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COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2002
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding: Ronald R. Ingle, Coastal Carolina University President

Procesional
Pomp and Circumstance
Edward Elgar

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

Invocation

Welcome and Acknowledgments
Ronald R. Ingle
Clark B. Parker
Chairman, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees

America...And the Dream Goes On
John Williams
arr. James Tully

University Distinctions

Introduction of Speaker
Ronald R. Ingle
Crystal C. Lenky
Senior Class President
Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2002

Address
Judy Woodruff

Conferring of Honorary Degrees
Ronald R. Ingle
Doctor of Public Service • Judy Woodruff
Doctor of Humane Letters • W. Horace Carter
Doctor of Public Service • Mark S. Kelley

Conferring of Degrees in Course
Ronald R. Ingle
Sally M. Horner
Executive Vice President and Interim Provost

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
William R. Hamilton
arr. James Tully

Benediction
Jaime Searles
Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2002

Recessional
Amparito Roca
J. Texidor

Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir
Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band

Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir
Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band

Faculty Announcer: Preston McKeever-Floyd, Senior Instructor of Philosophy and Religion

Student Marshals and Ushers: Coastal Carolina University Student Alumni Ambassadors and members of Omicron Delta Kappa

Following Commencement, the Coastal Carolina Alumni Association will host a reception for graduates and their guests under the tent beside the lake.
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 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
- Order of Omega: Greek 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 Beta Mu: 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.
2002 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Judy Woodruff • Journalist

Judy Woodruff is CNN's prime anchor and senior correspondent. A 30-year veteran of broadcast journalism, Woodruff has devoted most of her career to political reporting. In September 1995, she traveled to Beijing to cover the U.N. World Conference on Women. She moderated CNN's first two “Global Forums,” international town meetings with former President Bill Clinton in 1994 and former President Jimmy Carter in 1995. Before joining CNN, Woodruff was the chief Washington correspondent for PBS's MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour and anchor of the award-winning Frontline series on PBS. Woodruff has earned many awards, including the News and Documentary Emmy Award for outstanding instant coverage of a single breaking news story for CNN's coverage of the Centennial Olympic Park bombing and the Allen H. Neuharth Award for Excellence in Journalism. In 1994, she became the first recipient of the National Women's Hall of Fame President's 21st Century Award. She serves on the board of trustees of the Freedom Forum, the Carnegie Corporation, and the Urban Institute. Woodruff earned a bachelor's degree from Duke University, where she is a trustee emerita.

W. Horace Carter • Journalist and Author

W. Horace Carter is founder and former editor-publisher of The Tabor City Tribune in Tabor City, N.C. Carter won a Pulitzer Prize in 1953 for his courageous coverage of Ku Klux Klan activities in Columbus County, N.C., and Horry County, S.C., in the early 1950s. Carter's editorials led to the conviction of 62 klansmen. A native of Stanly County, N.C., Carter earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina School of Journalism in 1939 and founded The Tribune in 1946. The late Charles Kuralt of CBS News called Carter a "fighting editor." Carter is also past president of the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association and is the author of more than 20 books and 2,000 magazine articles on hunting and fishing. Carter received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2001.

Mark S. Kelley • Legislator

Mark S. Kelley has served in the South Carolina House of Representatives since 1993. As a legislator, he has been a strong supporter of Coastal and has played an important role in securing state funding for many capital projects, including the university's track and field facility, the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts Building, the proposed science building and the proposed athletic facility. Kelley was also instrumental in bringing President George W. Bush to the Coastal campus when Bush was campaigning for the Republican nomination in 2000. He has served as chairman of the House Rules Committee and as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Kelley graduated from Myrtle Beach High School and attended Coastal Carolina University. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972 to 1976.
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 is a candidate for graduation based upon a minimum amount of coursework to be completed by August 2002, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation.

E. Craig Wall Sr.
College of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Michelle Jamie Anderson
Daniel Keith Atkinson
Kimberley Ann Barry
Theodore Joseph Beaudry
Monica Conselda Brisbon
Kimberley Ann Barry
Michelle Jamie Anderson

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Attainment GPA of 3.5 to 3.749
Attainment GPA of 3.0 to 3.499
+ + + Cum Laude
+ M. Courtney West Hucks
+ John Patrick Janci
+ Lucretia Montez Jones
+ Christopher Alan Kareiva
+ Melissa Sunshine Kern
+ Oksana Leonidovna Kerns
+ Michelle Dee Kerscher
+ Robert Scott Kestler
+ Jamal Lateef Kinlaw
+ Kristofer Brian Kohler
+ Dorian Lockhart Dalton
+ Stephen Charles DeVore
+ Cameron James Donahue
+ Michele Dreiding
+ Melissa Anne Dreyfous
+ Joseph Robert Dumbaugh
+ Danielle C. Duval
+ Jaison Lionel Eady
+ Justin Lance Easterlin
+ Nathasha Claire Elliott
+ Ashley Carey Elvington
+ Randall Michael Estok
+ Lukc Kenneth Evans
+ Kjartan Pall Eyjolfsson
+ Maria Magdalena Flores
+ Michael Kenneth Franz
+ Jeffrey Wyatt Gallman
+ Melissa Marie Gardner
+ Jason Nowell Garvine
+ Crystal Brown Giffilan
+ Michael David Gish
+ Shawn Patrick Golden
+ Anthony James Gouldthorp
+ Darren John Grassi
+ Kimyra Ahsontta Grice
+ Corey Kendale Hackett
+ Stephanie Lynn Hale
+ Franklin Scott Ham
+ Jeannne Handline
+ Sean William Hansel
+ Ryan Eli Hanson
+ Jaimie Lynn Hardell
+ Haukur Snaer Hauksson
+ Matthew Walter Heggelund
+ Mariano Kostka
+ Horno-Elosegui
+ Joni Lenora Hucks
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+ Jamal Lateef Kinlaw
+ Kristofer Brian Kohler
+ Paige Elizabeth Landry
+ Alejandro Larrazabal
+ Corominas
+ Elizabeth McKenzie
+ Laubenthal
+ Kimberly Michelle Lee
+ Lara M. Lendenmann
+ Jose Javier Lizarsoain
+ Bernat Llobera-Oliver
+ Vanessa Claire Loebuck
+ Ryan Patrick Landis MacNeill
+ Ryan Christopher Machado
+ David Eugene Macpherson
+ Gregory Joseph Malm
+ Kevin James Marshall
+ Douglas Charles Marty, Jr.
+ Stephanie Marie Matz
+ Jerry Thomas McFadden
+ Douglas Hoyt McMillan
+ Boris Garcia Menier
+ Robin L. Milestone
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+ Kevin Wesley Murphy
+ Nelson Henriques Oliveira
+ Michael Vincent Ortwtein
+ Cory Andrew Owen
+ Bradley Keith Parker
+ Steven Kyle Parker
+ Jonathan Gabriel Peyton
+ Brian Colestock Piercy
+ Paola Cristina Pinzon-Brown
+ Christopher Lee Pitcock
+ Crystal Tere Pole
+ Alison Blaine Poling
+ Christopher Dean Powell
+ Libre Jos Pugh
+ Annette Marie Roderick
+ Jeremy Robert Roderick
+ Robert Scott Roderick
+ Ronald Anthony Rosania
+ Collin Webster Rowe
+ Matthew Joseph Rubano
+ Margueritte Elizabeth Ruedisuei
+ Neal Eugene Sarvis
+ Salvador Saulaide Carbonell
+ Cheryl Lynn Seams
+ Todd Andrew Setzer
+ Brad Michael Shoep
+ Sigmundur G. Sigurgeirsson
+ Lori Ann Sokira
+ Melanee Shannon Soose
+ Valgaro P. Sorensen
+ Tera Marie Speicher
+ Jodi Lorraine Sprinkle
+ Suzanne Renee Staton
+ Heidi F. Stepzinski
+ Ben Anthony Stokes
+ Daniel Subirana-Martres
+ Meredith Papay Swavel
+ Brian Thomas Sweeney
+ Monika Thouari
+ Vijanti P. Thourani
+ Cregg Dominick Toone
+ Melissa L. Tranellio
+ Matthew Charles Turner
+ Rodrigo Uribe-Guevara
+ Pall Norri Viggosson
+ Dana Charlene Walters
+ Jason Phillip Webb
+ Billie Jo Weekley
+ Helen Victoria Welsh
+ Aaron Paul Wheeler
+ Alma Lenna Williams
+ David Devau Wood
+ Rebecca Elaine Yurkovsky

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 2002 degree candidate
College of Education

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Bachelor of Science in Education

Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

Bachelor of Science

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College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Bachelor of Arts

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Tressie Nicole Williams
Latika Nicole Windley
Matthew William Wood
Jeremy Scott Wray
Felicia Terese Young
Degrees in Course

College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Leonard Michael Egan + +
Ala'a Aref El Masri *
Dina Maria Fantegrossi *
Jennifer Lynn Fletcher
George Sidney Fogel
Samantha Barrineau Fogel *
Arnold Joseph Forman
Randall Thomas Freeland *
Jesse Anne Friedman
Danielle Marie Fromal
Fritz Franklin Frye
Christopher R. Furfaro
Vanessa Lynn Gamble
Matthew Damien Gangwer *
Kevin Ray Godwin
Kimberly Jean Gonzales *
Susan May Grainger
Paul Orville Grammer, IV
Vanessa Grant *
Jennifer Lynn Griffiths *
Kori Leigh Grillo *
Laura Beth Guyton
June Yong Han
Andrew Stuart Handley *
Ashley Jayne Hawkins
Amy Lynn Hayden *
Keeley Marie Hearns *
Timothy Scott Hodge
Mistie Elaine Hopkins
Heather Ann Hostetler *
Jason Armiger Howell
Robin Denise Huckaby
Blair MacKenzie Hughes
Joseph Eugene Humenik, III
Amy Joy James
Tammy Kaya James *
Cherie Lynn Jenkins ++
Tiffany Leigh Johnson
Thomas Ryan Karetas
Elizabeth Nicole Keddy *
Timothy J. Kiely
Erin Ann Kirk
Danielle Marie Krysiak *
Eric Dwayne Lark
Crystal C. Lenky
Michael Ben Lowiec
Jennifer Camdoce Lyerly
Jennie Elizabeth Magill
Christopher John Malinky ++
Tighe Lynn Martin *
Richard Martell Matthews, III
William Kelly Mc Dowell *
Donielle Nicole McKinley *
Susan Ann McLean ++
Ryan Patrick McNamara
Susan Lynn Meeks ++
Joseph Douglas Monar
Kelly Lynn Moran

Bachelor of Science

Jamie Lee Moylan
Heather Renee Newstetter
Angela Renee Nobles *
Amanda Nicole O’Lynn
Robert Van Osburn
Natasha Lynette Palmer *
Rebecca Carole Parker
Angela Renee Parrott
Shital A. Patel + +
Caroline Amanda Payne
Keith Robert Pearson *
Megan Reynolds Pittman
Malcolm Anthony Pope
Christopher Michael Prosser +
Natalie Dawn Prosser
Casey Joe Raines
Danna Michelle Rhodes
Brian Lamar Richardson
Elizabeth Anne Riley
Bridget Lyne Rose
Eric Marc Russell + +
Michel J. Sabbage ++
Bradley Scott Sale
Jennifer Lynn Schertzer
Jamie Lynn Schmitt ++
Deanna Lynne Scott +
Jaime Elizabeth Searles
Melissa Ann Secey
Chesna Rae Selway *
Natasha La Nae Sessoms *
Theresa Seymour
Allen Keith Shaw
Brian Henry Shaw
Bysheba Antionette Sherman
Meredith Sackett Sherman + +
Alexis Elaine Shorb
Michael Patrick Slattery ++
Margaret Ellen Smith ++
Jabirina Alanna Sturkie *
 Hilary Jasonne Summers
Heather Lynn Szymczak ++
Mark Edward Thayer
Scott DeVries Titus
Kelly A. Tucker *
Lois Annette Turner
Andrea Nina Tyler *
Amanda Lee Vaillette *
Holly Noel Warwick *
Stacia Marie Weaver + +
Christopher Glenn Weeks
Gina Marie Whitener
Brady Felton Wilkerson
Jared Ray Williams
Stuart Bellin Williams
Jamie Brian Wirth ++
Michael Ryan Wisener *
Jeffrey Lee Wolfe +
Jeremy Scott Wray *

Interdisciplinary Studies

John Robert Wu *
Marcus O’Neil Wu
Brandi Nicole Wyatt +
Lindsy Kae Yarger

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 2002 degree candidate

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Donald Patrick Devane
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Shila Gilon
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Betty Gay Hemingway
Kimberly Joy Hooks *
Steven Johnson *
Walter Tyler Johnson, Jr.
Brian Scott Lowe
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Candice Bonita Mickle +
Thelma Christine Owens
Deborah Denise Rushing
Jennifer Jené Schmidt
Philip Brandon Sellers
Walter Palm Smith
Craig Andrew Wallace *
Ava Leigh Avant Webb

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

A collegiate GPA of 3.15 to 3.999

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
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.
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.

Coastal Carolina Junior College becomes independent when the 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.

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.

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.

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 fundraising drive raises $317,000 for construction.

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.

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

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

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

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.

The first on-campus residence halls open.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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 bolsters 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 climbs to 1,050, with an average class GPA of 3.3. 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.
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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.