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ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding: David A. DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University President

Processional
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
Matthew S. White, Conductor, Assistant Director of Bands

Presentation of Colors
Coastal Carolina University
Army ROTC Color Guard

Star Spangled Banner
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
John Stafford Smith/ Francis Scott Key
Terrance Piette
Senior Music Major

Invocation
The Reverend Doctor Tom F. Woodle
Director of Career Services

Officer Commissioning
Coastal Carolina University Army ROTC
Cadet Evan Rodrigues
Presented by Second Lieutenant Anson Cavanagh

Welcome and Acknowledgments
David A. DeCenzo
President
D. Wyatt Henderson, ’98
Chairman, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees

University Distinctions
David A. DeCenzo

Introduction of Senior Class Representative
J. Ralph Byington
Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Introduction of Speaker
Kara Yeomans
Class of 2013

Address
Holley E. Tankersley
Chair and Associate Professor, Politics and Geography

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees
J. Ralph Byington

Music Presentation
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble

Conferring of Degrees in Course
David A. DeCenzo
Michael R. Latta
Associate Dean, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration
Edward Jadallah
Dean, Spadoni College of Education
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Daniel J. Ennis
Dean, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Michael H. Roberts
Dean, College of Science

Nelljean M. Rice
Dean, University College

Alumni
Brian D. Forbus, ’97
President, Coastal Carolina University Alumni Association

Alma Mater - Coastal Carolina
William R. Hamilton
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble

Benediction
The Reverend Doctor F. Tom Woodle

Recessional
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble

Faculty Announcer
Preston L. McKeever-Floyd, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Faculty Marshal
Paul C. Peterson, Bearer of University Mace, Professor of Politics and Geography

Student Marshals
Alysha McGrath, Faculty Marshal
Carolyn Johnson, Student Marshal
Matthew Goodwin, Student Marshal
Frankie Hall, Bearer of University Banner
Marguerite Maria Casil, Graduate Studies
Naomi Dantzler, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration
NyrRhonda Nixon, Spadoni College of Education
Lindsey Holt, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Chelsea Boyd, College of Science
Christa Sims, University College

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.
HOLLEY E. TANKERSLEY, PH.D.
Chair and Associate Professor
Politics and Geography

Holley E. Tankersley, an associate professor of political science and chair of the Department of Politics and Geography, teaches courses in public policy and American political institutions. She was named Coastal Carolina University Professor of the Year for 2008-2009 and for 2012-2013. Her research investigates ways in which institutional structures shape policy choices at both the state and federal levels, with a particular focus on executive and judicial branch decision-making. Tankersley focuses primarily on issues of social policy, including education, health, human welfare, family and civil rights. Her most recent scholarly work has appeared in Political Research Quarterly and the Journal of Political Science Education. She holds a master’s degree in public policy from Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Georgia.
E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration

Master of Accountancy
Ryan David Berdnik
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011
Stephanie Elizabeth Boglioli
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Jacob Gregory Downey
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011
Erin Theresa O’Reilly
B.S., SUNY-Geneseo, 2012
Carolyn Marie Preciado
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011
Zachary Kirk Stubbendeck
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Master of Business Administration
Irina Stoyanova Bell
B.A., University National World Economy Sofia, 2005
Brianna Marie Blacklock
B.S.I., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Alexander Gabriel Campbell
B.S.B., Clarion University, 2011
Ekaterina Mikhailovna Dandykina
B.A., Siberia Federal University, 2011
B.A., Siberia Federal University, 2011
M.A., Siberia Federal University, 2011
M.A., Siberia Federal University, 2011
Robert Joe Daniels
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Kevin Engleman
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Corey William Frankosky
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Erik John Mahoney
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Samantha Lee Mann
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011
Christopher Joseph Marsh
B.S., Coker College, 2010
Kristian Kerran McAdams
B.S.B., University of South Carolina, 2007
Milissa Anne McClain
B.S., Southern Wesleyan College, 2003
Matthew D. McCourry
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Samantha Gayle Mello
B.S.A., Lander University, 2005
James Leslie Parkinson III
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2011
Travis Charles Poe
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Brandon James Sarvis
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011
Sean Hassan Shahroozi
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Garrett Michael Shumaker
B.S.B., Slippery Rock University, 2012
Charlotte Jordan Smith
B.A., College of Charleston, 2012
Wilson Tyler Stokes
B.S., University South Carolina, 2010

Spadoni College of Education

Master of Arts in Teaching
Keith Allen Allison
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Eric John Barrett
B.A., College of the Ozarks, 2009
Stephanie Jean Beyer
B.S., Virginia Tech, 2008
Martha Ann Esther Blunt
Todd Michael Brink
B.S., University of Oregon, 2011
Charity Anne Burney
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Stevi-Blair Carmichael
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Charles Shannon Childress
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Dixie Lynn Dyson Cox
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012
Starena Cusack
B.A., College of Charleston, 2008
Shanique Platt Davis  
*B.A., Francis Marion University, 2008*

Timothy Lee Donaldson  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2010*

Morgan Nicole Duff  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Stephyn William Eaton  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Deondra Celes Johnson  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Kristen Laura Jones  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2008*

Jacqueline Gwynne Kane  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2009*

Hannah Marie Leisen  
*B.A., College of Charleston, 2011*

Jordan Brittani Lewis  
*B.A., Erskine College, 2009*

Amanda Helen Loach  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*

Michael Aron Shawn Locklear  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Olivia Danielle Marlowe  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2007*

Joshua Allen Maxwell  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Kurt Frederic Meusel  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Peter Joseph Miranda  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Paul Larry Morris  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Karesha Marie Newberry  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Kathleen Theresa O’Connell  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Jeffrey Brian Parker  
*B.A., University of South Carolina-Upstate, 2006*

Kylie Renée Pierce  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Ashley Maria Purcell  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Jamie Blaine Roberson  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Robert Anthony Russo  
*B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 1999*

Adrienne Nicole Siewert  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2009*

Heather Smith  
*B.S., University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 2002*

Brandi Lin VanGorder  
*B.A., University of North Carolina-Greensboro, 2009*

Lindsay Nicole Weirich  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*

Jason Clyde West  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2010*

Andrew James Wilson Willis  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

**Master of Education**

Will Dobbs  
*M.Ed., Coastal Carolina University, 2008*  
*B.A., Long Island University-Boston, 2004*

**THOMAS W. AND ROBIN W. EDWARDS COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS**

**Master of Arts in Writing**

Cheryl Denise Apple  
*B.A., North Carolina State University, 1988*

Alexandra Elizabeth Hunter  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

**Master of Science**

Sarah Lynn Chappel  
*B.S., James Madison University, 2008*

Rangley Claude Mickey  
*B.S., University of North Carolina-Charlotte, 2009*

Kimberly Ann Trinkle  
*B.S., Ohio Northern University, 2010*
DEGREES IN COURSE

E. CRAIG WALL SR.
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Science
in Business Administration

Bachelor of Arts

Aime-Jo Bacon
Sebastian Bottinga Bahos
Saam Ali Bakhtiar
Nicholas Carl Bane
Dane Anthony Barrick
Fred Blynn Beall V
Michael Joseph Biordi
Jeffrey Leonard Bird
Taylor Nichole Bullard
MaryClaire Chalfant
Gretchen Brewer Clark
Leor Cohen
William Avanté Cook
Deanna Michele Cooper
Natalia Copenhaver
- summa cum laude
Justin Case Davidson
Tessa Marie Deneen*
- magna cum laude
Samantha Lee Emilio
Blake Anthony Fallin
Louis Patrick Feltman
Trevor Loy Finley
Gunnar Tillman Freeman
Justin James Garry
David S. Gentile
Timothy Joseph Gianelli
Robert Jordan Haley
Cody Lee Herrgesell
Carlin Kaytera Hoffman
Danielle Marie Hytla
Anthony Joseph Jankowski
Ambar J. Jenrette
Burton Raynard Jones II
Ryan Davis Jones
Nicholas Eugene Keefer
Tara L. Kostecki
Leanne Taylor Lakes
Kyle R. Lascolette
Jason Stedman Latten
Matthew Conor Lee
Christine Renee Lutfy
Jonathan E. McDermott
Jason H. McNiff
Megan Shirley Mechanic
Dushawn Akeem Morant
Brianna Marie Morman
Sydney Anna Morris
Logan F. Morro
Dalton James Noto
Matthew O'Brien
Sean Anthony Oddis
Anthony Patrick Olcott
Robert Lewis Orton
Mary Katherine Osborne
Brittany Lynn Perron
- cum laude
Chelsey Megan Perron
- cum laude
Linda Ann Poole
Ryan Alexander Reynolds
Lewis Jacob Rider
Courtney Marie Sampson
Kent Rhodes Spellman Jr.
Sean Michael Stier
Ryan John Turchi
TriSha LaBelle Vereen
Matthew Austin Weinrib
Preston Hall Werner
Charles Christopher Whilden
Cedric L. White
Timothy Kyle White
Ryan Matthew Wilk
Alan Douglas Williams II
Brittany H. Yeager
Kara Alexandra Yeomans
- cum laude

SPADONI COLLEGE
OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Bachelor of Science
in Physical Education

Dana Elizabeth Frangipane
- summa cum laude
Finnbarr Pall O'Callaghan
Lauren Alyssa Renaud
- cum laude
Alexandra Lynn Toich

THOMAS W. AND
ROBIN W. EDWARDS
COLLEGE OF
HUMANITIES
AND FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Leah Ann Barcellona
Maggie Kathryn Carlson
Nicholas Michael Cerone
Kristina Marie Cesternino
Grant Hamilton Clayton
Jennifer Renee Conley-Dorman
Ericka Lynn Cox
Sherita LeShawn Curry
Jennifer Lynn Darmafall
- cum laude
James Marshall Degarmo III
DEGREES IN COURSE

Tessa Marie Deneen*  
-magna cum laude
William Kyle Dickson
Kayce Nicole Fry
Lindsey Helen Golden
Ieshia Victoria Goodwin
Allen Tarvorris Jolly
James Matthew Lewien  
-cum laude
Emily Elizabeth Lowes  
-cum laude
Julia Catherine Marshall
Casey Renee’ Mason
Mary Ellen Mathis
Patricia Kathleen McCarty
Khamla Mark Mickelson
Courtney Kathleen Moser
Joseph Lee Nichols
Corey Andrew Nicholson
Stephanie Elizabeth Nowaczck
Joshua Roman
Alexander Roger Salamone
Kristina Liliana Schneider
Leah Ann Smith  
-cum laude
Tish Alexandria Thompson
Lucius Richard Williams Jr.
Erich Lloyd Wilson
Cory Francis Woerner  
-cum laude
Gina Bridgette Yuhas

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Alexandra Ashley Anderson
Amber Nicole Basiliko
Cari Rachelle Baun  
-cum laude
Chelsea Marie Booth
Justin Harrison Brown
Nicole Jaclyn Browne
Stephanie Lauren Bunch  
-magna cum laude
Andrew Tyler Calkins
Jatavia Tishaun Clay
Kristen Shernyce Cobb
Teonia Shanta Cohen
Rebecca Elaine Conley
Nicholas Anthony Contino
Jazmin Brook Daigle
Dewey Philip Davis
Laura Elizabeth Davis
Marissa Anne DeMarco
Paige Nicole Eddens
Ryan Thomas Egan
Denise Alexandria Frank
Ryan Stephen Fletcher
Amanda Kay Gacki
Lauren Ashley Gast
Toni Georgiana  
-magna cum laude
Kelsey Goetz
Woody Justin Goff
Kayla Ann Graham
Brittney Renay Grayson
Joseph Edwin Gregory
Samuel Wakefield Haga
Cheryl Antoinette Hall
Zachary Franklin Hayes
Jeremy Devon Height
LaChina Laquail Hemingway
Jessica Marie Hood

Jessica Ann Hotzelt
Jamia Demematria Howard
Whitney Lashirl Hughes
Josie Lee Hull
Jessica Jordan Imholz
Anthony Delsean Irick
Jordan De Leon Johnson
Taylor Stephen Johnson
Jillian Neumann Jones
Sara Rose Kaplan
Shane T. Kelley
Matthew Scott Kennedy
Sammie Ray Kennedy
Taylor Victoria Kirkley
Nyjelle Capri Langley
Tryggy Karl Larusson
Ashton Xavier Leatherman
Michael Philip Lionetti
Mariah Nicole Lockwood
Brian Edward Lutz
Elizabeth Ann Maynor
Tyler Joseph McCarthy  
-cum laude
Ryan James McClain  
-cum laude
Winnifred Benita McCrea
Daniel Michael McDonough
Kevin Thaddeus Meadows
Sarah Elizabeth Michaels
Joshua Lane Myers
Melissa Jane Newton
Thomas Jeffrey Noel  
-cum laude
Robert Frank Okneski
Maya Michelle Outlaw
Chastity Dawn Owens
Erica DeVorah Peake
Jane Merrll Pilarski
Alex Jorge Prioleau
Charles Phillip Purcell
Jonelle Michelle Randall
Iain Keith Robertson Riddle
Charlotte Lee Roberts  
-magna cum laude
Marsha Lynn Roberts  
-magna cum laude
Crystal Shaneka Robinson
Evan Louis Rodrigues
Eric James Sabisch
DEGREES IN COURSE

Kristina Danielle Scanlon  
Robert Andre Searle  
Paige Kathleen Selesky  
Daniel Jay Shelly  
Chase Alexander Sigmon  
Tonya Hilton Skipper  
Emily Joy Smith  
Shana Janel Smith  
Kathryn Anne Spero  
Alicia Paige Sullivan  
Stephanie Lynn Taylor  
- cum laude  
Rebecca Lauren Thigpen  
Dekara Chantelle Thomas  
Stephanie Louise Torosian  
Jodee Lin Troupe  
Samantha Jo Veteri  
Michael Eric Wilder  
Dave Thomas Roman Williams  
Rhett MacCormack Woolard  
Whitney Shanel-Mae Young

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Kristen Corey Albrecht  
Avette Necole Brown  
Landis Brown  
Ronnie Louis Coco Jr.  
Kayla Diggs  
Andrew Christopher Ferguson  
Calona Georgette Hackett  
Batrice Carmel Haigh  
Natalie Rose Hazel  
James Douglas Hinkle IV  
Natalie Ortiz Kaufman  
Crystal Leigh Lewis  
Robert Lee Morgan III  
Richard Woodrow Nisbet Jr.  
Kaneesa Antwanet Peterson  
Desiree’ Charnece Rivers  
Matthew Ryan Sassi  
Danielle Schaeffer  
Malinda Renee Schubert  
Joselyn Jenée Small  
Charles Laverne Todd III  
Jamaal Dorval White

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 has completed all requirements for multiple degrees.
On the evening of July 23, 1954, a group of Horry County citizens met at the Horry County Memorial Library to discuss a daring proposal – the creation of a local college. These civic leaders were determined to improve the educational and economic profile of the area, and in less than two months – on Sept. 20 – Coastal Carolina Junior College held its first classes in the old Conway High School (enrollment: 53).

For its first four years, the new endeavor was sponsored by the College of Charleston. In 1958, Horry County voters approved a referendum levying a three mill tax to fund the two-year college independently. Members of the college’s governing board, the Coastal Educational Foundation, personally pledged funds to meet financial shortfalls.

From the beginning, Coastal Carolina has maintained a close, reciprocal relationship with the surrounding region, which during the past half century has progressed from a primarily agricultural district into a major Atlantic coast resort. In 1959, the state’s general assembly created the Horry County Higher Education Commission, a regulatory body to manage the college’s county tax money. For more than 50 years, the Coastal Educational Foundation, which concentrates on private fundraising, and the Horry County Higher Education Commission have worked in concert to guide the University’s endowment and fiscal policies.

In 1960, Coastal Carolina became a regional campus in the University of South Carolina system, the beginning of a 33-year affiliation. (The deal was finalized at the Chat & Chew restaurant in Turbeville, halfway between Conway and Columbia.) The following year, a site was chosen for a permanent campus. Most of the land for the present location near Conway was donated by Burroughs Timber Company and International Paper.

The traditional Georgian architecture of the first campus structure, now the Edward M. Singleton Building, set the style for the new campus when it was completed in 1963. Enrollment was 110 that year, and it increased steadily during the 1960s. The present Atheneum Hall was built in 1966, featuring the trademark symbol of the institution. In 1975, USC Coastal Carolina College awarded its first four-year bachelor’s degrees, and the first residence halls opened in 1987.

By the end of the 1980s, enrollment had reached 4,000 and there were 175 full-time faculty members. In view of sustained growth and obvious potential, many supporters of the college believed that the time had come to consider leaving the USC system. In 1991 the Horry County Higher Education Commission voted to seek legislative approval to establish an independent Coastal Carolina University. This bold move, a watershed event in our history, was officially accomplished in 1993 when Gov. Carroll Campbell signed the bill on the steps of the Singleton Building.

Coastal Carolina’s new status as an independent state university set the stage for a new era of growth and achievement. During the next decade, graduate courses were offered for the first time; new academic and residence buildings were added; the faculty increased in number and distinction; and the institution began attracting an increasingly diverse and gifted community of students.

In September 2003, CCU won its inaugural football game in the brand new Brooks Stadium. A member of the Big South Conference since 1983, the Chanticleers (our mascot, derived from The Canterbury Tales) have a proud history in 18 sports, winning the conference’s Sasser Cup a total of nine times.

In 2004, CCU celebrated its 50th anniversary. Enrollment reached 7,000 students, and the campus was expanding significantly, with properties now situated across Highways 501 and 544 as well as its splendid 1,105-acre ocean research site on Waties Island.

Horry County voters approved a penny sales tax in 2008 to fund education building projects, augmenting the most extensive building program in University history. In February 2011, the board of trustees approved a Campus Master Plan, a comprehensive blueprint outlining the future direction of the institution’s physical layout. Master plan implementation is well under way, with approximately 25 active building projects in some stage of planning or construction. Enrollment is now above 9,000, and CCU established its first doctoral degree program, in marine science. The University will begin offering the Ph.D. program in 2014.
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 that 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 that 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 that 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.

Candidates who are eligible to be recognized for graduation with honors wear the embroidered official white honor stole with the University Seal at graduation. Also, students who are members of the University Honors Program, the Wall Fellows, the Jackson Scholars, the Swain Scholars or other selected University honors programs are eligible to wear the University stole.

Recognized honor societies by Coastal Carolina University are:

- Alpha Kappa Delta: Sociology
- Alpha Psi Omega: Theatre
- Alpha Sigma Lambda: Adult
- Beta Alpha Psi: Accounting Finance
- Beta Beta Beta: Biology
- Beta Gamma Sigma: Business
- Eta Sigma Delta: Hospitality
- Eta Sigma Gamma: Health Promotion
- Gamma Sigma Epsilon: Biochemistry/Chemistry
- Golden Key: International
- Kappa Delta Pi: Education
- Omicron Delta Epsilon: Economics
- Omicron Delta Kappa: Leadership
- Phi Alpha Theta: History
- Phi Eta Sigma: Freshmen
- Phi Sigma Pi: International
- Phi Sigma Tau: Philosophy
- Pi Mu Epsilon: Mathematics
- Pi Sigma Alpha: Politics
- Psi Chi: Psychology
- Sigma Tau Delta: English
- Upsilon Eta: Communication
- Upsilon Pi Epsilon: Computer Science
- Phi Eta Sigma: Freshmen
- Phi Sigma Pi: International
- Phi Sigma Tau: Philosophy
- Pi Mu Epsilon: Mathematics
- Pi Sigma Alpha: Politics
- Psi Chi: Psychology
- Sigma Tau Delta: English
- 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.

- Anthropology: Golden Yellow
- 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 that they receive during a formal induction ceremony.
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 that captures the energy and unbounded promise of the institution.

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.
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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