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ORD E R O F E X E R C I S E S

Presiding: Ronald R. Ingle, Coastal Carolina University President

Procesional
Coastal Carolina University Chamber Winds
James Tully, Director

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

Invocation
Peter Green, Jr.
Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2000

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

University Distinctions
Ronald R. Ingle

Introduction of Speaker
Robert P. Spino, Jr.
Senior Class President

Address
Sigmund Abeles
Artist

Conferring of Honorary Degrees
Ronald R. Ingle
Doctor of Fine Arts • Sigmund Abeles
Doctor of Public Service • John Hope

Conferring of Degrees in Course
Ronald R. Ingle
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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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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

Poem
Robert P. Spino, Jr.

Alma Mater
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir members
Coastal Carolina University Chamber Winds

Benediction
Melinda Miley
Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2000

Recessional
Coastal Carolina University Chamber Winds

Faculty Announcer: Jody H. Davis, Director of Campus Recreation, Head Men's and Women’s Tennis Coach
Student Marshals and Ushers: Coastal Carolina University Student Alumni Ambassadors
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
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.
2000 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

SIGMUND ABELES • Speaker, Doctor of Fine Arts

Sigmund Abeles was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1934, the son of Samuel Abeles and Henrietta Banner Abeles. One of America’s leading figurative artists, known for his drawings, paintings and prints, Abeles grew up in Myrtle Beach, where his mother operated a boarding house from 1936 until her death in 1983. Interested in art from an early age, he frequently visited Brookgreen Gardens throughout his youth and spent many hours making drawings of the sculptures there. Abeles graduated from Myrtle Beach High School in 1952 and entered the University of South Carolina, initially as a pre-medicine major, then switching to fine arts.

In the summer of 1954, he studied at the Arts Students League in New York City and had his first solo museum show at the Florence Art Museum in Florence, S.C., in 1955. He entered the Master’s of Fine Arts program at Columbia University in 1956, graduating the following year. After a brief stint in the U.S. Army, Abeles accepted the position of resident artist at Wellesley College, thus beginning his long, successful second career as a university professor. In addition to Wellesley, he has taught at Boston College, the Art Students League of New York, the Swain School of Design in New Bedford, Mass., and (for 17 years) the University of New Hampshire, where he is professor emeritus.

Abeles’ work, acclaimed for its mastery of realistic forms and perspective, chronicles the experiences of ordinary people. His works have been displayed in solo exhibits throughout the United States and are part of the permanent collections of more than 30 museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Philadelphia Museum of Arts, and the British Museum in London.

A retrospective exhibition of his works is planned for the Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum and for Brookgreen Gardens in 2001. Abeles lives in New York City.

JOHN HOPE • Doctor of Public Service

John Hope was born in Stowell, Pennsylvania, on May 14, 1919. He is Tropical Weather Expert for The Weather Channel. During his 50-year career in weather forecasting, Hope has earned international recognition for his achievements.

Hope attended the University of Illinois where he majored in mathematics. He earned a master’s degree in meteorology from the University of Chicago. His distinguished career in meteorology began in 1941 when he became a weather observer and forecaster in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He joined the U.S. Weather Bureau in 1949 and was an aviation forecaster and a district forecaster before becoming a principle assistant in the Spaceflight Meteorology Group in 1962.

He transferred to the National Hurricane Center in 1968 and was soon named a senior hurricane specialist. After 37 years in the National Weather Service, Hope joined The Weather Channel in 1982 as the tropical coordinator and on-camera meteorologist.

Hope has received many public service awards, including the 1971 U.S. Department of Commerce Silver Medal, the National Hurricane Conference Media Award in 1990 and the 1994 Governor’s Award from the Florida Governor’s Hurricane Conference. He served as chair of the Forecasts and Warning Committee of the Hurricane Warning Conference from 1972 to 1981.

Although officially retired, Hope continues to provide around-the-clock coverage, as needed, during the annual hurricane season. In January 2000, The Weather Channel established the John R. Hope Scholarship in Atmospheric Sciences, which is administered by the American Meteorological Society.
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 is a candidate for graduation based upon a minimum amount of coursework to be completed by August 2000, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation.

E. Craig Wall Sr.
School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Guy Prescott Ackerman
Marc J. Angello *
Andrea Lee Bahr
Joshua Bradley Barr
Marisa Ann Baselice +
Randolph Christian Battle
Michael Glenn Benton, Jr.
Penny Michelle Benton *
Michelle Leigh Bishop
Jennifer Lynn Bosco *
Matthew F. Bowman *
Lanny James Brezinski *
Gloria Jill Brogdon
Melissa Caryd Brumble
Jason F. Burzler
Robert Raymond Camp +
Utocqua Rona Campbell
Rian Marr Cancellier
Tonia Jane Clemmons
Robert Marsh Clinger, III + + +
Brett Alan Corder +
Pol Cucula *
Heather Marie DeGol
Christopher James Delamater
Matthew King Dellingier *
Ryan M. Di Maria
Kevin Richard Diehl
Gero Rolf Werner Doering
Vicki Lee Dulaney
Michael Coates Duncan

Amy Jo Eafriti
Heather Renee Eason
Pete J. Engonidis
Emily Catherine Everett
Rebecca Marie Fish
Jhon Ethan Forchette +
Ryan Timothy Gallier *
Anthony Robert Ganguzza*
Matthew John Gladieux
Craig Lee Graham
Janet P. Graham +
Kimberly A. Grainger
Lauren Danielle Greico
Gudjon Armann Gudjonsson +
Joseph Robert Guernsey *
Hildur Þa Gunnarsdottir + *
Joshua Travis Guthrie
Robert Eugene Hammer, III
Karen SeonYoung Han *
Kimberly Ann Harrelson *
Mcklayne Kyle Haugen *
Richard Brendan Henn *
Michael Jonathan Henry
Erika Marie Hill
Kousuke Himejima
Jill Chantele Hodge
Shannon Nobles Holbert +
Kristin Ema Hrafnsdottir
Cathy Ann Huber
Alicia Marie Ivan + +
Edwin R. Jefferson, IV
Jennifer Marie Johnson
Todd Neil Johnson *
Joni Sanders Kirton *
Mary Anne Kisselburg *
Katsuhiko Kodama
Richard James Koepp, Jr.
Kyle Ryan Kogler *
Todd Garrett Krajeck +
Allison Marie Kramer *
Aimee Lynn Krueger
Lory Lachappe
Christopher Joseph Langley
Nicholas Steven Mamula
Brooks Lee Marzka +
Jaime Michele Mason
Nathan Drew McBee
Beverly A. McCarthy-Ussery *
Charlene Lisa McDowell *
Glenn David McMurray, Jr. +
Eric Andrew Michel
André Raymond Miles, Jr. *
Craig William Morcom
Brian Gene Morris
Ryan Charles Morrison*
Joseph Eric Neff ++ *
Lam Nguyen
Tracy Anne Nieuwenhuis
Jeffrey M. Norris
Teresa Mary Palermo
Wendy Leigh Parrish
Kim Kathryn Paszko
Sachin Chandrakant Patel
Scott Alan Phillips
Paul Timothy Pinkston, III *
Joshua Provost
Michael Shawn Raper *
Christopher Eugene Cane Reid
Daniel L. Renshaw
Jerred Michael Roberts
Joyce Diane Roof
Robbie A. Safa
Bryan Scott Sasek
Joby Grey Satterfield
David R. Scalabrini
Todd Patrick Shannon *
Bjarni Logi Sigurjonsdottir
Justin Daniel Silberman
Thomas E. Soderberg
Tara Elizabeth Sparks
James Archie Spivey
Renita Stephens
Tammy Lynn Stratford ++
Harold Franklin Tanner, Jr. *
Elizabeth Vaughn Tilley ++
Tiffany Lea Travis +
Patrick John Trees
Shawn Richard Tremblay *
Robin Faith Turner ++
Shellie Stafford White *
Jennifer Lynn Williams
Graham Dodds Wilson
Steven Brian Wingate *
Armin Woelbeling
Jessica Gail Worley *
Kelly Marie Zeher

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts in Education
Bachelor of Science in Education
Bachelor of Science in Physical Education
Bachelor of Science

Eva Elizabeth Adkins
Katina Kristina Baker
Catherine Canby Balderson
Joel Thomas Banta
Julie Anne Barstow *
Casey DeLaney Beamon
Paula Berthea Best + +
Abigail Fleming Billings
Lisa Dawn Bishop
Lisa Mabel Bishop *
Melissa Lynn Blanton
Sandy Jean Borgquist *
Richard Alexander Brown
Melanie Lynn Merritt Buck *
Marie Patricia Buswinka
Matthew Robert Campman
Jennifer Suzanne Canady
Jeffrey Paul Carlson
Billy Anthony Carroll
Jeanna Annette Clark ++
Tammy Michelle Clark
Tina S. Cook
Charles Cameron Crawford
Jennifer Suzanne Creque
Jill Graham Cribb
Stephen Hansen Crist, Jr. *
David Lee Dannen
William Anthony Davis *
Farrah Kirsten Dill +
Jennifer Lynn Drake *
Jennifer Collins Drury
Stephanie Shawn Dunnivant
Jessica Faye Falca
Joseph Wayne Fowler *
James Richard Ganley, Jr.
Patrick Wendell Gardner *
Maurice Lucian Greene
Christy Lee Hanna
Scotty Lane Harmon *

** 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 2000 degree candidate
DEGREES IN COURSE

School of Education (continued)

Kellie Tricia Mikaloukks Harter
Jonathan Bradley Hastings
Amanda Kaye Kelley Heidt
Lori Vasser Hudgins
Kari Ann Jackson
Hannah Marie Jarvis
Shawn Lamont Johnson
Desiree Lynne Jordan
Shannon Kelly Kaminski
Kimbry Dawn King
Kevin Reid Kirksey
Leslie Elizabeth Lewis
Danielle Elizabeth Leyh
Damian Marchesani
James Joseph McAllister
Amber Lee McArthur
Scarlet Lorayne McCracken
Sharon Marie McCracken
Kelley Erin McGinniss
Brian Alan McGowan
Stacie Ann McNamara
Kelly Ann Miles
Kelly Vereen Mitchell
Ja'Mara L. Monahan
Kimberly Leigh Nicholson
Danielle Kathleen O'Brien
Amy Heather O'Neil
Emily Ann Owens
Annelies Panhuis
Russell Lee Parker, Jr.
Rosa Liz Perez
Tiffany Diane Peterson
Billy Ray Phillips, Jr.
Benjamin Paul Prince
Tami Lee Pullen
Latonya W. Rollen
Cari L. Rowe
Mary Ursela Schilling
Jamie Louise Seaman
Beverly Lee Shelley
Gregory Scott Simpson
Mercedes Elizabeth Massey Smith
William Ashley Smith
Robert Pasquale Spino, Jr.
Angela M. Stanley
Shanda Mack Stone
Jessica Lynn String
Tami Lee Thompson
Tammie Jean Coffey Todd
Stephanie Jo Trask
Alicia Renee Justice Truett
Katrina Ann Vereen
Laura Brooke Weaver
Betty Faye Williams
Cherry Elliott Willoughby
Jeannie A. Yearwood

School of Humanities and Fine Arts

Bachelor of Arts

Wade Austin Beard
Latrice Shanté Bell
Deanna Christine Blewett
Patrick James Burke
Kayla Marie Calkins
Stacia Danielle Callahan
Janice Cardiale
Stephen Andrew Carr
Danielle Candice Caudill
Paul Andrew Cebelloro
Jula Evelyn Chafin
David Lawrence Chewning
Jada Loren Collins
Jeffrey Allen Cook
Melissa Ann Cosker
Nicole Mary D'Arcangelo
Beth Anne Dambman
Brandon McKee Day
Andrew Joseph Dentamaro
Matthew Scott Earhart
Shawn Michael Fiddler
Gregory John Fleming
Myron Lee Gerald
Brianne Nicole Glance
Megan Danielle Gleeson
Steven Godden
Jason Shepherd Gordon
Christina Denise Greene
Julie Anne Hagen
Diana Lee Hammond
Timothy Lee Harris
Christopher Glenn Henderson
Robert Walter Hill
Amanda Martha Hillman
Stephanie Christine Hitt
Jessica Lynn Hoover
Jessica Juanita Horn
Gregory Allen Hutcheson
William Chris Janu
Beth Wylo Johnson
Brent Allan Johnson
Samuel Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Dean R. Jones
Rhonda Anne Jordan
Christina Kabelka
Christian Randall Kadlec
Tonya Ann Kallansrud
Sean Vincent Kenny
Jillane Susan Kent
John Teodor Klapyk
Kristina Pauline Lauber
Paul Dennis Lewis
Robert Anthony Libertone
Dreama Elaine Lightsey
Khristen Phillips Moreland
David James Palinski
Brophy James Ringdahl
Vanessa Margaretta Salomo
Margaret Sydor Santee
Phillip Anthony Scalf
Danielle Marie Seger
Nicole Dinitri Brown Shannon
Kimberly Noel Shelley
Andrew Martin Stein
Kevin Wade Strickland
Heather Anne Thompson
Derek Ryan Trail
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Sheldon Jerome Vann
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Matthew William Wood
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School of Natural and Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Melanie Crystal Alexander
Pascha R. Anello
SharNetta Lovetta Baker
Wade Stuart Baker
Brian Christopher Behrens
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Amy Elizabeth Biesze
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Bachelor of Science

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- Tara Leigh Miller
- Patrick Michael Miner
- Douglas Scott Mirabito
- Chad Wesley Mitchell
- Kelly Ann Moylan
- Annemari Elizabeth Murray
- Janelle Marie Myers
- Dale Shannon Neal
- Kimberley Sue Nester
- Kimberley Anne Newharn
- Staci Elizabeth Owens
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- Dana Moore Parrott
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- Michael Todd Potthoff
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- Courtney Dorea Reilly
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- Jason Thomas Renne
- Jennifer Rae Rephann
- Kimberly Lynee Reynolds
- Janet Alisa Grainger Ridout

### Interdisciplinary Studies

- Amy Sanchez
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- Anna Marie Scherer
- Mark Albert Schildwachter
- Melissa Rene Schollian
- Melissa Tesh Schroder
- John Philip Sconyers
- Sherry Lashawn Shuler
- Michelle Lynn Simmons
- Michael Kishen Singh
- Stephanie Nicole Skinner
- Faye J. Slater
- Matthew Randall Small
- Latoya Demetra Smalls
- Jennifer Lee Spencer
- Kurt King Squires
- Jessica Carter Tansey
- Laterrece Remon Taylor
- Kristi Marie Thompson
- Megan Amber Thompson
- Virginia Lee Thompson
- Katharine Elizabeth Timney
- John Bradley Townsend
- Kendra Monique Turner
- Robert Alexander Upchurch
- William Stanely Vachon
- Shawa Lynn Virtue
- Kelly Michelle Vowels
- Michael Scott Wetz
- Laurie Ann Whitaker
- Alicia Elizabeth Wieczorkowski
- Jolene Elizabeth Williams
- Alaura Shannon Willson
- Kelly Patricia Wilmot
- Lori Jean Zaworski
- John Michael Zoltek, Jr.

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* August 2000 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 Athena 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 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.
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.

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.

THE UNIVERSITY’S LEADERS

Ronald R. Ingle
President • 1993-present
Chancellor • 1992-1993

Ronald G. Eaglin
Chancellor • 1985-1992

Frederick W. Hicks, III
Chancellor • 1983-1985

Edward M. Singleton
Chancellor • 1963-1983

William C. Casper
Director • 1961-1963

George C. Rogers
Director • 1955-1961

Edward J. Woodhouse
Director • 1954-1955

Administration Building is completed and dedicated in honor of Mr. Wall, who was one of the University’s original founders.
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, now under construction. 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.
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

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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.

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