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SPRING COMMENCEMENT
May 7, 2005
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding: Ronald R. Ingle, Coastal Carolina University President

Processional
Pomp and Circumstance
Sir Edward Elgar

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

Presentation of Colors

Invocation

Introduction of the President

Welcome and Acknowledgments

Battle Hymn of the Republic
Julia Ward Howe/William Steffe
arr. Peter J. Willoughby

University Distinctions

Introduction of Speaker

Address

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Conferring of Degrees in Course

Alma Mater
William R. Hamilton
arr. James Tully

Closing Remarks

Benediction

Recessional

Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band
James Tully, Director

Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir
Philip Powell, Director

Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band
James Tully, Director

Carolina Forest High School
Navy Jr. ROTC Color Guard

Julian T. Jeffords, III
Recto, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Conway

Lisa Sharpe
SGA Treasurer • Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2005

Ronald R. Ingle
President

Fred E. DuBard, Jr.
Chairman, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees

Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir

Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band

Ronald R. Ingle

Henry E. Brown, Jr., Doctor of Public Service
Presented by Cathy B. Harrin

John W. Dawsey, Doctor of Public Service
Presented by Robert E. Rabon

Edward M. Singleton, Doctor of Public Service
Presented by Clark B. Parker

Mickey Spillane, Doctor of Humane Letters
Presented by Charles J. Hodge

Brian M. Hagerty
Senior Class President

Henry E. Brown, Jr.
U.S. Congressman

Ronald R. Ingle

Peter B. Barr
Provost

David A. DeCenzo
Dean, Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration

Gilbert H. Hunt
Dean, Spadoni College of Education

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

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

Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir

Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band

Taurean Davis
SGA President • Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2005

Julian T. Jeffords, III
Recto, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Conway

Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band

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

Student Marshals: Brian Mansfield, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration;
Crystal Bratcher, Spadoni College of Education; Kacey Allen, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts;
Mark Sides, College of Natural and Applied Sciences; Stefani Seals, Interdisciplinary Studies

Ushers: Coastal Carolina University Student Alumni Ambassadors and Omicron Delta Kappa
ACADEMIC REGALIA AND PROCESSION

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. It 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
Jurisprudence: 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 recognizes members of the 1954 Society who support the University while they are undergraduate students. Members of the 1954 Society wear special pins, which they receive during a formal induction ceremony held each spring.
HENRY E. BROWN, JR. • Legislator • Doctor of Public Service

Henry E. Brown, Jr., of Hanahan was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000 representing the 1st District of South Carolina, which includes portions of Horry and Georgetown counties, as well as Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties. He sits on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Budget Committee and the Veterans Affairs Committee. After re-election to the 108th Congress in 2002, Congressman Brown was chosen to serve as chair of the Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits.

Congressman Brown started his political career serving on the Hanahan Planning Commission and Hanahan City Council. He was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives in 1985, where he served continuously through 2000. He was appointed to the House Ways and Means Committee in 1989, and in November 1994 became the first Republican ever elected to serve as chairman of Ways and Means.

A native of Bishopville, Brown attended the Citadel and the Baptist College of Charleston. He is retired vice president of the Piggly Wiggly Carolina Co., Inc.

JOHN W. DAWSEY • Educator • Doctor of Public Service

A lifelong advocate for better educational opportunities for the people of this region, John Dawsey was associated with Horry County Schools for 39 years. He served in many capacities, from high school math teacher, to elementary school principal, to district superintendent. From 1970 to 2004, he helped shape the development of Coastal Carolina University through his dedicated service on the Horry County Higher Education Commission, which he chaired from 1993 until the end of 2004.

A native of Horry County, Dawsey earned a bachelor's degree from Clemson University and master's and education specialist's degrees from Appalachian State University. He lives in Aynor and has for many years been active in civic affairs. Dawsey served on the Aynor Town Council and has been mayor of Aynor since 1993. Under his leadership, the town has developed a business park, a senior center and many other services for its citizens.

Dawsey has also served as chairman of the Horry County League of Cities and chairman of the Horry County Conservation Foundation. He is a recipient of the state's highest civilian award, the Order of the Palmetto.

EDWARD M. SINGLETON • Educator • Doctor of Public Service

Edward M. "Dick" Singleton is chancellor emeritus of Coastal Carolina University. He served as Coastal's chief administrative officer for 20 years (1963-1983), longer than any other leader of the institution. Under his leadership, the institution began a period of remarkable growth, with enrollment rising from 100 to more than 3,200 students. His administration advanced Coastal from a two-year to a four-year institution.

Born in Bucksport, Singleton was educated in Horry County schools and earned bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees from the University of South Carolina. He was employed by the Conway public school system from 1949 to 1962 and was named superintendent of the Conway City Schools in 1960. A lifelong sports enthusiast and coach, Singleton was the first commissioner of the Big South Conference and is a staunch fan and supporter of Coastal athletic teams. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina from 1952 to 1963.

Still a familiar figure on campus, Singleton is a symbol of dedication, having served Coastal almost continuously since his retirement. He was named senior consultant during the institution's transition from USC to independent status, and has served as an adviser to Coastal President Ronald R. Ingle since 1993.

MICKEY SPILLANE • Author • Doctor of Humane Letters

Writer Mickey Spillane was born in Brooklyn but for the last 30 years he has been Murrell's Inlet's most famous citizen. His diverse career has included stints as a circus trampoline performer, a comic book author and a federal agent. During World War II, he trained pilots and flew combat missions for the Army Air Corps. His first detective novel, I, the Jury (1947), introduced Mike Hammer, one of the most popular and enduring heroes of crime fiction. Spillane has written more than 25 novels, the most recent being Something's Down There, published in 2004.

Spillane has also worked in films and television, appearing as himself in Ring of Fear and in the Miller beer commercials, and as Mike Hammer in The Girl Hunters. Over the years, Spillane's hobbies have included stock car racing, flying, fencing and, of course, fishing in and around Murrell's Inlet.
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 2005, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation.

SPADONI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Education

Master of Arts in Teaching

SPADONI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Nadja Jasmin Ahrens
Alexandra Albert*
Robert Drew Alderman*
Agustin Alonso-Fuentes
Beng Christian Anderson
-cum laude
Saloni Arya
Andrew John Bang
Geoffrey Paul Barton
Scott Christopher Barton
Jennifer Heather Beane
-cum laude
Ryan Landon Belcher
Adriana Berenguer Vidal*
Allison Nicole Berry
Axel Bostjovsky
David Matthew Beyer*
Tara Marie Bishop
Diana Marie Boland
Bradley Gerard Bollinger
Heather Rea Bonneau
-Lauren M. Bradshaw
Ryan Thomas Brady*
Marc Sheppard Brilliance
-cum laude
Stefania Brinkosová
-cum laude
Morgan Sarah Bruno
Daniel Joseph Buckley, III*
Christopher Robert Byrne*
Wallace Gray Cahooon*
Lisa M. Capparella
-cum laude
Sandra Lynn Carlson
David Lawrence Carmody*
Charles Ronald Chapman
Robert John Childs
Matthew Adam Ciiler*
-cum laude
Sarah Anne Cooper
Aimee L. Denice Cordero*
Robert Allen Cordes
Jennifer Paige Corey
Michael Edward Cureton
Lucas De La Puente Uribe
Christina DeStefano*
Jeremy Travis Deep*
Thomas Brock Duckett, III
Angela Christine Ely
Kari Robin Ennis
Michelle Ann Evans
Octvia Williet Evans-Black*
Crystal Ann Farmer
David Michael Ference
Lacey Blair Fink
Woodrow Ford, III
Peggy Diane Funk
Ryan Michael Gaboriault
Gregory Terrell Gaines
Daniel Patrick Gallagher
Sabine Geisler
Guido Rene Gerstner
Seth Aaron Golder
Danny Wade Gore
Christine Graeber
Angela Duncan Grainger
Jared Justin Grainger
Alvin Lamar Green
Alexandra Marie Griffin
Timothy Joseph Griffin
Kathryn Elizabeth Griffith*
Jeremy Richard Grunzda
Kevin Joseph Gunn
Linda B. Gunnardottir
-cum laude
Paris Gutierrez Juarez*
Erie Colleen Hackett*
Doyle Andrew Harris
William Westbrook Heider, II
Sigurdur Arnfinn Helgason
Jamie Marie Herrington*
John Kenneth Hoag
Hayley Monroe Hoffman
Jennifer Nyoka Hucks
Crystal Gail Huggins
-cum laude
Jennifer Lynn Hutchins
Bhumija Jain*
Brian O'Neal Johnson
Brandy Claire Jordan
-cum laude
Ineka Latoya Jordan*
Julie K. Kastler
Katja Diana Barbara Keller
Edgar Love Kimbrough, IV*
Derek R. Kistler
Daniel Charles Knight
Joseph Thomas Koster
-cum laude
Christopher Michael Land*
Melissa Erin Lanham
Pamela Golder Lee
Regina Shanneka Legette
Sascha Alexander Lehmacber
Tammy Lynn Lester
Marlana Levi
-cum laude
Moon Tong Lim*
Andrew David Loan*
Glenda Jo Long
Jackson Wolford Long
John David Long
Melissa Dawn Magwood
Carl James Makuta
Kristin Lynn Mallinson
Bradley Wayne Martin
Patrick Kyle Martin
Thomas Kirk Martin, III
Jonathan Algernon Mason
Jennifer Elizabeth Maxwell
Nicholas Francis Maxwell*
John Robert McAllister, III
Brian Michael McConville
Joseph Matthew McCully
-cum laude
George Vaughn McDaniel, II
Tyler Bernard David McGhee*
Jeffrey Wayne McGinnis*
Kristen Lynn McGinnis
James Trent McGough*
Brian P. McKee
Austin Randall McPherson
Sarah Ellen Melican
Lynn Ann Mentzer*
Eric Justin Mercer*
Meagan Frances Mikesh
Teodora Milcheva
Jennifer Lynn Miller
-cum laude
Matthew Scott Miller
-cum laude
Tamara Meghan Mills
Natascha Miron*
Jená Sherrine Mitchell
-cum laude
Ros Monaghan
Brian James Mooney*
Jessica Abby Morrisning*
Michael Joseph Newport
Petrosuscheva Nikolova*
Jacob Raymond Ober
Gunnar Daniel Olson
Edward Larson Overstreet, IV
Cassandra Mae Painter
-cum laude
Borislav Vladimirov Palankov*
Anthony Robert Papile*
Steven Andrew Parker
Richard Charles Partenio, Jr.*
Alberto Perez Carrillo*
Diane F. Pfrister
-cum laude
Sheri Ann Pihon
-cum laude
John-Paul Plewa
Andrew Ryan Polonus
Alexandra Stella Prattes*
Nikolya Penchev Puchenke*
Jian Qin
Kevin Ashley Rabon
-cum laude
Katie Shannon Redmond
Wouter Matthijs Reinders
-cum laude
Spencer James Reuter
Daniel Wade Ross
David Tolbert Sacchetti
Joseph Daniel Santo
Julia Teresa Santucci
Cory S. Savik
Michael James Scales
Scott Jason Scarborough
Christopher Dennis Schalk*
Amy Marie Scher
Dorothee Friederike Seidel*
Jason Dion Self
Christopher Lynn Sessions
Ronald Whitlock Sharpe, Jr.
Stacy Blaine Shelley
-cum laude
Bradford Brewster Sherman*
Lauren Elizabeth Simmons
Brandon Dale Singleton
James Marshall Sitton, Jr.
Alicia Marie Smith
-cum laude
Jacob Richard Smith
Justin Webster Smith
Karla Kay Smith
Paul Matthew Smith*
Lindsay Michelle Sollers

COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Master of Science

Bree Kara Beth Yednock

E. CRAIG WALL SR. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Nadine Violetta Ahrens

Lynn Ann Mentzer*
Eric Justin Mercer*
Meagan Frances Mikesh
Teodora Milcheva
Jennifer Lynn Miller
Matthew Scott Miller
Tamara Meghan Mills
Natascha Miron*
Jená Sherrine Mitchell
Ros Monaghan
Brian James Mooney*
Jessica Abby Morrisning*
Michael Joseph Newport
Petrosuscheva Nikolova*
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Alberto Perez Carrillo*
Diane F. Pfrister
Sheri Ann Pihon
John-Paul Plewa
Andrew Ryan Polonus
Alexandra Stella Prattes*
Nikolya Penchev Puchenke*
Jian Qin
Kevin Ashley Rabon
Katie Shannon Redmond
Wouter Matthijs Reinders
Spencer James Reuter
Daniel Wade Ross
David Tolbert Sacchetti
Joseph Daniel Santo
Julia Teresa Santucci
Cory S. Savik
Michael James Scales
Scott Jason Scarborough
Christopher Dennis Schalk*
Amy Marie Scher
Dorothee Friederike Seidel*
Jason Dion Self
Christopher Lynn Sessions
Ronald Whitlock Sharpe, Jr.
Stacy Blaine Shelley
Bradford Brewster Sherman*
Lauren Elizabeth Simmons
Brandon Dale Singleton
James Marshall Sitton, Jr.
Alicia Marie Smith
Jacob Richard Smith
Justin Webster Smith
Karla Kay Smith
Paul Matthew Smith*
Lindsay Michelle Sollers
DEGREES IN COURSE

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Amy Cathleen Armstrong
Ramona Elizabeth Baskin*
Sharon Jackson Beaty*
Ali Maris Bell*
Asher Zane Blocker
Patricia J. Brennan
Sarah Jane Sprinkmann
Nicklaus Lee Sprouse
Zandar Terrell Spry
Krisanne Angelov Stamatov - cum laude
Sarah Dawn Steilich
Kelsey Shea Strickland
Nathaniel Richard Thomas
Bryan T. Thompson - magna cum laude
Saleemah Badriyyah
Tilghman-Madyun*
Juliana Kimberly Toberman*
Jennifer Renee Tryggstad
Tiffany Anne Turner
Kelly L. Ulrich
Helen Louise Vanore
Brandy Marie Wahle
Sheila Michelle Ward - cum laude
Courtney Renee Watson
Jason Winton Whaley
Brandon Ashley Williams
Samuel Marcus Brad Williams
Chrisi Nicole Williamson
Gabriel Lee Wilson
Andrew Warren Woogen
Zachary Leroy Wuitsch
Parul Yadav
Lindsay Jean Youngstead
William Jacob Zokan*

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Amy Cathleen Armstrong
Ramona Elizabeth Baskin*
Sharon Jackson Beaty*
Ali Maris Bell*
Asher Zane Blocker
Patricia J. Brennan
Sarah Jane Sprinkmann
Nicklaus Lee Sprouse
Zandar Terrell Spry
Krisanne Angelov Stamatov - cum laude
Sarah Dawn Steilich
Kelsey Shea Strickland
Nathaniel Richard Thomas
Bryan T. Thompson - magna cum laude
Saleemah Badriyyah
Tilghman-Madyun*
Juliana Kimberly Toberman*
Jennifer Renee Tryggstad
Tiffany Anne Turner
Kelly L. Ulrich
Helen Louise Vanore
Brandy Marie Wahle
Sheila Michelle Ward - cum laude
Courtney Renee Watson
Jason Winton Whaley
Brandon Ashley Williams
Samuel Marcus Brad Williams
Chrisi Nicole Williamson
Gabriel Lee Wilson
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Parul Yadav
Lindsay Jean Youngstead
William Jacob Zokan*
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY TRADITIONS

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. To commemorate 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, 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.

1983 Coastal Carolina becomes a charter member of the Big South Athletic Conference.

1986 Coastal Carolina becomes a full member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

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, 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 bolstered 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 University's enrollment rises to a record of nearly 6,000 students. A baccalaureate degree program is offered in Management-International Tourism. 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.

2003 The University offers baccalaureate degree programs in 36 major fields of study and 35 undergraduate minors. The University also offers master's degree programs in education, instructional technology, and coastal marine and wetlands studies. A growing array of international programs take students to places such as Australia, Costa Rica, Cuba, England, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, Germany, India, Japan, Russia and Spain. The University anticipates its anniversary in 2004 with plans for the 50th Anniversary Initiatives, an ambitious campaign to raise private funds to support the academic, physical and athletic needs of the University. A $1.5 million gift from Burroughs & Chapin Company, Inc., is announced to support the construction of an education and research facility at the University's Waters Island/Tilghman Point property. A $2 million gift from Loris native Robert H. "Bobb" Brooks marks the largest single gift in the history of Coastal Carolina and places the Brooks name on the new football stadium. More than 8,000 fans pack Brooks Stadium on Sept. 6 for the inaugural game of the Chanticleer NCAA I-AA football squad.

2004 The fall enrollment of more than 7,000 students is the largest in the University's history. A new bachelor's degree in economics is added to the University's degree offerings. Coastal serves students and the community with a new location in Litchfield and sites in Georgetown and Myrtle Beach. The 50th Anniversary celebration officially began on Founders' Day, September 20, with a formal invocation to honor the three educational institutions that had pivotal roles in the shaping of Coastal Carolina: Horry County Schools, University of South Carolina and College of Charleston. The Spadoni College of Education is named for William L. "Spud" Spadoni and members of his family through a $1 million gift to the 50th Anniversary Initiatives. The public phase of the 50th Anniversary Initiatives was announced in September with more than $10 million already committed.
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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.