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COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2001
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding: Ronald R. Ingle, Coastal Carolina University President

Procesional  Coastal Carolina University Chamber Winds
                James Tully, Director

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

Ain'-a that Good News!  arr. William L. Dawson
                      Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir members
                      Charles J. Evans, Director

Invocation  Allison Joslyn
            Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2001

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  Kathleen A. Matheny
                        Senior Class President
                        Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2001

Address  Walter Edgar
         Historian

Conferring of Honorary Degrees  Ronald R. Ingle
                                Doctor of Humane Letters • Walter Edgar
                                Doctor of Humane Letters • Genevieve Peterkin
                                Doctor of Fine Arts • Bill Pinkney

Conferring of Degrees in Course  Ronald R. Ingle

John P. Idoux
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Robert D. Nale
Interim Dean, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration

Gilbert H. Hunt
Dean, College of Education

Lynn Franken
Dean, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Valgene L. Dunham
Dean, College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Peter P. Balsamo
Dean, Extended Learning and Public Services

Alma Mater  Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir members
            Coastal Carolina University Band

Benediction  Jaime Hilliard
             Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2001

Recessional  Coastal Carolina University Chamber Winds

Faculty Announcer: David W. Evans, Associate Professor of Chemistry; Chair of Chemistry and Physics
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 regalia 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 ocher 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 velvets 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 honors; it is embroidered with the University seal and the honors to which the graduating student is entitled, academic and/or societal. Recognized honor societies and their representative disciplines 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;
- Eta Sigma Gamma: Health;
- Kappa Delta Pi: Education;
- Omicron Delta Kappa: Leadership;
- Phi Alpha Theta: History;
- Phi Eta Sigma: Freshmen;
- Phi Sigma Tau: Philosophy;
- Pi Mu Epsilon: Mathematics;
- Pi Sigma Alpha: Political Science;
- Psi Chi: Psychology;
- Sigma Tau Delta: English;
- Sigma Zeta: Science and Mathematics; and
- Upsilon Pi Epsilon: Computer Science.

The greatest degree of symbolism is represented 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.

- Business Administration: Drab
- Computer Science: Golden Yellow
- Divinity/Theology: Scarlet
- Dramatic Arts: Brown
- Economics: Copper
- Education: Light Blue
- Engineering: Orange
- English: White
- Fine Arts: Brown
- History: White
- Humanities: White
- Journalism: Crimson
- Juris Prudence: Purple
- Library Science: Lemon
- Mathematics: Golden Yellow
- Marine Science: Golden Yellow
- Medicine: Kelly Green
- Music: Pink
- Speech: Silver Gray
- Pharmacy: Olive Green
- Philosophy: Dark Blue
- Physical Education: Sage Green
- Physics: Golden Yellow
- Political Science: Dark Blue
- Public Administration: Peacock Blue
- Public Health: Salmon Pink
- Science: Golden Yellow
- Social Science: Citron

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.
Walter Edgar • Scholar, Historian and Author

Walter Edgar, the commencement speaker, is Claude Neuffer Professor of History and director for the Institute of Southern Studies at the University of South Carolina. He is the author or editor of 14 books on South Carolina and the American South, including *South Carolina: A History*, published in 1999. He founded and served as the first director of USC’s acclaimed Public History Program.

Edgar earned a master’s degree in 1967 and a Ph.D. in 1969 in history from the University of South Carolina. After two years in the U.S. Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned to USC as a post-doctoral fellow of the National Archives. Edgar joined the USC faculty in 1972 and was named director of the Institute for Southern Studies in 1980. He is active in community organizations and has served on the boards of the South Caroliniana Society, the Historic Columbia Foundation and the Columbia Museum of Art.

Genevieve Chandler Peterkin • Author, Historian and Environmental Activist

Genevieve Chandler “Sister” Peterkin, a writer, historian and environmental activist, is a longtime resident of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. Her acclaimed memoir, *Heaven is a Beautiful Place*, written with William P. Baldwin, is a personal account of the area’s rich history and culture. Peterkin earned a bachelor’s degree in English from Coker College and a bachelor’s degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She serves on the board of directors of the Coastal Conservation League and the Freewoods Foundation.

Bill Pinkney • Recording Artist

Pioneer rhythm and blues recording artist Bill Pinkney is one of the founders of the Original Drifters, the legendary soul ensemble which was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988. A native of Dalzell, South Carolina, Pinkney was decorated for his service in World War II. He is the only living member of the Original Drifters, formed in 1953. The group was closely associated for many years with the Atlantic Record Company and produced many classic recordings for the label, including “Under the Boardwalk,” “Up on the Roof,” “On Broadway” and “There Goes My Baby.” The music of the Drifters is closely associated with South Carolina’s state dance, the Shag.
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 2001, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation.

### Degrees in Course

#### College of Business Administration

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

- Jennifer Kyley Adkins
- Thordur Agustsson
- Aaron Ray Allen
- Lisa Marie Antanaitis
- Sarah Beth Arends
- Kristina Lauren Armistead
- Dean Vincent Ashton
- Yeason Kristopher Avant
- Jessica Clare Baffle
- Paul E. Banta
- Charles Anthony Baptiste
- Ashley Elizabeth Bledsoe
- Ryan John Brandenburg
- Joseph Wenceslaus Brehl
- Jennifer Lynn Brown
- Jeremy Demetrius Brown
- Ryan Michael Bubcus
- Melody Joyce Chamberlain
- Chad Dwayne Chandler
- Elizabeth Anne Chieffi
- Sira Elizabeth Ann Christensen
- Jill Elizabeth Ciminieri
- Tonia Jane Clemons
- Kevin Randall Cox
- Stephen Patrick Dale
- Matthew Thomas Daly
- Mark K. Davies
- Matthew Alexander Evans
- Allison Marie Farrar

### 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 2001 degree candidate

#### College of Education

**Bachelor of Arts in Education**

- Melanie Leigh Abston
- Paul John Albro, Jr.
- Stacey Marie Allen
- Sloan Elliott Arnold
- Alison Erin Bach
- Amy Martha Baker
- Jaime Lynn Banks
- Meredith Townes McGee
  - Bannister
- Karyn Hope Barbato
- Shelly Nicole Baxley
- Sarah Jane Becker
- Eric Lee Bellamy
- Sandy Jean Borgquist
- Gwendelin Price Braun
- Amy Nicole Breault
- Christopher Roy Britton
- Mary High Brown
- Katie Anne Burke
- Marie Patricia Buswinka
- Robert L. Cardella
- Chester Parker Confer, Jr.
- Cheryl Marie Conover
- Margaret Elaine Cranford
- Stacey Lynn Cunningham
- Samantha Nichole Darby
- Arlon Winslow Day
- Leigh Hunter DuRant
- Jeffrey Worth Dudley
- Kyle Harry Eckenroth
- Keely Elise Morris Elliott
- Courtney Renee Eshelman
- Quatrina Lavette Foster
- Andrea Jean Frasier
- Melissa Ann Gabriel
- Scott Charles Gamble
- Devin Shaun Graham
- M. Nicole Allen Graham
- C. Richelle Knight Hardee
DEGREES IN COURSE

Shanna Renee Hardee
Tara Lee Harrelson
Matthew Ryan Hastings *
Andrea Lynette Hendrick
Marshall Wade Hursey
Julian Adam James
Gregg William Johnson *
Tara Allen Johnson
Andy Earl Jones *
Keith Allen Jones
Melanie Dozier Jones *
Allison Elizabeth Joslyn
Colleen Erin Kelso
Catherine Aimee Koru
Adib Carl Kozlow
Kelly Elizabeth Kozma
Michael Christopher Krug +
Taryn Lee Kunz
Correen Anne Lembo ++
Toni Tatro Mahoney
Alison Rabon Martin
Sylvia Elizabeth Martin *
Christopher John McDonald
Kelley Erin McGinniss *
Brian Alan McGowan
Patrick Jacob McKenzie *
Stephanie Diane Medlin
Nicole Lynne Merlo
Lester John Miller, III
Christopher LeAndraw Moore *
Dawn Marie Trotter Neal *
Katie Laura O'Rourke *
James David Parrott *
Kimberly Brooks Paugh
Michael Patrick Pawlowski
Catherine Marie Floyd
Peeples *
Joseph Franklin Phillips
Jessica Nicole Porter
Kristi Lee Rabon
Thomas J. Rezzuti, Jr. *
Kerry Stewart Roe
Christopher Michael Roma
Brenna R. Semple
Deborah Lyn Sharp
Mary Schane Sharp
Tina Michelle King Shoemaker *
Daniel Philip Sine
Angela Marie Stanley
Michael Cain Stinnett *
Clay Whitfield Stutsman
Kristin Lyn Swanson ++ 
Elizabeth Durant Tanner *
Bryan C. Theiss
Risa Laine Tritt +
Kellan Ruth Ann Tuebner
Heather R. Turner
Jennifer Joy Tyler *
Angela Hayes Victoria

Robert Gerald Warden
Lori M. Wilbert
Jamie Evans Williams
Jacob Allen Wilner *
Adrienne Lynn Woodward
Jacqueline Marie Word +
Robin Andrea Wroble ++
Michelle Kathryn Zumpfe

Crystal Amanda Shaw *
Jennifer Lynn Sheffield +
James Mark Short
Michael Kelly Smith *
Vivien Katheryne Sookram +
Harold Thomas Spangler
Elizabeth Jean Stanley +
Heather Mary Steere +
Joseph John Taormina
Danielle Gabriella Terry *
Steven Scott Thompson
Jason Robert Turner *
Jessica Nicole Van Steen
Charlene H. Winkler +
Matthew James Wofford
Scott Anthony Woods *
Vincent Earl Worth, III
Brad Christopher Wrenn
Lina M. Zehim *

Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards
College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Bachelor of Arts
Amy Ann Adams
Christopher Michael Becker ++
Christina Hudson Bellamy
Tawana Denise Betha *
Randy Allen Beverly, Jr.
Matthew Joseph Cappello *
Audrey Catherine Cervellero
Sandra Faye Conner
Matthew James Devenny
Danica Renae Dunke *
Danielle Elaine Evans ++
Michael Eugene Evans
Nicole Francis Fontneau
Jason Alexander Foust
Lee H. Gitzes
Kimberly Ann Nicole Goings *
Rhett James Graham
Priscilla Green-White *
Christopher Glenn Henderson
Samantha Jenkins *
Katherine Elizabeth Johnson
Sean Vincent Kenny
Jennifer Ann Kirk
Melissa Diane Kudra ++
Paul Dennis Lewis *
Brianne Linda Meagher +
Jason Paul Miller
Leah Nicole Rhodes Miller
William Kristopher Miller *
Ashli Michelle Morris *
Jeffrey Trent Moses
Pamela E. Musick
Thuy Ngoc Nguyen *
Tiffany Danielle Nixon
Robert Russell Phillips, Jr.
Marjorie Maryke Poster
Christopher James Puglia
Katherine Rebecca Sawyer
Phillip Anthony Scalf
Nicole Dinitri Brown Shannon

College of Natural and Applied Sciences
Bachelor of Science
Kristine Marie Adams
Jill Kristen Adkins *
Adnan H. Alie
Melissa Louise Ammons
Shane Marie Anyan
Lindsay Ann Aschim
Liisa Ann Auvinen *
James Douglas Bailey, Jr.
Norman Russell Baker
Kara Lynn Bannan
Mirandia Adria Baxley *
Lorien Eleanor Bestler *
Sheri Lynn Bevins
Joanna Lynn Blazo +
Brad James Blythe +
Christopher Aristote Bogiages
Jennifer Jo G. Borsuk
Bo Hu Bray ++
Sean Michael Brennan
Tiffany Jo Brookens ++
Colleen Elizabeth Bryan ++
Carie Lynn Burk
Jessica Marie Calemine
Stephen James Carleton
Angel Kay Carroll
Rachel Marie Carter +
Jeffrey Wayne Cassell
Melody Joyce Chamberlain *
Stanton McCray Chapman
Stacey Lynn Collins +

Jessica Marie Coombs
Regina Elvira Corsi *
Jodi Nealey Cox
Thomas Doyle Cumbie
Gregory Chad Damato
Frank Newton Daniels, IV
Jessica Marie Davison *
Christopher Poblete DeLeon
Jennifer Lynn Dean
Robyn Ann Delamar
Verneatha Omaga Levett
Doctor
Barry Keith Donohue
Triniti Ann Dufrene
Crystal Cox Edge +++
Franklin William Ellis, Jr.
Stacey Renee Ellison
Joehr G. Elreda-Safa
Susan Elizabeth Elswick
Christopher James Flanary *
George Sidney Fogel *
Sarah Elizabeth Foose
Kelley Catherine Gahan
Erika Zanda Gannon
Amanda Caroline Gantt
Christopher Joe Gause
Ryan Daniel Glass
Jamie Marie Glowacki +
Tara Mae Goodrich *
Vanessa Grant *
Michael C. Grassmann *
Anthony Jason Green ++
David J. Grose
Zachary James Gurick ++
Annemari Elizabeth Murray
Hardee
Rebekah Elaine Harris
Damien Philip Hart
Lori Beth Haselden
Jessica Kim Hausman *
James William Hill
Jaime Marie Hilliard
Ann Blaine Holland
Alicia Marie Holmes
Meagan Nicole Houston
Kimberly Christine Howell *
Jennifer Gasque Hyatt
Christina Haley Gordon
Irving +
Anel Heshan de Soysa
Jayasuriya
Erik David Jones
Mindy Sue Jones
William Robert Joseph *
Derrick English Josey
Riki Lynn Kauffman *
Kathryn Kelly Kersh
Hayley Joy Kosmatka

D E G R E E S I N C O U R S E
Brent Christopher Kredel
Danielle Marie Krysiak *
Laura Nicole Kukich
Danielle Kathleen Laker ++
Jamie Patricia Lee
Christina Maria Lindgren
Robert Eugene Litwhiler, Jr.
Amy Jo Love
Elizabeth S. Lynn
Matthew Ryan Maas *
Tamara Sue Maher
Kathleen Anne Matheny
Stephanie Anne Mathis
Matthew Christopher Maxwell
Lyle Jaison Mazei
Tamiko LaTaya McCall *
Tara Renee McCullough
Lakesha Sharane McCutchen
Theresa Marie McDonald
Stephanie Nell McPherson
Christina Maria Mills *
Heather Joy Minick *
Jelena Mirkovic ++
Jayme Thomas Mohr *
Robert Anthony Morales
Rachel Ann Murphy
Dawn Michelle O'Neal
Brandi Anne Obman
Jamie Ley Orr
Jennifer Leigh Parks *
Angela Renee Parrott *
Jan Stuart Peele
Kevin James Perry
Renuka Persad
Tamara Anne Peters
Todd Nicholas Ploetner *
Brandy Elizabeth Potter
André Danté Pounds *
Heather Nicole Powell +
Kari Elisabeth Powell
Christopher Michael
Prosser ++
Bryan St. Clair Pryor
Mary Elizabeth Purtil *
Olympia Delilah Brianna Raines
Roger David Rasberry
Danielle Shavon Reaves *
Phyllis Latressa Reaves *
Crispin Francis Reeves
Katherine Elizabeth Reid *
David Thomas Rhodes, Jr. *
Jessie McCabe Rhodes
Kayonda Latara Rogers *
Ryan Robert Russell *
Theresa L. Russell *
Heather Renae Ryan *
James Allen Salmon
Adam Lewis Sapp
Meagan Brooke Scales
John Philip Sconyers
James Michael Sellers
Shira Shasho ++
Rebecca Lynn Sheiko
Sherry Lashawn Shuler *
Michael Ryan Sides
Shawn Michael Simko *
Sara Ellena Simpson
Stephanie Price Sorrell
Daniel Kension Stewart +
Michelle Lynn Storen *
Rita Tahan
Raymond Eugene Taillefer
Jacquelyn Lee Taylor
Marcus Vincent Terneus, Jr.
Hawanya Antrinette Terry
Jessica Ann Tiedeken +
Edward Robert Tkacz
Barbara Jeanne Todd +
Jennifer Marie Trofinmovics
Melissa Anne Umplett
Gretchen Lynn Waggy
Glenn Peter Weeks, Jr.
Melissa Marie Weierick
Sarah Jean Wells *
Lacey A. White
Dwight Anthony Williams
David C. Woodley ++
Tiffany Nicole Wright
Christine Mary Zantow
Lori Jean Zaworski *

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A collegiate GPA of 3.5 to 3.749

* August 2001 degree candidate

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**Interdisciplinary Studies**

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Travis Gregory Altman, Jr.
Michelle Pope Bailey *
Paula Michelle Barrueco *
Kelly Elizabeth Burke
Angela Colleen Calemine *
Robert Earl Derr
Kathleen Marie Grannis
Stacey Michele Halpern
Karen Tison Hampton
James Oren Hughes, Jr.
Linda P. Johnson
Nadia Nicole Karas
Melissa Mary Kern
LaVar Kenyon Lee
Amanda Marie Levy
Toni Ann Locke
Suzanne Stephen Malik *
Deborah Ann McCorckle
Cheri Lynn McNeil
Kirk Murphy Meeks *
Norell Berni Mitchell *
John B. Mouton
Susan McNeilly Mungo
Brian Cale Pritchett
Jordan Marie Shamshak *
Bobby Roy Stalvey, Jr.
Abigail Deems Taylor

**College of Education**

Master of Education

Penny Lynn Skipper *
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 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 boardroom of the E. Craig Wall, Sr. College of Business Administration.

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 regulator/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. 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 and ground is broken on what will be the largest structure on campus. 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. The School of Education gains accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The Board of Trustees approves the sale of revenue bonds to begin construction of a new 350-bed residence hall, expansion of the dining facility and a welcome center/bookstore. Football will be added to the intercollegiate mix in 2003; with football, the university will offer 17 NCAA Division I intercollegiate programs.

2000  To reflect the growth of academic programs and the maturity of the institution, the four academic schools of the university are renamed colleges. The College of Humanities and Fine Arts is named for Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards and the building will bear their name when it is completed in summer 2001. A statewide awareness campaign is under way to bolster the university's visibility. The university's endowment tops $10 million, reflecting a 309 percent increase since 1993. Coastal offers baccalaureate degree programs in 38 major fields of study, master's degree programs in education, and six cooperative programs with other South Carolina universities. Enrollment reaches more than 4,600 students who represent 46 states and 43 countries. The average SAT for entering freshmen tops the national average.
C O A S T A L C A R O L I N A U N I V E R S I T Y

A L M A M A T E R

COASTAL CAROLINA

\[ \text{We come to you to lead our search,} \\
\text{and learn to reach beyond ourselves –} \\
\text{below the earth, beyond the stars –} \\
\text{to form our dreams for better years.} \]

\[ \text{Here, green and bronze in nature; light –} \\
\text{sweet pine forests that surround us,} \\
\text{ocean waters that sustain us –} \\
\text{reflect your standards that prepare us.} \]

\[ \text{May we return in thought and care} \\
\text{to share your promise of enrichment,} \\
\text{and celebrate and sing our praise} \\
\text{for Coastal Carolina.} \]

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.