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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 Symphonic Band
*James Tully, Conductor*

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

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

Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band
*James Tully, Conductor*

**Presentation of Colors**

Coastal Carolina University
*Army ROTC Color Guard*

**Invocation**

Preston McKever-Floyd
*Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies*
*University Chaplain*

**Welcome and Acknowledgments**

David A. DeCenzo
*President*

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

**God Bless America**
arr. Christopher

Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir

**University Distinctions**

David A. DeCenzo

**Introduction of Speaker**

Trevor Arrowood
*President, Student Government Association, 2008-2009*
*Bachelor's Degree Candidate, Class of 2009*

**Address**

Edward Ball

**Conferring of Honorary Degrees**

David A. DeCenzo

Edward Ball, *Doctor of Humane Letters*
*Presented by Trustee Samuel H. Frink*

Clay D. Brittain Jr., *Doctor of Public Service*
*Presented by Trustee Daniel W.R. Moore Sr.*
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Hilda M. Carter, Doctor of Public Service  
*Presented by Trustee William H. Alford*

Arthur H. Lachicotte, Doctor of Public Service  
*Presented by Trustee Joseph L. Carter*

**Conferring of Degrees in Course**

David A. DeCenzo

Robert J. Sheehan  
*Provost and Senior 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**

Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir  
Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band  
William R. Hamilton  
*arr. James Tully*

**Benediction**

Preston McKeever-Floyd

**Recessional**

Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band

**Faculty Announcer**

Preston McKeever-Floyd, *Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University Chaplain*

**Faculty Marshal**

Donald J. Millus, Ph.D., *Professor of English, Senior Faculty Member*

**Student Marshals**

Elizabeth West, *Graduate Studies*

Mariane Staab, *E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration*

Theresa Schamberger, *Spadoni College of Education*

Jill Nyhof, *Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts*

David A. Vilga, *College of Natural and Applied Sciences*

**Ushers**

Today’s ushers are students representing the Coastal Carolina University Student Alumni Ambassadors, Omicron Delta Kappa, Wall Fellows, Leadership Challenge and the Student Government Association, as well as athletic event volunteer ushers.
2009 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

2009 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

EDWARD BALL • Doctor of Humane Letters

Edward Ball received the 1998 National Book Award for Nonfiction for his first book, “Slaves in the Family,” an investigation of 175 years of slave owning on his family’s plantation near Charleston, S.C. Born in Savannah, Ga., Ball earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a master's degree from the University of Iowa. His other books include “The Sweet Hell Inside: The Rise of an Elite Black Family in the South,” “Peninsula of Lies: A True Story of Mysterious Birth and Taboo Love” and “The Genetic Strand: Exploring a family history through DNA.” Ball served as an art and film critic on The Village Voice and has written for many publications including The New York Times, New York magazine, Premiere, Artforum, Elle and many others. He taught in the writing program at the University of Iowa and in the film studies program at William Paterson University. Ball produced “The Other History,” a radio documentary about slavery commissioned by National Public Radio, and he has appeared on “Oprah,” “Good Morning America,” “CNN Sunday” and many other television news programs.

CLAY D. BRITtain JR. • Doctor of Public Service

Clay D. Brittain Jr., a pioneer in the Myrtle Beach area’s tourism industry, is chairman emeritus of the board of the Myrtle Beach National Company and has been involved in many leading business enterprises in the Grand Strand area including the Sea Captain's House and the Chesterfield Inn. Born in Winston-Salem, N.C., Brittain attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has been an active member of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce since the 1950s, and he received the organization's 2005 Ashby Ward Pioneer of the Year award. He has served on the board of directors of Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday and the South Carolina Golf Course Owners Association. A longtime supporter of Coastal Carolina University, Brittain was named an honorary founder of Coastal Carolina University in 1995, and in 1997 he received the Jason Ammons Free Enterprise Award from the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration. He has been a member of the Coastal Educational Foundation since 1976, including a term as president. Brittain was instrumental in the establishment of the University's PGA Golf Management program. The Clay Brittain Jr. Center for Resort Tourism was established at Coastal Carolina University in 2001.

HILDA M. CARTER • Doctor of Public Service

Hilda M. Carter has been involved in the civic life of the Grand Strand for more than 40 years. She has been a newspaper columnist, a television show host, a beauty pageant organizer, and an enthusiastic promoter of the culture and lifestyle of the Myrtle Beach area. She is known statewide for her work in pageant competitions, having often served as a judge, tutor and consultant. Carter serves as vice president of the Beach Music Association International and is a longtime advocate for the recognition of beach music and of the state dance, the shag. A native of Wilmington, N.C., she was involved in the Azalea Festival in its early years. After moving to Myrtle Beach, she was involved in the Sun Fun Festival. She has taken an active, personal part in many area civic organizations, including the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society and the Red Cross. She is particularly proud of her role in establishing the scholarship component of the Miss Myrtle Beach Pageant. Carter was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent, the state’s highest award for volunteer and community service, by Gov. Jim Hodges.
2009 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

ARTHUR H. LACHICOTTE JR. • Doctor of Public Service

Born to a family with deep roots in the South Carolina lowcountry, Arthur Herbert (Doc) Lachicotte Jr. has emphasized the history and beauty of the region throughout his distinguished career in business and real estate. Born in Pawleys Island, Lachicotte earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Clemson University and served in World War II. His business activities have included manufacturing the world famous Original Pawleys Island Rope Hammock and the development of significant real estate and golf course properties, particularly along the Waccamaw Neck area of Georgetown County. He is involved in Ponderosa Inc., owners of Pirateland Family Campground and the Caledonia and True Blue golf courses. Lachicotte's considerable community involvement includes serving on the boards of the Georgetown Marine Institute, the Georgetown County Water and Sewer District and the Horry-Georgetown Technical College Foundation. He is a trustee emeritus of Brookgreen Gardens, a former member of the Clemson University Board of Visitors and an active member of All Saints Church. In 2007, Lachicotte was named a South Carolina Economic Development Ambassador for Georgetown County by Gov. Mark Sanford.

RETIRING EMERITUS FACULTY

The Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees recognizes the meritorious service of a retiring professor with the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus or Emeritus Professor. These titles are granted to professors meeting established eligibility criteria. Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Emeritus Professor are earned titles that acknowledge the value of an accumulated record of teaching, research and community service with the university.

GILBERT H. HUNT • Distinguished Professor Emeritus

Gilbert H. Hunt joined the Coastal Carolina University faculty in 1975, and he served as dean of the Spadoni College of Education from 2001 to 2008. He is the author of four books and more than 25 journal articles on public school and higher education topics. Some of the state and local organizations he has worked with include Phi Delta Kappa, Association of Teacher Education, the South Carolina Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (president 2001-2002), the National Middle School Association and The Renaissance Group. Hunt earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Campbell University and a master's degree and Ph.D. in elementary education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1999, Hunt was recognized by the South Carolina House of Representatives for his distinguished work as a professional educator.
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 University at this commencement. Conversely, the absence of a student's name from this list does not necessarily mean that the person will not be awarded a degree. Honors for degree candidates are based on the cumulative grade point average on file at the time of application. Honors to be printed on the diplomas will be based on the final Coastal Carolina University cumulative grade point average.

Where indicated with an asterisk (*) the individual is a candidate for graduation based on a minimum amount of coursework to be completed by August 2009, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation.
DEGREES IN COURSE

E. CRAIG WALL SR.
COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Science
in Business Administration

Christopher Jamal Abercrombie
Jill Angeline Adams
Stephen Derek Adkins
Jessica J. Alden
Caroline Joy Alderman
Jonathan Michael Anderson
Amna Anjum
Jordan T. Armstrong *
John William Arrants *
Christopher Arrington II
Margaret Louise Bailey
Carson Franklin Baker *
Chad Eric Barnes
Amber Lindsey Barton
Michael Jay Baumhor
Maurice Lamont Bellamy
Wendy Ann Bernstein
-- magna cum laude
Krista Alexandra Bird *
Jeff Collin Bleiler
Felicia Marie Bolick
Todd Anthony Boucher
Joseph Dalton Bowen *
Timothy Allan Bowie
-- magna cum laude
Joshua Cody Brannon
Holly Marie Broadwater *
Tiffany Nicole Brown
-- magna cum laude
Robert James Bruecken
Joseph Vann Burgess
Nickolas Matthew Buttle
William Garrett Camp *
Christopher Ryan Carter
Stuart Hames Cason
Elizabeth Ann Casselman *
Aubrey Phillip Castor *
Gary Frank Catalanotto
Donald Weston Christy *
David Michael Fox
Daniel Gordon Franks
Jordyn Che’ Funderburk
Alexandra Jeanne Galanis
Michael Paul Garbett
Harrison Lee Gaskins
-- cum laude
Amanda Kay Gilbert *
Kevin James Gilbert
-- cum laude
Paige Catherine Glerum
Lacey Jean Gonzalez
Remy Gahie Gouahoury Jr. *
Matthew Justin Goudy
Trent Dwayne Graybeal *
Peter John Graziano
Michael Scott Green Jr.
Ryan Eric Green
-- magna cum laude
James Fredrick Grice Jr.
-- cum laude
Braxton Wells Hall *
Bethany Frances Hamilton *
Matthew Wilson Hammond
Andrew Taylor Harrelson
Lauren Elizabeth Harris
Deborah Alford Haselden *
Earl Woodrow Hawley III
Emily Rachel Hefner *
Laura Ann Hendershot *
Jared Allen Hensley
Ainsley Morgan Hertrich *
Ashton Michael Hildebrand
Timothy Ryan Hinkle
-- cum laude
Kyle Stetson Hoddy
William Benton Hodges
Andrew Joseph Hoffman III
Amanda Lee Hollingsworth
-- magna cum laude
Charles Damon Holmes
Matthew Milton Holmes
Cameron Donald Hooper
-- cum laude
Trevor Andrew Horrocks
-- magna cum laude
Benjamin Grady Hosenfeld
Kevin Matthew Howard
Kassi J. Hucks *
Jamie Gayle Hug
Richard James Hunt Jr. *
Ron Christopher Jackson
William Joshua Jackson
Keredith Cherise James
Christopher Julian Janus *
Stefan Roumenov Jelev
Brian William Johns
-- magna cum laude
Ralph Howard Jones *
Adrienne Marie Jordan
Anna A. Kaufmann
Justin Patrick Keenan
Gregory James Keil *
Christopher James Keller
-- cum laude
Erik Matthew Kelly
Caitlin Barrett Kenney
Nathan Richard Kimball *
Dustin Anthony King
Howard King
-- magna cum laude
Joshua Brandon King
Amy Marie Krainas
Shari Lee Kuck
Marilyn J. Kuhlman *
Thomas James LaBaugh Jr. *
Deborah Anne Leibbrandt
-- cum laude
Stephen B. Lanham
Ashton Edward Lawrence
Patrice LaVerne Lawson
Oron Levi *
Timothy Leo Linehan *
Ana Ashley Long
-- cum laude
Aaron John Lopatich
Seth Robert Lorson *
Paul Edward Louis III
Madison Anjanette Lucas *
Thomas Mark Lyons Jr.
Adrian D. Mackey *
Christina Patricia Mango
Shaun Michael Manson
Megan Elizabeth Manter
Anthony Wesley Maria
Charles William Mason
Robert John Mattei *
Justin William Maxwell
DEGREES IN COURSE

Karlene Amanda McCathern
Meghan Marie McCausland
- magna cum laude
Amy Lynn Mello
Sonila Merkouris
Jeffrey Nalls Michlovitz
Christopher Donald Miller
- magna cum laude
Sally Ann Miller
- magna cum laude
Jonathan Wesley Mishoe II *
Kevin Andrew Mitchell *
Travis Michael Mogilski *
Cynthia D. Moore
Heather Marie Moore
James Thomas Moore
- cum laude
Lashonda Marinda Moore
Christopher M. Moran
Jason Martin Morra
Robert Quentin Morrell Jr.
Erik Mitchell Morrison
Luke Christopher Morrow *
Neil Alan Moyer *
Madeline Rose Mrozek
Michael Thomas Muller
Tyrone Brian Murphy
Nikole Jeanell Nelson *
Simone Silva Neves
Susana Silva Neves
Teodora A. Nica
Joshua L. Norman
Linda Patricia Nuss
Matthew E. Oliver *
Monish Ajit Patel
Mary Elizabeth Perian
Andrew John Pesa
Michael Anthony Pesce *
Robert Alan Peterman
Justin Riley Phillips
- cum laude
Casey Pierce
Lisa Jeannette Pierce
Timothy B. Pittman
Neal Ryan Player
Jordan Michael Plyler *
Zachary Steven Poinar *
Robert John Pommerenke
Daniel Gregoire Potts
- magna cum laude
John George Pratsinak *
John Scott Prevate
Joseph Michael Primeau *
Sirtoria Sharell Purnell
Wahid Hussaini Quadri
Russell Alan Radel *
Amanda Elizabeth Ranum
Whittmin Antoinelle Reese *
Thomas Matthew Reynolds
- magna cum laude
Christopher Daniel Ribe
Brandon Heath Roach
Kelly Elizabeth Roark
Kisha Lilly Roberts
William Patrick Ross *
Christopher N. Ross-da Silva *
William Durand Rowehl
Samuel James Rozier
Christopher Hood Rudden
James Patrick Salazar *
Ryan Matthew Samuelens
Lisa Maria Schaefer *
- summa cum laude
Bonnie Maria Schwerd *
- magna cum laude
Vincent Charles Serio *
Paddy Kathleen Shaughnessy
Victoria Allison Sheets *
Allison Ellen Sheppard
Julie Rae Shoaf
Arthur Fitzgerald Sitton *
Bradford Blair Skupaka
Kimberly Michelle Small *
Michelle La’Trece Smalls *
Adam Thomas Smith
Hollie Felton Smith
Justin Clayland Smith *
Lauren Nicole Snider
Douglas Andrew Spender Jr.
Julia Francesca Spurlock *
Michael Bradley Stalvey
Jeffrey Robert Stanford *
Alexa Michelle Stoop
Blake Gordon Strong
Dana Elizabeth Stubbs
Sara Ashley Sutherland
- magna cum laude
Özgür Takmaz *
- summa cum laude
Anna Alexandrovna Taormina
Michael Buford Taylor *
Tyra L’Chela Taylor *
Steven B. Teague
Cory Michael Tolerton *
Allison Rose Tomko *
Jeffrey Frederick Townsend *
William Taylor Turbeville
Miller Caitlyn Turner *
Kathryn Gibeus Upchurch
- magna cum laude
Ryan Allen Updike *
Vincenzo D. Ursino *
- cum laude
Arthur Bradley Vooys *
Kevin James Waldron
Kristopher Robert Walker
Christine Jolly Walraven
Brian Edward Watson
Michael David Weaver
Alex Weilersbacher *
Nicole Michelle Welo *
Matthew Goodrich White *
Craig Ryan Willey
Kai Richard Williams
Reuben Hayes Williams
Coe Armstrong Wilson
Terence Randall Wilson
Madeleine G. Winstead *
- cum laude
Candra Vinetta Witt *
Brandon Lee Woodrum
- magna cum laude
Courtney Brice Wooten
Clayton Ashworth Wynne
John Wayne Xanthos *
Alizar Nicholas Zorojew *
- magna cum laude
SPADONI COLLEGE
OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Arts
in Education
Bachelor of Science
in Physical Education
Nicole Kathleen Abelli
Rachel Devlin Addis
Michael Kent Altman *
Charles Christian Ashby
Brenton Michael Atkins
Erica Lauren Ayersman
- cum laude
Alicia Ann Bagatti
Amanda Leigh Baxter
Raegan Elizabeth Belk *
- magna cum laude
Amy Elizabeth Boulton *
- magna cum laude
Daniel Carl Boyd *
Nikki Reed Brawley *
- magna cum laude
Charles Wesley Brown
Patrice Clare Brown
Sylvia Brown
Andrew Cory Bruton
Leroy Burgess III
Gina Marie Burroughs *
Zachary Michael Byrd
Christina Allyson Byrom
Alana Elizabeth Cambareri *
- magna cum laude
McKenzie Lee Cantwell *
- cum laude
Quentin Brandon Canty
Kevin Patrick Casse *
Casey Andrew Casselman *
Erin Wood Caswell *
Ryanne Christine Cessna *
- summa cum laude
Hannah Louise Chavis
- cum laude
DEGREES IN COURSE

Caleb Moses Coblentz
Caroline C. Cole *
Harold Hubert Collins Jr. *
Sarah Jeannette Collins
- cum laude
Erin Nicole Compton
- magna cum laude
Megan Kathleen Conroy *
Kristin Leigh Cook *
Michael Robert Coppola
Bethany Janette Cordell
- cum laude
Steven Bahjat Courtney *
Paul Daniel Covine
Kari Lynn Cregger
Kristen Leigh Cribb
- magna cum laude
Brittany Dawn-Para
Cummings
- magna cum laude
Anna Mary D’Andrea
- magna cum laude
Ashley Lynn Davis
- cum laude
Matthew Dominic DeCastro
Lisa Marie Delk
Kristin Margaret Distad
- magna cum laude
John Fowler Dodenhoff *
La’T oya Monique Eaddy
Kari Anne Edwards *
Cierra Nicole Ellerbe *
Allison Leigh Elliott
Brett Richard Etter *
Dale Wesley Eutsler
Rebecca Marie Filler
Amanda Lee Findlay
- magna cum laude
Scott Allan Finnegan
Jason Patrick Fong Sam *
Jerald Jamison Fordham
Andrew David Fox
Cara Ann Gallagher
- cum laude
Roger William Gannt Jr.
Caryn Anne Gavelek
Keyatra Tyreee Gee
Rachel Lynn Gibbons
John Charles Gilday
Laura A. Ginder *
Margaret Anne Gise
- cum laude
Melissa Nicole Gray
Kelli Joann Green
Wanda Nichelle Green *
Lua Navvab Greene *
Miles Anthony Groff *
B. Devan Gwin *
Joseph Jon Anthony Harris *
Heather Michele Haupt
- cum laude
Ashlee Ward Hendrix
- magna cum laude
Maria Carmella Henry *
Jewell Ashleigh Hibbourn
- cum laude
Samantha Caroline Hinton *
Christine Marie Hofmann
- summa cum laude
Steven Robert Holmes *
Brittney Lyn Holsinger
- cum laude
Robert Allen Holstein
Casey Alexander Hornung
Robert Talmadge Horton
Chase Adam Howe
Kristin Lee Hucks
Kristen Leigh Hunter
- magna cum laude
Jennifer Marie Janes
- magna cum laude
Jacob Addison Jarrell *
Brittney Noel Johnson
Harold Karlton Johnson
Jessica Lynn Johnson *
Rufus Jermaine Johnson
Maegan Elizabeth Jordan
- cum laude
Alexander George Katsianis
Damon Paul Kempski *
Susan Brown Key
- summa cum laude
David Gene Keyes *
Tiffany Ann Killian
- magna cum laude
Margaret Elizabeth King *
Michael David King *
Heather Sharee Knight
Ashley Nichole Lamontagne *
Philip Ernest Lauer *
Breon Damien Lee
Sarah Opal Libby
Pamela Irene Liggett *
Micah Adam Lillard *
Kimberly Michelle Lombardi
- cum laude
Hayley Christine Lynch
- magna cum laude
Heather Lee MacRae
- cum laude
Sara Jean Mailloux
- magna cum laude
Kandice Mercedes Marchman *
Kevin Michael Marrie
Marshawn Markise Martin *
Matthew Glenn Massey
Maren Knight McCarty
Gwenn Elizabeth McCoy
- cum laude
Rebecca Lynne McCredy
Brandy Nichole McCutchen
- magna cum laude
Robert Mcrae McIver
- magna cum laude
Martha Brittney McMillan
- summa cum laude
Willia Kathryn Means
Amanda Danielle Mehany *
Lauren E. Micho
Ashton Rhea Mincey
Blair Kathleen Monroe
Kelsa Patrees Moore
- cum laude
Rebecca Adriana Morgan
Heather Lynne Mullendore
- magna cum laude
Robert Lloyd Mullinax
- magna cum laude
Theresa Eileen Power
- magna cum laude
Ashley Ann Price
Amanda Caitlin Przybylowski
- cum laude
Rachel Marie Ramsey
Matthew David Ratborne *
Alys Ann Reardon *
Christine Kelly Redmond
- cum laude
Jennifer Marie Regan
Lindsay Michael Renolds
Lindsey Michelle Richardson
- cum laude
Courtney Marie Rowell
- cum laude
Andrea Michelle Rudder
Christopher Michael Sabbia *
Justin Daniel Salorio *
Lance Michael Sampieri
- cum laude
Andrea Santonastaso
- magna cum laude
Brittney Tierra Scott *
Krista K. Selvey
- cum laude
Steven Mark Sexton *
Jeffrey Joseph Shinewitz
Sara Ann Sholomicky
- cum laude
Eric Jerome Singleton
LeAuna Sistrunk
Emma Catherine
O’Brien-Gayes *
- magna cum laude
Ericka Daniell O’Connor
Nicole Michelle Ottavina
Heather Jean Outlaw
- cum laude
James Brian Pallassino
Katherine Patrice Parmelee
Ashley Darren Pearce *
Cameron Ainsley Pickens *
Nicole Marie Pioli
Ashley Bunker Poston *
Matthew Ryan Poston
LaShauntria Teresa Powell
- cum laude
Therese Eileen Power
- magna cum laude
Ashley Ann Price
Amanda Caitlin Przybylowski
- cum laude
Rachel Marie Ramsey
Matthew David Ratborne *
Alys Ann Reardon *
Christine Kelly Redmond
- cum laude
Jennifer Marie Regan
Lindsay Michael Renolds
Lindsey Michelle Richardson
- cum laude
Courtney Marie Rowell
- cum laude
Andrea Michelle Rudder
Christopher Michael Sabbia *
Justin Daniel Salorio *
Lance Michael Sampieri
- cum laude
Andrea Santonastaso
- magna cum laude
Brittney Tierra Scott *
Krista K. Selvey
- cum laude
Steven Mark Sexton *
Jeffrey Joseph Shinewitz
Sara Ann Sholomicky
- cum laude
Eric Jerome Singleton
LeAuna Sistrunk
THOMAS W. AND ROBIN W. EDWARDS COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Sarah Leann Abushakra
Ashley Regina Acquaviva *
Samantha Jo Agnew
- magna cum laude
Derek Matthew Allison
Claire Marie Arambula
- cum laude
Christopher John Arcari
Whitney Lanné Ard
- magna cum laude
Elijah Washington Armstrong
Trevor Lee Arrowood *
Alicia Anne Barnes
Gilbert Daniel Barnhill
- cum laude
Mallory Lee Bay
Sabrena Roshell Beale
- magna cum laude
Kimberly Ann Blalock
- cum laude
Victoria Nicole Blanchard *
Brittany Noelle Bonney
Michele Shani Boston
Christopher Edward Boykin
Jacob Matthew Brockman
Brentley Ashton Broughton
Porsche Sierra Brower
Sarah Morgan Brown
Victoria Heather Brown *
Ashley Caroline Buchanan *
Alicia Faith Burnette
Robert Thomas Byrd
Lottie Elisabeth Carlin
- cum laude
Ashley Nicole Clark
- cum laude
Robert Douglas Collins Jr.
Brian Taylor Colosia *
Katherine Bailey Conger

Kira Renee Connie
Brandon John Count
Caroline Nicole Cuseo *
- cum laude
Jennifer Renae Custer
- cum laude
Ashley R. Cyr
JoAnna Dalton
- magna cum laude
Jason Miller David *
Darren Christopher Davis
Elise Michele Davis
Kelly Marie DeMasi
Gregory J. Denn *
Kyle Hadden Dilschneider
Caitlin Marie Dorman
Robert Reshard Durrah
Philip Robert Edwards *
Christopher Douglas Eley
Kelly Marie Emerick
Jillian Maria Esteves
Heather Elizabeth Eurell
- magna cum laude
Alison Elizabeth Evans
- magna cum laude
Sara Ellen Evans
- cum laude
Meggan Ann Farish
- summa cum laude
Tray Ryan Floyd *
Lauren Melody Formalarie
- cum laude
Jenna Nicole Gailliard
Alexis Lee Gavin *
Austin Bradley Gavin
Misty Rae Gazdacko *
Ashley Alyssia Gerds
Brett Leanna Gibson
- cum laude
Michael Brendan Ginty *
Evan Paul Glasgow
Blake Cole Graham
- cum laude
Chacey Marie Greco
Ryan Charles Grogg
- summa cum laude
Ashley Elizabeth Gruber *
Amelia Gay Hammond
- summa cum laude
KEVIN CURTIS HANES
ZACHARY McDaniel HARRIS
ERIN RACHEL HEANEY
TAYLOR NICOLE HEMPLE
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
REBECCA CLAIRE HENEGAR
NICOLE ALISHA Fant HORTON
TENNISON Lee HUBBARD
VERNON Thomas HUGGINS Jr.
KYLE ALBERT HUGHES
MICHELLE Ashley HYDE
* NICOLE LORRAINE Jablon
SARA Ashley JACOBSen
* KOURTNEY Denise JAMES
ROGER KENNeth JOHANSEN
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
CANDACE Leigh JOHNSON
KIRK Warren JOHNSON
SARA Elizabeth KANE
BRITTANY COLE KELLY
STEPHEN Nicholas KELLY
MELANIE Marie KNIES
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
KIRSTYN Lynn KRISTiansen
* FELICIA Ann KULczak
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
KELLY Marie LAMAR
* JUSTIN Britt LEGGett
JULIE Ann LENHARDT
SAMANTHA Kate LEVINson
~ CUM LAUDE
SEYMOUR Anthony Lewis II
TIMMY Richard Lewis
 CRAIG George LINdNER
THOMAS Brandon LOCKETT
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
ASHLEY Meryl LOGAN
KAREN Marie LOMAN
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
MARK Adam LOWDER
MELISSA Noel LYONS
RACHEL MACKLES
~ CUM LAUDE
KELLAN Maloney
ASHLEY Fay MANGER
ANGELA christine MARcolini
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
MICHAEL Anthony Marinaccio
ADRIAN Ann Powell MARLOW
RAINEE christina MARSHALL
COURTNEY Ruth MARTIN
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
DAVID William MARTIN
~ CUM LAUDE
STEVEN John Martinez
NICOLE Patricia MarvAsO
* RONNIE Dale Mason
* BRAN Robert McCoy
* CONSTANCE Michelle McDaniel
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
JEANNE Marie McDonALD
LEEvANDER McRAe Jr.
MIchael Patrick McShane
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
LaurEn jacLYN MerrITT
DaNIEL John MenSIC
* AMBER Melissa Miller
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Lisa AnN Miller
* KENt TimMONS Moore
* JAMIE Lee Marvin Morales
* Nicholas Stephen Menoren
~ CUM LAUDE
LaurEn Elizabeth Morris
RevOnDA Diane Moss
Chelsey Rae Mozingo
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Alex V. Murphy
stephanie Paige Musick
leyla Ipek Nardali
* JOHN Wesley Bigby
nORTHINGTON Jr.
* CARRIE Martha Nyberg
Mohammed Hassan Omar
brittany Elyse Ousley
~ CUM LAUDE
CHRISTOPHER Michael Overholt
~ CUM LAUDE
TajuAna Nicole Paige
* Jennifer Dee Palm
MEGAN Jean Parker
~ CUM LAUDE
JESSICA Lynn Parrill
KIMBER Leigh Parris
MICHelle paul
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Megan Julia Perrault
ElizABETH Perry
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Mary kAthryn Rafael
~ CUM LAUDE
Terry Lee Raines
FelIPE German Rancier
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James Frederick rebeschke
* julEtel Elizabeth Richardson
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jESSICA Lynn Vincent
MELANIE Nicole Vining
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* David Kyle Weber
AmBER Nicole White
BrandAlyn Myron White
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Desmond keShie williams
Ashley Nicole williamson
* MarcIe JoBeth willIs
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Peter Bristow Wu
Liudmila Yatsenka
Scarlett Erin Zee

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ROBERT Bruce BechEl
* Ronnie Gerome BethA
KatriNa JoAnne BoLeY
Stephen Dominic BoNTatibus
* ShAnnon Ashley Bush
Danielle Diane DeLPercio
~ MAGNA CUM LAUDE
TIMOTHY Devers
ADAM Krause Edwards
Kirby Walker Hood
Suzette SharIA McCRAY
Holly Perez
ChristopheR Joseph SaurI
EricA Lynn Serra
Mary Kathleen Sloan
* Velma Millicent Suggs

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DEGREES IN COURSE

COLLEGE OF
NATURAL AND
APPLIED SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

- cum laude
Travis Joseph Abel
Matthew Corey Alexander
Adam Grey Alford
Stefanie Nichole Altavilla
Jessica Faith Anderson
Shannon Lee Reynolds
Shameka Latrice Anthony
Jenné Marie Assard
Tobias Lee Banks
Caitlin Elizabeth Bartlett
Antonio Matthew Bellamy
Leah Marica Biango
Trudy Lynn Blackburn
Takeeious Sheré Boatwright
Jacob Samuel Bodie
Shannon LaRay Bogart
Lauren Elain Bohrer
Amanda Rose Broderick
Annie Danielle Brown
Joshua Zachary Brown
Megan Marie Bruns
Ashley Caroline Buchanan
Natalie Sheree Burgess
William Preston Busch Jr.
Jessica Lynn Bush
David Lee Camp
Sarah Ann Canales
James Ryan Carter
Felicia Ann Coan
Jami Davina Cokley
Lindsey Cheryl Coleman
Allison Michele Connor
Brittnie Elizabeth Cornell
Emma Grace Crompton
Ashley Megan Crum
Michael Evan Culbertson
Daune Trichelle Dawson
Victoria Ruth Day
Angela Christina Delario
Adam Ross Derrick
Lara Danielle Dewese
Timothy James Doody
Corey J. Drake
Kellie Amanda Dunlap
Samantha Elizabeth Durham
Sonya Tielen Eorio
Kristin Leigh Evans
Michelle Marie Falk
Kelsey Ann Fall
Kelwyn Frances Farrell
Ashley Ireland Felter
Gabrielle Faith Folger
Whitney Ann Freaney
Karla R. Freede
James William Galloway
Leigh Ann Gamble
Adam Rhea Gerrits
Deon Jerrod Glenn
Kyle Ryan Goodwin
Derek Christopher Grafton
Jennifer Elizabeth Gray
Jessica Gail Green
Heather Christine Gregory
Jade Elizabeth Guilbeau
Hailey Morgan Harris
Sarah Elizabeth Hazzard
Katlyn Anne Henderson
Kathryn Marie Hendrickson
Jessica Ann Hilton
Brandi Michelle Hoag
Allison Renee Hobson
Amanda Nicole Holekamp
Lauren Elaine Holly
Jennifer Diane Hoose
Robert Bryan Horne
Jordan Daniel Horst
Avjola Hoxha
Casey Marie Iannucci
Ryan James Isabelle
Kristin Leigh Janise
Jocelin Denise Jenkins
Ernie Tyrone Johnson
Brittny Nichole Journigan
Laura Michelle Jowers
Ashleigh Catherine Kaye
Ashley Elizabeth Kendig
Shannon Nicole Kinloch
Kara Alexandra Kleps
Aaron Anthony Kniceley
Patrick Edward Kostka
Amanda Marie Kovacyk
Nicole Christine Kozlowski
Ashley Anne Kunkleman
Ashley Marie Larkin
Stephan Lee Laub
Katrina Elizabeth Lawson
LaNiece Chevette Leach
Michael Anthony Leal
Lucas Paul Lemly
Nacole Rochel Mataya
Jamie Lynn Mayer
LaShanda Shavon McClary
Jessica Britni McCracken
Megan Lorraine McGowan
Malik Ishmael Mooney
Ashley Nicole Moore
Bryan James Moore
Nicholas Stephen Morenz
Christina Marie Morris
Megan Clemons Moyer
Chelsey Rae Mozingo
Leslie Catherine Mull
Jesse Bryant Nordstrom
Lauren Pauline Nybeck
Andrew William Pachan
Brittany Lane Parker
Robert George Pellerin
Eric Matthew Phillips
Rachael Michelle Polmanter
Julie Susan Prager
Nathan Daniel Ripke
Jonathan Jelani Robinson
Pamela Nicole Robinson
Courtney Laura Rose
Ryan Anthony Rossi
Megan Clemons Moyer
Chelsey Rae Mozingo
Leslie Catherine Mull
Jesse Bryant Nordstrom
Lauren Pauline Nybeck
Andrew William Pachan
Brittany Lane Parker
Robert George Pellerin
Eric Matthew Phillips
Rachael Michelle Polmanter
Julie Susan Prager
Nathan Daniel Ripke
Jonathan Jelani Robinson
Pamela Nicole Robinson
Courtney Laura Rose
Ryan Anthony Rossi
- summa cum laude
12
DEGREES IN COURSE

Emily Elizabeth Speir
- cum laude
Karla LaShay Stallworth
Lindsay Michael Stang
Joshua Charles Steele
Gail Susan Steinmetz
Michael Raven Stinson
Riley Cameron Strickland
Kevin Anthony Swain
- cum laude
Amanda Rose Swanson
Katrina Meredith Sweaney *
Danielle Rae Tarpley
- magna cum laude
Joshua Lee Taylor
Michele Lee Taylor
Benjamin Michael Thibert
Brittany Amber Thomas
- cum laude
Kyle Heath Thompkins *
Robert Christopher Thornsberry
Steven William Thornton
- magna cum laude
Jacelyn Marie Tomson
Rikki Leigh Tonet
Joseph Anthony Tracy
Chelsea Lauren Trimper
- cum laude
Krista Nicole Tucker
- magna cum laude
Mia Kochon Turner
Teshawna Michella Valentine *
Erin Elizabeth Vannoy
Marcie Marie Veitch
- summa cum laude
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Sandra Marie Wetzel
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- magna cum laude
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Williams
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Mikkenna Michelle Woods
- cum laude
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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 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.

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 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.

1963 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 USC Coastal Carolina College becomes a charter member of the Big South Athletic Conference.

1986 USC Coastal Carolina College 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 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.

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.

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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
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 Wadley 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 begins on Founders Day, September 20, with a formal convocation to honor the three educational institutions that
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 building campaign exceeding $54 million 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 Psi Omega: Adult Learners  
Alpha Sigma Lambda: Drama  
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 mark 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.

The original score for the Alma Mater was written in 1994 by Coastal Carolina University emeritus professor William R. Hamilton.

“Coastal Carolina” was first performed at the Inauguration of the university’s first president, Ronald R. Ingle, on October 22, 1994.