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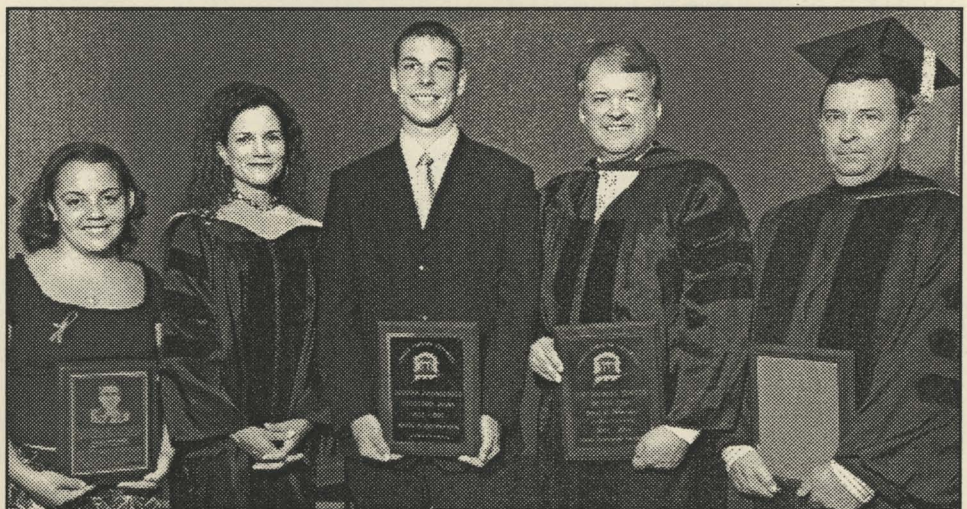
## Honors evening celebrates faculty, student achievements

Coastal President Ron Ingle presented awards for student academic achievement at the annual Honors Convocation on Tuesday, April 27 in Wheelwright Auditorium. Faculty recognition awards were also presented.

Keith Garramone, a senior finance major of Nolensville, Tenn., received the 2003-2004 Faculty's Distinguished 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.

Garramone has maintained a 4.0 cumulative grade point average and was named Big South Conference Men's Outdoor Track and Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2003. He won the National Collegiate Business Award last fall and the Financial Executives International Academic Award in spring 2003. A member of Coastal's Wall Fellows Program, Garramone interned as a financial analyst associate for Rolls-Royce Corp. where he has already been offered a job after graduation.

Amanda J. Silva, a senior early childhood education major of Naugatuck,



Students and faculty who received top awards at the 2004 Honors Convocation at Coastal on April 27 are, from left: Amanda Silva, the Ronald D. Lackey Service Award; Sharon Thompson, the Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Award; Keith Garramone, the Faculty's Distinguished Excellence Award; Paul Peterson, the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award; and James Henderson, the Student Affairs Division Award.

Conn., received the 2003-2004 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. Silva has been a peer mentor, organized a fundraising event for

Coastal Productions and was involved in numerous campus activities. She was cited for her organization skills, her volunteer work and her dependability.

Sharon Thompson received the Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Award. Sponsored by HTC, Inc., this award was initiated in 1996 to recognize

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### Note address change

Effective immediately, Atheneum Circle has been changed to James P. Blanton Circle. Please note this change on Federal Express, United Parcel Service, Corporate Express and all other orders and mail.



### CCU Newsletter Publication Dates

| Submission deadlines: | Publication dates: |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Monday, May 12        | Monday, May 17     |
| Friday, June 4        | Monday, June 14    |

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**May 3-9**

- Pamela Martin on teaching technology
- James Tully on the Summer Arts Academy
- Alumni profile: Vonna Gengo
- CINO Day – hosted by CCU student Kelly Moore

**May 10-16**

- Student profile: John Peach on STRIDE (Student Triathletes and Runners Into Developing Excellence)
- Melinda Hyman on Cheers for Chanticleers
- Veronica Gerald on her Public Engagement project
- Alumni profile: David Parker '80

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**Birthdays**

**May**

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| <p>1 Bob Nale<br/>Pat Silva</p> <p>2 Priscilla Howell</p> <p>3 Tammy Holt</p> <p>4 Kathy Caulfield</p> <p>5 Carrie Lane<br/>Kamair Momeni<br/>Sharon Tully</p> <p>6 Larry Kent<br/>Carolyn Hickman-<br/>Williams<br/>Erin Poszywak</p> | <p>8 Mark Mathews<br/>Homer Schofield<br/>Edward Smith<br/>Richard Weldon</p> <p>9 Rosemary Brown<br/>John Goodwin<br/>Frances Richmond</p> <p>11 Joe Mazurkiewicz</p> <p>13 Natasha Ferguson</p> <p>14 Scotty Edge</p> <p>16 Stephen Bush<br/>Dennis Rauch</p> |
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**New director of alumni is named**

Christi Goldman Chambers has been named the new Director of Alumni Affairs in the Office of University Relations at Coastal.

Her duties will include planning alumni events, advising the Student Alumni Ambassadors and serving as a liaison between the Alumni Association, its board of directors and the university. She will also maintain contact and continue to develop relationships with Coastal's more than 11,000 alumni.

Chambers earned a bachelor's degree in art studio from Coastal in 1992. She has primarily worked in the marketing/sales field in both residential and commercial real estate since graduating from Coastal. She is moving to the

area from Manassas, Va., where she was marketing director for the Clark Construction Group, Inc., for four years.

She also worked for the Litchfield Company for three years before moving to Virginia. She is married to Victor Chambers, and they have an eight-month-old son, Austen Jack. She is a member of the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) and Commercial Real Estate for Women. (CREW).



Christi Chambers

**Teaching Center will support faculty**

The Center for Effective Teaching and Learning has been established at Coastal to provide programs that support faculty in their work as teachers. The new Center will be led by Louis Keiner, assistant professor of physics and physical oceanography at Coastal, and will be operational beginning in the summer of 2004.

The Center will provide a variety of programs designed to help both beginning and veteran faculty members maximize their potential as effective teachers in today's higher education classrooms. Proposed programs include workshops on such topics as course design, creating interactive lesson plans, building learning communities, classroom assessment techniques, teaching for multiple learning styles, and integrating technology in instruction. The Center will organize an orientation program for first-year faculty as well as coordinate funding for research activities relating to teaching.

Coastal's TEAL Center (Technology in Education to Advance Learning), initiated last year to incorporate new technology in classroom instruction, will be combined with the new Center for Effective

Teaching and Learning. The Centers will share an operation base located on the second floor of Coastal's University Hall.

"By establishing the Center for Effective Teaching and Learning, we are not only highlighting the importance of effective teaching at Coastal Carolina but we are also increasing the support of faculty in these endeavors," said Provost Peter Barr. "I am confident that Dr. Keiner will provide valuable leadership to the Center as an important part of the excellent academic community that we have here at the university."

Center Director Keiner, who joined the Coastal faculty in 1998, has been instrumental in introducing new technology-based teaching methods in Coastal's Department of Physics and Chemistry and in the Department of Marine Science. Keiner earned bachelor's and master's degrees in physics from Wake Forest University and a Ph.D. in marine studies from the University of Delaware. Prior to joining Coastal, he did postdoctoral work as a programmer for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

# Coastal People

**Jim Luken**, chair of the Department of Biology, published an article in the March-April issue of *South Carolina Wildlife* titled "Watching Water."



*Jim Luken*

Two CCU students and their professor presented research papers at the recent Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention in New Orleans. **Adam Jones**, a senior majoring in history, presented a paper titled "From Small Beginnings: How the American Revolution Broadened Anti-Slavery Sentiment." **Jason Schipper**, an honors student and history major, presented "An Analysis of U.S.-Cuban Relations: 1895-1903."

Both students are members of Psi-Mu, Coastal's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society.

**Lisa Johnson** received the inaugural David Bottoms Distinguished Alumna Award from the State University of West Georgia.



*Lisa Johnson*

She presented a paper, "Tracee's Red Dress: Revising the Script of Stigma on HBO's *The Sopranos*," at the SUWG English Department Spring Colloquium.

Coastal President **Ronald R. Ingle** received the Carroll Campbell Award at the fourth annual Beach Music Day in Columbia on April 27.

The award, given annually to a non-music industry person, was presented to Ingle for his support in establishing a

partnership between Coastal and the Beach Music Association International (BMAI) and for designating Coastal as a repository for the study of beach music, its artists and history.

**Constance Edwards** has been appointed to the Foundation Board of Casio Inc.'s Teacher Advisory Council.

Coastal men's soccer standouts **Joseph Ngwenya** and **Thabiso "Boyyzz" Khumalo** were both honored by SoccerTimes.com recently, with Ngwenya being named Player of the Year and first team All-American, and Khumalo earning Honorable Mention All-American. The duo helped put Coastal's 2003 squad in the record books, earning the most wins and highest national ranking in program history and a third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament, where CCU advanced to the third round for the first time.



*Coastal's Omicron Delta Kappa Circle President John Adamec, left, presents the Circle's Leader of the Year Award to Taurean Davis for 2003-2004. Davis is the past president of ODK Circle.*

**Terah Kipchiris**, a junior in psychology, is the lucky winner of a free round-trip American Airlines ticket to anywhere in the U. S. The Nairobi, Kenya, native's name was drawn as part of the dining survey that ARAMARK conducted earlier in the academic year. Denise Elliott, director of ARAMARK, thanks all who participated in the survey.



*Coastal administration and accounting faculty hosted the March 12-13 annual conference of the S.C. Association of Accounting Educators at The Breakers Resort in Myrtle Beach. From left are John Mortimer, Lynn Griffin, Robert Wilkins, Gregory Krippel, Linda Henderson and E. Kay Stice. David DeCenzo made the opening remarks. This year's attendance included representatives from more than 20 universities and colleges.*

# Top honors awarded Coastal students and faculty

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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.

Thompson, a professor of health promotion, was the recipient of the Excellence in Community Nutrition Award from the Dannon Institute in 2003 and The Sun News Volunteer of the Year Award for 2003-2004. She has presented scholarly papers in local, state and national venues. Her research on nutrition and body image has been widely praised in scholarly circles. She is chairperson of the Waccamaw Youth Center and of the Horry County School District Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee.

James D. Henderson 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. A professor of international studies, he serves as president of the South Carolina Conference of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and he also heads Coastal's AAUP chapter. He is a veteran of the Peace Corps, and the author of numerous books and articles on Latin American history.

Paul C. Peterson 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. Peterson is a politics professor, a member of the Horry County Board of Education and a former president of the South Carolina Political Science Association. He earned a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School in political science and a master's degree from the University of California. He joined the Coastal faculty in 1980.

Department awards were presented to 37 students in recognition of outstand-

ing 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 – Frances C. Sloan of Murrells Inlet
- Finance – Keith P. Garramone of Nolensville, Tenn.
- Management – James S. Chatfield of Goose Creek
- Marketing – Jennifer L. Barnhill of Aynor

## **Spadoni College of Education:**

- Early Childhood Education – Joy K. Strickland of Nichols
- Elementary Education – Chena M. Smith of North Myrtle Beach
- Health Promotion – Beth E. Graham of Murrells Inlet
- Master of Art in Teaching – Martha H. Anderson of Conway
- Physical Education – Tyler M. Murtha of Lyon Mountain, N.Y.
- Recreation and Sports Management – Jonathan A. Suter of Murrells Inlet

## **Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts:**

- Art Studio – Brandi M. Green of Huntingtown, Md.
- English – Thomas A. Moore of Surfside Beach
- Foreign Languages – Nicole L. Silimperi of Suwanee, Ga.
- History – Katie A. Knieriemen of Warwick, N.Y.
- Music – Aarian H. Land of Conway
- Musical Theater – Patricia S. Verzella of West Collingswood, N.J.
- Philosophy and Religion – Jess M. Hart of Myrtle Beach
- Politics and Geography – Colleen S. Archer of Myrtle Beach
- Theater – Tiffany M. Scribner of Rootstown, Ohio

## **College of Natural and Applied Sciences:**

- Biology – Amanda M. Windsor of Sidney, Ohio
- Computer Science – Abhishek Agrawal of Haryana, India

- Marine Science – Tyler Hesser of Alpharetta, Ga.
- Mathematics – Maria C. Butler of Myrtle Beach
- Psychology – Stephanie E. Kirbach of Pawleys Island
- Sociology – Kathleen T. Gale of Laurel, Md.

Vicki E. Williams of Conway 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:

- Ashley M. Bailey of Cottageville – English
- Jennifer L. Barnhill of Aynor – Marketing
- Neil A. Capper of Proctorville, Ohio – Marine Science
- Everett G. Flowers of Harper's Ferry, W.Va. – English
- Brandi M. Green of Huntingtown, Md. – Art Studio
- Katherine E. Koontz of Pittsburgh, Pa. – Marine Science
- Meredith R. Putnam of Doylestown, Pa. – Psychology
- Sarah P. Rider of Overland Park, Kan. – Marine Science
- Tiffany R. Snyder of Follansbee, W.Va. – Biology
- Clare N. Thomasy of Maumee, Ohio – Biology
- Marilyn R. Testa of McDonald, Ohio – Biology
- Matthew T. Vaughn of Solon, Ohio – Psychology
- Patricia S. Verzella of West Collingswood, N.J. – Musical Theater
- Annya M. Walker of Delhi, N.Y. – Marine Science

The 481 members of Coastal's 15 honor societies and the 33 students listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" were also acknowledged, as well as 93 students who made presentations of papers at various academic conferences.

## Coastal Notes

### Mayfest computer training at TEAL

The TEAL Center is offering a series of computer courses from organizing and managing your PC files to mail merge to PowerPoint basics. There will also be one-and-a-half to two-hour sessions starting at 10 a.m. on how to use your computer and its various software programs. E-mail Laura Hogue at [lbhogue@coastal.edu](mailto:lbhogue@coastal.edu) or Amanda Brown at [abrown@coastal.edu](mailto:abrown@coastal.edu) to sign up.

### Cheers for Chanticleers Gala

The Cheers for Chanticleers Scholarship Gala is planned for Saturday, May 22 at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes.

The Chanticleer Club event benefits the student-athlete scholarship fund at Coastal. The evening features dinner, dancing and a silent auction. Tickets are \$90 per person or \$175 per couple. For reservations, call Melinda Hyman at 234-3428 by May 10.

### Educators invited to celebration

A special reception and commemoration ceremony of the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education* of Topeka, Kan., will be held on Monday, May 17, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Carolina Forest High School, featuring Jason Silverman, Winthrop University history professor, and Mary Canty. RSVP to Susan Johnson by April 30, 488-6776 or [sjohnso@-do.hcs.k12.sc.us](mailto:sjohnso@-do.hcs.k12.sc.us).

### Work-study students need to apply now

Faculty and staff who hire college work-study students should encourage those students to complete their FAFSA before the spring semester ends. This will give hiring staff/faculty an idea of who will be available to hire for the upcoming 2004-2005 school term. If students are uncertain whether their parents have completed the FAFSA, they can check the web advisor or come by the financial aid office. If you have any questions, call Evelyn Sherman at 349-2335.

### Senior art shows continue

Exhibitions featuring the works of the 28 graduating art students at Coastal are on display at Myrtle Square Mall.

"Transitions Present II" runs from April 30 to May 2 from noon to 3 p.m.

"Transitions Present III" is up from May 7 to 9 from noon to 3 p.m. with an opening reception on Thursday, May 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.

"Because of the large number of graduating seniors, we wanted to give them more opportunities to display their portfolios," said Will Hipps, Coastal's art gallery director. "Thanks to Burroughs & Chapin, we were able to find exhibit space at Myrtle Square Mall across from the CCU location there."

Call 349-2711 for more information.

## Most Valuable Players are named at annual banquet for athletes

Coastal students Keith Garramone and Katrin Hilmarsodottir received awards as Senior Scholar Athletes of the Year at the annual spring awards banquet April 26 at Planet Hollywood.

Garramone, of the men's track team, had a 4.0 GPA, and Hilmarsodottir had a 3.882 GPA.

The 45 senior athletes had a cumulative grade point average of 3.1, according to Athletic Director Warren "Moose" Koegel, and 57 percent had a 3.0 or higher. Ten students had a 3.5 or higher.

The following MVP awards were made in each sport:

- Volleyball – Sarah Bennett
- Women's Soccer – Marissa Kovacs
- Football – Maurice Simpkins
- Men's Soccer – Joseph Ngwenya
- Women's Basketball – Cyndie Troutman

- and Nikki Reddick (co-MVPs)
- Men's Basketball – E.J. Gallup
- Women's Track and Field/Cross Country MVP – Marie Moutsinga
- Women's Track and Field/Indoor and Outdoor MVP – Amber Campbell
- Men's Track and Field/Cross Country MVP – Terah Kipchiris
- Men's Track and Field/Outdoor Track MVP – Terah Kipchiris
- Women's Golf – Natalie Cruse
- Men's Golf – Alvaro Velasco
- Women's Tennis – Medina Bajambasic
- Men's Tennis – Ryan Vrba
- Softball – TBA (still in season)
- Baseball – TBA (still in season)
- Cheerleading – Brian Decker, Mike Rivers and Manda Yerkes

## Campus Calendar

### Tuesday, May 4

- Growth Summit, 1:30 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium

### Saturday, May 8

- Commencement, 9 a.m., Brooks Stadium; if rain, there are two ceremonies at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; call 349-2079

### Tuesday, May 18

- Political debate, 7 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium

## Athletic events

### Friday, May 7

- Softball hosts Campbell in doubleheader, 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 11

- Baseball hosts The Citadel, 2 p.m.

### Saturday, May 8

- Baseball at Blue Heaven Classic, 10 a.m., Chapel Hill, N.C.

# Coastal Carolina

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## This Issue:

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- *New alumni director is named*
- *Center for Teachers established at CCU*
- *MVP athletes named at annual dinner*

## 2004 SPRING COMMENCEMENT



*Lindsey O. Graham*  
Commencement Speaker



*Thomas G. Keegan*  
Doctor of Public Service



*Florida Yeldell*  
Doctor of Humane Letters

**Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m.**

**Brooks Stadium**

*In case of rain, call 349-2079 for details.*



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