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ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding: David A. DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University President

Processional - *Pomp and Circumstance*
Sir Edward Elgar
arr. Charlie Hill/Chuck Elledge
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
Matthew S. White, Coordinator of Ensembles,
Assistant Professor of Music

Presentation of Colors
South Carolina State Guard
Provost Marshal Detachment
Honor Guard

*The Star-Spangled Banner*
John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
Molly Fay
Senior Music Major

Invocation
The Reverend Mark Burlinson
Coastal Carolina University Chaplain Council

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

Introduction of Senior Class Representative
J. Ralph Byington
Provost and Executive Vice President

Introduction of Speaker
Erin L. Bair
Class of 2015

Address
Pamela L. Martin, Ph.D.
Professor of Politics and Geography
2015 Recipient of the HTC Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Award

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees
J. Ralph Byington
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Conferring of Degrees in Course

David A. DeCenzo
John W. Mortimer
Associate 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. Forbus ’97
President, Coastal Carolina University Alumni Association

Alma Mater - Coastal Carolina

Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
Molly Fay

Benediction

Reverend Mark Burlison

Recessional

Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble

Faculty Announcer

Monica S. Bell, Associate Professor, Department of Theatre

Faculty Marshal

Eldred “Wink” Prince, Bearer of the University Mace, Professor of Politics

Student Marshals

Austin Nichols, Faculty Marshal
Joelisa Jasmine Baskett, Bearer of University Banner
Corey Neil Lengyel, Graduate Studies
Maryland Elaine Lewis, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration
George Herman Warriner, Spadoni College of Education
Ashley Victoria Canter, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Adrianna Marie Downs, College of Science
Bobby Shawn Walls, University College

Ushers

Today’s ushers are students representing the Coastal Carolina University Student Alumni Ambassadors, Wall Fellows, Leadership Challenge, CHANT 411, 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.
PAMELA MARTIN

Professor of politics and international relations

Pamela Martin is a professor of politics and international relations at Coastal Carolina University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park, and taught at La Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador. Her research and writing focus on global environmental politics, energy, sustainable development, and international relations and policy.

Martin has written and edited numerous books and articles in her field, including *Ending the Fossil Fuel Era, Oil in the Soil: The Politics of Paying to Preserve the Amazon* and *Introduction to World Politics: Conflict and Consensus on a Small Planet*, written in collaboration with retired CCU professor Richard Oliver Collin.

Martin joined CCU’s Department of Politics and Geography in 1999. She has worked closely on international collaborations with Ecuador and has written extensively about oil extraction in the Amazon and on the Galapagos Islands. She has directed CCU’s Model U.N. team for 12 years. She was the 2015 recipient of the HTC Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Award.

Currently, she is beginning a new sustainable development program at CCU in which students produce digital case studies of local sustainability issues and challenges. Martin enjoys working directly with students and engaging them in real world activities. Combining her scholarly work with her classroom teaching has been her passion at CCU for the past 15 years.
DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS

PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
The President’s Award for Academic Achievement recognizes the students with the highest collegiate grade point average. This is the premier academic distinction given by the University.

Faith Ashton Farley
DEGREES IN COURSE

E. CRAIG WALL SR. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Accountancy

Brittany Nicole Anderson  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Emily Kevil Bernard  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Boris Krasimirov Borisov  
B.S.B.A., University of Economics-Varna, 2009

Anthony Douglas Briseno  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Zachary Craig Burns  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Meagan Ashley Smalls  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Joshua Dale Williams  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Master of Business Administration

Joseph Michael Blanchard  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014  
M.A.CC., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Joshua Allen Blandett  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Ebony Ja’nea Burgess  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Ivorey Ro’nea Burgess  
B.S.N., Clemson University, 1998

Benjamin William Cantrwell  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Amanda Aicha Curl  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011

Randy Antonio Delgado  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Dr’Shon Stasia Sha’Day Edwards  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Reginald Edwards Jr.  
B.A.I., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Carlos Omar Elias  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Shani Elya Elya  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2015

Sarah Elizabeth Fones  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Davin James Freeman  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Darrell Tyrone Furgess Jr.  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Morgan Alexander Hookaylo  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Andrew Galen Jones  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Daryl Blaine Long  
B.S., University of Virginia’s College at Wise, 2014

Melissa Kay Myotte  
B.S., University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2010

Reginald Jamal Nelson  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Daniel Coleman Rabon  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Laura Anne Resio  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

James Lee Rymph III  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Kelsey Elizabeth Sapp  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Kjartan Sigurdsson  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Pierre Henry Valdema  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Tyler Van Moppes  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Michelle LaQuan Wilson  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Certificate of Fraud

Shaneka Renee Diggs  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2013  
M.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

SPADONI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Teaching

Christopher Arluk  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Andrew Joseph Bard  
B.A., University of South Carolina, 2012

Alexander Thomas Birty  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Lucas Quince Britt  
B.A., Coker College, 2013

Felicia Jennifer Butler  
B.A., University of South Carolina, 2014

Shanay Natarsha Clark  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Caroline Thea Cockfield  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Nicholas James Cody  
B.A., University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 2013

Kyle Anderson Cox  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Sarah Elizabeth Craig  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2013
Christina Mellick Cruz  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Caitlyn Rhodes Dean  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Jessica Rose Dismukes  
B.A., Winthrop University, 2014

Travis Andrew Eppleman  
B.A., Florida Gulf Coast University, 2014

William Patrick Flynn  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Brittany Lorraine Hallick  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011

Sydney Elizabeth Harner  
B.A., University of South Carolina, 2013

Michael Alexander Hood  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Mark Warren Jessup  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Whitney Nicole Jones  
B.A.I., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Maryna Kharlap  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Rayna Stefany King  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2006

Joshua Michael Lawson  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Kenneth Edward Lewis Jr.  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Mitchell Joshua Locklear  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Abigail Sarah Merrell  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Tyler Frederick Meschwitz  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Alexandria Louise Miller  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Alissa Ronnie Miller  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Michael Keith Moore  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Natalie Nicole Pantuso  
B.F.A., Western Carolina University, 2007

Jessica Sara Peyton  
B.A., The Catholic University of America, 2006

Daniel Edward Pfister  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Jordan Alissa Pilkey  
B.A., Columbia College, 2014

Vanessa Rene’ Remillard  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Michael Joseph Rice  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Branden William Roberson  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Brian David Rogers  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Rebecca Nell Salley  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Brianna Nicole Stith  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Matthew Clayton Tyler  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Kayleigh Michelle Vanlandingham  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Eleanor Lorraine Williams  
B.A., Plymouth State University, 2000

**Master of Education**

Sean Patrick Berry  
B.S., University of Tampa, 1996

M.Ed., Columbia College, 2010

Michele J. Diamond  
B.A., SUNY Buffalo State, 2002

M.S., Niagara University, 2005

James Monroe Johnson  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

**Certificate Online Teaching and Training**

Deborah Lyn Kephart  
B.S., Grand Canyon University, 2011

M.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Nicole Marie Pilia  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2004

M.A.T., Coastal Carolina University, 2005

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

**Master of Arts in Writing**

Emerson Hodell Dyer  
B.A.I., Coastal Carolina University, 2004

**College of Science**

**Master of Science**

Samantha Leigh Corley  
B.S., Pfeiffer University, 2013

Daniel Pierre Feron  
B.A., University of San Diego, 2013

William Beckett Hills  
B.A., Clemson University, 2002

Brittany Lynne Hoffnagle  
B.S., Millersville University of Pennsylvania, 2008
DEGREES IN COURSE

E. CRAIG WALL SR.
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Science in
Business Administration
Bachelor of Arts

Stephanie Rene Anderson
Megan Alicia Bane
Christopher Scott Bundy
Jake Alexander Bundy
Ryan James Buonagurio
George Michael Clardy
Trevor Hamilton Dean
Christopher DiMarco
Krista Theresa Everett
Marissa Danielle Falco
~cum laude
Frank P. Grella
Ashley D. Hart
Jacob Liu Hawkins
Quinten Marc Heinly
Amber Elisabeth Jenness
David Thomas Jensen
Kurt Michael Kamrad
Steven Edward Kaszak
Shane Patrick Kilduff
Katelyn Nicole Kurtz
Rachael Jeanne Kuzy
Andrew E. Lomas
Toni Ashlyn Williams

David Hermel Parson
Katherine Lee Pencak
Ryan Andrew Riddei
Jade Reneae Robinson
John Austin Rodgers Jr.
Damiene Rashuan Rogers
Logan Mitchell Sample
James Mark Schlueter
Frank Christopher Schulin
Kristina Marie Scioli
Brad Aaron Smith
Christopher Jason Spencer
Holly Diana Stanley
Jane Y. Thayer
Tywuan T. Vaughn
Timothy Chase Vickery
~cum laude
Ryan John Vorhies
Garrett Ian Walker
Lars Anders Wallin III
~magna cum laude
Delonte Charles Wellington
Jalen Jamal Williams
Mateka Destanique Knate Williams
Asia Shavon Williamson
Courtney Leigh Wolfe
Zarek Ikesh Wynn
Joseph Anthony Yacovelli Jr.
Tamekia Latoya Young

SPADONI COLLEGE
OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Arts in Education
Bachelor of Science in
Physical Education

Tamekia Latoya Young

Thomas W. and
Robin W. Edwards
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES
AND FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Fine Arts

Roslyn Addison
Datarius Tyrone Allen
Kelly Anne Burress
Adam Landon Cork
Hannah Renee Davis
Ebene Alexis Elliott
Katherine Marie Gajewski
Breonna Lachelle Gatling
Matthew Everett Godbold
Whitney Lace Higginbotham
Megan Cara Hucks
~cum laude
Nicolette Marie Jaconelli
Jennifer Jade Long
Morgan Nadia Luttner
~cum laude
Cody Ryan Marchant
Evan Richard Messer
Collin Steven Oliva
Lauren Ashley Pesko
Shaleigh Christine Phillips
Shelby Seabrook Potts
~cum laude
Phillip Richard Rabon
Bailie Louise Schilling
Caitlin Mary Schluerter
~cum laude
Kayla Christine Simon
Skyler Demile Simon
Ashley Nicole Stevens
Ashley Marie Still
Gizelle Eyelle Tatah
Stephanie Edith Toneya

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 end of the previous term. Honors to be printed on the diplomas will be based on the final Coastal Carolina University cumulative grade point average.

Where indicated with an icon (†), the individual has completed all requirements for multiple degrees.

E. Craig Wall Sr.
College of Business Administration

Cumulative GPA of 4.0
Cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.999
Cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.749
+ Dual Degree
Degrees in Course

Ksenia Sergeyevna Urazova
- magna cum laude

College of Science

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Antwan Kyle Adams
Samantha Ann Alt
Erin Lynn Bair
PaulaAlejandrag Bannnon
- cum laude
Katherine Lynn Becker
John Christopher Bellissimo
Bryce Rakim Bennett
Joshua Tyler BernerO
Colton Lee Blackburn
Abigail Rose Blass
Nicholas Emanuel Blosio
- magna cum laude
Joe Jonny Brisbon III
Leslie Marie Cabral
Nicole Ailen Schlegel Capirlle
Lucas James Cappellini
Ethan John Carter
Matthew Steven Chletosos
Megan Elizabeth Clancy
Chad Daniel Cloninger
Mary Catherine Condon
Avonlea Sarah Cooke
- cum laude
Natasha Louisa Corbin
Leanna Renee Crawford
Charmaine Margaret Cullen
D’aja Cierra Davis
Ronald Jerome DePompeis
Michelle Genevieve Dildine
- magna cum laude
Christopher Robert Dobbs
Nickolas Steele Driskill
Faith Ashton Farley
- Summa Cum Laude
Matthew James Farrell
Lindsey Victoria Fleming
Heather Ann Focone
Kristen Marie Foster
Erin Nicole Fowler
- cum laude
Tara Nicole Free
Donomique Janaya Gadson
Michael Anthony Gallo
Grayson Oneil Garrett
Jared Allen Hensley
Emee Alyssa Herbert
- magna cum laude
Devin Jenea’ Hill
Tayler Ann Hills
Timothy David Holland
Catherine Mary Hyldind
Joseph Duncan Johns
Brian Zachary Kazaks
Tyler Joseph Kessler
Jamie Lauren King
Lindsay Jo Koher
Samantha Lynn LaBella
Christopher Jason Lee
Brittany Lorraine Liles
Ronald Randolph Lilly III
Uros Ljeskovic
- cum laude
Scott William Madsen
Nicola Mario Mari
Quinnlan Gabrielle Matthews
Demetria Shonnette McClair
Anna Sharice McDowell
Caitlin Elizabeth McNamara
BrendanAlexander McQuiston
Nicholas Francis Mercaldo
Faith Eilene Midgarden
Holly M. Miron
Briana Mody
Raymond Carlin Moye+
- magna cum laude
James Patrick Murray
Kevin James Murray
Raqel Pombo Neto
Megan Veronica Novak
Christie Marie Ojala
Jamir Otis Palmer
Jessica Paige Panzini
Isis Marie Pearson
Tyler Matthew Pelletier
Alexus Monea Porter
Jennifer Elizabeth Price
Geoffrey Daniel Racine
- magna cum laude
Lacey Rekka Ravenell
Marissa Renee Reinhart
Benjamin Michael Richard
Yvottonne Cherrype’ Rivers
Ashleigh Chante Roberson
Ridge J. Robinson
- magna cum laude
Erick Alejandro Robles
Chelsea L. Rolince
Michael Phillip Ross
Kelcie Anne Rotella
Sadie Hannah Roy
Takeiah Quanae Sadler
Louis Anthony Salutare
- cum laude
Lauren Ashley Schmitt
Zoe Alexandra Schroth
Alexander Eugene Seremetiiev
- magna cum laude
Karlah Briane Shackleford
Andrew Clagett Sheahan
Malisa Kamari Shepperd
Seth Ryan Shouse
Sarah Thomas Skinner
Zachary Scott Small
Kasey Lynn Sohmer
Kellie Nicole Stagge
Nevada K. Stallings
Vanessa Alanah Steadham
Justin Thomas Sullivan
Kristin Marleya Sumter
William Cameron Swails
Brittney Elaine Todd
Ashley Olivia Watson
Ryan Joseph Weiss
Andreanna Kathryn Whittle
Nicole Iralene Williams
Ashonda Denise Bellamy Wilson
Timothy Wayne Younger Jr.

University College

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Mary Kathryn Bell
Sara Elizabeth Coote
Chelsea Anne Gardiner
Ronnie Quintez Jackson
Candace Maria Jones
Lindsay Myers Korman
Allyson Taylor Marsdale
Alexandra Christian McMin
Clarence Lee Oree
Kristina Variano
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 advanced 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 10 times.

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

Under the administration of President David A. DeCenzo, CCU’s leadership has successfully held down costs while advancing the University’s academic progress. For two years (2012 to 2014), tuition for in-state undergraduates did not increase, even during a significant building program. This was achieved as a result of careful long-range planning, augmented by a local 1-cent sales tax for education-related construction. Enrollment is now more than 9,970 students. Coastal Carolina University established its first doctoral degree program, in coastal and marine systems science, 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
- Triota: Women’s and Gender Studies
- Upsilon Eta: Communication
- Upsilon Pi Epsilon: Computer Science
- Upsilon Eta: Accounting

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
- Nursing: Apricot
- 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. 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.
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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.