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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 forest 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
ORDER OF EXERCISES
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 • 2 p.m.

E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration

Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

HTC Honors College and Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

Processional ~ *Pomp and Circumstance*
*Sir Edward Elgar*
*arr. Charlie Hill/Chuck Elledge*

Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
Matthew S. White
*Director of Ensembles, Associate Professor of Music*

Presentation of Colors

Coastal Carolina University Army ROTC

The Star-Spangled Banner
*John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key*

Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
Ashton Fowler
*Senior, Vocal Performance Major*

Invocation

The Reverend Emily Kirby
*Chaplain Council, Coastal Carolina University*

Welcome and Acknowledgments

David A. DeCenzo
*President, Coastal Carolina University*

William S. Biggs
*Chairman, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees*

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*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Coastal Carolina University*

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Jasmine Jackson
*President, Student Government Association*
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Claudia Bornholdt
Dean, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Sara Hottinger
Dean, HTC Honors College and Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
Robert F. Young
Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies and Research

Alumni
Woodrow Ford III ’05
Second Vice President,
Coastal Carolina University Alumni Association

Alma Mater ~ Coastal Carolina
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
Ashton Fowler

Benediction
The Reverend Emily Kirby

Recessional
Triumphal March from Verdi’s “Aida”
arr. Holcombe
Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble

Faculty Announcer
Kristi R. McIntyre
Lecturer, Department of Theatre

Faculty Marshal
Margaret Fain
Bearer of the University Mace,
Assessment Librarian, Library Services
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Spadoni College of Education
Gupta College of Science
HTC Honors College and Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

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*Sir Edward Elgar*  
*arr. Charlie Hill/Chuck Elledge*

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2019 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

RON DAISE

_Vice President for Creative Education at Brookgreen Gardens_

For more than 30 years, Ron Daise has promoted awareness of Gullah Geechee culture and history. A cultural preservationist, performing artist, and educator, he has developed and presented stories, songs, and lectures about history, culture, and faith at museums, theaters, conferences, churches, and educational institutions across the country.

Since 2004, Daise has served as vice president for creative education at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, S.C. In addition to overseeing school field trip events for more than 4,000 students annually, he also presents a weekly “Gullah Geechee Program Series” and implements exhibits and interpretive initiatives. His accomplishments, in part, garnered him the 2019 S.C. Governor’s Distinctive Achievement Award.

Daise is known by many as "Mr. Ron" on Nick Jr.'s award-winning and internationally broadcasted television program “Gullah Gullah Island,” for which he and his wife, Natalie, performed in starring roles. Daise also served as the cultural consultant on the program.


Daise is a former chairman and charter member of the federal Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission and a charter member of the Sea Island Translation and Literary Project, which developed the Gullah Bible. He is featured on a video exhibit about black language and speech at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

In 1996, Daise was awarded South Carolina’s highest honor, the Order of the Palmetto. In 1997, he was presented South Carolina’s Jean Lacy Harris Folk Heritage Award for lifetime achievement and excellence in folk art. He was nominated in 1997 and 1998 for NAACP Image Awards, and he also received a 1998 Daytime Emmy nomination. Daise received Parent’s Choice awards each year from 1995 through 1998, and he received the S.C. African American Heritage Commission’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

Daise earned a Bachelor of Arts in mass media arts from Hampton University in Hampton, Va. He and his wife reside in Georgetown, S.C., and are parents of three adult children.
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. Bearing the Latin motto — Ex Libertate Veritas (from liberty, truth) — the seal refers to the Temple of Athene in ancient Athens where professors and students gathered. 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 University 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 Oct. 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.
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 (USC) 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.

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 Clark and Marcia Parker Atheneum Hall Alumni Center 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 Edward M. 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.

THE UNIVERSITY’S LEADERS

David A. DeCenzo
President • 2007-present

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

Ronald G. Eaglin
Chancellor • 1985-1992

Frederick W. Hicks III
Chancellor • 1983-1985

Edward M. Singleton
Chancellor • 1963-1983

William C. Casper
Director • 1961-1963

George C. Rogers
Director • 1955-1961

Edward J. Woodhouse
Director • 1954-1955

HISTORY OF COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
In September 2003, Coastal Carolina University won its inaugural football game in the brand-new Brooks Stadium. A founding member of the Big South Conference, the Chanticleers (our mascot, derived from *The Canterbury Tales*) have a proud history in 19 sports, winning the conference’s Sasser Cup a total of 11 times.

In 2004, CCU 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 10,600 students.

In 2014, CCU established its first doctoral program, in coastal and marine systems science. The Chanticleer baseball team won the NCAA College World Series on June 30, 2016, the first national title for CCU. On July 1, 2016, the Chanticleer athletic programs officially joined the Sun Belt Conference. CCU was named a Purple Heart University in 2017, recognizing the University’s long record of support for the military. As of 2018, CCU offers two Ph.D. programs in marine science: coastal and marine systems science and education.
ACADEMIC REGALIA AND PROCESSION

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 HTC Honors College, the Wall Fellows, the Jackson Scholars, the Dyer Fellows, 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 Students
- 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
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.
DEGREES IN COURSE

SPADONI COLLEGE
OF EDUCATION

Education Specialist

Edward John Albert
M.E.D., Coastal Carolina University, 2002
B.S., West Chester University Pennsylvania, 2002

Anthony W. Blair
M.P.O.L.S., Auburn University Montgomery, 2000
B.S., Florida A&M University, 1991

Deborah Zdziebko Edens
M.E.D., Florida Atlantic University, 2000
B.A., SUNY Geneseo, 1992

Kedralyn L. Folk
M.E.D., University of South Carolina, 2017
B.S., South Carolina State University, 2015

Adam William Jernigan
M.E.D., Coastal Carolina University, 2017
B.S., University of North Carolina Pembroke, 2007

Gregory Alan Johnson Sr.
B.S., Fort Hays State University, 2016
M.E.D., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

Justin Michael Koury
M.E.D., Coastal Carolina University, 2017
B.S., University of North Florida, 2004

Angela D. Moore
M.L.I.S., University of South Carolina, 2013
B.A., University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2011

E. CRAIG WALL SR.
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

Master of Accountancy

Maria Louise Costa
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Madison Kay Dickman
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Tabithia Ann Morris
B.S., West Virginia State University, 2011

Stephanie Elizabeth Roa
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Taylor Austin Zeitler
B.S., Clemson University, 2017

Master of Business Administration

Joshua Blake Anderson
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Kilton Chance Anderson
B.A.I., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Sonica Carla Anderson
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Sara Jewelieanne Booth
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Jessie Mae Dumas
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Devon Nicole Geraghty
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Nyona Kenchyna Gilliam
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Marc Alan Griffin
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

William Edward Henderson IV
B.A., Asbury College, 2018

Matthew Ryan Hydock
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Barbara Jane Long
B.S., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2017

Dora Lulic
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Francesco Migliano
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

Benjamin Luke Sapliway
U.S. Army Veteran
B.S., Stevenson University, 2014
DEGREES IN COURSE

Eric Sherrod Simms  
B.A.I., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Josephine Maria Staebler  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Monica Nicole Stukes  
B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Colin A. Dzur  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2016

Jessica Claire Eastman  
B.A., University of South Carolina, 2018

Cady L. Faust  
B.S.E., Bloomsburg University Pennsylvania, 2015

Kayla J. Fulmer  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

Hannah Braun Gaillard  
M.E.D., North Greenville University, 2016

Marcy E. Gasperson  
B.S., Charleston Southern University, 2007

Amanda R. Graybill  
B.A., North Greenville University, 2008

Alissa Julia Annie Carla Green  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Rebekah A. Haselden  
B.A., Francis Marion University, 2016

Lauren Elizabeth Hensley  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2015

Rachel M. Hester  
B.A., Clemson University, 2013

Alexandra Clare Johnson  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Sterling Jamail Johnson  
B.A., Clemson University, 2018

Bakita S. Knebel  
M.A.T., Converse College, 2008  
B.A., University of South Carolina Upstate, 2005

Whitney Ann Lewis  
B.S., College of Charleston, 1993

Kelli Marie Woodward Marselis  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2013

Kayla Ashley McCray  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2016

Stephanie D. Mosley  
B.A., Columbia College South Carolina, 2011

SPADONI COLLEGE  
OF EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Teaching

William J. Johnson  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Karia A. Lewis  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

Austin T. Willett  
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

Master of Education

Amy L. Arnold  
B.A., University of South Carolina, 2014

Sara H. Barrett  
B.A., Columbia College South Carolina, 2011

April Nicole Beckwith  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2012

Cody Alan Bollinger  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

Jasmine Alexis Booth  
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

Patrick Jamaal Bowers  
B.S., South Carolina State University, 2016

Elizabeth Patricia Calabrese  
B.S., College of Charleston, 2004

Courtney Renee Chaisson  
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

Victoria Marie Dobis  
B.A., University of South Carolina, 2016
DEGREES IN COURSE

MARCUS THOMAS OUTLOW
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

AMANDA MARIE OVERHOLT
B.A., Clemson University, 2016

KELLY ANN PARNELL
B.S., Albright College, 1994

SUSANNE J. PENDER
M.E.D., University of South Carolina, 1998
B.S.E., Illinois State University, 1991

SYDNEY NICOLE PRESLEY
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

KATELYN ELIZABETH PULLUM
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

ASHLEY SEBASTIAN PURSLEY
B.A., Clemson University, 2010

SANDRA M. REECE
B.S., University of Toledo, 1991

CHERAE DARIELLE YVONNE RICE
M.A., Georgetown College, 2013
B.S., Benedict College, 2011

FARON WESLEY RIKARD
B.A., University of South Carolina, 2002

STEPHANEE I. SEAY
B.A., Clemson University, 1994

DEBORAH DAWN SWELLER
B.A., SUNY at New Paltz, 2013
B.S., Southern New Hampshire University, 1988

NOZSA D. TINSLEY
M.A.T., University of South Carolina, 2014
B.A., University of South Carolina, 2013

ALEXANDRA MARIE TOBIN
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2014

MERICHD C. TRAPP
B.S., East Carolina University, 2015

SUSANNE H. VERZWYVELT
B.S., Francis Marion University, 2002

ALLYSON BLANTON WILLIAMS
B.A.E., Coastal Carolina University, 2005

ALEXIS CHANTEL WILLIAMSON
B.S., Winthrop University, 2017

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

MASTER OF ARTS

KHRYSTA N. BOULAVSKY
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

ROBERT CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

ALLEN MICHAEL HALL
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

RAGEN M. JOHNSON
B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

GUPTA COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE

ELANA JASMINE AMES
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

NICO M. D’AMICO
B.S.L.A.S., University of Illinois Urbana, 2017

MICHAEL DAVID HABBEL
B.S., University of Dayton, 2015

CHARLOTTE KOLLMAN
M.A., Clemson University, 2016
B.A., Francis Marion University, 2014

MATTHEW THOMAS KURPIEL
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2017

ALEXIS ROSE LISCIO
B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2018

JON-ERIK WILLIAM TAYLOR
B.A., Webster University, 2014

EYVN KASDAN WILLIAMS
B.A., Bellarmine College, 2017
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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
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Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

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Graham McNeil Anderson
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Ryan Mitchell Anderson
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~cum laude
Collin Joseph Banks
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Brian Louis Blanchard
U.S. Marine Corps Veteran
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SPADONI COLLEGE  
OF EDUCATION

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

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Krista Marie Arena
Katerina Marilil Barker
Tiffany Janelle Barr  
~cum laude
Hannah Gates Bernard
Maya Denise Butler  
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Morgan Sarah Pettit
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Nicole Mary Porter  
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Julienne Irene Ross

Emily Nicole Sanzzone  
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Megan E. Sarni  
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Gabrielle Nicole Sconyers
Taylor Alexandra Shields  
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Jenna Grace Singleton
Micaela Alexis Stafford
Alexa Y. Steadman
Brittany Shanice Stephenson  
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Aubrey Elizabeth Sumner
Elva Taco  
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Rachel Lynne Tricomi  
~magna cum laude
Ryan Willoughby

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EDWARDS COLLEGE OF  
HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

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Bachelor of Fine Arts

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Ethan Wayne Baiocco
Edward Joseph Barone III
Joshua Steward Bautista  
U.S. Army National Guard  
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Breyana Jasmine Baxter
Kiersten Elizabeth Bellamy
Ra’quan Malik Bennett
Leslie Erin Benning
Savannah Ashlyn Berry ~cum laude
Charles Brewer
Taylor Nicole Browne ~summa cum laude
Malanee Rashon Cann
Marcus Dempsey Cannon
Alice Cetinkaya
Caroline Elizabeth Chagares
Kasey Marie Charette ~cum laude
Shonte Michelle Clement ~summa cum laude
Morgan Elizabeth Condrey
Devyn Jax Conklin
Suntaeyuna J. Copeland
Aja Destiny Craft
Faith Christmas Craig ~magna cum laude
Lauren Ashlee Crapps
Anthony Matthew Curry
Lauren Davis
Meghan Claire Davis ~cum laude
Dahlia Lee DeHaan ~magna cum laude
Coby Thomas De Lucia
McKenzie N. Deutsch
Jennifer Lauren Dinguis
Emily Sue Doscher ~summa cum laude
Austin Melvin Drayton
Alexander James Dubreuil
Ian Michael Edginton
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Sara Mervatte El-Khatib ~cum laude
Mary Kamila Erazo
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Tyra Lanese Gilliard
Jeremy Anton Govan
Joseph Stratton Grout ~magna cum laude
Jacqez Ramone Hairston
Matthew Dalton Hardee
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Caleb Joshua Kneece ~cum laude
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Certificate in Sustainability
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GUPTA COLLEGE
OF SCIENCE

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Emily Ayala
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Kayla Alberta Bayard
Robert Fredric Beardsley
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Brandon Scott Bellofatto
Colleen Elizabeth Benedict
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Raquel Elizabeth Brien
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Kayla Elizabeth Brotemarkle
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We come to you to lead our search,
and learn to reach beyond ourselves –
below the earth, beyond the stars –
to form our dreams for better years.

Here, green and bronze in nature, light –
sweet pine forest 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
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