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COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding: David A. DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University President

Processional ~ Pomp and Circumstance
Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band
James L. Tully, Conductor, Director of Bands, Professor of Music
arr. Charlie Hill/Chuck Ellledge

Presentation of Colors
Coastal Carolina University
Army ROTC Color Guard

The Star-Spangled Banner
Coastal Carolina University Chamber Choir
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir
John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key
arr. James L. Tully/ Frances T. Sinclair
Frances T. Sinclair, Director of Choral Activities, Associate Professor of Music
Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band

Invocation
Reverend Cynthia Hodell Dyer

Officer Commissioning
Coastal Carolina University Army ROTC
Cadet Terrell Johnson
Cadet Stephen Rhett Baumgardner
Presented by Brigadier General Walter F. Johnson III, U.S. Army (Retired)

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 Student Government Association President
J. Ralph Byington
 Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Introduction of Speaker
Eliana Padrón
Student Government Association President

Address
Michael J. Gerson
Nationally Syndicated Columnist and Former Presidential Adviser

Confering of Honorary Degree
David A. DeCenzo
J. Ralph Byington
Michael J. Gerson
Doctor of Humanities Letters
Presented by Oran Smith, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees
J. Ralph Byington

What a Wonderful World
Coastal Carolina University Chamber Choir
Bob Thiele and George David Weiss
arr. Mark Hayes

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Conferring of Degrees in Course
David A. DeCenzo
J. Ralph Byington
Barbara A. Ritter
Dean, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration
Edward Jadallah
Dean, Spadoni College of Education
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. Forbes ’97
President, Coastal Carolina University Alumni Association

Alma Mater ~ Coastal Carolina
Coastal Carolina University Chamber Choir
Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir
Willaim R. Hamilton
arr. James L. Tully

Benediction
Reverend Cynthia Hodell Dyer

Recessional
Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band

Faculty Announcer
Preston L. McKever-Floyd, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Department Chair

Faculty Marshal
Roy Talbert, Beareer of University Music, Professor of Politics and Geography

Student Marshals
Jasmine Baskett, Beareer of University Banner
Connor Neil Lengyel, Graduate Studies
Nicholas Robert DiDuro, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration
Nicole Christina Johnson, Spadoni College of Education
Steven John Small, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Rebeccah Danielle Rodger, College of Science
Charles M. Walker, 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.

Hearing Impaired Services
An American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter will be on stage to accommodate guests who are deaf or hearing impaired.
It is recommended that guests sit in Section 104 in view of the interpreter.
Interpreters will not sign while graduate names are being read.
Michael J. Gerson
Nationally syndicated columnist
Former Presidential adviser

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Michael J. Gerson writes a nationally syndicated column that appears twice weekly in The Washington Post and nearly 1000, other newspapers. He is the author of Heroic Conservatism (2007) and co-author of City of Man: Religion and Politics in a New Era (2010). He serves on the board of directors of the U.S. Center for Global Leadership and of The News Literacy Project. Gerson is a senior adviser to ONE, a bipartisan organization dedicated to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable diseases, and co-chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Values. He appears regularly on the PBS NewsHour, Face the Nation and other news programs.

Until 2006, Gerson was a top aide to President George W. Bush as assistant to the president for policy and strategic planning. He was a key administration advocate for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the President's Malala Initiative (PMI), the fight against global sex trafficking, and funding for women's justice and empowerment issues. Prior to that appointment, he served in the White House as deputy assistant to the president and director of presidential speechwriting and as assistant to the president for speechwriting and policy adviser. Gerson joined Bush’s presidential campaign in early 1999 as chief speechwriter and senior policy adviser.

Gerson was previously a senior editor covering politics at U.S. News and World Report, a speechwriter and policy adviser for Jack Kemp, and a speechwriter for Bob Dole during the 1996 presidential campaign. He is a graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois. He grew up in the St. Louis area and now lives with his wife and sons in northern Virginia.

EDGAR L. “EDDIE” DYER
Distinguished Professor Emeritus

Eddie Dyer is executive vice president and chief operating officer at Coastal Carolina University, where he has been a member of the political science faculty since 1976. He has served in a variety of administrative positions during his long tenure at CBU, including chair of the Department of Politics, dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, vice president of University Relations, university counsel, executive director of the Coastal Educational Foundation, and interim director of athletics. He was the first recipient of the FTC Teacher-Scholar Award and is an honorary inductee of the CBU Athletic Hall of Fame. A member of the Horry County Planning Commission and the board of directors for United Way, he also chairs the county’s Ride III Committee.

PATRICIA S. PIVER
Emeritus Professor

Patricia S. Piver is a native of Horry County. She attended Lander University, Southern Wesleyan University, Mercer University and the University of Georgia. She earned a Doctor of Education degree from the University of South Carolina in 1993 while teaching full time and raising nine children. She began her career as a high school social studies teacher, and worked as a private school academic dean and private school principal before becoming a college professor. She has earned numerous awards and recognitions in the field of education. Upon retirement, she plans to continue working to advance educational opportunities in the area.

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MICHAEL W. FERGUSON
Distinguished Professor Emeritus

The son of a naval officer, Michael Ferguson lived in many places growing up, including Massachusetts, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Florida and California. He graduated from high school in Honolulu in 1965 and worked at various jobs, including service in the Merchant Marines, before pursuing higher education in his early 20s. He earned degrees in biology and secondary education from California State University at Long Beach in 1974 and a master’s degree in plant pathology from California Polytechnic University in 1976. He worked as a staff research technician at Kansas State University, where he completed his Ph.D. Before joining the CCU faculty in 2002, he was a research scientist at South Dakota State University. He is active in his church and masonic lodge.

SUSAN E. WEBB
Distinguished Professor Emeritus

Born in Newport, R.I., and the daughter of a naval officer, Susan Webb grew up in Virginia, Key West and South Carolina. She graduated Lander University and earned a Ph.D. in sociology from North Carolina State University. Joining the Coastal Carolina faculty in 1984, she developed classes in victimology, the sociology of AIDS and the sociology of the South, and she served as chair of the Faculty Senate and of the Department of Psychology and Sociology. Her research includes studies of rural poverty, of hotel housekeepers commuting from inland counties and of gated communities in the South. Webb participates in the Southern Sociological Society’s Persistent Poverty Project, studying rural counties of North and South Carolina and developing community partnerships to address inequalities.
The Ronald D. Lackey Service Award recognizes an outstanding senior who has served the University through involvement and exemplary leadership in campus organizations and in the local community. The award is named in honor of the late Ronald D. Lackey, a faculty member who served the Coastal Carolina University community with singular dedication. The 2015 recipient of this award is Sara R. Adams.
DEGREES IN COURSE

College of Science
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Guzelle Eyelle Tarah
Addison James Taylor
Amanda Nicole Taylor - magna cum laude
Ronda Alexandra Taylor - magna cum laude
Leah Sara Thomas
Matthew Alexander Thomas
Shakera Nicole Thomas
Lindsey Miranda Thompkins
Rebecca Lynne Trubuck
Bailey Elizabeth Turner - magna cum laude
Taylor Elaine Turner - magna cum laude
Teaia Nicole Turner
Nicholas Andrew Michael Tuirzi
Oresa Lee Velasquez
Jacquelyn Elizabeth Vereen
Crystal Brooke Walter
Kelsey Renea Watts
Ashley Victoria Webb
Lauren Ashlea Wehrung
Craig Michael Weick
Rachael Carolyn White
Ariel Savon Wiest - cum laude

DEGREES IN COURSE

Paul Michael Bowers - magna cum laude
Meagan Leigh Borger - magna cum laude
Kailyn Elizabeth Bond - magna cum laude
Kynesha Tkeya Benjamin-Gibson
Anthony Quinn Buckius
Katelyn Anne Badwak
Anthony Quinn Buckius
Emily Deanne Barnes - magna cum laude
Amanda Lynn Barber - magna cum laude
David Richard Barker - cum laude
Erin Lynne Barker - magna cum laude
Calvin DeVauhn Atkins
Courtney Anne Auriello
Julia Lynn Austin - magna cum laude
Andrew Jeffrey Aylett
David Robert Alexander
Kaitlynn Anne Young - magna cum laude
- magna cum laude
- cum laude
- cum laude

DEGREES IN COURSE

Sarah Kathleen Bowler - magna cum laude
Lorenzo Robert Nathaniel
Gabriela Rocha Brito - magna cum laude
Kelsey Ann Broomwell - magna cum laude
Pearl Amanda Bryan - magna cum laude
Nicholas Alexander Buckhorn - magna cum laude
Mary Buxalucl
Leslie Marie Cabral - magna cum laude
Mary Frances Canady - magna cum laude
Jennifer Ann Cargone - magna cum laude
Jacob Jaya Caplan - magna cum laude
Jessica Michele Carlottile
Jonathan Lee Carter - magna cum laude
Mary Elizabeth Carter - magna cum laude
Courtnei Lee Caruso - magna cum laude
Frida Castillo - magna cum laude
Michael Allen Church - magna cum laude
Jamas Clark - magna cum laude
Michael Robert Cline - magna cum laude
Lauren Taylor Colomi - magna cum laude
Taylor Jeffrey Connery - magna cum laude
Brent Kenneth Conners - magna cum laude
Molly Rebecca Cook - magna cum laude
Samantha Marie Cook
Jonathan Brendan Coughlin - magna cum laude
Mark Edward Crabb - magna cum laude
Nicholas Meyer Cragg - magna cum laude
Chris Russell Crown - magna cum laude
Justin Shawn Czyzter - magna cum laude
Tyler Patrick Cummings - magna cum laude
Macy Rae Cunningham - magna cum laude
Kaitlyn Marina Darling - magna cum laude
Christina Nichole Davis - magna cum laude
Melissa Leigh Deafenbaugh - magna cum laude

DEGREES IN COURSE

Emily Paige Deskobe + - magna cum laude
Elizabeth DeTrade - magna cum laude
Savannah Lee Branchburg - magna cum laude
Gabriela Rocha Brito - magna cum laude
Kelsey Ann Broomwell - magna cum laude
Pearl Amanda Bryan - magna cum laude
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Christina Nichole Davis - magna cum laude
Melissa Leigh Deafenbaugh - magna cum laude

DEGREES IN COURSE

Brian Edward Gibson - magna cum laude
Nastassja Benetria Gibson - magna cum laude
Amy Lyn Glenn - magna cum laude
McKenzie Leigh Golden - magna cum laude
Megan Elizabeth Goodrich - magna cum laude
Ashley Carol Good - magna cum laude
James Corbett Gore - magna cum laude
Curtia Shantwan Graham - magna cum laude
Quinton Taylor Gray - magna cum laude
Matthew Braxton Grice - magna cum laude
Cobi Alexander Guibeau - magna cum laude
Kristin Tara Gunning - magna cum laude
Matie Elizabeth Hahn - magna cum laude
Austin Michael Hamel - magna cum laude
Cameron Blaze Hance - magna cum laude
Melissa Jo Hannon - magna cum laude
Aimee Elizabeth Justice - magna cum laude
Jake McCollough Kane - magna cum laude
Megan Mary Kane - magna cum laude
Joseph Demitrius Keitt - magna cum laude
Andrew Lawrence Kelly - magna cum laude
Jennifer Avisin Kerr Jr. - magna cum laude
Lyndsey Renee King - magna cum laude
Jordan S. Kiser - magna cum laude
Nathan Alexander Klein - magna cum laude
Kayla Nicole Koch - magna cum laude
Marissa Joy Kohan - magna cum laude
Samuel Michel Kopciak - magna cum laude
Paige Taylor Korte - magna cum laude
Taylor Rae Kress - magna cum laude
Tiffani Marie Kauf - magna cum laude
Sarah Renee Labod - magna cum laude
Veronica Lynn Lancer - magna cum laude
Courtney Bridget Lane - magna cum laude
Hannah Angeline Latzo - magna cum laude
Daniel Sean Lavey - magna cum laude
Alyson Casey Lavin - magna cum laude
Caroline Shadly Lawson - magna cum laude
Brandon Patrick Leggett - magna cum laude
Clarissa Yvonne LeSieur - magna cum laude
Kayla Lynn Louder - magna cum laude
Ethan Tyler Love - magna cum laude
Jenifer Marie Ludwig - magna cum laude
Alan Christopher Luken - magna cum laude
Eden Christine Lukhard - magna cum laude
Lucas Bryan Lyerly - magna cum laude
Charles Joseph Mack - magna cum laude
Miranda Lynne Maiuri
Bra’Auna Leigh Major
Meghan Elizabeth Malone
Shelby Brooke Manekin
Jane Lee Martin
-cum laude
Tanner Michael Marrie
Amber Danielle Martin
-magna cum laude
Jakob Mackenzie Martin
Kathleen Theresa Martin
Christina Josephine Martinnetti
Danielle Leigh Massie
Ian Joseph Mantok
Ashley Nichole McClain
Haley Christine McClelland
Lacretia Shiamek McCollough
Gelena Simone Piper McGray
Meghan Brooke McDaniel
Jessica Lynn McGeethan
Katelyn Louise McGilfflin
-cum laude
Shawn Michael McLaws
Amanda Marie McMahen
Caitlin Elizabeth McNamara
Kelsey Nicole McNaught
Daniel Scott Mederos
Joan Kathleen Medvar
Caroline Marie Miller
Michael James Michau
Megan Elizabeth Miller
Christina Marian Mineo
Christopher Louis Mocarski
-magna cum laude
Jessica LeAnne Roberts
-cum laude
Brian Hoang Hua Nguyen
-evum laude
Evan Andrew Nicphor
-Leanna Norman
Megan Veronica Novak
Christopher Salvatore Nuzzi
Jonathan Robert O’Brien
Kasey Nicole Oliver
-magna cum laude
Thomas Patrick O’Neill
Jenna Lynn Orner
-magna cum laude
Jerry Ortiz
Megumi Corley Oshima
-magna cum laude
Tyler Olivia Owens
-magna cum laude
Tamara Vanessa Peake
-cum laude
Brian Lee Parsons
-Alica Angelika Pedrazz-Larrotta
-Alberta Simone Peppers
Dane Joseph Perkata
Erica Suzanne Peterson
-Stefanie Phyllis Peritzo
-Zachary Robert Pfaut
-Long Dillan Pinner
-Chuck Gregory Pitman
-Jamaris Powell
-Taylor Ann Preston
-Derek Anthony Pride
-magna cum laude
Tomiasha Aaren Pyatt
-Kiana Rae Quolas
-cum laude
Caitlin Margaret Rand
-Devin Michael Ray
-Scott Alexander Reed
-Ami Lee Reeves
-Alexandra Lauren Reiter
-Renee Jaye Richardson
-magna cum laude
Chantane’ Carneshia Riley
-cum laude
Janet Lynne Risleey
Ashleigh Chanté Robertson
-magna cum laude
Jessica LeAnne Roberts
-cum laude
Ridge J. Robinson
-magna cum laude
Timothy Andrew Rohowski
-magna cum laude
Ashleigh Jennifer Roche
Kellee Noel Rodriguez
-magna cum laude
Chelsea L. Rolinc
Richard Alex Roman
-Michael Hayden Romine
Christopher Michael Roszthier
-magna cum laude
Alison Nina Sadik
-cum laude
John Thomas Saeger
Zoe Alexandra Schroth
-Danielle Angela Scott
John Manuel Segreto
-magna cum laude
-Brianna Marie Steirer
Hannah Grace Sellers
Sarah Ray Shawin
-Dara Caitlin Shelly
-magna cum laude
Partie Ellen Shelly
-Coral Simonov
-cum laude
Carolyn Bennett Skews
-magna cum laude
Landon Kale Shyter
Jessica Shapwista Smalls
-Chad Lawrence Smith
-Kerry Lynn Smith
-cum laude
Marissa Simone Smith
Nathan LaQuan Smith
-Joan Travis Dejuan Smith Vance
Kasey Lynn Srommer
-Victoria Anne Somokri
-magna cum laude
Jennifer Lynn Soysa-Tester
-Katherine Danielle Spencer
-Victoria Elizabeth Sperrazza
-Lesley Anne Spievay
-Hanna Linnea Spongberg
-Cassie Nicole Spooner
-magna cum laude
-Megan Alice Sporrie+
-magna cum laude
-Kathryn Elizabeth Stekellee
Brittny Nicole Stewart
-Jerren Keith Stines
-Alyssa Danielle Stranett
-magna cum laude
-Jessamin Amelia Straw
-magna cum laude
Marissa Kaylene Suglo
-David Spencer Terry
-cum laude
Chelsea Nicole Thomas
-magna cum laude
-Lindra Ayn Thomas
Charles Laumont Thompson
Symphony ChiQuipa Thompson
Nicholas Alan Thum
Demetric Antonio Tisdale
-Brian Keith Todd
Brittney Elaine Todd
-Stacy Jo Townsend
-Michael Wayne Tucker Jr.
-Neil Matthew Tulloch
-Morgan Elizabeth Turner
-Tiesha Arahlah Tyson
-Kendall Alden Ulmer
Alexandra Elizabeth Varea
-cum laude
-Teddy Mickey Verhaaren
-Thomas Edward Vest
-Lauren Jade Viard
Emily Nicole Vick
-Kyle James Visher
-pooh Ling Waj
-Joseph Nicholas Yabrothes
-Adam David Yacavage
-Evan Michael Yergan
-cum laude
Garik Yedigarian
-Kyle Christopher Yromans
Logan Andrew Yongue
-Courtney Michelle York
-Timmy Wayne Younger Jr.
-university college
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Jason Michael Bass
-Cory Larry Berhe Jr.
-Cristen Marie Brady
-James Bernard Brienrton
-cum laude
-Julia Renee Brooks
-Ja’Vohn Divine Bryant
-Zachary Brent Buflin
Vincent Robert Cacaro
-marina Jordan Casto
-Paul Edward Chapman
-cum laude
-Leroy Cummings III
-Rita Marie Deegan
-Kathryn Taylor Duck
-Kaylee Suzanne Eipel
-Richard Walden Farley III
-Justina Michael Ferrarella
-Brooke Elizabeth Fitzgerald
-Renee Monique Franier
-Julie M. Gilbert
-Morgan Foster Gilliam
-Deon Alexander Gomez
-Richard Granville Houston Hampton
-Andrew Michael Honea
-Tawnya Marie Hults
-Kerwin Brian Johnson
-cum laude
Victricia Rose Jorio
-Matt Keeler
-Crystal Leigh Lewis
-James Allen Lord
-Emily Manisci
-Francis Tyler McLaughlin
-Maggie Milton
-Ariel Lynn Mirardi
-magna cum laude
-Wytherine Rene Mitchell
-James Timothy Moore
-Mark Joseph Plavnicky
-Brikena Qirici
-Randall Shane Richardson
-Alexis Hope Robbins
-Michael Dwayne Rodriguez
-Desire Cheresse Rousseau
-Daniela Christina Schaffino
-Courtney Jeanette Seidritz
-Samuel Richard Shands
-Chris Garrett Shicanski
-Danyll Jullian St. Fleur Jr.
-Brian Keith Smith
-Russell Ray Tyler
-Dillon Lee Warner
-Justin Lynell Wilson
-Tanisha Chantal Young

DEGREES IN COURSE
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On the evening of July 23, 1954, a group of Horry County citizens met at the Horry Country 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 advanced from a primarily agricultural district into a major Atlantic coast educational and economic profile. The institution began attracting an increasingly diverse and gifted community of students. In 1958, 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 record 14 times.

The custom of wearing a distinctive dress for academic ceremonies dates back to the 1950s, when people dressed in keeping with their class: nobility, clergy or other. The faculties of American universities have the tradition of conferring 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 new president or 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 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, is a ceremonial hat, with a stiff crown, 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 Education
- Beta Alpha Pi: Accounting Finance
- Beta Beta Beta: Biology
- Beta Gamma Sigma: Business
- Eta Sigma Delta: Hospitality
- Eta Sigma Gamma: Health Promotion
- Gamma Sigma Epilepsy: Biochemistry
- 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
- Pi Chi: Psychology
- Sigma Tau Delta: English
- Triota: Women’s and Gender Studies
- 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. The University’s Leaders

The University’s Leaders

David A. DeCenzo
President • 2007-present

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

Ronald G. Eglin
Chancellor • 1985-1992

Frederick W. Hicks III
Chancellor • 1983-1985

Edward M. Singleton
Chancellor • 1963-1965

William J. Casper
Director • 1961-1963

George C. Rogers
Director • 1955-1961

Edward J. Woodhouse
Director • 1954-1955

Academic Regalia and Procession
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 Athene, 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
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, attests 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 were 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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Orders can be placed today at the Alumni Relations table or ordered online at coastal.edu/commencement/orders. DVDs are $25 each, which includes shipping and handling; cash, check, VISA and MasterCard are accepted. DVDs will be shipped within a few weeks of your purchase date.

Recognize your new Coastal Carolina University graduate with a lasting imprint on campus. The new Alumni Walk, which leads up to the recently renovated Atheneum Hall Alumni Center, is being enhanced with a limited number of special bricks engraved with the names of alumni and friends. Money raised through the brick campaign will support CCU’s Alumni Endowed Scholarship for students.

To order a brick, visit CCUBRICK.COM or visit the Alumni Relations commencement table located near stadium entrance.

For more information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 843-349-ALUM (2586).

The Office of Alumni Relations extends a sincere congratulations to Coastal Carolina University’s Class of May, 2014.
ALMA MATER

COASTAL CAROLINA

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.