ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding: Ronald R. Ingle, Coastal Carolina University President

Procesional
Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band
James Tully, Director

Star Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key
arr. James Tully
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir
Anne Denbow-Gilbert, Director

Invocation
Catherine L. Team
Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2002

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

Gloria in Excelsis
Attributed to W.A. Mozart
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir

University Distinctions
Ronald R. Ingle

Introduction of Speaker
Jatana L. Brown
Senior Class President

Address
Aaron J. Ard
Assistant Professor of Management

Conferring of Honorary Degree
Ronald R. Ingle
Doctor of Public Service • Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.

Conferring of Degrees in Course
Ronald R. Ingle

Peter B. Barr
Provost
David A. DeCenzo
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

Douglas D. Nelson
Interim Dean, College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Dennis G. Wiseman
Associate Provost

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

Benediction
Jacqueline R. Clifton
Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2002

Recessional
Coastal Carolina University University Symphonic Band

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

Coastal Carolina University also recognizes members of the 1954 Society who have initiated support to the university while undergraduate students. Student members of the 1954 Society wear special pins which they receive during a formal induction ceremony held each spring.
Aaron J. Ard • Assistant Professor of Management and Statistics at Coastal Carolina University

Aaron Ard was named the 2002 Distinguished Teacher of the Year, an annual honor presented by Coastal's Student Government Association to faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching. The award is given each spring at the annual Honors Convocation. The recipient traditionally gives the December commencement address.

A native of Darlington, S.C., Ard left school at age 15 to help support his family. Two years later, on his 17th birthday, he joined the Navy, where he served four and a half years with Special Operations Forces as a non-commissioned officer. He earned his GED while he was in the service. After the Navy, Ard became a police officer, working for agencies at the local and state levels in the Pee Dee area.

Finding it difficult to advance in his career without a college degree, Ard enrolled at Florence-Darlington Technical College and his instructors there encouraged him to continue his education. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and a master's degree and Ph.D. from Cornell University. He joined the Coastal faculty in 2000.

Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr. • South Carolina Senator

Hugh Leatherman has served in the South Carolina Senate since 1981. As a Senator, he has been a strong supporter of Coastal Carolina University and has played an important role in securing state funding for the university. He is a member of the executive committee of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA), an organization which was created in 2000 to promote the joint development of the Pee Dee and Waccamaw regions of South Carolina. Leatherman has served on numerous Senate committees and has served as chairman of the Ethics Committee and vice chairman of the Transportation Committee. He was elected chairman of the Finance Committee in January 2001, and he also sits as a member of the Budget and Control Board.

A native of Florence, Leatherman is a managing partner of WyBoo Investments. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from N.C. State University. He has served as a member of the Quinby Town Council and as Mayor Pro Tem. Leatherman has received honorary degrees from Francis Marion University, the Medical University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston.
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 University 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 2002.

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### College of Education

**Master of Education**
- Brandi Lynne Beers-Miles *
- Kimberly M. Billington *
- Susan Lynn Motter Davis *
- Ebbie Evett Gore *
- Larry Edward Gates, Jr. *
- Ebbie Evett Gore *
- Robert Edward Hamm *
- Tennille Hooks Hardee *
- Christine A. Hefley *
- Cynthia Rochelle Johnson *
- Samuel Thomas Johnson, Jr. *
- Leslie Watson McCants *
- Barbara Diane McGinnis *
- Paulette Renee Singleton Nettles *
- Pamela Greer Petty *
- Marsha Ann Pini *
- Donna Marie Payne Satterley *
- Susan Smith Shackleford
- Joann Marie Singleton *
- Whitney Elizabeth White
- Kelly Ann Winterbottom *

### E. Craig Wall Sr.

**College of Business Administration**

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**
- Morgan Timothy Aries
- Jonathan Blake Badger
- Brian Hossein Barnett
- Stephanie Kay Belden
- Ryan Christopher Machado *
- Laura M. Lendenmann **+

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DEGREES IN COURSE

Jasper Duncan Rogers, II
Michael Robert Schaeffer
Kristy Lynne Saxman
Courtney Samuel
Stephen Gene Riegler
Pamela Jean Price
Danielle Helen Poston
Joseph William Knoche
Jason Erik Keller
Gary Phelps
Karen Elaine Veneers Owens
Kayla Michelle Newton
Mickey Gerhonda Miller
Michael Patrick Mcloughlin
Terrence Anthony Lorick
Carl Larcell Moser, Jr.
Siobhan Michelle McGuckin
Jennie Louise Hunter
Kimberly Denise Hunt
Rebekah Michelle Ingle
Crystal Brown Johnson
Rebekah Chapman Wilson
Jhonda Nigell Wolfe

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

Bachelor of Arts

Christa Theresa Scott
Brianna Yvonne Sharb
Kristie Ann Shaulis
Anna Elizabeth Shaw
Jennifer Lynn Sheerer
Solvia Tanekia Sherman-Steele
Payne Wallace Skipper, Jr.
Michelle Seay Smith
Jontae Devon Snipes
Erin Leigh Stevens
Andrew Davis Stewart
Angelia Shree Visco
Herbert Cecil Ward, Jr.
Michelle Lynn Ward
Unandi Keena Ward
Emily T. Weaver
Carrie Linton Wright
Whittington
Crystal Annette Wilson

College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Ryan Edward Leaphart
Michael Kevin Levesque
Leigh Anne Little
Rachel Frances Mace
Elizabeth Anne Madory
Julie Amanda Martin
Amanda Lynn McClimans
Philip Lamonte McLean
Rafael Melul
Emily Katherine Miller
Thomas Allen Morrell
Dacy J. Moyes
Leona Brown Oates
Shaun Michael Perini
Julie A. Policano
Elyse Steiner Rice
Nicholas Richard Santangelo
Kayatta Andretta Scott
Angela Alicia Shaver
David Thomas Skibicki
Kelli Michelle Snyder
Brandi Lee Thomason
Stephen Michael Tompkins
Jamie Carol Thompson
Andrew Louis Torregrossa
Jennifer Lynn Troxell
Christina Noel Vaught
Jordan James Weismore
Michele Dyer Wood
Jeremy Scott Wray

Amanda Renea Haynes
Vernon Oliver Hinckson
Charles Joseph Hoffmann, IV
Rebecca Jean Shealy Howard
Kristin Laurel Howell
Jennie Louise Hunter
Kimberly Denise Hunt
Rebekah Michelle Ingle
Crystal Brown Johnson
Kirsten Shanise Johnson
Sarah Louise Davis Keane
Jason Erik Keller
Joseph William Knothe
Suzanne Mary Lastella
Danielle Nicole Laudone
Paula Lynn Laughinghouse
Terrence Anthony Lorick
Siobhan Michelle McGuckin
Michael Patrick McLoughlin
Mickey Gerhonda Miller
Carl Larcell Moser, Jr.
Kayla Michelle Newton
Karen Elaine Venters Owens
Gary Phelps
Danielle Helen Poston
Pamela Jean Price
Angela Denise Redmond
Matthew O’Neal Richardson
Stephen Gene Riegler
Kelly Ann Robinson
Jasper Duncan Rogers, II
Courtney Samuel
Kristy Lynne Saxman
Michael Robert Schaeffer

College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Science

Martin Phanhuu Dao
Christopher Owen Davies
Geneve Jane Davis
Alison Margaret Dean
Lori Jean Decker
Christina Marie DeLeon
Shauntaey Marie DeSoto
John David Devlin
Julie Lynn Dingle
Anna Kathryn Dixon
Tiffany Jo Doolittle
Joshua Nathaniel Dougherty
Ryan Alden Earle
Scotty Allen Edge
Jo Ann Emrich
Dina Maria Fantegrossi
Gregory Lee Fay, Jr.
Bethany Marie Fiem
Colleen Rebecca Finnegan
Samantha Barrineau Fogel
Michael Paul Franza
Randall Thomas Freeland
David Michael Funderburk
Frances Serena Galvan
Vanessa Lynn Gamble
Curtis Franklin Gambrell, Jr.
Matthew Damien Gangwer
Lajenia Michelle Gibson
Kelley Suzanne Gill
Kimberly Jean Gonzales
Reginald Kyle Gore
Marti W. Grainger
Vanessa Grant
Jennifer Lynn Griffiths
Kori Leigh Grillo
Kristin Bernadette Guy
Andrew Stuart Handley
June Yong Han
Deanna Lynn Harvey
Amy Lynn Hayden
Keeley Marie Hearns
Jennifer Marie Herrmann
Jason Michael Himmelsbach
Timothy David Hudascek
Blair MacKenzie Hughes
Joseph Eugene Humenik, II
Clara Safieh Izadi
Tammy Kaya James
Matthew Harry Kalbaugh
Tayfun Karadeniz
Elizabeth Nicole Keddy
Stacey Lee Keller
Hayley Joy Kosmatka
Danielle Marie Kryski
Jeanne Marie Lambert
Evan Michael Lappen
Christopher Michael Larson
Lara Ashley Marlowe

Dalal Ahmed Al-Arrayed
Sherrie Monique Allen
Nicole Elizabeth Bartz
Joseph Andrew Benckert
Amanda Gail Boatman
Justin David Brosnaham
Heather Dawn Burke-Williams
Pamela Burney
Tara Lyn Burney
Casey Leigh Candy
Peggy Jeanette Edwards
Chaiyakham
Laura Lane Churchwell
Victoria Aine Clancy
Campbell K. Claridge
Casie Leigh Confer
Jody Cox
Caren Colleen Crichton
Lori Renee Dallman
Erica Anne Martin
Scott Michael Martin
Suzanne Michelle Martin *
Tighe Lynn Martin + *
William Kelly McDowell *
Donielle Nicole McKinley *
Keith Alistair McNeal ++
Shonda Nikia Nickerson *
Angela Renee Nobles *
Bryan Scott Oathout
James Brian Ohrel
Natasha Lynette Palmer *
Jeannette Marie Passano
Keith Robert Pearson *
Chester Howard Penn
April Melian Pini *
Kristen Anne Pino
Malcolm Anthony Pope *
Danna Michelle Rhodes *
Brian Lamar Richardson *
Michael Coleman Schild *
Mandi Lynn Schultz
Jessica Jo Hermine Scott
Chesna Rae Selway *
Natasha La Nae Sessions *
Robert Michael Sheridan
Bysheba Antionette Sherman *
Joshua John Shields
Sara Ellena Simpson *
Ameec Nichole Spivey
Meagan Jean Stevens
Christina L. Stover ++
Candy Michelle Strickland
Jabrina Alanna Sturkie *
Maureen Anne Fisette Summers
Catherine Lawrence Team
Jamee Lee Tiller ++
Kelly A. Tucker *
Amanda Lee Vailllette *
Susan Lee Voorhees
Elizabeth Ann Vosburgh
Holly Noel Warwick *
Angela Lynn Watts
Kathleen Anne Wells
Jarrett Thomas Whelan
Heather Gale White *
Brady Felton Wilkerson *
Cassie Marilyn Willis
Jami Leigh Wolford
Nathan Allen Woodward
Samantha Lynn Wooldridge *
John Robert Wu *
Ginger Annette Young
Nicole Lynne Zecchino

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 Graduate
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.
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. 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 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.

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, 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 Athenaeum, 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, 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 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 University enrollment increases to almost 5,000 students from 47 states and 50 countries. The average SAT for entering freshmen tops the national average. New degree programs are approved for Middle Grades Education, Music, Philosophy, Spanish, and Special Education. A major construction boom is highlighted by the opening and formal dedication of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the largest building on campus. A $1.8 million gift from the estate of Rebecca Randall Bryan marks the largest single cash gift in Coastal Carolina's history. In collaboration with the Georgetown community, the University brings the Freedom Schooner Amistad to Georgetown. The Amistad attracts more than 16,000 visitors, including more than 8,000 school children from Horry and Georgetown counties.

2002 The largest freshmen class in the University's history boosts enrollment to a record of more than 5,900 students. A baccalaureate degree program is offered in Management-International Tourism. The University seeks public funding for the R. Cathcart Smith Science Center expansion to house the largest and fastest growing programs on campus. The estimated $36 million expansion will more than double the existing academic space. The first class of recruits for the new football team begins practice in preparation for intercollegiate play in Fall 2003. State appropriations fall to approximately 23 percent of the total current funds, and tuition and fees represent nearly half of the university's $63 million operating budget.
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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.