Commencement set for Dec. 11

Approximately 273 students are eligible to participate in Coastal's fall commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. The public is welcome to attend.

Paul Peterson will be the commencement speaker.

Peterson was named the Distinguished Teacher of the Year for 2003, 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, Riverside. He joined the Coastal faculty in 1980.

Retired nursing professors Brenda Bellamy and Patty Sue Sanders will also be recognized. They were recently named professors emeritus by the Board of Trustees.

CEF has new officers, members

New officers have been elected to serve the Coastal Educational Foundation for the 2004-2005 term. They are Bill Marsh, president; David Singleton, vice president; and Sam Frink, secretary-treasurer.

Marsh, a Conway resident, is president of Palmetto Chevrolet Co., Inc. He was president of the Coastal Carolina Alumni Association from 1998 to 2000. He serves on various automotive boards and associations and is a deacon at Kingston Presbyterian Church.

Singleton, of Myrtle Beach, is executive vice president of Belle Terre Golf Course. He earned a bachelor's degree and a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina. Singleton is a former member of the Board of Visitors for the Spadoni College of Education.

Frink, of Conway, is the retired president and partner of Conway Ford, Inc., and Grand Strand Nissan. He is a former member of the Board of Visitors for the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration, and he is also on Coastal's Board of Trustees.


The Coastal Educational Foundation is a nonprofit corporation which receives and disburses charitable gifts in support of Coastal Carolina University. The foundation was established in 1954 for the purpose of advancing higher learning in Horry County and was instrumental in the creation of Coastal. The foundation board meets quarterly.

CCU Newsletter Publication Dates

Information for the CCU Newsletter should be submitted to news@coastal.edu in the Office of Marketing Communications, Singleton 204.
Nov. 22-28
- Brenda Spadoni Urquhart on CCU
- Coach Alan LeForce on Women's Basketball
- Student profile: Jason Decawski
- Alumni profile: John Trueluck (1999)

Nov. 29-Dec. 5
- Dean of Students Lloyd Holmes
- Student profile: Adam Janis on Earth Day
- Homecoming 2004

HTC & Time Warner Cable • Channel 12
Daily at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Time Warner Cable • Channel 5
Sundays at 7:30 p.m. & Wednesdays at 4 p.m. (Comcast, MB, NNB)
Time Warner Cable • Channel 17
Sundays at 7:30 p.m. & Wednesdays at 4 p.m. (South Strand)
E-mail: coastaltoday@coastal.edu

Dean DeCenzo on SBAA board

The dean of the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration at Coastal has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Business Administration Association (SBAA).

David A. DeCenzo, elected by membership of the organization, will serve a three-year term. Under his leadership, the Wall College of Business has established an economics major, and is developing an MBA program. The prestigious Wall Fellows program, which prepares top business students for high-level careers in major U.S. and international corporations and organizations, has grown significantly and has recently placed interns with companies such as Citigroup Europe and the Middle East, Bayer GmBh in Germany, Rolls-Royce and the Carolina Panthers.

DeCenzo joined the Coastal faculty in 2002.

New SAAs added to organization

Eight students have been selected to serve as new Student Alumni Ambassadors (SAA) at Coastal Carolina University.

The group, comprised of 28 students, assists in alumni events and provides an opportunity for student leaders to network in the community.

Newly-inducted SAAs are Maggie Garrett, a junior in art studio from Greenwood, S.C.; Rachel Hillard, a junior in marine science from Leesburg, Va.; Ryan Kelly, a sophomore in political science from Westborough, Mass.; Alex Klaus, a senior in management from Lindberg, Germany; Lindsey Krager, a freshman from Springfield, Ill.; Kevin McCarthy, a junior in history from Conway; Janae Mitchell, a senior in Spanish and marketing from Mount Pleasant; and Alison St. Clair, a junior in marketing from Vinton, Va.

SAA was established in 1998 as a team of student leaders who serve as liaisons between alumni and undergraduates. For more information, contact Ashley Stathos at 349-2569.

Check out the Senior Festival 2004

About 60 Coastal seniors majoring in early childhood education, elementary education and health promotion will present projects, displays and research during the annual Spadoni College of Education Senior Festival, scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon in Kearns Hall.

The event is free and open to the public.

The festival, set up in a trade show format on the first floor of Kearns, is designed to assist early childhood education and elementary education seniors in assimilating information from their methods courses before they begin internships during the 2005 spring semester.

Health promotion majors will showcase projects completed during their 2004 internships.

The event also gives underclassmen an opportunity to better understand what will be expected of them in their senior year.

For more information, contact Jessie Brown at 349-2619, Sharon Thompson at 349-2635 or Doug Smith at 349-2664.
Coastal Notes

Peer Mentor program seeks nominations

The Coastal Peer Mentor Program is seeking outstanding students who can serve as role models in the areas of academic achievement and co-curricular involvement to help first-year students adjust to campus life. Each year the Peer Mentor Program partners exceptional students with faculty mentors to plan and co-teach a First-Year Success Seminar.

To be selected as a peer mentor, interested students must be in good academic standing, have a history of student leadership or involvement in campus life, and be willing to work closely with a faculty mentor as a member of a unique teaching team. For more information or to recommend a student for this program, contact Diana Blue at dblue@coastal.edu or 349-2941.

Celebrating 150 proposals

The Fourth Celebration of Inquiry Conference at Coastal on Feb. 16 to 18 will offer a large variety and number of extraordinary session topics, according to Charmaine Tomczyk, who thanks all who submitted the more than 150 proposals. The College Liaisons Committee will begin its review of proposals and notify main presenters by Dec. 1.

Coastal Notes

Six Jackson Ethics Scholars named

The first-ever Jackson Scholars at Coastal were announced Nov. 5 at the dedication ceremony for the Jackson Family Center for Values and Ethics.

Six Coastal sophomores were selected for the Jackson Scholars program, which entails two years of ethical leadership studies in the classroom, an ethics-focused internship in the local community, and the preparation of an annual report to the Jackson family.

The scholarship recipients include Caroline Smith, an English major from Stafford, Va.; Erica Bolin, an education major from Clover; Katherine Carlier, a philosophy major from Portsmouth, N.H.; Sean Hinchey, a philosophy and psychology major from Richmond, Va.; Anne Tyson, a philosophy major from Rockingham, N.C.; and Charles Smith, a psychology and sociology major from Darlington. The students receive a $1,000 stipend each semester.

The purpose of the center is to cultivate and promote awareness in students of the importance of personal and professional integrity. The center will sponsor scholarships and visiting scholars as well as public discussion forums on ethical issues in science, business, education, and the arts and humanities.

The children of area business and civic leaders Nelson and Mary Emily Platt Jackson founded the resource center in honor of their parents.
K-12 Mentoring Program works to make a difference in schools

In an effort to reduce South Carolina's high dropout rate, Coastal and Horry County Schools are partnering to create a pilot K-12 Mentoring Program.

"Too many young people in our community are not graduating from high school," said Margene Willis, coordinator of the program. "Many students who drop out of school indicate that no one seemed to care if they stay or go. In Horry County, many families have also moved from other states, and may not have extended family close by to assist parents with this nurturing role."

CCU student mentors are committed to seeing a child grow and develop. They may start out as breakfast or lunch buddies, tutors, or reading buddies, but they work to create a caring relationship that will encourage children to do their personal best and stay in school.

The program, developed by CCU President Ronald Ingle and Provost Pete Barr, has placed 53 Coastal students in four schools: Conway Elementary, Loris Elementary, Waccamaw Elementary and Myrtle Beach Intermediate. Forty-five student mentors are enrolled in UNIV 360: Citizenship and Community course here at Coastal, while eight mentors are enrolled in Honors 325: Service Learning. Mentors meet with their students (primarily fourth graders, selected by the school) one hour each week.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, the Coastal mentors invited the children, an adult family member and school representatives to campus for a tailgating picnic on the Student Center Deck and then to the football game. Four of the mentors are also CCU football players, which made the game especially exciting for the children. Seventy-two young students, family members, mentors and school personnel attended.

The student mentors will keep a journal of their experience, write a paper, and participate in an end-of-course roundtable discussion on Nov. 29 and Dec. 2 (4:30 to 6 p.m.). Ten faculty members serve as their advising professors.

Campus calendar

Nov. 25 and 26
- Thanksgiving holidays, no classes, offices closed

Monday, Nov. 29
- Graduating Seniors Art Exhibition, Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., reception Wednesday, Dec. 1, 4 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 30
- University holiday tree lighting, 5 p.m., near Singleton Building, featuring Santa, refreshments and holiday music by the CCU Concert Choir
- Holiday Concert featuring the CCU Concert Choir and Symphonic Band, 7:30 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium.

Wednesday, Dec. 1
- Santa at Gingerbread House, 4 to 7 p.m., in front of residence halls, all children welcome for hot chocolate, cookies, gift and photo, free

Thursday, Dec. 2
- Santa at Gingerbread House, 4 to 7 p.m., in front of residence halls, all children welcome for hot chocolate, cookies, gift and photo, free

Friday, Dec. 3
- Spirit of the Chanticleer Season Finale concert, 7:30 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium, free

Saturday, Dec. 4
- Saxophone Ensemble, 3 p.m., Edwards Recital Hall, free

CCU Athletics

Friday, Nov. 19
- Women's Basketball vs. Anderson, 7 p.m., Kimbel Arena

Saturday, Nov. 20
- Football vs. Charleston Southern, 7 p.m., Brooks Stadium
- Volleyball, Big South Championship, TBA

Monday, Nov. 22
- Men's and Women's Cross Country at NCAA Championship, 11 a.m., Terre Haute, Ind.

Tuesday, Nov. 23
- Women's Basketball vs. Campbell, 7 p.m., Kimbel Arena
- Men's Basketball at UNC Greensboro, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 26
- Men's Basketball at Hawaii, 1:05 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 28
- Volleyball vs. College of Charleston, 2 p.m., Kimbel Arena
- Men's Basketball at Chaminade, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 30
- Women's Basketball vs. UNC Wilmington, 7 p.m., Kimbel Arena

Thursday, Dec. 2
- Women's Basketball vs. Appalachian State, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3
- Women's Track & Field at Clemson Indoor Open (Indoor)

Saturday, Dec. 4
- Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Kentucky, 7 p.m., Kimbel Arena
Pianist Gary Stegall presented the South Carolina premiere performance of a newly-discovered composition by French composer Claude Debussy. The concert was Nov. 7 at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Pawleys Island. The New York premiere of the Debussy piece followed on Nov. 14. Stegall had previously performed Asian premieres in Bangkok and Singapore.

The piece, “Evenings lit by the burning coals” (Les soirs illuminé par l’ardeur du charbon) was discovered in an attic trunk belonging to descendants of the Debussy family’s coal merchant, a Mr. Tronquin. Written in February or March of 1917, one year before Debussy’s death, the piece is in all probability his final work for piano. When composing the work, Debussy was already suffering from the cancer that would result in his death.

Stegall has also been invited to perform with St. Martin-in-the-Fields in its “Pianists of the World” series.

Treelee MacAnn’s print, Buttoned Up, has just been selected into The Boston Printmakers 2005 North American Print Biennial. The juror was Joann Moser, senior curator of graphic arts, Smithsonian American Art Museum. She chose MacAnn’s print as one of 250 works selected from among 1,700 entries.

Robin Stephens appears in the PBS documentary Broadway: The American Musical (watch for the clips from 42nd Street). Robin can also be seen in Broadway’s Lost Treasures, which also aired on PBS recently.

Pam Martin is one of a group of scholars receiving an International Studies Association workshop grant to publish an edited volume titled Finance as Power: The Second Wave. Martin’s contribution to the project will be a study of the impact of multinational bank agreements on improving the lives of individuals in the Third World.


Jo-Ann Morgan presented a paper at the 20th Annual Symposium on African American Culture and Philosophy held Sept. 23-25 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. Morgan’s talk was titled “Pedagogy Challenged: Why African Americans in Film is not Art History for Middle America.”

She also presented a talk on “Aunt Chloe’s Cabin Revisited—African-American Women in Reconstruction Era Paintings and Prints” at the Southeastern College Art Conference Oct. 13-17 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Thank you, Coastal faculty and staff for the many cards, flowers, thoughts, prayers, and support in the recent loss of my father. I am sincerely grateful.

Chris Martin

Tiffany Blair and Dan Bailey, both seniors in the Health Promotion program, presented research at the South Carolina Nutrition Research Consortium on Oct. 29. Sharon Thompson also presented at the conference. Health promotion majors Victoria Carson and Jill Hollopeter also attended.

Val Dunham has co-authored a paper entitled “Bioinformatics: An Undergraduate Research/Teaching Tool.” The article, co-authored with Abhishek Agrawal, currently in graduate school at Keck Graduate Institute in Claremont, Calif., and a 2003 CCU graduate, will be published in The Journal of the South Carolina Academy of Science, Volume 2, 2004.
This Issue:

- Fall commencement is Dec. 11
- CEF selects officers, adds new members
- K-12 Mentoring Program makes a difference
- Dean DeCenzo named to SBAA board

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Featuring the Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir and CCU Symphonic Band

7:30 p.m. • Tuesday, Nov. 30

Wheelwright Auditorium • FREE