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*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 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: Adult Learners
- 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.
Robert W. Squarriglia has served as dean of students and vice president for student affairs at Coastal since 1977. He has been instrumental in the development of many student services and programs, including campus residence halls.

In April 2002, he received the Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) honorary leadership society's Meritorious Service Award. He served as Faculty Circle Secretary of Coastal's Circle of ODK since it was chartered in 1980.

Prior to joining Coastal, he was vice president for student affairs at State University of New York at Brockport and associate dean of students at State University of New York at Albany. He also has held positions at University of South Carolina and the College of William and Mary.

David Drayton, principal of Georgetown’s Howard High School for 21 years, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

In November 2001, he co-chaired the steering committee that organized the visit of the *Amistad* in Georgetown, serving as chairman of Georgetown’s Committee for African American Historical Observances. Drayton is chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Georgetown Housing Authority and a member of the Georgetown County AIDS Task Force.

He retired in 1987 after a 34-year career at Howard High, where he served in various capacities before being appointed principal. Since retiring, he has continued to be active in the civic arena, working on the AIDS task force and foster care review boards, as well as conducting Gullah roots tours of historical African American sites in Georgetown.

The late Ashby Ward, widely credited with spearheading the economic success of the Grand Strand’s tourism industry, will be recognized posthumously with the honorary degree Doctor of Public Service. During his 30-year tenure as president and CEO of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, the area has grown substantially and has been recognized as a major center for recreation, tourism and business development.

Ward received the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor a civilian can receive from the State of South Carolina in 2002.

He was also the recipient of an honorary Doctorate of Commerce degree by the S.C. Senate in 1995, and last year the chamber’s board of directors named the new visitor center on U.S. Highway 501 in his honor. The Ashby Ward Official Myrtle Beach/Grand Strand Welcome Center opened in Aynor in December 2002.

Ward died at his Surfside Beach home on April 13, 2003.
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 2003, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation.

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**College of Education**

Master of Education

Master of Arts in Teaching

Pascha Rae Anello *
Tracy LaShawn Swinton Bailey *
Karyl Lynn Berger *
Stephen Frederick Bismarck
Deanna Christine Blewett *
Angeline Melissa Marie Davis
Rebecca Dawn Helms *
Michelle DeAn Hull *
Sunshine Moore Johnson
Lauren Beth Macon *
James Ian Markey *
Julie Amanda Martin
Linda Edgar Martin
Janice Cardinale McBride *
Timothy Russell Miles *
Jennifer Lynn Miller *
Amanda Morgenroth *
Erin Marie Nowak *
Clayton James Owens
Shaun Michael Perini *
Mary Elizabeth Diggett Perry *
Natalie Dawn Prosser *
Janet Alisa Grainger Ridout *
Alexandra Jill Ruddell *
Eric Robert Sauthoff
Katherine Rebecca Sawyer *
Scott Thomas Simon *
Heidi Melissa Tyler
Sally Mauney Wasson
Christopher Glenn Weeks *
Philip Chester Witker *

**College of Business Administration**

E. Craig Wall Sr.

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Wafa Ahmed Al-Alrayed *
Thomas Jacob Baker *
Catherine Hannah Bankhead
Jamie Robert Batchelder
Jeffrey Roger Benton *
Julie Kathleen Berwanger
Jeremy Dennis Banton *
Benjamin David Boatz
Stephen Michael Bogdon +
Paul McArthur Brooks, Jr.
Jatana Lynn Brown
Joseph Jarrett Brown
Zachery Shane Brown
Donald Burch, Jr.
Arnaud Caffin *
Allison Michelle Canady
Cassandra Lorraine Candler
Jeffrey Capone
James Sidney Chatfield + +
Terri Lynn Chatfield
Philip Michael Chirico *
Courtnee Brooke Clardy
Jean-Philippe Cloutier ++
Jordan Lynn Collins *
Danielle L. Conant
Christopher Robert Contorchick *
Jake Stevenson Counts, II
Michael Francis Curci
Antonio Larry Darden
Kenneth Davis, Jr.
Andrea de Alier-Montes
Jonathan Ashley Dawkins
Abigail Burton Derr *
Michael Brent Dierson
Alejandro Dominguez-Sierra
Kimberly Sue Dorsey
Matthew Eckert III *
Jeffrey Donald Emt ++
Kristy J. Eppolito *
Justin Lee Filler
Bradley Michael Fischer *
Craig Brent Flowe
Nathan Paul Forester + +
Neal Robert Frumkin
Renee Lynn Geist
Matthew Robert Geitner *
Jennifer Lawson George *
Tina Nicole Gerald
Gabriel James Gill + +
Jennifer Lynn Gill
Joseph Charles Gill *
Miguel Gibres-Marin
Michael David Gish
Dana Lynne Goffin +
James Winfield Golladay, III *
Yago Gonzalez-Aguilar
Dustin David Gornik
Jonathan P. Gove
Anuj Goyal
Kyle Martin Green *
Ryan Phillip Grew
Jesse Zachariah Griffith
Amie Noel Grutkowski *
Jakub Stanislaw Grzeslo
Robert Wilson Hahn, II *
Camilla Osk Håkonardottir *
Jaime Lynn Hamrick
Jodi Lynn Hardee
David Alexander Harmon
Graham Donald Harpe *
Tyler Jay Hasbrouck +
Donald Alan Hepp, Jr.
Garry Lee Hetrick *
Joanne M. Higgins
Charles Darren Hilburn
Erica LaShanjaver Hopkins
Mark Gerard Hudson
Amanda Blair Jennings
Katie Elizabeth Johnson *
Laura Felicia Johnson
Lucretia Monte Jones
Kelley Ann Jordan +
Matthew David Joyner *
Andrew Scott Karsns
Brian Richard Keane
Erik Graham Kemnitzer +
John Klayton Kennedy *
Nicholas Kenworthy
Dale William Ketola *
Christopher Michal Kielar *
Suzanne Leigh Kimbrell
Brian Edward Koldys *
Jonathan Henry Kopay
Heather Lynn Kralk *
Jaclyn Kaye Margaret Krantz
Shelley Marie Lewis
William Richard Scott Lyon *
Omar Tremaine Major
Michael Ramsis Makar *
Melissa Susanne Malcolm
William James Mann *
Patrick Anthony Martin *
Jason Joseph Mattiello *
Richard Howatt McGonigal
Mark Adrian McPartland
George Ivan Milchev *
Ashlee Marie Mitchell *
Melody Suzanne Moretz *
Travis Dion Morgan
Jeffrey Morris *
Allison Marlo Mulford *
Susan Elizabeth Mullin
Timothy J. Murray *
Dustin Neil Neglect
Courtney Fraser Nelson
Matthew J. Nemes *
Christopher Marian Nowacki
Kristina Elizabeth O’Neill
Victoria Lynn Oddi
Alain Abraham-Moise Ohayon
Jennifer Elizabeth Overholt *
Cory Andrew Owen
Stephanie Lynn Pakingham
Gautam Padmanabhan
Carl N. Parrillo *
Shawn Joseph Passwaters *
Amanda Leigh Phillips *
Paola Cristina Pinzon-Brown
Eric David Prokosch *
Kim Lundy Quick *
Jessica Raedler
Miranda Lynn Ranalli *
Sevasti Rindaris
Michael Earle Roden *
Jeremy Robert Roderick
Ronald Anthony Rosania
Manik Sachdeva *
Latrice Stephanie Sales
Mitchell Kyle Sanders
Kirk Timothy Sanderson
Jennifer Eileen Schillaci
Stephen John Schneider *
John Hay Scott *
Jessica Wylena Seidhom
Brian Michael Seiwert *
Kimberly Ann Shanley
Robert Joseph Shanley *
Jonathan Robert Sierak *
Sigurdur O. Sigurdarson *
Vladimir Simovic *
Brianne Michelle Skinner
DEGREES IN COURSE

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Bachelor of Music

Bachelor of Social Work

College of Education

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Bachelor of Science in Education

Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

Bachelor of Science

College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Bachelor of Arts

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

Kelly Ann Smith
Presley Lynn Smith
Paul M. Spadar
Angela Nicole Stanely
Shamara Teyunya Steele
Joseph A. Stepchew
Jason Lee Stinson
Lori Kathyn Streitmatter
Tabitha Marie Strickland
Rebecca Lynn Tevnan
Jennifer Snow Thompson
Lauren Sarah Vernon
Calvin Rodney Waters, III
Kimberly Patricia Weselak
Jan Atkinson Willis
Caroline Whitney Wright

Kristina Carter Goodall
Ashley Elizabeth Gorell
Joseph Albert Groth
Melissa Lynn Hall
Rebecca Ann Hamill
Alexander Marcus Harmon
April Noel Harmon
Rachel Ann Harris
Chasity Raye Herring
Brandon Travis Hooks
John F. Horan, Jr.
Heather Ann Hostetler
Candise Lynn James
Michael Lawrence Kelly
Abby Leigh Kemble
Edward Joseph Kerr, III
Wendy Rae Kovac
Jeffrey R. LaRocque
Amy Elizabeth LaValley
Stephanie Grace Vaught Little
Scarlet Lee Livingston
Stephanie Katrice Lomax
William Jeffrey Loomis
Brian Lee Martin
Nicholas Todd Matthews
Amanda Victoria McCrckin
Russell J. Meccia
Stephen George Metropolis
Rafael Eduardo Morales
Kimberly Jean Morris
Joe Seth Morrow
Cameron Ashley Mott
Shawn Michael Murphy
Thomas J. Muscatello, Jr.
Angelia Makskey Myers
Andrea Marie Nuntziante
Hope Ann Overcash
Clifton Doyle Parker
Laura Yvette Rasmussen
Kristen Elizabeth Reed
David Eugene Renou
Thomas Jeffrey Ripke
Christopher J. Risher
Michael Paul Rivers
Brian David Rogers
Nathan Josiah Rood
Marleigh Anne Russell
Nicholas Richard Santangelo
Charles Ernest Sena
Nicole Angeleen Santangelo
Robin Lynn Sirtt
R. Gabrielle Smart
Andrea McKay Snyder
David Todd Streitmatter
Robert Joseph Suskevich
Amanda Marie Thomason
Diane Olivia Todd
Jeremy Brian Todd
Tiffany Ann-Rebecca Turner
Stacy Renee Vance
Matthew Scott Varnadore
Charles Blair Whyte
Tressie Nicole Williams
Rebecca Jessica Wright *

**College of Natural and Applied Sciences**

**Bachelor of Arts**

Becky Anne Abell ++
Vance Lee Albaugh ++
Jennifer Lynn Allen
Deshana Lee Alston
Natali Dayangani Amaradasa +
Peter Paul Anderson *
Tara Arrowood ++
Levi James Bailey ++
Jordanna Lynn Baker
Jessica Elizabeth Janet Baransky *
Jolene Reagan Barrett
Meghan Elizabeth Beatman
Aaron Joseph Beck +
Maeghan Patricia Beck
Suzanne Nealle Belanger
Dina Marie Benes
Melissa Kay Bilton
Jason Owen Bishop
Jennifer Ann Blakely *
Deva Dacee Blanden
Bijoy Bose
Brooke Lynne Botterill +
Kyle Kelly Brady *
Jennifer Margaret Brewer
Justin David Brosnan
Pamela Burney
Justin Deshawn Burton
Michael William Campbell
Allison Carter +
Joel Pedro de Carvalho Jr.
Allen Alexander Caswell
Katherine Elizabeth Cilwa ++
Kenneth Russell Cole, III *
Kelly Lynne Craddock *
Andrew Joseph Crotty
Kevin J. Cryan
Lori Renee Dallman
Gena Yvonne Darby

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Amanda Ann DeGrendele +
Christina Marie DeLeon
Leslie Michelle DeLong
Dianna Lucille DeNitto
Austin Lee Decker
August Redden Dittbenner
Alison Kemina Dolo
Seamus Liam Donovan
Meira Hava Dozier
Valerie Ann Echevarria
Chika Patrick Ekeji, Jr. +
Jessica Erin Ellis
Scott Francis Fitzgerald
Carrin Frances Folger
Sara Marie Forst
Jennifer Lynn Gathergood ++
Denister Hamer Gibbs +
Alexandra Jane Gifford
Jessica Rae Goodall
Sarah Elizabeth Grap +
Erin Patricia Grenert
Ryan Phillip Grew
Melissa Lynn Grinolds
Kunal Gupta *
Darlene Michelé Haines +
Andrew Patrick Halbach +
Mark Brandon Hanick
Terry Lee Harper, Jr.
Jennifer Lindsey Harpster
Emlyn Lee Harris ++
Jamell Nicole Hart
Shonta Renea Haynes
Mareael Hemingway *
Adam Casey Henderson
Carol Ann Hincy *
Lisa Marie Holsinger +
Heather Ann Hostetler +
Victor Aundrey Hough
Rebecca Kathleen Hudak
Shannon Doah Hughes *
Mary Kathryn Humphrey ++
Takena Tecradian Hunter *
Yaron Itiszkon
Danielle Erin Jenkins +
Michael Christopher Kaminsky
Colin Thomas Kane
Andrew Scott Karsn
Ian Franklin Kennedy *
Michael Paul Killoran +
Laura Wagner King
Natalie Sara Helen Klees
Kate Lynn Knutson +
Kara Marie Koppel *
Caïtlin Theresa Lamb +
Amy Denise Lawson +
Laney Caroline Lewis *
PenKeisha Khadelya Livingston
Suzette Reine Lopez +
Meghan Elizabeth Loskill
Louisa Jane Tullia Lozano *
Todd Stuart Lundberg

Jason John Madey ++
Martin A. Mata
Melissa Ann Mathis *
Eleanor Lockett Mauldin *
Erik James Mazzone ++
Caïtlin Clare McDonnell
Kirsten Kay McGlothlin *
Amber Leanne McGuiere
Crystal Anne McLaughlin ++
Uricka Ebony McNeal
Lauren Christine McNeil
Molly Michele Meeks
Allison Marie Mehok
Kinjal A. Mehta
Allison R. Meinecke
Laura Michelle Mello *
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Brian Carl Nuñez
Christopher George Ocker *
José Adam Padilla *
Kamla Elizabeth Palmer
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Natasoha Meccole Parmley
Nandini Patel
George Bernard Penzenik *
Crystal Renea Pletka
Antonia Politis
Amanda Jane Port
Elizabeth Marie Reynolds
Michele Ruth Ricketts ++
Sarah Anne Roberts Rivers
Aundrea Nicole Rue
Kristin Marie Ruscicelli
Michael Sakeralis
Neha Saxena *
Rachel Ariane Sayre
Dianne Elizabeth Scherer
Delanie Michelle Schroder
Bradley J. Schuka
Kristen Nicole Schulte +
Travis Ford Scott
Kresimir Tomislav Sepcic
Arjun Sethi
Kenneth Royd Shaffer
Robert Michael Sheridan
Deeni Hilda Simon *
Jennifer Joslin Simpson
Christina Ann Smith
Desera Victoria Smith
Matthew Baxter Smith
Morgan Vern Snow *
Daniel Jeffery Spivey +
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Meredith Corson Wright
Melissa Ann Yencho +
Paul C. Yother *
Heather Jo Young ++
Joseph James Yurigan, Jr. +
Elizabeth Ann Zadrozny

**Interdisciplinary Studies**

**Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies**

Melissa Linderman Addison
Graham Glaze Anderson, Jr.
Angela Rosati Barrick
Shannon Tyner Bass
Suzanne Skipper Beverly
Katie Brooks +
Tennille Katrice Collins
Donald Patrick Devane, Jr.
Peggy Ann Dupont
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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 fundraising 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 freshman 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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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.