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COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2001
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding: Ronald R. Ingle, Coastal Carolina University President

Processional
Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band
James Tully, Director

Star Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key
arr. James Tully

Invocation
Angela A. Robbins
Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2001

Welcome and Acknowledgments
Ronald R. Ingle

Claire B. Parker
Chairman, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees

Seeds Grow to Plants
from Canticles of America by John Rutter
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir members

University Distinctions
Ronald R. Ingle

Introduction of Speaker
Crystal C. Lenky
Senior Class President

Address
Varavut Limpasuvan
Assistant Professor of Physics

Conferring of Honorary Degree
Ronald R. Ingle
Doctor of Public Service • James P. Blanton

Conferring of Degrees in Course
Ronald R. Ingle

Sally M. Horner
Interim 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, School of Continuing Studies

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

Benediction
Brandy N. Phillips
Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2001

Recessional
Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band

Faculty Announcer: Darla Domke-Damonte, Associate Professor of Management
Student Marshals and Ushers: Coastal Carolina University Student Alumni Ambassadors

Following Commencement, the Coastal Carolina Alumni Association will host a reception for graduates and their guests in Exhibit Hall B of the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.
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 gloved 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 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
- 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.
Varavut Limpasuvan was born in Bangkok, Thailand, and moved with his family to Southern California at age 11. He earned two bachelor's degrees in 1992, one in engineering and applied sciences from the California Institute of Technology and one in physics from Occidental College. He earned a Ph.D. in atmospheric sciences from the University of Washington in 1992 and did postdoctoral research at the Joint Institute for the Study of Atmosphere and Ocean in Seattle.

Limpasuvan was named Coastal Carolina University's 2000-2001 Distinguished Teacher of the Year at the university's annual Honors Convocation in April. In November 2001 he was awarded the Governor's Distinguished Professor honor by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Limpasuvan's research interests are focused primarily in the areas of atmospheric science and climate dynamics. He has published several articles in scholarly journals on ozone and climate change.

Limpasuvan lives in Myrtle Beach with his wife Lourdes and their two children, Ty and Drew.

James P. Blanton was born in the Mount Olive community in Horry County, South Carolina, in 1915, the son of Dora Rowell Blanton and Olin I. Blanton, Sr.

Blanton graduated from Floyds High School but family responsibilities and economic hardships brought on by the Great Depression prevented him from pursuing a college degree. These experiences fueled his incentive to work to help provide better educational opportunities for others.

Blanton was one of the members of the first committee that met in July 1954 to discuss the establishment of a junior college in Horry County. He has served on the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc., since Coastal Carolina was established later that year, and now serves as a director emeritus.

Blanton is known and respected for his commitment to the conservation of the natural resources of Horry County. As a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1967 and 1968, Blanton was the chief author of legislation called Omnibus Law Bill, which established the first training center for law enforcement in the state. Blanton also proposed the state's first ecology bill and focused attention on issues relating to soil conservation and forestry.

In the 1970s Blanton helped establish the Cartwheel Community Center in the Mount Olive community.

In 1987 Blanton founded the Playcard Environmental Education Center. Located on the edge of a 250-acre blackwater swamp 20 miles west of Conway, the center provides educational activities related to the study of the natural sciences and conservation. Created by the Horry County Conservation Foundation, which Blanton also founded, the Playcard Center offers classroom space, a conference center and nature trails.

He has received numerous awards including the Hetty Ricker Community Development State Award in 1982; the South Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Society Commendation Award in 1989; the State Conservationist of the Year Award in 1989; the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service from the University of South Carolina in 1990; and was named Honorary Class Member of Clemson University of 1960.

Blanton is the owner of Blanton Supplies, Inc., in Loris, Little River and Marion, S.C. He was a founder and vice president of Horry County National Bank and has served on the Conway Hospital Board of Directors.

Blanton is a life-long member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, having served in many capacities including trustee, deacon and deacon emeritus. He and his wife Elizabeth have three sons: Dr. Lloyd Houston Blanton, James Keith Blanton and Franklin Carroll Blanton, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
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 2001.

E. Craig Wall Sr.
College of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Wickliffe Taylor Ashbury, Jr.
Marinela A. Atkins
Yeadon Kristopher Avant *
Charles Anthony Baptiste
Nicolle Yarborough Boyd
Jennifer Lynn Brown
Amber Jean Cancelli
Richard Mace Carroll
Christopher Carter
Melody Joyce Chamberlain
Chad Dwayne Chandler *
Erin Veronica Corbin
Richard Jerome Cozzens, III
Martin Baty Colbertson
Crystal Leigh Denning
Michael David Downing *
Nacole Edwards ++
Andrew William Emilio
Sean Daniel Flood
Brian Keith Forbis *
Brian Edward Freeman *
Jeffrey Wyatt Gallowton
Jon Baron Gerald
Sumter Moye Graham, III
Amy Lee Graves
Jonathan Neil Guibault *
Brandon N. Habben *
Franklin Scott Ham
Joline Hamilton
Ross Adam Harris

David Richard Wilson *
Jessica Diane Winfree
Siu Yee Wong *
Jason Paul Wooley *
William Patrick Yerkes *

College of Education

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Bachelor of Science in Education

Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

Bachelor of Science

Paul John Albco, Jr. *
Alison Erin Bach *
Lindsay Michelle Baker *
Shelly Nicole Baxley *
Christopher Bergamo
Nancy Annette Boykin
Gwynedd Price Braun *
Amy Nicole Breault *
Kelly Brooks Brown
Mary High Brown ++ *
Jennifer Elaine Bryson
Marie Patricia Buswinka *
Robert L. Cardella
Maurice Lee Cobb
Jonathan Torrance Coleman
Chester Parker Confer, Jr. *
Clayton Scott Cook *
Bryan Dennis Counts *
Margaret Elaine Cranford *
Julia Evans Crel
Matthew Olen Cross
Katie Marie Donahue ++
Leigh Hunter DuRant
Kyle Harry Eckenroth *
Waymon Sanders
Edmonds, III *
Katie Lyn Embick
Heather Aleen Felice
Cynthia A. Cox Fox *
Andrea Jean Frasier *
Kristen Marie Fry
Scott Charles Gamble *
Devin Shaun Graham *

Elizabeth June Graham *
M. Nicole Allen Graham *
Erin S. Grainger
Shauntal Demetris Graves
Tawauna Christina Hamlin
Karen Diane Hammond *
Erica Danielle Harris
Matthew Ryan Hastings
Rosa Lynn Hickman
Millicent Foxworth Hill
Lindsey Lewis Hopkins
Teresa Lynn Hutchens
Allison Smith Johnson +
Gregg William Johnson *
Andy Earl Jones *
Melanie Dozier Jones *
Kristina Lee Jordan
Amber Marie Knapp
Sylvia Elizabeth Martin
Christi Darnette McCray
Nathan Lazar McDaniel
Kelley Erin McGinniss *
Patrick Jacob McKie *
Tracy Ann Melzar *
Julie Anne Milback
Christopher LeAndrew Moore *
Paula Christine Black Mullis
Katie Laura O'Rourke *
Christina Denise Peasenell
Deidre Elizabeth Piver
Kristina Yvonne Polc
Tracy Lynn Pocher
Kristina Lynn Pulchinski
Thomas J. Rezutti, Jr. *
Penelope Dawn Hagens Scafe
Chianti Scarbrough
Nicholas A. Shamshak *
Tina Michelle King Shoemake *
Michael Cain Stinnett *
Victoria Gail Sussman
Elizabeth DuRant Tanner *
Emily Baldwin Terry
Jennifer Joy Tyler *
Jamie Evans Williams *
Yvonne Lynne Williams
Jacob Allen Wilner *
Michele Atkinson Winstead

Michael Rodolfo Hernandez *
Robert C. Hess
Amy Alena Holmes
Jacqueline Penelope Hucks *
Robert Joseph Iannarone
Carson Wesley Ince
Kristofer Brian Kohler
Jarek Kulesza
Robert Andrew Kusck
Rebecca Hult Layman
Kimberly Michelle Lee
Jami Glenn Long +
Gregory Joseph Malm
Keith Andrew Marsden
Ian Andrew Marshall
Kevin James Marshall
Aaron Paul McKnight
Kelly Ann Mercier
Brian William Meyer
Matthew Garrett Minnick
Michael Lonnie Owens *
Simona Palmieri
Frederic Wells Parker *
Douglas George Parliman
Sapna C. Patel *
Christine Lynn Pavlock *
Michael Thomas Peck
Christopher Curran Pelletier
William Michael Prince *
Jenny Skipper Ray
George William Redman, III *
Mark A. Rodriguez
Timothy Stephen Rosen, Jr.
Collin Webster Rowe
Julie Anne Lewis Sarvis *
Michael Christopher Schmitt *
Sigmundur G. Sigurgeirsson
Deanna Carol Slipper
Shaun Colin Sloan *
Eydie Marie Smith
Gregory David Smith
Joshua Seth Smith
Bryan S. Sowatskey *
Brian Bradford Sprague
Tod Davis Stackley
Amanda Caroline Thomasson *
Jennifer Dawn Thompson *
Joanna K. Urquhart
Travis R. West
SeeMone Queen Williamson *

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 Graduate
Thomas W. and
Robin W. Edwards
College of Humanities
and Fine Arts

Bachelor of Arts
Marcia Renee Arnold *
Maurice Dagan Baldwin, III
Tawana Denise Bethea *
Christian Borgard
Terrence Thomas Bruno
April Burness
Kimberly Hucks Calhoun
Matthew Joseph Cappello
Carla Michelle Clark
Rebecca Christine Collins
Russell Teldon Cope
Douglas Hobart Crew *
Ashley Frances Cribb
Danica Rena Dunkle *
Thomas Cannon Ewart, Jr.
Dennis Micah Fowler
Joel Howard Galvagni
Adrian Arthur Gerstel
Kimberly Ann Nicole Goings *
Lori Linda Hardee
Brian Kenneth Harfst
Emily Christine Hill
Idetta Berdine Holliday
John Edens Hubbard, Jr.
Samantha Jenkins *
William Leslie Kelly *
Melinda Allyson Knowles *
Matthew Benjamin Lane
Paul Dennis Lewis *
Alexis Ann Maculatis
Bruce Lindsay Maggi
Sean Mallett
James Ian Markey
Jarrod McKinley McPherson
Elizabeth Mary Melvin
Daniel Paul Miller
William Kristopher Miller *
Ashli Michelle Morris *
Thuy Ngoc Nguyen
Tiffany Danielle Nixon
Kimberly Diane Nolen *
Michael John Oliva *
Brandy Nichole Phillips
Robert Russell Phillips, Jr. *
Donna Margaret Powlai
Amanda Faye Rawls *
Jayne Marie Rex
David Eugene Ridenour
Elizabeth Leigh Rogers
Rebecca Anne Rogerson

Melanie Rose Sanchez
Nico Dinitri Brown
Shannon
Crystal Amanda Shaw *
Jennifer Lynn Sheffield + *
Michael Kelly Smith *
Christi Lynn Spivey +
Danielle Gabriella Terry *
Shanna Nerissa Thomas
Jason Robert Turner
Patrick Wesley Valero
Jessica Nicole Van Steen *
Jason Matthew Watson
Shawn Douglas Williams *
Terry Yvette Windham
Scott Anthony Woods

College of Natural and
Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Arts
Emad Adnan Abdurabbo
Jill Kristen Adkins *
Kimairis Maria Ammons *
Diana Joy Ardis *
Lindsay Ann Aschim *
Lisa Ann Auvinen
Kimberly Ann Avallone
William Donald Bair
Kelly Yvonne Baker
Barbara Rastberger Ballou
Daniel Eugene Bass
Miranda Adria Badley *
Douglas James Beattie
Lori Henriqen Bester *
Jennifer Jo Borsuk *
Kristi L. Brothers
Kirsten Kathleen Burg *
Heather Dawn Burke-Williams
Stephen James Carleton *
Melody Joyce Chamberlain
Joshua Lee Chastain
Regina Elvira Corsi *
Shan Cassell Coughlin
Lori Renee Dallman
Jessica Marie Davison *
Joseph E. DeKine
Joseph William Dinda
Marcie Angela Dixon
Bradley Scott Drggers
Scotty Allen Edge
Hellene B. Evans
Ariel Anahid Finno
Christopher James Flanary *
SheKeema LaKesha Flegler *
Melanie Lynn Fox *
Vanessa Lynn Gamble
Anna Bane Gasque
Celena Angela Gather
Celeste Andrea Gather
Ryan Daniel Glass *
Tara Mae Goodrich *
Michael C. Grassmann *
Christine Ferguson Gregory
Damienn Philip Hart
Robert Douglas Herrington
Jonathan Reid Hilliard
Sarra Evelyn Hinshaw
Jason Armiger Howell
Kimberly Christine Howell *
Bonnie Jo Jackson
Patrick J. Johnson
Dale Kevin Joseph
William Robert Joseph *
Riki Lynn Kauffman *
Scott Hunter Keats
Dewey Jackson King
Joy Frances Kraynak
Jennifer Lynn Kuehn
Jennifer P. Langiulli
Elizabeth S. Lynn *
Matthew Ryan Maas *
Kenneth Alexander Macdonald
Patrick Thomas Marino *
John Gerald Matkowski
John Wilcock McAllister
Tamiko LaTaya McCall *
Tara Renee McCullough
Carrie Lyn Meser
Whitney Elaine Meyers *
Diana Tata Miller *
Christina Maria Mills *
Heather Joy Minick *
Jayme Thomas Mohr *
Charles Irwin Molnar *
Elizabeth Mary Morley
Megan Rose Morris
Rachel Ann Murphy
Shonda Nikia Nickerson
Jennifer Lynne O'Brien *
Aimee Lynn Pannebakker
Jennifer Leigh Parks *
Shital A. Patel + *
Renuka Persad *
Todd Nicholas Ploetner *
Andre' Dante' Pounds *
Mary Elizabeth Purrell *
Katie Marie Purvis
Danielle Shavon Reaves *
Katherine Elizabeth Reid *
David Thomas Rhodes, Jr. *
Amanda Beth Riel
William Logan Robinson, Sr.
Amanda Elizabeth Rode
Kayonda Latara Rogers *
Heather Renae Ryan
Lecia Marie Salerno
Megan Brooke Scales *
Mandi Lynn Schultz
Bonita NaKieshia Self
Elizabeth Ann Sharrer
Jennifer Dawn Short *
Sherry LaShawn Shuler *
Michael Ryan Sides
Shawn Michael Simko *
Jason Levon Simmons
Megan Ann Stanco
Michelle Lynn Storren *
Jessica Paul Stroud
Scott Bradlynn Sturkie
YaShica Sequoyah Sullivan
Scott Michael Sweeney
Tabitha Lynn Talbott
Jacquelyn Lee Taylor *
Regina Marie Toman
Lisa Darlene Trumbold
Melissa Anne Umphlett *
Matthew Martin Vanasse
May F. Vongsavanh *
Kelly Jo Weaver
Amy Elizabeth Weller
Sarah Jean Wells *
Brady Felton Wilkerson
Tamika Lasheawn Williams
Jeremy Scott Winnell
Samantha Lynn Wooldridge
Tiffany Nicole Wright *
Lori Jean Zaworski *

Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Arts in
Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Science in
Interdisciplinary Studies

Michelle Pope Bailey *
William Howard Bailey, Jr. *
Trudy McConnell Bazemore *
Bruce V. Boulineau
Andrea Brophy
Angela Colleen Calemine * *
Kevin Lee Duke
Brian J. Duval *
Nicole M. Ferrara
Quentin James Goward *
Austin R. Graham
Karen Tison Hampton *
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 Graduate

Degrees in Course

College of Education

Master of Education

Deborah Phelps Ard *
Shanise Marchella Armstrong *
Joy McDowell Benton *
Juliana Cornelia Covington Brown *
Pamela Jane Evans Butler *
Danielle Jolene Clark *
Melissa Dianne Dawsey *
Cheryl Ann Flagg *
Kara Lynne Freeman *
Karen Vereen Greene *
Teresa Davis Hardwick *
Rosemary Pearson Huff *
Karen Blackwell Johnson *
Kelli Gayle Skipper Johnson *
Tamara Johnston Johnson *
Molly Anne Jordan *
Jerry Shawn Medford *
Mercedes Myra Grace Munnerlyn *
Rhonda Kay Myers *

John L. Niles, Jr. *
Karen G. Phipps *
Mary Jo Pressley *
Todd Andrew Scholl *
Marian Diane Johnson Shaw *
Penny Lynn Skipper *
Melody Smart Stanley *
Stephanie McKay Horner Toney *
Jorushia Antimarie Thornton
Asheley Gray Turbeville
Todd William Underwood *
Janet Powell Vescovi *
Walter Wesley Williams, III *

James Eric Hooks
Vicky A. Inman *
Richard E. Jernick, Jr. *
Tricia Keala Mew Lan Kelipualeole
Clayton Dale Long ++
Suzanne Stephen Malik *
Elizabeth Karlene McVey
Dawn Marie Mecham
Kirk Murphy Meeks *
Norell Berni Mitchell
Alice Ann Morant
Lance Jeremy Mudd
Robin Jill O'Brien
Christina Lorraine Reeder
Angela April Altman Robbins
Elizabeth Gertruda Roddick
Jordan Marie Shamshak *
Kelly Michelle Simmons
Michelle Ellen Spontak
William Joseph Taaffe
Harriet Elizabeth Houston Todd *
Jason Randall Wallace +
Matthew Benjamin Wiseman
Kelly Noel Young *

EX LIBRIS CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
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 viewed as 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 fewer 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. Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu visits the campus as part of the Kimbel Distinguished Lecturer Series. The School of Education gains accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The Board of Trustees approves the sale of revenue bonds to begin construction of a 350-bed residence hall, expansion of the dining facility, and University Hall. 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. A statewide awareness campaign boosts the University's visibility. The University endowment tops $12 million, reflecting a more than 300 percent increase since 1993; the total number of donors increases by 17 percent in the past year.

2001 The largest freshman class in the university's history boosts enrollment to 4,965 students who represent 47 states and 50 countries. The average SAT for entering freshmen tops the national average. New degree programs in Middle Grades Education, Music, Philosophy, Spanish, and Special Education are approved. A major construction boom increases campus space by 30 percent and is highlighted by the opening and formal dedication of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, which is the largest building on campus. An $1.8 million gift from the estate of Rebecca Randall Bryan marks the largest single cash gift in Coastal's history. The University brings the Freedom Schooner Amistad to Georgetown for a two-week stay; more than 16,000 visitors, including more than 8,000 school children from Horry and Georgetown counties, tour the ship to learn the Amistad story.
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