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**USCB Honors 180 Graduates at Commencement,
Awards Honorary Degree to Dr. Jack McConnell**

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

JPG 1) Volunteers in Medicine founder Dr. Jack B. McConnell, wearing the white hood as newly installed Doctor of Humane Letters, addressed the University of South Carolina Beaufort's 2007 Commencement on May 4.

JPG 2) Johnathan Lucky, outgoing Student Government President, carried the University of South Carolina Mace, leading the procession of graduates who participated in the USCB commencement.

JPG 3) USC College of Education Dr. Dean Les Sternberg, left, and USCB MAT Program Director Dr. Betty Garren, right, placed the master's degree hood on Lisa Sewell, 2007 MAT graduate at USCB.

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BLUFFTON, S.C. – The University of South Carolina Beaufort recently honored 180 graduates at the 2007 Commencement Ceremony, which took place on May 4, 2007 at the Helen and Brantley Harvey Plaza at the university's South Campus in Bluffton.

For the first time ever, USCB officials awarded Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degrees to university students, placing special academic hoods around the shoulders of each MAT graduate.

The University of South Carolina also awarded the first Honorary Degree to be conferred at USCB to Dr. Jack B. McConnell, the founder of Volunteers in Medicine, a state-of-the-art free medical clinic which first opened its doors on Hilton Head Island in 1996.

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After receiving the Doctor of Humane Letters, Dr. McConnell delivered the commencement address, encouraging graduates to remember to help others, regardless of the career path they choose.

“Envision the kind of world you want to live in, and create it,” Dr. McConnell urged. “Remember, it is not where you came from that matters, but where you are going and those you help along the way.”

USCB Chancellor Dr. Jane T. Upshaw, University of South Carolina President Andrew A. Sorenson and members of the USC Board of Trustees also attended the commencement ceremony.

ABOUT USCB:

The University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB) is a senior institution of the University of South Carolina system serving the southeast coast of Georgia and South Carolina. The university’s two campuses, located on the waterfront in historic Beaufort, S.C. and at the gateway to Hilton Head Island in Bluffton, S.C., serve a diverse student body of nearly 1,400. USCB offers students an exceptional place to learn and live in an environment focused on growth, preservation and opportunity. For more information about The University of South Carolina Beaufort, please visit www.uscb.edu online or call the university’s Office of Public Information at 843.521.3113.

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