Richard P. Anderson of Conway; and Margaret A. Ellison of Irmo, South Carolina.

For his outstanding contributions to public education for more than 40 years; for his deep commitment to the academic development of the local community; and for his dedication to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Horry County, Coastal Carolina University, with the approval of its Board of Trustees, presents Thurman Wilson Anderson the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service.
Joseph Sarvis Dusenbury was born in Conway, South Carolina, on September 27, 1924, the son of James M. Dusenbury and Effie Johnson Dusenbury. After the death of his parents in 1934, his uncles, Sil C. Dusenbury and J. Hampton Dusenbury, accepted the responsibility for his rearing. In 1938, Jean Wesley (Mrs. Sil C. Dusenbury) became a member of the family and assisted in his direction during adolescence. Mr. Dusenbury was graduated from Conway High School in 1942.

Mr. Dusenbury received a bachelor's degree in education in 1950 and a master's degree in educational administration in 1953, both from the University of South Carolina. He holds permanent certificates as elementary teacher and principal, secondary teacher and principal, and superintendent.

Mr. Dusenbury has been commissioner of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department since 1976, with oversight for a wide range of services necessary to rehabilitate individuals with physical and mental disabilities. He also is responsible for the state's disability determination program which handles disability claims filed under the Social Security Disability Insurance Program, Supplemental Security Income Program, and South Carolina Homestead Exemption Act. He served as deputy commissioner for the Vocational Rehabilitation Department from 1973 to 1976, assistant commissioner from 1971 to 1973, and administrative assistant to the commissioner from 1968 to 1971. He served as administrative liaison officer in the state office of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department from 1967 to 1968; area supervisor responsible for counties surrounding Charleston, South Carolina, from 1966 to 1967; and as a counselor in the counties surrounding Florence, South Carolina, from 1960 to 1966.

Mr. Dusenbury served as principal of Poyner Junior High School in Florence, South Carolina, from 1954 to 1960, where he organized the first area “ability groups,” which recognized special needs of students with disabilities. He was principal of Royal Elementary School, also in Florence, from 1952 to 1954; principal of Pinewood High School in Pinewood, South Carolina, from 1950 to 1952; and a teacher at Brookland Grammar School in West Columbia, South Carolina, from 1949 to 1950.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946.

Among the awards Mr. Dusenbury has received are the South Carolina State Victory Award presented by the National Rehabilitation Hospitals for providing the most services to persons with disabilities in South Carolina in 1993; President George Bush's Distinguished Service Award for work in the disability field in 1991; the Social Security Administration's Outstanding Service Award in 1990; The Americans with Disabilities Act Award from The Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities in 1990; and the Rehabilitation Services Administration Commissioner's Distinguished Service Award for contributions to the productive independence, equality, and quality of life of people with disabilities in 1987. In 1983, Mr. Dusenbury received a Special Commendation for Courageous and Historic Contributions to the Quality of Lives of Persons with Disabilities for accomplishments as chair of the National Council on the Handicapped, which drafted the first National Policy on Disability for President Reagan. The award was signed and presented by members of the Council and 150 other national leaders including governors, members of Congress, and U.S. Senators. In 1984, the Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Board named its state office building the Joe S. Dusenbury Building.

He has served in leadership capacities on numerous committees and professional associations, including president of the South Carolina Vocational Education Association and the National Rehabilitation Association. He is chair of the Client Services Committee and represents the Southeast on the executive committee of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation. He is a member of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; chair of the South Carolina Governor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; vice chair of the South Carolina Military Assistance Council and the South Carolina Occupational Information Coordinating Committee. He is a member of the Interagency Council on Public Transportation, State Private Industry Council, the Commission on Aging’s Coordinating Council, the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, and the Human Services Coordinating Council. He also is a founding member of the South Carolina Board for Barrier-Free Design and the South Carolina Joint Legislative Committee for the Disabled.

Mr. Dusenbury is a member of the Alston Wilkes Society, American Legion, Master Mason, Master Scottish Rite, Shriners, and Professional Advisory Committee of the South Carolina Easter Seal Society of South Carolina, Inc., now known as Life Abilities. As a member of the Virginia Wingard United Methodist Church in Columbia, South Carolina, he serves as an administrative board member and officer.

Mr. Dusenbury is married to the former Betty Sue Boyce of Williamston, South Carolina, and has two children: Joseph Sarvis Dusenbury, Jr., of North Charleston, South Carolina, and Cynthia Dusenbury Bauknight of Irmo, South Carolina.

For his distinguished service in the establishment of programs improving the lives of persons with disabilities, and in recognition for outstanding contributions to the community, state and nation, Coastal Carolina University, with the approval of its Board of Trustees, presents Joseph Sarvis Dusenbury the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service. ☞
DEGREES IN COURSE

The following list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. The listing of a name in this program should not be construed as an indication that the person will, in fact, receive a degree from Coastal Carolina University or the University of South Carolina at this commencement. Conversely, the absence of a student's name from this list does not necessarily mean that the person will not be awarded a degree.

Honors for degree candidates are based on the collegiate grade point average on file at this time. Honors to be printed on the diplomas will be based on the final cumulative grade point average on all collegiate work.

E. Craig Wall Sr.
School of Business Administration and Computer Science

Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Kent Williams Adksisson
Gerald Edmund Anderson, II
Louis Vernon Anderson, Jr.
Jennifer Kathleen Barnwell
Oussama Bennani
Jeanine Michelle Beverly
Karen Luanne Bigelow
Kristen Denise Bilički
Bodo Robert Binninger, Jr.
Mary Kay Bogart
Michelle Lee Braley
Jason Eric Breed
Kimberly Michelle Brown
John Paul Bryer
Clinton Thad Calif
Francis Andrew Cagar
Jefferson Charles Davis
Deanna Lee Dennis
Alison Ann Douglas
John Harold Edholm, Jr.
Christopher Thomas Elder
Scott Allen Ellis
Donald Richard Emery, Jr.
Connie Sue Estep
Tamera Herring Fabry
Timothy Mark Finley
Charles Arthur Fisher, III
Timothy Fulton Fortson
Anne Marie Gainforth
Claire Françoise Celine Gentil
Michael Raymond Gibbs
Jessica Elizabeth Singleton
Gohagan
Glenn Scott Goodwin
Courtney Elizabeth Hance
Catherine Nancy Harrington
Sonja Anne Harris
Gregory Rene Havill
Matthew Michael Hayden
Garry John Heilman
Tor Erland Henocksson
Christopher Todd Herndon
Dawn Gale Hanna Hitchcock
Patricia Dee Hubbard
Christopher Sheldon Hicks
Fred William Hutchinson
Jeffery Francois Johnson
Norton Long Johnson
Edward Peter Keelin, Jr.
Brent Edwin Kidd
Heather Kay Kimpel
Linwood Earl Koonce, Jr.
Aaron Joseph Kunder
Dawn Kathleen Kymick
Kimmy Elizabeth Lackey
Anthony Brian LaRocca
Timothy Paul Larrabee
Thaddeus John Lasek, Jr.
Andrew James Leicht
Michael Douglas Lerner
James Pickens Lever, II
Luis Lopez
Cheryl Lynn Lovaty
Patricia Lanford Lynch
Elizabeth Louise Maxwell
Michael Robert Mc Ardle
Calton Lamar Morgan, Jr.
Daniel Lacy Mumford
Jason Jon Murgia
Harriette Antonette Nesmith
Jason Morris Orenstein
Robert Douglas O'Rourke
Timothy Louis Phillips
Tawanda Latisha Porcha
Julie Lynn Presley
Mark Alan Priganc
Teresa Lynneise Prior
William Edward Richardson, III
Robin Elaine Richmond
Cassandra Lynn Rishel
Frank Donald Sarver
Ira Martin Singleton, III
Lisa Antonette Smith
Vincent Duvall Smith
Virginia Gregg Smith
Phillip Gordon Staley
Evelyn Anita Stanley
Joseph James Stronkowski
Chad Barlow Sullivan
Atsushi Suzuki
Pontus Sven Gustav Svensson
Robert Donald Taylor, II
Jonas Bengt Thelin
Christopher Randolph Thompson
Karen McKenzie Toney
Christopher Scott Trout
Rodney Charles Weatherwax
Kristine Louise Wegner
Kristian James Wharton
Christine Lien White
Roger Garet Williams
Dawn Elizabeth Haithcock
Lisa Michelle Halter
Kevin Eugene Hancheck
Cheeré Nicole Hardee
Samuel Stephen Harper
Benjamin Scott Harrelson
Barbara Jean Welch Harris
Anthony Craig Hatcher
Dayna Annabelle Hendrick
Kimberly Anne Hooks
Gail Douglas Hughes
Heather Marie Hughes
Marian Diane Johnson
Jacquelyn Michelle Kicklighter
Christy Lynn Lee
Anne Witte Lentz
Chester Henderson Ligon, Jr.
Kelley Gwen Lilly
David J. Manigo
Julia Rosanne McClary
Charlene Michele McLean
Pamela Jeanette Mello
Amanda Rabon Mincey
Tonya Gayle Moore
Wanda Jordan Moore
Maureen Joan Murphy
Kimberly Dana Pappert
Audrea Cudd Phillips
Deedee Ann McDonald Phillips
Karen Louisa Phipps
Melissa Renee Pierce
Nuno Paulo Peteira
Robert Gerard Polcha
Cammie Renee Powell
Pamela Michele Powell
Cecilia Ann Rea
Frances Johnson Todd
Rivenbark
Deborah Ann Rushing
Christopher Joseph Schlanger
Kristen Lee Schultz
Michael Ray Sharp
David Scott Sides
Elizabeth Anne Smith
Susan Sawyer Smith
Louelle Elaine Sprostı
Melody Smart Stanley
Joanna Lynn Sukjo
Jeffrey Brian Taylor
Jennifer Lynn Taylor
Jacquelyn Watson Tisdale
Catherine Doris Buckner
Turbeville
School of Humanities and Fine Arts

Bachelor of Arts

Scott Christopher Alleen
Stacey Renee Altman
Thomas James Anderson, II
Tonya Starr Bellamy
Jennifer Lydia Bolebruch
Brook William Boyd
Laura Leigh Boyd
Kenneth Ali Brown
Mark Russell Canevazzi
Leisa Ann Cannon
Nancy Ann Carle
Maxwell Ezel Cline, Jr.
Bayard Coggins
Charles Andrew Collins, Jr.
Billy Joe Crawford
Helen Elizabeth Easterling
Shannon Charles Edwards
Cathy Lynn Eskridge
Paul Stephen Falkowski
Michael Dustin Farnham
Tony Dale Fields
Amber Kathleen French
Glenn Gregory Gaines
Eric Robert Gardner
Adam J. C. Gill
Shannon Leigh Goff
Jessica Nicole Hancock
Shanendoah Marie Hills
Jason Hoffman
Christopher Gerard Hogan
Deanna Marie Isoldi
Christine Nicole Jerbasi
Jeffrey Edwin Johnson
Lesley Dawn Kalinowski
Christopher Charles Klemm
Stephanie Marche Lawrence
David Earl Lee, II
Kimberly Ann Lewis
Sarah Anne Loudin
Natasha Sue Mabry
David Allen Maningding
Angela Renae Mcfee
Bridgette Rachelle Moore
Dana Michelle Neuen

Bachelor of Science

Ana Maria Aguayo
Lawrence Jerome Allen
Dianna Lynn Alsip
Edward Kelly Altman, II
Tomay Kay Barnes
Susan Lynn Bass
David Dale Benn, Jr.
Reege Hope Billington
Robert Clyde Bridger
Joy Alice Bridges
Kelli Elizabeth Broom
Melinda Dawn Burst
William Ray Cantor, Jr.
Kimberly Marie Carducci
Courtney Ann Carlson
Barbara Ann Christensen
Brian Andrew Clark
Leigh Anne Clark
Maria Elena Colfer
Debora Allen Cooper
Glen Patrick Corbey
Amy Suzanne Cox
Mayon John Cox, II
Matthew Ward Cox
Linda Holmes Creel
Connie Lee Crosby
Peter Lewis Crowley
Carrie Ann Cuthbertson
Christopher Paul Damon
Elizabeth Jean Daniel
Sudie Elise Daves
Lee J. Davis
Jeffrey Edgar De Long
Sharolyn Rene Dewitt
Meira Hava Dozier
Dana Kristine Dunham
Mary Elizabeth Edwards
Karen Elizabeth Eyerly
William Gilbert Fagin

School of Natural and Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Dorothy Funky Ford
Patrick Pearlman Fryar
Sharon Warfel Garrell
Brian Keith Goshow
David Cherly Green
Mace Green, Jr.
Gwendolyn Shea Gunter
Stephanie Lee Helburn
Melissa Rae Herbert
Lisa P. Hinson
Kellyann Patricia Keiter
William Dean Kilories
Georgia Downing Konkey
Theresa Lee Lancaster
Vyn Thi Lanrier
John Conrad Liddle, III
Christopher Michael Loebber
Angela Nicole Long
Brian Wayne Luskil
Matthew Kevin Lung
Karen Christine Mairs
John Robert Mann
Harold David McGrath
Karen Marie Milnar
Stacey Renee Mizzell
James Tyler Monroe
Luann Moratto
Karen Anne Myers
Gregory Alan Nichols
Tammy Delyn Newsome
Noble
Vicki Lynn Oberst
Jerold Paul Okerlund
Coleen Patrice Olds
Brian Keith O’Roark
Tiffany Renee Poston
David Bradley Pruetz
Natalie Ann Pruitt
Sharon Kallam Purcell
Tories Tyroee Quick
Kimberly Dale Quinn
Christy Hollingsworth
Rankin
George William Redman, III
Darryl Lee Remppies
Eric Timothy Rogers
Michael James Ross
Jo Linda Susan Russell
Paula Renee Sebastian
Julianne Jennifer Sheel
Christine Caroline Shutter
Jodi Lynn Magnier Siegel
Barbara Jo Smith
Kenneth Spielman
Andrew David Stonefield
Richard Sullivan
Sebastian Louis Tarallo
Laurie Ann Tate
Allison Louise Timms
Tammy Jean Timoney
Jennifer Lynne Toth
Diane McCants Tyler
Damita Jo Watkins-Amick
Deena Lynn White

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Chad Michael Beatty
David Michael Bridges, Sr.
John Anthony Browne
Jeanette Elizabeth Bryant
Karen Ann Kafer Byrne
William Day
Herman Arville Duncan
Freda Phillips Green
Timothy S. Hicks
Brett Watson Hollembaak
Marie Estelle Holmberg
Traci Elizabeth Howell
Kelly Ann Johnson
Anna Mary Jordan
Rachelle Louise Langdon
Todd Christopher MacPherson
Sandra Jo Pritchard
Michelle Richardson
Marc John Tueni
Wendy Carmen Trott

University of South Carolina College of Education

Master of Education

Barbara Jo Blain
Bebe Divine Kelley

KEY

Summa cum Laude
Magna cum Laude
Cum Laude
Awarded
Posthumously
On the evening of July 23, 1954, a group of citizens met at Horry County Memorial Library to discuss a daring proposal – the creation of a local college. Those present at the library that night elected a board of directors to spearhead the effort of establishing the college. At a follow-up meeting on August 6, the group voted to become a non-profit organization called the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc. Dr. R. Cathcart Smith was elected president, the Rev. Morgan B. Gilreath was named vice president, J. Kenyon East was named secretary, and Jesse M. Lee was elected treasurer. Other members of the new foundation were James P. Blanton; Dr. Cecil DuBose Brearley, Sr.; George W. Bryan; Edward E. Burroughs; William F. Davis; Ralph H. Ellis; D. W. Green, Jr.; James C. Hipp; Harold S. "Jack" Reese; and E. Craig Wall, Sr. Joseph W. Holliday also joined the board that year.

The foundation began working with the College of Charleston to establish an extension program, but an opening budget of $18,000 was needed immediately. With no other quickly accessible sources of revenue, members of the foundation personally pledged the required money.

Coastal Carolina Junior College opened September 20, 1954, as a branch of the College of Charleston. Fifty-three students were enrolled, taught by a handful of part-time faculty, with classes meeting after hours at Conway High School. In 1955, Dr. George C. Rogers became director of the college, replacing Dr. Edward J. Woodhouse, who retired.

In 1958, the College of Charleston discontinued its extension program, and Coastal Carolina Junior College became independent. In November 1958, Horry County voters approved a referendum which raised taxes by three mills to provide funding for the college.

On April 9, 1959, the South Carolina General Assembly created the Horry County Higher Education Commission, a government regulatory agency to oversee use of Coastal’s county tax money.

On August 1, 1959, commission chairman Joseph W. Holliday signed the contract with USC that established Coastal Carolina Regional Campus of the University of South Carolina, effective fall 1960.

In 1961, William C. Casper replaced retiring administrator Dr. George C. Rogers. Members of the commission and foundation agreed it was time to move to a campus suitable for institutional growth. They selected the present site of the university, most of which was donated by Burroughs Timber Company and International Paper Company. A major fund-raising drive, directed by commission chair E. E. Prince of Loris, raised $317,000 for construction. Ground was broken October 12, 1962, and less than a year later the college’s 110 students were moved to the first campus building, the Edward M. Singleton Building.

Under the leadership of Dr. Edward M. Singleton, Coastal underwent steady expansion and student enrollment increased with one of the highest growth rates in the nation. In 1973, the college added a junior year, and in 1974, a fourth year was added. In 1975, USC Coastal awarded its first four-year degree.

When Dr. Singleton retired in 1983, Dr. Frederick W. Hicks, III, became chancellor. Coastal experienced rapid growth in student enrollment, and was fast becoming a major institution of higher education in the region.

Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin was named chancellor in July 1985. The first on-campus residence halls opened in 1987, and construction was started for the E. Craig Wall Sr. School of Business Building in 1990. The Campaign for Progress surpassed its goal of $5 million in less than five years, spurring growth in capital projects, the arts, and academic enrichment programs.

By 1989, the number of full-time faculty grew to 175, and enrollment reached more than 4,000 students.

During the unprecedented growth of the 1980s, the commission and foundation initiated an intensive study of the relationship between the USC System and Coastal. After considering governance and economic issues and seeking advice from nationally-recognized educators, the foundation and commission began to discuss the possibility of Coastal's independence from the USC System.

The movement toward independence gained momentum on July 23, 1991, when the foundation and commission voted to seek legislative approval to establish an independent Coastal Carolina University. USC System President John Palms recommended to the USC Board of Trustees that Coastal pursue independence from the university in name and administration. The trustees adopted President Palms' recommendation in June 1992.

Dr. Ronald R. Ingle, former vice chancellor for academic affairs, was named interim chancellor April 1, 1992. Dr. Ingle faced new challenges as he led Coastal through the process of independence and worked to define the institution's vision for the future. Under his leadership, the Wall Building was completed and dedicated in honor of one of the university's founders. Dr. Ingle also renewed his commitment to improving campus facilities with a new master plan which included the construction of a new academic building funded by the commission; an athletic complex; a printing services facility; and renovations to existing buildings.

During its 1993 session, the South Carolina Legislature passed legislation establishing Coastal Carolina University as an independent, state-supported institution, effective July 1, 1993. Governor Carroll Campbell signed the bill during a ceremony at Coastal on May 14, 1993. The first board of trustees was elected by the General Assembly in June 1993. When the Board of Trustees met for the first time on July 1, 1993, Dr. Ingle was named the institution's first president.

In the fall of 1993, Coastal Carolina University began offering its first graduate programs in education. The university now has more than 4,400 students and 185 faculty.
The custom of wearing a distinctive dress for academic ceremonies dates back to the Middle Ages, when people dressed in keeping with their class: nobility, clergy, or third estate. The faculties of American universities have worn distinguishing costumes since the beginning, in 1636, at Harvard University.

Today, academic costume is worn in the United States by persons taking part in academic ceremonies in general, at commencement exercises, at baccalaureate services, and at various inauguration ceremonies, such as the installation of a president, the conferring of an honorary degree on a distinguished guest, or the laying of the cornerstone of a building.

The institutions awarding degrees, the nature of the degrees, and the major fields of knowledge represented by the degrees can be readily identified by the designs and colors used.

The baccalaureate gown is the simplest in design. Usually black, it is distinguished by a wide yoke with shirring in front and back and by open flowing sleeves which end in a point. The baccalaureate gown is worn closed.

The master’s gown is similar to the baccalaureate gown except that it has a closed or glove sleeve which is open at the wrist. The master’s gown has no other trim and may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is full flowing and has large bell-shaped sleeves, and is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and has velvet chevrons on the sleeves. While black is still the predominant color for doctoral gowns, the trim may be in a color which denotes the wearer’s discipline or the color of the gown may denote the wearer’s university.

The square Oxford cap, or mortarboard, of serge or broadcloth, with a stiff crown, is traditionally black. Once the baccalaureate degree has been conferred, the tassel is worn on the left side. The tassel is usually black, but may be of a color denoting the major field of knowledge for bachelor’s and master’s degrees and gold for doctoral degrees.

The color cord, worn around the neck, signifies academic honors. Students belonging to specific honor societies also may wear cords denoting their membership. Honor society colors are: Alpha Mu Gamma – gold; Kappa Delta Pi – green/purple; Omicron Delta Kappa – light blue/white/black; Phi Alpha Theta – blue/red; Phi Sigma Tau – purple/white; Psi Chi – gold/blue with gold tassel; Phi Mu Epsilon – purple/yellow-orange; Sigma Tau Delta – red/black.

The greatest degree of symbolism is shown by the hood. The size and shape of the American hood marks the college degree attained by the wearer. The lining of the hood is indicative of the college from which the degree was granted. If more than one color is used, one color is generally arranged as a chevron upon the other. The velvet trim of the hood indicates the major field of knowledge.

Most academic ceremonies begin and end with an academic procession. At Coastal Carolina University, candidates for degrees are first and process in the order in which the degrees will be bestowed, followed by the platform party and deans. The faculty is next and arranged by rank, with senior professors first.

**COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION**

The Coastal Carolina Alumni Association will host a reception for graduates and their guests on the lawn of the soccer stadium following commencement.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

The Coastal Carolina Alumni Association is sponsoring a graduation photograph session on the lawn of the soccer stadium immediately following the ceremony; graduates and their families are invited to participate.

*Special thanks are due to all who contributed to organizing the ceremony: June Brown, Linda Carmichael, Carol Collins-Bunn, Carolyn Cox, Jody Davis, Mona Dukes, Bill Edmonds, Bob Gamble, Nadine Godwin, Bill Hamilton, Linda Hollandsworth, Nila Hutchinson, Ron Ingle, Tom Jones, Anthony LaRocca, David Maningding, Anne Monk, David Parker, Joyce Parker, Brenda Sawyer, Jill Sessions, Tyrone Smith, Paul Stanton, Kathy Watts, Art Wendelken, and Bob Squatriglia, chair of the Commencement Committee.*