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**ORDER OF EXERCISES**

*Presiding: David A. DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University President*

**Processional**
*Pomp and Circumstance*
Sir Edward Elgar

Coastal Carolina University Brass Quintet

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

Coastal Carolina University Chamber Choir
*Frances T. Sinclair, Director*

Coastal Carolina University Brass Quintet

**Presentation of Colors**
Carolina Forest High School
*Junior Navy ROTC Color Guard*

**Invocation**
Preston McKeever-Floyd
*University Chaplain*

**Welcome and Acknowledgments**
David A. DeCenzo
*President*

William H. Alford
*Chairman, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees*

Daniel P. Sine, ’01
*President, Coastal Carolina University Alumni Association*

**Deep Peace**
Ruth Elaine Schram

Coastal Carolina University Chamber Choir

**University Distinctions**
David A. DeCenzo

**Introduction of Speaker**
DerMarcus Smalls
*Class of 2008*

**Address**
Barbie Norvell
*Student Government Association Distinguished Teacher of the Year*

**Conferring of Honorary Degrees**
David A. DeCenzo

Dorothy K. Anderson, *Doctor of Public Service*
*Presented by William H. Alford*

Harold C. Stowe, *Doctor of Public Service*
*Presented by Samuel H. Frink*
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Conferring of Degrees in Course
David A. DeCenzo

Robert J. Sheehan
Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Henry Lowenstein
Dean, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration

Gibson F. Darden
Interim Dean, Spadoni College of Education

William H. Richardson
Dean, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Michael H. Roberts
Dean, College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Alma Mater
William R. Hamilton
arr. James Tully

Coastal Carolina University Chamber Choir
Coastal Carolina University Brass Quintet

Benediction
Preston McKeever-Floyd

Recessional
Voluntary
Henry Purcell

Coastal Carolina University Brass Quintet

Faculty Announcer
Preston McKeever-Floyd, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion, University Chaplain

Student Marshals
Jay Dennis, Graduate Studies
Thomas Ducary, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration
Jean Harrison, Spadoni College of Education
Nicole Horton, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Jade Guibeau, College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Ushers
Today’s ushers are students representing the Coastal Carolina University Student Alumni Ambassadors, Leadership Challenge, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Student Government Association.
Barbie Norvell, assistant professor of early childhood education at Coastal Carolina University, is the University’s 2008 Distinguished Teacher of the Year. The annual honor is presented by the Student Government Association to outstanding teaching faculty. Norvell joined the Coastal faculty in 2005. She earned a bachelor’s degree and a Ph.D. from Auburn University in early childhood education. She earned a master’s degree in early childhood education from Piedmont College. Her research focus is on teacher advocacy, interactive educational practices and the efficacy of recess and play environments. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi education honor society, the National Scholars Honor Society, and has been a lead recess advocate for the state of South Carolina through the International Association for the Child’s Right to Play.
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS
DECEMBER 2008

DOROTHY K. ANDERSON • Doctor of Public Service

Dorothy K. Anderson is a Myrtle Beach businesswoman, hotelier and civic leader. A native of Horry County, Anderson operated a farm supply business before entering the hospitality industry in the 1960s. During the past 40 years, the Anderson family has developed a significant presence in the Myrtle Beach tourism industry, including oceanfront hotel properties, condominiums, golf courses and restaurants. Anderson served for 10 years on the board of directors of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. She helped organize the Myrtle Beach Hospitality Association, and she was one of the founders of the Council of Myrtle Beach Organizations (COMBO). In 2005, Anderson was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

HAROLD C. STOWE • Doctor of Public Service

Harold C. Stowe was president and chief executive officer of Canal Industries Inc. from 1997 to 2005. He served as acting dean of Coastal Carolina University’s E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration in 2006 and 2007. Prior to joining Canal Industries, the Conway-based timber products company founded by Craig Wall Sr., Stowe was executive vice president of CSI Group Inc. of Conway. During his distinguished career he also served as an executive with the Springs Company of Lancaster and Fort Mill and with NCNB in Charlotte. Active in civic affairs, he has served as chairman of the board of trustees of Conway Hospital and as chairman of the Myrtle Beach Air Base Redevelopment Authority, as well as a member of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Business Advisory Council and the Wall College of Business Board of Visitors. Stowe earned a bachelor’s degree in commerce from Washington and Lee University in 1968 and an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1970.

RETIRING EMERITUS FACULTY

E. EUGENE COLLINS • Emeritus Professor

E. Eugene Collins, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, joined the Coastal Carolina University faculty in 1972. He was instrumental in designing and implementing the University’s computer science degree program and served as chair of the Department of Computer Science from 1989 to 1993. He organized the first Coastal Carolina Math Contest for high school students, and he served as chair of the Faculty Senate and other committees. His research interests have focused on computer science education.

JOHN FRANCIS FARRELLY • Distinguished Professor Emeritus

John F. Farrelly, professor of physical education, joined the Coastal Carolina University faculty in 1976. A native of Ireland, Farrelly moved to the United States in 1973 to earn a master’s degree from the University of Alabama and a Ph.D. from Florida State University. He created the campus soccer and rugby clubs and developed the varsity soccer program, which he coached for four years. He served as chair of the University’s Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation for seven years. Farrelly was named Professor of the Year in 1978.

NANCY S. GOETTEL • Emeritus Professor

Nancy S. Goettel, assistant professor of computer science, joined the Coastal Carolina University faculty in 1976. She has taught a variety of courses, including economics, computer applications, programming languages and mathematics. In addition to teaching, she has written and presented extensively on computer literacy, and she has edited and reviewed numerous textbooks. Goettel has been active in the Faculty Senate and many other University committees. She is a lifelong honorary member of the South Carolina Gamma Chapter of Upsilon Pi Epsilon.
The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. The listing of a name in this program should not be construed as an indication that the person will, in fact, receive a degree from Coastal Carolina at this commencement. Conversely, the absence of a student's name from this list does not necessarily mean that the person will not be awarded a degree. Honors for degree candidates are based on the collegiate grade point average on file at the time of application. Honors to be printed on the diplomas will be based on the final cumulative grade point average on all collegiate work.

Where indicated with an asterisk (*) the individual has completed all degree requirements and was awarded the degree in August 2008.
DEGREES IN COURSE

E. CRAIG WALL SR.
COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Science
in Business Administration

Danielle J. Abbott
- cum laude
Michael James Abraham *
- magna cum laude
Mark Amatelli
Lauren Nicole Andersen-Farmer
Bradley David Anderson
Luke Benjamin Anderson *
John D. Appleby *
Christopher Arrington II
John Walter Bankowski Jr.
Kristen Leigh Barnum
Adel Ossama Barr
Kyle James Bartlett *
Andrea Jo Barton *
Russell Nolan Beattie
Ryan James Belcastro
Lee Arbin Belcher
Maurice Lamont Bellamy
Gregory L. Benedict
Danielle Marie Blackwell
Ryan Michael Boehm
Rebecca Michelle Bowen
Ashley Elizabeth Breeckner *
Matthew James Brennan
Michael Louis Brock *
Jeremy Bruns *
Louis James Bunucci *
Christina Marie Burzler
David Ryan Bushnell
Timothy Paul Bynarowicz
Ryan C. Byrnes *
David Kiracofe Caldwell
Jordi Ross Calhoun *
Ralph William Canterbury Jr.
David Shane Carter
Ryan Stephen Casey
Ashley Louann Causey
Hunter Causey *
Michael Joseph Celatka *
Dana Allison Cheifer
Michael Patrick Collpoy
Dana M. Conlon II
Donald James Connelly *
Julianne Hughes Cooke
- magna cum laude
Leslie Ann Crosland *
Joshua Fredrick Cudney
Evan Lawton Culpepper
Tyler Nicole Curry
Dean Gary Cutshall
Elizabeth Susan Dalton
Devin Dam *
Robert Graham Davidson III
Mark David DeCenzo
Kayla Ann Dew *
Shayla Renada Dewitt *
Nicole Alicia Dibble
Jeremy Grier Dunn
Kelsey Suzanne Dunn
Dana Madalina Dunovant
- magna cum laude
James Donald Easterling
Kyndal LeAnne Eggleston *
Marianna Jill Edmunds *
Blake Edward Eppes
Matthew Patrick Ethridge
Erica Renee Ettinger *
Erick James Farrington *
Brian D. Ferguson
Andrew Davis Ferraro *
Michael Eric Ferrero
Jeffrey John Ferris Jr.
Tara Lyn Finnen *
Jason Alexander Fiore *
Thomas Druen Ford
Lisa Ann Francis *
Caitlin Elizabeth Frank
- magna cum laude
Kristen Marie Frech
Richard Michael Freeman
Kelly Ann Gallagher
Evan Gingold
Jessica Shannon Graham *
Jacob Wilkes Grant *
Jonathan Alan Greene
Tyler James Grew *
Steven Mosley Grissett
Christopher Andrew Grommer
Marissa Elizabeth Gross *
Michael P. Hadjuk
Nora Sara Hamil *
Andrew Taylor Harrelson
Lisa Diane Hillard
Kevin J. Holland
Christine Lauren Holloway
Courtney Lowden Holt
Graeme Jameson Hoppie
Christopher Vincent Horning
Nicole Ashley Howard
William Joseph Hunt IV
Timothy Micah Hutson
Amanda Catherine Illian
Kyle Ramon Jacobs
Ryan Gerald Jerry *
Ashley Joye Johnson *
Linda Johnson
Broadus Wesley Jones
Julie Elizabeth Kabler
Jessica Louise Keith
Bailey Welch Kennedy *
Sean Patrick Kinsella *
David Nathaniel Kitts *
Kyle William Kolwicz
Stacie Marie LaBeau
Dylan Lauren
Layne Alexander Law
Samuel Isaac Leavitt
Philip David Livingston *
Victoria Livinski
- magna cum laude
Abigail Jeanette Long
David Cantrell Long *
- cum laude
Nicholas Aaron Lorusso *
Alex Osterloh Lukas *
Peter Dennis Mack
Edward Alexander MacLeod *
David Joseph Majeski
Meghan Marie Marinacci
Robert Stevenson Mason Jr. *
Clayton Charles Mathis *
Ryan Joseph McCormick *
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Sean Michael O’Connor
Lydia Diane Parker
Zachary Paul Parker
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Michael Gary Petroian *
Diane Phelan
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Katie Rose Pohlman *
Bianca Pompei
Matthew Thomas Porter
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Bryan Matthew Rawlett
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Jeffrey M. Richard
Ryan Michael Richardson *
Ashley Keefe Rogers
Jody Grove Rogers *
Michal Susan Routi
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## Degrees in Course

**SPADONI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Arts**

*in Education*

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**SPADONI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Arts**

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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 nonprofit 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.

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.

The South Carolina General Assembly creates the Horry County Higher Education Commission, a government regulatory agency to oversee use of Coastal Carolina's county tax money.

The Horry County Higher Education Commission is responsible for a contract that establishes Coastal Carolina Regional Campus of the University of South Carolina, effective fall 1960.

Members of the Horry County Higher Education Commission and Coastal Educational Foundation 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.

Ground is broken for the campus and, less than a year later, Coastal Carolina’s 110 students move into the first campus building, the Edward M. Singleton Building.

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

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

THE UNIVERSITY’S LEADERS

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President • 2007-present

Ronald R. Ingle
President • 1993-2007
Chancellor • 1992-1993

Ronald G. Eaglin
Chancellor • 1985-1992

Frederick W. Hicks III
Chancellor • 1983-1985

Edward M. Singleton
Chancellor • 1963-1983

William C. Casper
Director • 1961-1963

George C. Rogers
Director • 1955-1961

Edward J. Woodhouse
Director • 1954-1955

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 Carolina pursue independence from the University in name and administration. The trustees adopt President Palms’ recommendation in June 1992.

The South Carolina Legislature passes legislation establishing Coastal Carolina University as an independent, public institution, effective July 1, 1993. Governor Carroll Campbell signs the bill during a ceremony at Coastal Carolina on May 14, 1993. The University’s first Board of Trustees meets for the first time July 1, 1993. Ronald R. Ingle is named the University’s first president. Coastal Carolina University begins offering its first graduate programs in
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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. A $68 million campus master plan is unveiled that will guide development of the University to the 50th anniversary of the institution, to be celebrated in 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 University 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 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 the University'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 now offers master's degree programs in education, instructional technology, and coastal marine and wetland 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 Wàties Island/Tilghman Point property. A $2 million gift from Loris native Bob Brooks marks the largest single gift in the history of the University and places the Brooks name on the new football stadium. More than 8,000 fans pack Brooks Stadium on September 6 for the inaugural game of the Chanticleer NCAA I-AA football squad.

2004 Coastal Carolina University offers baccalaureate degree programs in 38 major fields of study and 36 undergraduate minors, including a new bachelor's degree in economics. The University serves students and the community with a new location, the Waccamaw Higher Education Center in Litchfield, and sites in Georgetown and Myrtle Beach. The 50th Anniversary celebration officially
on Founders Day, September 20, with a formal convocation to honor the three educational institutions that had pivotal roles in the shaping of Coastal Carolina University: 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 is announced in September with more than $10 million already committed.

2005 Coastal Carolina University has a record enrollment of 7,613 students; to accommodate the growth, the University continues to extend its physical presence to the East Campus, located in the Atlantic Center on Highway 501. The campus now comprises 52 main buildings on 302 acres. The long-awaited master of business administration degree gains approval, and the Wall College of Business begins accepting MBA students for fall 2006. New baccalaureate degree programs are approved in communication and in recreation and sport management, bringing the total number of undergraduate degree programs to 40 fields of study. The 50th Anniversary Initiatives campaign raises $3 million over the $10 million goal, reflecting the growing community support for the University. For a conference-record seventh time, Coastal Carolina University captures the Sasser Cup for athletic program success. President Ronald R. Ingle announces his retirement for June 2007, and the Board of Trustees begins planning the search for the University’s second president.

2006 The University continues record growth with 8,049 students from 44 states and 32 foreign countries enrolled for fall 2006. The freshman class has an entering SAT score of 1,047 and an average high school GPA of 3.32, topping national averages in both categories. The University’s operating budget hits $110 million, 12 percent of which comes from state appropriations. Ground is broken for the Adkins Field House following a $1.8 million gift from Charlotte businessmen and twin brothers Mark and Will Adkins, representing the largest pledge ever received from alumni.

2007 David A. DeCenzo takes office as the second president of Coastal Carolina University on May 7, 2007. His formal inauguration – built around the theme “Dawning of a New Tomorrow” – is held September 14. The new president appoints a Strategic Planning Steering Committee comprising all University stakeholders to examine and refine the University’s mission, establish priorities, and link strategic direction to budgeting and assessment. The total number of alumni since 1993 reaches 10,129. The annual economic impact of the University tops $225 million.

2008 Coastal Carolina University receives its largest grant, $2.3 million, from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to establish a program that partners graduate students and Horry County K-12 teachers in coastal science research. For the first time, a Coastal Carolina University faculty member is named the Governor’s 2008 Professor of the Year. The BB&T Center for Economic and Community Development has a banner year providing economic analysis on the state of the economy and impact studies on local projects such as the possible impact of airport expansion and the 2008 NCAA Baseball Regional held at the University. A prestigious Fulbright Award is made to a University faculty member, the fourth such award to the University since 1989. A more than $54 million building program is under way to expand Kimbel Library and the Williams-Brice Building, to build an annex to the R. Cathcart Smith Science Center, as well as to create a student recreation facility, among other projects. Horry County voters approve a penny sales tax to provide funding to be divided among the Horry County public schools, Horry-Georgetown Technical College and Coastal Carolina University. Student-athlete alumni earn accolades in the U.S. Olympics, the PGA Tour, the NFL and professional soccer.
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 Eta: Communication
- 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
- Communication: Crimson
- 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.
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-karat 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.
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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 the late Bennie Lee Sinclair, the fifth Poet Laureate of South Carolina, to commemorate the first year of the institution’s status as a university.

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