Spring Commencement Program, May 8, 1999

Coastal Carolina University
COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1999
ORDER OF EXERCISES
Presiding: Ronald R. Ingle, Coastal Carolina University President
Faculty Announcer: Linda A. Chandler • Student Marshals and Ushers: Coastal Carolina Student Alumni Ambassadors

Processional
“America”
Long Bay Symphony Brass Quartet
from *Thesaurus Musicus*
arr. Edgerton, text by Samuel Francis Smith
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir members
Charles J. Evans, Director

Invocation
Treda B. Smith
*Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 1999*

Welcome and Acknowledgments
Ronald R. Ingle
H. Franklin Burroughs
*Chairman, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees*

“Take Care of This House”
Bernstein/Leamer, arr. Arnold Freed
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir members
Long Bay Symphony Brass Quartet

University Distinctions
Ronald R. Ingle

Introduction of Speaker
Tiffany N. Crawford
*Senior Class President*

Address: “Another Einstein Equation”
Rita R. Colwell
*Director, National Science Foundation*

Conferring of Honorary Degrees
Ronald R. Ingle
Doctor of Public Service • Rita R. Colwell
Doctor of Humane Letters • William H. Davis
Doctor of Public Service • D. Kent Sharples

Conferring of Degrees in Course
Ronald R. Ingle
John P. Idoux
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Peter B. Barr
*Dean, E. Craig Wall Sr. School of Business Administration*
Dennis G. Wiseman
*Dean, School of Education*
John B. Durrell
*Dean, School of Humanities and Fine Arts*
Valgene L. Dunham
*Dean, School of Natural and Applied Sciences*
Peter P. Balsamo
*Dean, Extended Learning and Public Services*

Alma Mater
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir members

Benediction
Estelle B. Shelton
*Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 1999*

Recessional
Long Bay Symphony Brass Quartet
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 white honor stole, worn around the neck, signifies academic honors; it is embroidered with the University seal and the honors to which the graduating student is entitled. Recognized honor societies and the representative discipline at Coastal Carolina University are:

- Alpha Kappa Delta: Sociology;
- Alpha Mu Gamma: Foreign Language;
- Alpha Sigma Lambda: Adult Learners;
- Beta Gamma Sigma: Business and Management;
- Delta Omicron: Music;
- Kappa Delta Pi: Education;
- Omicron Delta Kappa: Leadership;
- Pi Mu Epsilon: Mathematics;
- Pi Sigma Alpha: Political Science;
- Sigma Tau Delta: English;
- Sigma Zeta Beta Mu: Science and Mathematics;
- Upsilon Pi Epsilon: Computer Science;
- Phi Alpha Theta: History;
- Phi Eta Sigma: Freshmen;
- Phi Sigma Tau: Philosophy; and
- Psi Chi: Psychology.

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.

- Agriculture: Maize
- Arts, Letters, Humanities: White
- Commerce, Accountancy, Business: Drab
- Dentistry: Lilac
- Economics: Copper
- Education: Light Blue
- Engineering: Orange
- Fine Arts, Architecture: Brown
- Forestry: Russet
- Home Economics: Maroon
- Journalism: Crimson
- Law: Purple
- Library Science: Lemon
- Medicine: Green
- Music: Pink
- Nursing: Apricot
- Speech: Silver Gray
- Pharmacy: Olive Green
- Philosophy: Dark Blue
- Physical Education: Sage Green
- Public Administration: Peacock Blue
- Public Health: Salmon Pink
- Science: Golden Yellow
- Social Work: Citron
- Theology: Scarlet
- Veterinary Medicine: Gray

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 faculty, with senior professors first, and the platform party. •
1999 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

THE SPEAKER

RITA ROSSI COLWELL, PH.D. • Doctor of Public Service

Rita Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and a distinguished scholar, took office as NSF director in August 1998. NSF is an independent government agency that provides support for research and education in science, mathematics, engineering and technology. Immediately prior to becoming NSF director, Colwell was president of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute and professor of microbiology at the University of Maryland. She also served as director of the University of Maryland's Sea Grant College; acting director of the Center for Environmental and Estuarine Studies; and vice president for Academic Affairs. Colwell began her career in 1957 as a research assistant at the University of Washington. She served as guest scientist at the National Research Council of Canada from 1961 to 1963, and she was a member of the biology faculty at Georgetown University from 1963 to 1972. A member of the National Science Board from 1984 to 1990, Colwell has held numerous advisory positions in the U.S. government, private foundations, as well as in the international community. She is a nationally respected scientist and educator and has authored or co-authored 16 books and more than 500 scientific publications. She produced the award-winning film, *Invisible Seas*. Throughout her career, Colwell has received numerous awards, including the Medal of Distinction from Columbia University and the Andrew White Medal from Loyola College. She has also been awarded five honorary degrees from institutions of higher education and has held several honorary professorships. Colwell is chairman of the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Microbiology. She has served as president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Washington Academy of Sciences, the American Society for Microbiology, the Sigma Xi National Science Honorary Society, and the International Union of Microbiological Societies. Colwell earned a bachelor's degree in bacteriology and a master's degree in genetics, both from Purdue University, and a Ph.D. in Marine Microbiology from the University of Washington.

WILLIAM H. DAVIS, M.D. • Doctor of Humane Letters

In 1989, William "Bill" Davis announced to his partners at Associates in Urology that he was ending his practice to start S.O.S. Health Care, Inc., a non-profit organization that finds affordable health care for the uninsured. Davis has used his connections and the help of hundreds of volunteers to arrange at least 18,000 health-care contacts yearly, opening the door to medical care for poverty-level persons in Horry County. S.O.S. coordinates free visits to more than 150 local physicians; prescription medicines through donations and drug-company programs for the indigent; discounted X-rays and same-day surgery; and a comprehensive program for children that provides basic necessities as well as individualized opportunities for advancement. HIV care was initiated for the nine-county Pee Dee region in collaboration with CARETEAM; S.O.S. served as the lead agency for all federal funding for the program. CARETEAM has since grown to become an independent non-profit agency. More than $500,000 in foundation grants as well as a broad base of community support have allowed S.O.S to conduct its varied programs. Davis earned a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University in 1961 and completed medical school at Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1965. Davis came to Myrtle Beach in 1971. He has board certification in urology.

D. KENT SHARPLES, PH.D. • Doctor of Public Service

In more than 18 years as president of Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Kent Sharples has guided the school as it became one of the fastest-growing technical colleges in the country. Today, the college has more than 15,000 students, including 3,400 full-time registrants. Sharples has been a community leader in the economic development of Horry County. He serves as interim director of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and has been instrumental in easing student transfers from Horry-Georgetown Technical College to Coastal Carolina University. He has accepted a job as president of Daytona Beach Community College, effective June 1999. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1965 and a master's degree in 1967, both from Bowling Green State University, and a Ph.D. in educational administration from Ohio University in 1973.
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 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 the time of application. Honors to be printed on the diplomas will be based on the final cumulative grade point average on all collegiate work.

Where indicated with an asterisk (*) the individual is a candidate for graduation based upon a minimum amount of coursework to be completed by August 1999, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. Honors cannot be projected for these candidates, but, where applicable, the appropriate honor will be printed on the diploma.

E. Craig Wall Sr.
School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Ondrej Adamek
James Christian Anderson
Stephen McIntyre Anderson *
Kelly Ruth Bain *
Brian Glen Baker
Jonathan Adam Baucum
Ryan M. Benton
Nigel Claude Berghan
Miriam Lynn Berroué
Charles Bradley Bittner
Wilburn Phillip Bowen, II
Anders Per Emanuel Brocknas
Stephanie Ann Crofts Bushong *
Tiffany Joan Reynolds Butler
Brett Christopher Buzzard
Gwendolyn Arnell Camp
Sabra Campbell *
Stephanie Ceasar
James William Childers, Jr.
Michele Ann Chinga
Robert Bissell Clemons, IV
Kelly Glorene Converse *
Andrew Kenneth Cooke
Brian Glenn Cross
Paula Jean Davis *
William Edward DeHass, Jr. *
Laura Michele Delzotii
Griffith Traxler Dempsey
Peter Michael DiMaio

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Eva Marie Miller
Christopher Poag Mitchell
Scott Allen Moore
Shawn Kevin Morgan
Erin Daniel Moulton *
David John Myroup *
Christie Lynn Brown Norris
Kelly Marie Owens *
Steven Robert Owens
Deniece Palmer
Charles Robert Papiernik
Dimple Ashwin Patel
Jessica Marie Pritchard *
Lisa Diane Rabon
Aaron Martin Reiss
Jordan Nichole Roberts
Derrick Rashod Robinson *
Paul Rosciani
Christina L. Rowe  
Christopher Mark Rudicil
Edward John Sabo
Hirokazu Sasakura *
Jason Daniel Sassatelli *
Ginny Lee Sedlack
Terra Jade Smith *
James Archie Spivey
Kimberly J. Springer
Autumn Dawn Staub
Marla Renee Stevens
Nikhole Sullivan Strong
Heather Elizabeth Thacker *
Leslie Marie Todd
Cindy Grogan Tomlinson *
David Morris Toney, II *
Stacy Joelle Trimier *
Willford Jackson Turner-Vaught
Michael Thomas Venticinque
Wendy Lee Ware
Michelle Lee Widman
Janice Marie Williams *
Glynnd Todd Woerner *
Susan Marie Young

School of Education

Bachelor of Science in Education

Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

Terrie Tisdale Ard
Danielle Barajas *
Ebony Hallee Nicole Bethea
James Patrick Bopp *
Margaret Erin Britton *
Michael Lee Buffkin  
Jennifer Leigh Bullard
Jonna Ruth Bunn
Teresa Lynn Burns *
Marie Patricia Buswinka *
Melissa Jean Melton Butler *
Dana Michelle Causey *
Deborah Denise Christmas
Belinda Dawn Clark
Douglas Lee Clark
Renée Lynda Cloutier
Fedrick Demande Cohen
Michelle Diana Collinge  
Colette S. Cox *
Kirsten Lea Grumpacker
Robert Otto Davis
Melanie Lynn Demmler  
Andrew Richard Doesburg
Angel Michelle Dolens *
Erin E. Dorman
Samih James Drury
School of Education

Robert Van Dukes *
Terry Patrick Ellis *
Jessica Amber Frame †
Kevin Charles Franklin
Lesley Rosanna Fulton ‡
Lora Lorraine Goude *
Ranie Dawn Goude *
Kristy Nicole Grier ‡
Shawn Michael Hall
Cynthia Hayes
Polly Anne Hayes
Aletha Marlene Hahnke
Somer Stevens Hitchcock
Ashley Gray Holt
Amanda Jones Hunter
Irish Renee Jackson *
Amy Hearl Johnson *
Tamara Michelle Johnston
Ryan Douglas Kaiser
Cosmo Joseph LaCosta, Jr.
Ann Marie Lambert *
Amanda Jane Lane
Cristy Ann Lewis
Christel Katie Livingston
Michael Sean Lynch
Tammara Mickle Lynch
Nathan Ryan Maiwald *
Sara Elizabeth McBride *
Heidi Lynn McFady
William Francis McQueen ‡
Monica Ann Hyman Mew
Jeffrey Thomas Miller *
Rebecca Elizabeth Moody
Royetta Felicia Moore
Shawn Schree Morris †
Nadine Juanita Moser *
Sarah Rebecca Kring Moulder
Rhonda Kay Myers
Rebecca Anne Nesmith *
Casey O'Banner Newsome
John Ludlow Niles, Jr.

School of Humanities and Fine Arts

Bachelor of Arts

James Cleveland Ackerman, II
Jeanette Nichol Adams †
Joan Victoria Allen ‡
Christine Diane Avant ‡
Bryce Richard Becker *
Kristi Anne Bubek *
Natalie Joanna Burrowes
Julie Danielle Eason Campbell
Kathleen Ann Coleman ‡
Carmin Faith Cox *
Ashley Francis Cribb
Joseph Benjamin Cutter *
Dawn Mae DaRoja
Lisa Claire Wilson Dickinson
Anne Marie Celeste Doyon
Jeffrey Worth Dudley
Brian Robert Eggleston
Adalia Bahiyyih Ellis
Bryan Scott Enter
Elizabeth Rapp Fairley
Jeffrey Paul Farley
Stephanie Day Fouts *
Dennis Micah Fowler
Shawn Michael Gallen
Kacy Dawn Gibson
Christina McPherson Godby
Melissa Glynn Goff †
Betty Camilla Gore
Leah Anh Green
Crystal Michele Guyton
Wendy Lynn Hammond
Robert George Hearn, Jr.
Amy Rochelle Heidecker *
Heather Marie Hogan *
Jason Gregory Howard *
Christina Michelle Hunter *
Courtney Frances Hutter
Stephanie Ann Hyland †
Julie Taylor Hysong
Alice Denise Jacobs *

Joseph Blair Jasper
Beth Wyllo Johnson
Donald Francis Jones *
Jedediah Reid Keck
Paula Nicole King
Rusty Lee Law *
Amanda Jeanette Leahey
Cara Elaine Long *
An Gia Luong
John Cummin Marler, Jr.
Eleanor Lockett Mauldin *
Kristin Leigh McGee
Clifton Scott Meek *
Kimberly Diane Nolen *
Laurie Angelica Occhipinti
Tracy Lynn Pecall
Christopher Michael Pooley *
Melanie Lynn Rabon
Dennis Vincent Reed
Steven David Sadler †
Loay Mahmoud Safa
Sherry Lee Scott
Heath William Scurfield
Carly Marie Sgou ‡
Ryan Reece Shelley †
Anthony Clyde Simpson, Jr.
Michael Shawn Smith
Brandon Thomson Snider
Janine Hazel Suchanoff
Brian Robert Taylor
John Stephen Toney
Randall Louis Trangr
Leslie Marie Turner
Luke Cory Valles
Maria Christianna Vereen *
Darrell Benjamin Wells *
Heather Megan West ‡
Sussannah Faith Wetmore
Jeffery Roy Woodard, Jr. *
Amy Kendra Wright *
DEGREES IN COURSE (CONTINUED)

School of Natural and Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science

Charles Warren Amos *
Benjamin Freeman Anderson, Jr.
James David Anderson, III
Carla Woodley Augusto
Jesse Lee Baker
Brook Michelle Bailey
Elizabeth Sarah Barclay
Gary John Bauder
Jeffrey L. Beckman *
Kirwin Charles Bell
Heather Elizabeth Blackmon
Marvenia Denise Blanding
Philip Wesley Boatwright
Gabriele Joanna Bottin
Jesse Lee Baker
Brook Michelle Bailey
Elizabeth Sarah Barclay
Gary John Bauder
Jeffrey L. Beckman *
Kirwin Charles Bell
Heather Elizabeth Blackmon
Marvenia Denise Blanding
Philip Wesley Boatwright
Gabriele Joanna Bottin
Jesse Lee Baker
Brook Michelle Bailey
Elizabeth Sarah Barclay
Gary John Bauder
Jeffrey L. Beckman *
Kirwin Charles Bell
Heather Elizabeth Blackmon
Marvenia Denise Blanding
Philip Wesley Boatwright
Gabriele Joanna Bottin
Jesse Lee Baker
Brook Michelle Bailey
Elizabeth Sarah Barclay
Gary John Bauder
Jeffrey L. Beckman *
Kirwin Charles Bell
Heather Elizabeth Blackmon
Marvenia Denise Blanding
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Brook Michelle Bailey
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Gary John Bauder
Jeffrey L. Beckman *
Kirwin Charles Bell
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Jeffrey L. Beckman *
Kirwin Charles Bell
Heather Elizabeth Blackmon
Marvenia Denise Blanding
Philip Wesley Boatwright
Gabriele Joanna Bottin
Jesse Lee Baker
Brook Michelle Bailey
Elizabeth Sarah Barclay
Gary John Bauder
Jeffrey L. Beckman *

Hugh Kennedy DuBose
Apryl Michelle Dunkle ††
Amber Britt Elder
Leigh Courtney Hall Ellis ††
Jennifer Lee Ewald
Sheri Marie Fama
Carrin Frances Folger *
Thomas Marino Fontana *
Rebecca A. Franke
Scott Michael Gagliardi
Jason James Garrett *
Kelly Elizabeth Gaskin
Gladys Hardee Gerald
Katherine Meredith Graham
Jocelyn Wrenn Hamilton
Timothy John Hancock
Kelli Ann Hankins *
William Daniel Hankins
Tonya Joy Harrill
Heather Renee Holt *
Mary Sue Rollins Hopper
Slawomir P. Hryniewicz
Laura Marie Irvin
Jason Wesley Jeffcoat
Charles Bernard Johnson, Jr.
Jamie Ann Kashaary *
Bary Freeman Kemble
Catherine Mouzon Scott-Knox
Wendy Elizabeth Kutz †††
Julie Diane LaPole
Jennifer Lynn Lamborn
Mary Elizabeth Lane
Kristy Blair Larkin
Tracy Lynn Lawrence
Kelli Jo LeBaron
Christopher Wayne Lester
Shauna Faye Lewis *
Deanna Clare Lucianin *
Jeanne Joy Lucianin
Jeremy Austin Maddox *
Achim Kai Martin
Brian Keith Mauldin *
Holly Todd Mazzerolle
Jared Dean McNell
Scott James Mechler
Angie Kathleen Merrow
Brian John Milan *
Denise Reneé Mole
Danielle Moran
Amanda Morgenroth *
Crystal April Morris
Christine Lynn Morsey
Larissa Maria Muollo
Annemari Elizabeth Murray *
Natali Anne Nakaji
Heather Newman
Beverly Angel Squires Nobles *
Kelly Renee Paoliasso
Mark Warren Parry
Robert Darren Peterson
Elizabeth Anna Pendleton *
Timothy Leon Phillips
Ralph Edward Piper, II
Theodore Michael Poszywak *
Amanda Courtenay Powers
Gwenita Myers Pryor
Tarasy Erin Rabon *
Jessica Anne Radecke-Deas *
Jo-Anne Mae Reed
Maegan M. Reid *
Kimberly Lynée Reynolds *
Evan Justin Robertson
Michelle Renee Robinson
Sarah Elizabeth Robinson *
Tracy Lynn Roese
Leah Delphine Rogalski
Jennifer Smith Ruff
Donald William Shock *
Susan Catherine Shelley †
Michelle Lynn Simmons *
Cindy Lou Smicker *
Harold Eugene Smith, II
Treda Brigette Smith *
Karen Elaine Smiley *
James Vance Spearman
Valerie Jane Sprunger *
Heather Lynn Stevens
Kelly Ann Stevens
Audur Yr Sveinsdottir ††
Michael David Tanda
Molly Kate Temple ††
Arndis Thorarensen ††
Katharine Elizabeth Tinney
Carla Renée Tompkins
Stephanie Michelle Trimble
Irene Julia Vamos
Denise Lynn Vance
Kimberly Marie Vance
Melanie Jane Viegas *
April Melissa Watson
Briana Devon Weldon
Nicole Dionne Wenzke
Natali Elizabeth West ††
Lauren McKinnon Wetzell
Necia Michelle Wheeler *
Amy Michele Whitaker
Stephanie Lowell Wilson
Tonya Le’Anne Winston
Christopher Roy Wood
Scott Raymond Youngs

Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Melissa Ann Basler
Cheryl Lynn Butler-Adams *
Jelani Sheldon Campbell *
John J. Caprio
Jennifer Lynne Clack *
Dianna Mae Clark
Elizabeth Paige Thompson Cline *
Charissa Lynne Cooper *
Mark David Cucchiaro
Raechel A. Dain *
Gregory De Tommaso *
Rodney Owen Dupré
Terrence Shawn Gore
Jerry Kenneth Gravino, Jr. *
Terry Lien Guard
Melissa Hampton
Melanie Margaret Johnson
David Ryan Kloss
Kela Jo Lane *
Damian John Lardieri *
Mark Joseph Miller *
Todd Frederick Murph
Jane C. Powell
Eric Robert Rounds
Marcella Scott
Estelle Biddle Shelton ††
Mark Christopher Spera *
Deborah Michelle Taylor *
Matthew Joseph Trahan
Sallie Elaine Wallis †
James Lander Wertheimer

KEY
††† Summa cum Laude
A collegiate GPA of 4.0
†† Magna cum Laude
A collegiate GPA of 3.75 to 3.999
† Cum Laude
A collegiate GPA of 3.5 to 3.749
* August 1999 degree candidate
The University Seal

The seal of Coastal Carolina University designates the founding year of the institution and associates the campus symbol, the Atheneum, with the coastal locale of the University. Carrying the Latin motto — *Ex Libertate Veritas*, From Liberty, Truth — the seal refers to the Temple of Athene in ancient Athens where professors and students came together. The Greek temple was named for Athena, the daughter of Zeus, who embodies wisdom and reason. The waves at the foot of the Atheneum acknowledge a diversified coastal environment encompassing a distinctive geography and history, a vital present, and an abundant future. The seal was commissioned by Trustee Oran P. Smith as a gift to celebrate the July 1, 1993, establishment of the University as an independent, public institution of higher education.

The University Logo

The identifying symbol of Coastal Carolina University captures the dynamic and traditional commitment of the University to teaching and learning. The Atheneum, constructed on the campus in 1966, is a recognized architectural symbol of a meeting place for persons engaged in literary and scientific pursuits. In the logo, the Atheneum is set against an undulating background which captures the energy and unbounded promise of the institution, and is always positioned above the institutional typeface.

The Presidential Medallion

As symbols of events and affiliations, medallions in academic regalia can be traced to religious orders during the Middle Ages. Since many orders, societies and universities used similar designs — a circle, cross or an oval — the detailed artwork in the center of the medallion was adopted to differentiate each affiliation. Colleges and universities traditionally use ceremonial and commemorative medallions for formal occasions such as commencements, convocations and inaugurations, when academic regalia is worn. As part of the first year of Coastal Carolina’s status as an independent University, the institution’s medallion was commissioned in 1994. The installation of President Ronald R. Ingle on October 22, 1994, was the first time the Coastal Carolina University Medallion was publicly displayed.

The University Mace

The University mace, the symbol of the Coastal Carolina University community, attaches significance to important events of the academic calendar. Commissioned by the Horry County Higher Education Commission, the mace was designed and crafted by silversmith Alfred D. Ward and presented to the University in the spring of 1997. The mace is carried at the head of the procession during official convocations of the University by the senior member of the faculty. When not being used for a convocation, the mace is on display in the Wall School of Business Boardroom.

The three dimensional 48-inch staff is topped with a 22 carat gold-plate model of the campus symbol, the Atheneum. Modified relief seals of the University and engraved lettering embellish the sterling silver cup. Supported by a base of solid walnut, the stem of the mace is adorned with sterling silver shells, reflecting the coastal location of the University. On the base of the stem is an engraved seal of the state of South Carolina, representing the University’s status as a public institution.

Originally used as weapons during the Middle Ages, maces came to be symbols of authority and were adopted by officials of English municipalities by the end of the 16th century. Maces are now used for legislative assemblies, ecclesiastical processions, and at college and university ceremonies of outstanding importance, such as commencements.
A HISTORY OF COASTAL CAROLINA

1954 On the evening of July 23, 1954, a group of citizens meets in the Horry County Memorial Library to discuss a daring proposal — the creation of a local college. The group soon becomes a non-profit organization, the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc. Coastal Carolina Junior College opens September 20, 1954, as a branch of the College of Charleston. Fifty-three students are enrolled, taught by a handful of part-time faculty, with classes meeting after hours in Conway High School.

1958 Coastal Carolina Junior College becomes independent when College of Charleston discontinues its extension program. Horry County voters approve a referendum which raises taxes by three mills to provide funding for the college.

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

1960 The Horry County Higher Education Commission is responsible for a contract that establishes Coastal Carolina Regional Campus of the University of South Carolina, effective fall 1960.

1961 Members of the Horry County Higher Education Commission and Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc., agree it is time to move to a campus suitable for institutional growth. They select the present site of the University, most of which was donated by Burroughs Timber Company and International Paper Company. A major fund-raising drive raises $317,000 for construction.

1962 Ground is broken for the campus and less than a year later Coastal Carolina’s 110 students move into the first campus building, the Edward M. Singleton Building.

1966 With an idea and a gift from William A. Kimbel and L. Maud Kimbel, the Atheneum, the campus symbol, is completed.

1973 USC Coastal Carolina College adds a junior year; in 1974, a fourth year is added.

1975 USC Coastal Carolina College awards its first four-year degree.

1981 Wheelwright Auditorium, the first center for the performing arts in northeast South Carolina, is dedicated. The $3.1 million facility is funded almost entirely by private donations, including a $1.2 million gift from the Kimbel family. The facility is named for L. Maud Kimbel’s maternal grandfather, John Wheelwright, who was involved with the cotton trade in South Carolina in the early 1900s.

1987 The first on-campus residence halls open.

1989 Enrollment reaches more than 4,000 students. The number of full-time faculty grows to 175.

1990 The Campaign for Progress surpasses its goal of $5.5 million in less than five years, spurring growth in capital projects, the arts, and academic enrichment programs.

1991 On July 23, 1991, the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc., and the Horry County Higher Education Commission vote to seek legislative approval to establish an independent Coastal Carolina University. USC System President John Palms recommends to the USC Board of Trustees that Coastal pursue independence from the University in name and administration. The trustees adopt President Palms’ recommendation in June 1992.

1993 The South Carolina Legislature passes legislation establishing Coastal Carolina University as an independent, state-supported institution, effective July 1, 1993. Governor Carroll Campbell signs the bill during a ceremony at Coastal Carolina on May 14, 1993. The University’s first Board of Trustees meets for the first time July 1, 1993. Ronald R. Ingle is named the University’s first president. Coastal Carolina University begins offering its first graduate programs in education in the fall of 1993. The E. Craig Wall Sr. School of Business Administration Building is completed and dedicated in honor of Mr. Wall, who was one of the University’s original founders.
1994 The Eldred E. Prince Building, funded by the Horry County Higher Education Commission, is completed and dedicated. New projects include plans for a humanities building, residence hall/dining facility, athletic administration complex, printing services facility, and renovations to existing buildings. The University’s first formal Inauguration is held to install President Ingle.

1996 A new 400-bed residence hall and dining facility is completed for fall 1996 occupancy; the number of students who live in campus residence halls reaches 1,000. President Ingle unveils a $68 million campus master plan that will guide development of the University to the 50th anniversary of the institution, to be celebrated in the year 2004.

1997 The Board of Trustees adopts A Journey of Excellence, a plan to guide the University into the next century. The South Carolina General Assembly approves $11.7 million for the new Humanities and Fine Arts Building.

1998 The R. Cathcart Smith Science Center is dedicated and a $2 million campaign to upgrade the facility is announced. The University has more than 4,500 students from 43 states and 27 nations. Coastal Carolina offers baccalaureate degree programs in 36 major fields of study through its four academic schools, six graduate programs in education, and seven cooperative programs with other South Carolina universities. The E. Craig Wall Sr. School of Business Administration gains accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

1999 The South Carolina General Assembly is expected to approve the final $5.6 million for the new Humanities and Fine Arts Building; ground-breaking is planned for late summer 1999. The 118,000-square-foot building will provide space for teaching 2,150 students in 57 classrooms, laboratories, auditoriums and studios. Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu visits the campus as part of the Kimbel Distinguished Lecturer Series and the first Celebration of Inquiry, a campuswide academic conference, is held. The Board of Trustees approves the sale of revenue bonds to begin construction of a new 350-bed residence hall and laundry facility, expansion of the dining hall, and a welcome center/bookstore. The School of Education gains accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

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We come to you to lead our search,
and learn to reach beyond ourselves —
below the earth, beyond the stars —
to form our dreams for better years.

Here, green and bronze in nature; light —
sweet pine forests that surround us,
ocean waters that sustain us —
reflect your standards that prepare us.

May we return in thought and care
to share your promise of enrichment,
and celebrate and sing our praise
for Coastal Carolina.

Bennie Lee Sinclair

The Coastal Carolina University Alma Mater was written in 1994 by Bennie Lee Sinclair, Poet Laureate of South Carolina, to commemorate the first year of the institution's status as a university.

The original score for the Alma Mater was written by William R. Hamilton, Coastal Carolina University music professor.

Following Commencement, the Coastal Carolina Alumni Association will host a reception for graduates and their guests on the lawn beside the Soccer Stadium.