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ORDER OF EXERCISES
Presiding: Ronald R. Ingle, Coastal Carolina University President

Processional
Coastal Carolina University Student Ensemble
James Tully, Director

Star Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith, arr. Edgerton
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir members
Charles J. Evans, Director

Invocation
Robert M. Daniels
Bachelor’s Degree Candidate, Class of 1999

Welcome and Acknowledgments
Ronald R. Ingle
Fred F. DuBard, Jr.
Chairman, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees

Make Our Garden Grow from “Candide”
Bernstein, arr. Page
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir members

University Distinctions
Ronald R. Ingle

Introduction of Speaker
Norell Mitchell
Senior Class President

Address
Paula Lynn Ellis
President and Publisher, The Sun News

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

Edgar L. Dyer
Interim 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
Meghan McCormick
Bachelor’s Degree Candidate, Class of 1999

Recessional
Coastal Carolina University Student Ensemble

Faculty Announcer: Lester S. Whitley, Associate Professor of Biology
Ushers are students from the Coastal Carolina University Student Alumni Association.

Graduates and their guests are invited to join the Coastal Carolina Alumni Association for a reception in the tent following commencement.
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.
THE SPEAKER

PAULA LYNN ELLIS
president and publisher of The Sun News

Ellis earned a bachelor's degree in government and politics from the University of Maryland in 1976 and a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University in 1977. While at the University of Maryland, Ellis worked as a reporter and editor at the Baltimore Evening Sun and was editor-in-chief of the university's daily student newspaper.

Ellis advanced through many reporting and editing positions in Chicago after earning her master's degree. At The Post-Tribune in Gary, Ind., she was business and financial editor and later worked as metropolitan editor, supervising three news bureaus. From 1986 to 1990, she worked with Knight Ridder's Washington, D.C., bureau, where she supervised coverage of the Reagan and Bush administrations, foreign affairs, arms control and national economic policy. Ellis also coordinated the bureau's 1988 presidential campaign coverage.

Prior to joining The Sun News in July 1997, Ellis was with The State newspaper in Columbia, S.C., for seven years. She was managing editor from 1991 to 1995. During her last two years with The State, Ellis was Assistant to the Publisher, responsible for advertising, promotions, research, and new product development. She also launched the Lake Murray magazine section and the company's online business.

Ellis serves on the Wall School of Business Board of Visitors at Coastal Carolina University, the University of South Carolina College of Journalism and Mass Communications Partnership, the United Way of Horry County Board of Directors and is a founding member of the Waccamaw Community Foundation. She is a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and serves on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Associated Press News Council and the Associated Press Managing Editors. Ellis is a frequent speaker at journalism training seminars throughout the United States.
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 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 has completed all degree requirements and was awarded the degree in August 1999. Appropriate honors are indicated.

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††† 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
DEGREES IN COURSE

School of Humanities and Fine Arts

Bachelor of Arts

Amy Elizabeth Abrams
Brandy Jean Barfield
Kristi Anne Babeck
Carmin Faith Cox
Joseph Benjamin Catter
Howard William Decker
Bryan Scott Enter
Stephanie Day Fouts
Lee H. Gitzes
Margaret Shelby Haggard
Daniel John Hambrick
Amy Rochelle Heidecker
Robert Walter Hill, IV
Heather Marie Hogan
Jason Gregory Howard
Martha Elizabeth Hucks
Christina Michelle Hunter
Candice Marie Jackson
Brent Allan Johnson
Jessica Christen Johnston
Sean Vincent Kenny
Latasha Lepwan Kornegay
Varga Russell Kozlow
Adam Scott Lane
Eric Todd Lavoie
Rusty Lee Law
Cara Elaine Long
Eleanor Lockett Mauldin
Gilfion Scott Meek
Lauren Tiffamu Morrison
Wendy Marie Ehlers Nivera
Michael Scott Noe
Ralph Edward Piper, II
Christopher Michael Pooley
Elin Melissa Ramsey
Kristin Anne Marie Rowell
Danielle Marie Seger
Nicolette Drum Shannon
Brandon Thomson Snider
Janine Hazel Suchanoff
Susan Michelle Turnbull
Maria Christianna Vereen
Ryan J. Weatherwax
Darrell Benjamin Wells

School of Natural and Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Laura Elizabeth Ackelinn
Blake Ashley Allen
Michael O'Neal Allen
Charles Warren Amos
Audrey Latrina Anderson
Corey Dale Anderson
Robert Bryan Anderson
Stacey Ann Arnett
Joslyn Grace Augustine
Stephen Anthony Ayala
Jesse Lee Baker
Jeffrey L. Beckman
Amy Elizabeth Bieszek
Carrie Lynn Burdick
Kerry Lee Capps
Susan Christine Carr
Jennifer Eleanor Cohen
Nicole Maureen Cook
Robert Michael Daniels
Benjamin Matthew Davis
Jaimiyn Dawn Davis
Tasha Dee Davis
Emily Corinne Decker
Kathryn Maura Doherty
John Joseph Dolan, Jr.
Jessica Marie Domogauer
Lisa Rasnake Edge
Thomas Marinio Fontana
Jennifer Christine Frey
Jason James Garrett
Jessica Lyn Groff
Ivan Patrick Gudelj
Michael Shane Gunter
Donald Scott Haith
Timothy John Hancock
Kelli Ann Hanks
Sandra Kaye Harrill
John Edwin Hickman
Benjamin David Hill
James Shane Hof
Teresa Jean Holder
Heather Renee Holt
Heather Dawn Hopson
Kimberly Diane Hott
Steve E. Hutchinson
Tracie Lynn Jacobs
Brandi Dawn Jackson
Derrick James, Jr.
Heather Lynn Johnson
Jamie Ann Kashary
Laure Allison Keatts
Kendle Jessica Kubick
Jessica Lyn Lancaster

Mary Elizabeth Lane
Kellie Marie Lewis
Shauna Fay Lewis
Chad Everette Livingston
Austine A. Luce
Deanna Clare Lucianin
Aaron C. Marine
Brian Keith Mauldin
Kirby Brisbon McZeke
Brian John Milan
Amanda Morgenroth
Bradley Keith Moore
Jessica Lynn Moore
Rebecca Nicole Muno
Carolyn Elizabeth Murphy
Ashley Danielle Norman
Christopher Dudley Pannell
Erik Michael Pettine
Heather Danielle Phillips
Elizabeth Sarah Pidgeon
Rebecca Jeanne Pitman
Theodore Michael Poszywak
Alison Beth Potash
Holly Jennifer Poythress
Gwenita Myers Pryor
Tarasy Erin Rabon
Jessica Anne Radecke-Deas
Maegan M. Reid
Jennifer Rae Rephann
Sarah Ann Richardson
Janet Alisa Grainger Ridout
Sarah Elizabeth Robinson
Regina Andrea Rudolph
Jennifer Marriann Saad
Anna Marie Scherer
Robert John Schlette, III
Lisa Carlene Sheridan
Donald William Shock
Amy Nicole Short
Novette K. Smith
Valerie Jane Sprunger
Marcio Esteves Stelato
Deborah Ann Sturm
Lynette Marie Thomas
Yoko Tsukamoto
Diane Carolin Tulipani
Melanie Jane Viegas
Russell Andrew Vrhovac
Jaine Lynn Warnock
William Paul Welch
Necia Michelle Wheeler
Teresa Christine Zile

Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Melissa Ann Basler
Jennifer Bellamy
Kenneth C. Canterbury, Jr.
Jennifer Lynne Eack
Elizabeth Paige Thompson Gline
Charissa Lynne Cooper
Jason Jay Corter
Vera Delorise Buie Cribb
Racheal A. Dain
Ron Paul Deubel
Amanda Renee Duncan
Rodney Owen Dupre
James Robert Epps
Crystal Floyd Gerald
Jerry Kenneth Gravino, Jr.
Darrel E. Grigerick
Melissa Hampton
Chadwick Brady Hutchinson
Jonathon Eric Iles
Todd Frederick Murph
Heather Ann Myroup
La Quandra Kirtese Nesmith
Larry D. Roberts
Nicole Renee Scalzi
Kaye Anne Saunders Sloan
Mark Christopher Sera
Stacy Lyn Walker
Tom D. Woods

School of Education

Master of Education

Renee Beverly
Patrikina D. Clime
Daniel Martin Czucker
Thomas Monroe Drew
Ernest Charles Drews
Peggy Harley Eaddy
Timothy Rex Ellenburg
Crystal Allen Evans
April Norris Johnson
Kathy Johnson
Theresa Trotter Lester
Dayna Hendrick Lewis
Christine Thomas Morris
Michael Royce Morris
Rachel Teens Nobles
Kimberly Rae Ward Parker
Angela Maria Slagle
Victoria Elizabeth Mitchem Squires
Caffie L. Sutton
Ine Marion Stevels Touzel
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, public 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. 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 approves the final funding for the new Humanities and Fine Arts Building; ground-breaking is planned for early 2000. The 114,000-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 campus-wide 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. The University has more than 4,600 students from 42 states and 36 nations.
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.

The University extends special thanks to The Forum Theatre.
Coastal Carolina University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution.
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
ALMA MATER

Coastal Carolina

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.