Commencement set for December 14

Coastal Carolina University will recognize more than 300 students during commencement Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. in the All American Music Theater at Fantasy Harbour in Myrtle Beach.

One hundred ninety-one December 1997 undergraduates will be recognized, as well as 112 August 1997 graduates. The public is welcome to attend.

Richard Weldon, tourism research coordinator for the E. Craig Wall Sr. School of Business Administration and Computer Science, will deliver the commencement address.

Weldon was selected by Coastal Carolina University students to receive the Distinguished Teaching Award for 1997-1998. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Coastal Carolina College, graduating magna cum laude. In 1988, he earned a juris doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1991.

Since joining the Coastal Carolina faculty in 1995, he has taught junior and senior level courses in commercial law and the legal environment of business. He also has taught in the journalism program, as well as for the Department of Politics. In addition to his teaching and research duties at Coastal, he has been chair of both the Campus Judicial Board and the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, and served as a faculty senator. He has been faculty advisor to the South Carolina Student Legislative, Student Government Association, The Chanticleer, and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. He also serves as the pre-law adviser for the university.

As a member of the South Carolina Bar Association, Weldon has served on the Committee on Professional Responsibility and the Ethics Advisory Committee. He is a scoring judge for the annual South Carolina high school mock trial competition.

Hotels and accommodations

Holiday hours of operation

The following hours of operation will be observed by the university during the holiday season.

- **Administrative Offices**
  Administrative offices will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Sunday, Jan. 4; regular hours of operation will resume on Monday, Jan. 5. Specific offices and departments will be in operation during the holiday schedule as necessary.

- **Kimbel Library**
  Kimbel Library will be closed to the public from Dec. 15 through Jan. 11. The library will be open Jan. 12 through Jan. 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular spring semester hours resume on Jan. 15.

- **Physical Education Center**
  Noon to 8 p.m.; pool closed
  Dec. 20 through Jan. 4: Closed
  Jan. 5 through Jan. 14: 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; pool closed
  Jan. 15: Regular spring semester hours resume

- **Spring semester classes**
  Begin Thursday, Jan. 15.

Honors students give senior thesis presentations

Three Coastal Carolina University seniors gave thesis presentations Dec. 3 as part of the university's Honors Program.

- **Michael S. Andrew**, marine science major from Madison, Ind., presented a thesis on the topic: "Analytical of Local Acid Precipitation in Horry County and Georgetown County, South Carolina."

- **Christine M. Forsythe**, a marine science and chemistry major from Poolesville, Va., presented a thesis on the topic: "Characterization of Colonial Metal Films for Use in Surface Enhanced Raman (SERS) Studies of Surface Modified Polystyrene."

- **Jennifer S. Spoor**, marine science and biology major from South Berwick, Maine, presented a thesis on the topic: "The Influences of Seedling with a Cover Crop and Reducing Microtopography on Fink Year Vegetative Colonization of Coastal Wetlands."

Honors students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and enroll in honors courses each semester to maintain their eligibility to continue in the program.

Coastal courses in Costa Rica

The Office of International Programs will offer a three-week study trip to Costa Rica from May 10 to May 30, sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS). The program is open to Coastal students, faculty, staff and alumni, as well as students from other colleges and universities. Space is limited; early registration is recommended.

Students can earn academic credit in Spanish 590. Credit also is available in Spanish 201 through examination.

The course will include visits to the Monteverde Cloud Forest and Pueblo Antiguo as well as other sites. The total cost of the program is $4,975, plus tuition if applicable.

For more information, contact Geoff Panous in the Office of International Programs at extension 2594 or e-mail: panous@coastal.edu.

Evans conducts Nutcracker Ballet

The Long Bay Symphony will present Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet with the Columbia City Ballet on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the Gatlin Brothers Theatre in Fantasy Harbour. Charles Evans is music director and conductor; artistic director for the ballet is William Starrett. Tickets are $22.50; $12.50 for children 16 years of age and younger.

For tickets, contact Fantasy Harbour at 236-8590 or 1-800-681-5209.

Did you know?

The Office of Law Enforcement and Safety held a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class December 10, 11 and 12 in the Admissions Building. More than 20 people from across the United States, primarily personnel from law enforcement agencies and women's advocacy groups, attended the class.
Birthdays

December
13 Stephen Sheel
14 Chris Marsh
15 John Steen
17 Don Brook
19 Peter Green
21 Jack Kendree
22 Chuck Whetzel
24 Pamela Jones
25 Lula Dewitt
26 Herb Zark
27 Alisa Johnson

January
1 Amber Anderson
2 Samantha Young
5 Charles Joyce
6 Alfred Frasier
7 Thomas Mazzapede
8 Mary Crowe
9 Erica Nix Jenkins
10 Bob Lindgren
11 Debbie Stanley
12 Gerri Nye
13 Sallie Clarkson
14 Prashant Sangsry
15 James Stirling
16 Gil Hunt

Calendar

DECEMBER

13 Residence halls close
Men's Basketball
Newberry at Coastal, 7:30 p.m.

14 Commencement
1 p.m., All American Music Theater, Fantasy Harbour
Bob Squatriglia
Newsmaker Bailey
performed by the Long Bay Symphony with the
columbia City Ballet: 2 and 7:30 p.m.,
Gatlin Brothers Theatre, Fantasy Harbour
Charles Evans
Women's Basketball
Coastal at Furman University, 1 p.m.

17 Women's Basketball
Coastal at Georgia Southern, 5 p.m.
Men's Basketball
Coastal at Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m.

20 Men's Basketball
EAST Textbook Shop at Coastal, 7:30 p.m.

22 Men's Basketball
UNG Wilmington vs. Coastal, 3 p.m.
5 Administrative offices open
Regular hours of operation resume

24 Christmas holidays begin

25 Women's Basketball
UNG Wilmington vs. Coastal, 7:30 p.m.
Winthrop at Coastal, 7:30 p.m.

26 Men's Basketball
Winthrop at Coastal, 7:30 p.m.
Premiere Screening
MVP Holiday Classic, Toledo, Ohio; continues through Dec. 30.

29 Men's Basketball
Winthrop at Coastal, 7:30 p.m.

30 Women's Basketball
Winthrop at Coastal, 7:30 p.m.

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3 Women's Basketball
Coastal at Elon, 7 p.m.

Coastal Carolina University presents

Songwriters in the Round

For the fifth year, George McCorble, a former Marshall
Tucker Band member, swaps songs and stories with some of
his accomplished colleagues in an informal jam session.

Thursday, January 22, 1998 7:30 p.m.
$12, students $5

For more information, contact the Wheelwright Box Office at 349.2502, Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

DON'T FORGET in December . . .