Students and faculty recognized at Honors Convocation

Coastal Carolina University presented awards for student academic achievement at the recent annual Honors Convocation in Wheelwright Auditorium. Faculty recognition awards were also presented.

Kara M. Koppel received the 2002-2003 Faculty's Academic Excellence Award. Candidates for this award must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5, the endorsement of a faculty adviser and a record of academic honors. A psychology major, Koppel has maintained a 4.0 cumulative grade point average, has been on the indoor and outdoor track and field teams and was team captain of the women's cross country team in 2001 and 2002.

As a student-athlete, she has received the Big South Scholar Athlete of the Year for 2001, 2002 and 2003, as well as the Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All American Award for cross country/track for 2002. She plans to pursue a master's degree in occupational therapy at Colorado State University.

Brian C. Núñez received the 2002-2003 Ronald D. Lackey Service Award. Named in honor of the late Coastal faculty member and university chaplain, the award is given annually to a senior on the basis of conspicuous service to the university through involvement and leadership in campus organizations. Núñez, who went from Coastal mascot to an unprecedented two-year term as president of SGA, was cited for his leadership qualities, his high principles and reliability.

Susan M. Libes received the Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Award. Sponsored by HTC, Inc., this award was initiated in 1996 to recognize faculty members who distinguish themselves as teachers, scholars and communicators. During the fall, the recipient delivers a public lecture drawn from his or her area of expertise. Libes is the author of one of the first textbooks in marine chemistry, has secured grants to upgrade teaching laboratories in science and to support her research, has distinguished herself by developing a highly effective pedagogy in the classes that she teaches, and is one of the leaders in overseeing independent undergraduate research projects. During the present semester she was one of the first four faculty members selected to participate in Coastal's new Public Engagement Directed Studies program and is working with the City of Conway and the Environmental Protection Agency to facilitate the Waccamaw Riverkeeper program.

Darla J. Domke-Damonte was presented the Student Affairs Division Award, which honors faculty who make significant contributions to the quality of student life through participation and leadership in the co-curricular activities of the university. An assistant professor of management, she serves as director of International Programs, chairs the university scholarship committee and was nominated for the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award in 2002.

Domke-Damonte has been instrumental in establishing exchange programs with universities abroad, particularly in Germany, and she has served as faculty adviser to Coastal's Society for the
Myrtle Beach student is first drum major

Ryan Bailey, a graduating senior at Myrtle Beach High School, will be the first drum major of the inaugural season of the Spirit of the Chanticleer Marching Band.

Bailey will be a freshman majoring in music next fall. She was drum major of the Seahawk Marching Band, flute section leader and band president at MBHS.

The position of drum major is pivotal, according to James Tully, director of the band. The drum major serves as the head student leader, assists the directors in administration of the band and is chief “morale officer.”

Her music honors during her high school career include membership in the Horry County All-County Honor Band, S.C. Eastern District Honor Band, S.C. All-Region Honor Band, Carolina Youth Wind Symphony, and more.

As a vocalist, Bailey has been a member of MBHS Advanced Ensemble and the Seahawk Voices. This summer, she will attend the Collegiate Division of the Georgia Parks Drum Major Academy and the Tim Lautzenheiser Leadership Weekend at the Bands of America Summer Band Symposium.

Pi Mu Epsilon inducts 29 Coastal students

Twenty-nine students were recently inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon during a banquet in their honor. Pi Mu Epsilon is the international mathematics honor society; the Coastal chapter was founded on campus in 1987.

Eligible students must have taken at least four classes in math and statistics at the level of MATH 160 or above and must maintain at least a 3.0 average in all mathematics and statistics classes. Students must also be in the top third of their respective classes overall.


Also Kumar Jeev, Surbhi Kapoor, Yelena Ketova, Katherine Koontz, Charles Ligoiki, Jerad McNier, Sumeera Nangia, Joseph Ngwenya, Danielle Painter, Jennifer Runyon, Neha Saxena, Margaret Sexton and Bin Zheng.

Featured speaker at the April banquet was Valgene Dunham, associate vice president for grants, contract administration and research planning.
Advancement of Management (SAM) club. She is also on the Faculty Senate and a member of ODK.

Gregory L. Krippel was named the Distinguished Teacher of the Year, an annual honor presented by Coastal’s Student Government Association to faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching.

Krippel received his Ph.D. from Florida State University in empirical financial research and was previously an assistant professor of accountancy at Auburn University before joining the Coastal faculty as associate professor of accounting, finance and economics. Six professors were nominated for the student award, according to Shawn Passwaters, 2002-2003 vice president for SGA and presenter of the teacher award.

Department awards were presented to 37 students in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishments and contributions to the academic quality of their respective departments.

The following awards were presented:

**E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration:**
- Accounting
  - Jeffrey D. Embt of Attica, N.Y.
- Finance
  - Arnaud Caffin of Quebec, Canada
- Management
  - Nathan P. Forester of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
- Marketing
  - Garry L. Hetrick of Somerset, Pa.

**College of Education:**
- Early Childhood Education
  - Jessica T. Perry of Johnsonville
- Elementary Education
  - Lori B. Gorman of Myrtle Beach
- Health Promotion
  - Tammi L. Barfield of Conway
- Physical Education
  - Elisa M. Chappelear of Waldorf, Md.
- Recreation
  - Thomas Rutter of Walsworth, Gloucester, England
- Secondary Education
  - Linda E. Martin of Myrtle Beach

**Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts:**
- Art Studio
  - Edward J. Kerr of Little River
- English
  - Rebecca Hamill of Myrtle Beach
- Foreign Languages
  - Ashley Bunting of Myrtle Beach
- History
  - Stephanie G. Little of Loris
- Music
  - Scarlet L. Livingston of Aynor
- Philosophy and Religion
  - Michael Rivers of Pageland
- Politics and Geography
  - Tiffany Turner of Aiken
- Theater
  - Jason C. Adams of Conway

**College of Natural and Applied Sciences:**
- Biology
  - Melissa Yencho of Fairfield, Conn.
- Chemistry and Physics
  - Suzette R. Lopez of Bel Air, Md.
- Computer Science
  - Chika P. Ekeji of Nigeria
- Marine Science
  - Melissa Yencho of Fairfield, Conn.
- Mathematics
  - Lisa M. Holsinger of Hagerstown, Md.
- Psychology
  - Kara M. Koppel of McDonald, Ohio
- Sociology
  - Katie L. Knutson of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

**Interdisciplinary Studies:**
- Doris M. Lyerly of Myrtle Beach received the Interdisciplinary Studies Award from Coastal's School of Continuing Studies.

Medallions were presented to the following students who have successfully completed the requirements of Coastal's Honors Program:

- Jennifer L. Akins of Myrtle Beach – Political Science
- Aaron J. Beck of Huntington, W.Va. – Marine Science
- Katherine E. Cilwa of Cincinnati, Ohio – Chemistry
- Amanda A. DeGrendele of Patterson, Calif. – Biology
- Kara M. Koppel of McDonald, Ohio – Psychology
- Caitlin T. Lamb of Bel Air, Md. – Marine Science
- Suzette R. Lopez of Bel Air, Md. – Marine Science and Chemistry
- Caitlin C. McDonnell of Bexley, Ohio – Marine Science
- Eric W. Teague of Cincinnati, Ohio – Biology
- Chika P. Ekeji of Nigeria – Computer Science
- Kristen Schulte of Crestview Hills, Ky. – Biology

The nearly 400 members of Coastal's 16 honor societies and the 36 students listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities also were acknowledged, as well as 93 students who made presentations of papers at various academic regional and national conferences.
Coastal Notes

Peer mentor program receives honor

The Coastal Carolina University Peer Mentor Program was recently honored at the 2003 annual spring conference of the South Carolina College Personnel Association (SCCPA) as one of two Honorable Mentions for the 2003 State Programming Award.

The award recognizes outstanding efforts and dedication to student development in the state of South Carolina. Coastal's Peer Mentor Program competed in the category Public Institutions with 5,000 or More Students, which matched it against programs at larger institutions such as Clemson University and the University of South Carolina. While a program at Clemson University won the award, the Peer Mentor Program was one of the only other two mentioned for honors.

Under the direction of Brad Harmon, the program annually recruits and trains outstanding students to serve as role models to first-year students at Coastal. Mentors serve as co-instructors in the First-Year Student Success Program and work with a member of the Coastal faculty to plan and teach a success seminar to first-year students.

History speaks

Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaperman Horace Carter spoke to students in Wink Prince's History 389 class (History of the New South) recently. Carter, longtime Tabor City, N.C., editor and founder of Atlantic Publishing, won the 1953 Pulitzer for Meritorious Public Service for his newspaper's stance against activities of the Ku Klux Klan. He received an honorary degree from Coastal last year.

Book talk

Author Josephine Humphreys and Charles Joyner chat during a taping for "Coastal Today." She was on campus recently to read from her work and entertained a packed Recital Hall audience with stories from her career. The Charleston writer's most recent novel, "Nowhere Else on Earth," is historical fiction drawn from the Lumbee Indians' culture in North Carolina.

Campus Calendar

May 5 through May 9
- Final exams
Thursday, May 8
- Regular registration
Friday, May 9
- Regular registration
Saturday, May 10
- Residence and dining halls close
- Commencement, 9 a.m., Coastal Federal Field, 21st Avenue North and Robert Grissom Parkway, Myrtle Beach rain time is 2 p.m. in the same location
Sunday, May 11
- Residence and dining halls open
Monday, May 12
- Classes begin for May Semester session
Tuesday, June 10
- Summer hour schedule begins for staff

Athletic Events

Wednesday, May 7
- Baseball hosts College of Charleston, 5 p.m.
Thursday, May 8
- Softball at Big South Conference Tournament, Rock Hill, TBA
Friday, May 9
- Baseball hosts Charleston Southern, 6 p.m.
- Softball at Big South Conference Tournament, Rock Hill, TBA
Saturday, May 10
- Baseball hosts Charleston Southern, 6 p.m.
- Softball at Big South Conference Tournament, Rock Hill, TBA
- Outdoor men's and women's track at N.C. Invitational, Chapel Hill, N.C., 10 a.m.
Sunday, May 11
- Baseball hosts Charleston Southern, 2 p.m.
Thursday, May 15
- Men's golf at NCAA Regional, all day
Friday, May 16
- Men's golf at NCAA Regional, all day
- Baseball at UNC Asheville, 3 p.m.
- Outdoor men's and women's track at Georgia Tech Invitational, Atlanta, Ga., 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
- Men's golf at NCAA Regional, all day
- Baseball at UNC Asheville, 3 p.m.
- Outdoor men's and women's track at Georgia Tech Invitational, Atlanta, Ga., 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 18
- Baseball at UNC Asheville, 1 p.m.
José Sanjines has published an article entitled “Memory’s Flexible Frames: Auto-communication in the Art Form of Memoir” in the Interdisciplinary Journal for Germanic Linguistics and Semiotic Analysis. The journal is published by the International and Area Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

Four faculty members from the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts presented papers at the Annual Joint Meeting of the Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association held in New Orleans. Tom Jones, Department of Performing Arts, presented a paper titled “Images, Myths, and Symbols in the Plays of Tennessee Williams.” Jo-Ann Morgan presented a paper titled “Uncle Tom’s Cabin as Visual Culture.” John Navin, Department of History, presented “Heroes, Villains, and Vixens: Men’s Adventure Magazines in Post-War America.” Paul Peterson, Department of Politics and Geography, presented “Jerry Lee Lewis: The ‘Lost Years.’”

“Desnos pour l’an 2000: Acres du colloque de Cerisy-la-Salle,” an article by James E. Blackburn was published in the South Atlantic Review. It was edited by Katherine Conley and Marie-Claire Dumas.

Preston McKever-Floyd and Nelljean Rice present a plaque to Rebecca J. Wright of Charleston, the first student to graduate with a minor in the new women’s studies program. Wright majored in English and history with minors in journalism and women’s studies.

Jo-Ann Morgan and her wire sculpture that has been featured on several television shows. Her work is being featured in an exhibit in North Hollywood, Calif.

The outgoing SGA executive staff was featured recently on a Coastal Today program. They are, from left: Brian Núñez, president; Jason Adams, treasurer; Shawn Passwaters, vice president, and Devra Blanden, secretary.
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2003 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

"Dr. Bob" Squatriglia, retiring vice president of Student Affairs, will deliver the commencement address. David Drayton, lifelong Georgetown County educator and civic leader, will receive the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters. *The late Ashby Ward, longtime president of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, will be recognized, posthumously, with the honorary degree Doctor of Public Service at a later date.

Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m.
Coastal Federal Field
Myrtle Beach

In case of rain this event will be held at 2 p.m.