The Inaugural Convocation

Dr. Cary Fowler ’71
Chairman, Rhodes Board of Trustees, Presiding

Saturday, the Thirteenth of January
Two ThousandEighteen
at Half Past Nine O’Clock in the Morning
The Inaugural Convocation

Prelude Concert
Rhodes Wind Ensemble
Works selected from the following
Fanfare from La Peri
Paul Dukas, ed. Brian Hodge
Pictures at an Exhibition
Modest Mussorgsky, arr. Sohei Kano
Salvation is Created
Pavel Tchesnokov, arr. Bruce Houseknecht
The Eighth Candle
Steven Reisteter

Processional
(please stand if you are able)
William Walton, transcribed by W.F. DuBois

The Inaugural Procession
The Rhodes Banner
The Marshals of the Convocation
The Representatives of Learned Societies and Educational Associations
The Representatives of Institutions of Higher Learning
The Memphis Community Partners
The Eighteenth First Lady of the College
The Nineteenth First Lady and President of the College
The President’s Family and Special Guests
The Rhodes Faculty
The Rhodes Board of Trustees
The President’s Party

Invocation
The Reverend Lucy Waechter Webb ’05
Interim College Chaplain

Welcome and Comments on the Occasion
Dr. Cary Fowler ’71
Chairman, Rhodes Board of Trustees

Greetings:
From the Students
Mr. Thomas Mitchell ’18
President, Rhodes Student Government

From the Alumni
Mr. William Townsend ’84
President, Rhodes Alumni Association

From the Faculty
Dr. Loretta Jackson-Hayes
Associate Professor of Chemistry

From the Memphis Community
Ms. Meg Crosby
Rhodes Trustee, Inaugural Committee Co-Chair

Choral Selection
Neither Angels, Nor Demons, Nor Powers
The Rhodes Singers
Timothy C. Takach

Induction of the President
The Installation of the Twentieth President of Rhodes College

A Rabbincic Blessing
Jeremy Simons
Campus Director, Hillels of Memphis

The Inaugural Address
President Marjorie Hass

The Alma Mater
Isaac P. Mason, harm. Burnet C. Tuthill

Dear Alma Mater, kind the fate
That links our lives with Thee,
For God’s own power that made Thee great
Is the truth that makes us free;
Thy torch has touched our hearts with flame,
Our yearning souls refined;
Through Thee we learn the higher aim,
And train the truer mind.

O Leader to the larger light,
Rhodes College, 'neath Thy wings
Thine own in reverent love unite,
And each a tribute brings,
And dreams, such dreams as old can dream,
And visions youth can see,
Keep lighted in our hearts the flame
Once kindled there of Thee.

- John Bowen Edwards

Benediction
Dr. Kendra Hotz
Associate Professor of Religious Studies,
Robert R. Waller Chair of Population Health

Recessional
The Great Gate of Kiev
Modest Mussorgsky, arranged by Shino Kano

Reception to follow, Crain Reception Hall and McCallum Ballroom, second floor
Bryan Campus Life Center
Representatives of Colleges and Universities

1749 Washington and Lee University
Edward Clark
*Alumnus*

1754 Columbia University
Hannah Barker
*Alumna*

1781 Washington and Jefferson College
Russell Savory
*Alumnus*

1787 Franklin and Marshall College
Carin Blomquist Sherman
*Alumna*

1793 Williams College
Cristina Cervone
*Alumna*

1797 Hartwick College
Karen Hotaling-Horn
*Alumnus*

1819 Centre College
Ali Hamilton
*Alumnus*

1819 Maryville College
Commander Scott Moss
*Alumnus*

1821 Amherst College
Linda Steele
*Alumnus*

1825 Centenary College of Louisiana
Christopher Holoman
*President*

1826 Furman University
Robert Buckman
*Trustee*

1829 Middlebury College
Cristina Cervone
*Alumna*

1833 Oberlin College
A. Victor Coonin
*Alumnus*

1834 Wake Forest University
Carol Gatewood Seamos
*Alumna*

1837 Davidson College
Carol Gatewood Seamos
*Alumna*

1842 Cumberland University
J. Michael Ripski
*Alumnus*

1848 Muhlenberg College
Deb Kipp
*Parent*

1849 Austin College
Nan Davis
*Vice President for Institutional Enrollment*

1857 Sewance: The University of the South
John McCandell, Jr.
*Vice Chancellor and President*

1869 Trinity University
Nathaniel Longfellow
*Alumnus*

1870 Wellesley College
Amy Jasperson
*Alumna*

1871 Christain Brothers University
John Smarrelli
*President*

1872 Paul Quinn College
Michael J. Sorrell
*President*

1873 Vanderbilt University
Karen Thomas Fesmire
*Alumna*

1883 Stetson University
Jim Lanier
*Alumnus*

1885 Bryn Mawr College
Gillian Steinhauser
*Alumna*

1887 Whittier College
Cynthia Mitchell
*Alumna*

1889 Agnes Scott College
Elizabeth Kiss
*President*

1890 Millsaps College
Alan J. Ferguson
*Alumnus*

1890 Millsaps College
Thomas W. Murrey, Jr.
*Alumnus*

1908 Memphis Theological Seminary
Daniel J. Earheart-Brown
*President*

1912 Baptist College of Health Sciences
Betty Sue McGarvey
*President*

1932 Southern College of Optometry
Lewis Reich
*President*

1937 Pepperdine University
Elam Freeman
*Alumna*

1940 Berry College
Jenn Tinnell
*Alumna*

1971 Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary
Michael Spradlin
*Alumnus*

1956 Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association
Claude Pressnell
*President*

1991 Associated Colleges of the South
R. Owen Williams
*President*

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9th Congressional District
Congressman Steve Cohen
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Ruby Bright
Community Leader
Allen Ledbetter

Institutions Sending Greetings and Good Wishes

1781 Washington and Jefferson College
1785 University of Georgia
1795 Union College
1797 Hartwick College
1819 Colgate University
1823 Union University
1826 Furman University
1834 University of the Ozarks
1836 Emory and Henry College
1840 Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
1848 Muhlenberg College
1849 University of Maryland
1863 University of Massachusetts Amherst
1866 Lebanon Valley College
1866 Milligan College
1872 Southwestern University
1876 Hendrix College
1881 Spelman College
1885 Rollins College
1886 Aquinas College
1887 Nebraska Wesleyan University
1887 Pomona College
1888 University of Puget Sound
1889 Eastern Connecticut State University
1891 Meredith College
1892 Malone University
1902 Berry College
1919 The New School
1919 Siena Heights University
1930 Bryan College
1936 Council of Independent Colleges
1937 Pepperdine University
1948 Gwynedd Mercy University
1956 University of Central Florida
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Special Guests

William E. Trount and Carole P. Trount
The Nineteenth President and First Lady of the College

Elizabeth G. Daughdrill
The Eighteenth First Lady of the College

William J. Michaelcheck '69
Chairman, Rhodes Board of Trustees (2000 - 2017)
Co-Chair, The Presidential Search Committee for the Twentieth President

Faculty Marshals

Gary Lindquester
Head Marshal, Professor, Biology
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David McCarthy
Professor and Chair, Art
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The President's Senior Leadership Team

Milton Moreland
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Carey Thompson
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Jenna Goodloe Wade
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The Faculty Governance Committee

Bernadette McNary-Zak
Associate Professor, Religious Studies, Chairperson
Leslie Petty
Associate Professor, English
Tom Bryant
Associate Professor, Music

The Inaugural Committee of the 20th President

Meg Crosby
Co-Chair, Rhodes Trustee and Chair, Committee on Student Life
Jenna Goodloe Wade
Co-Chair, Vice President for Development
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Loretta Jackson-Hayes, Faculty Marshal

David McCarthy, Faculty Marshal
Leslie Petty, Faculty Marshal
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Director of College Events
Matt Gerien
Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs
Larry Hass
First Gentleman of the College

Kristen Hunt
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Nikki Moore
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Bill Short '71
Associate Director of Library Services
Tony Eskridge '20, Student
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Shantih Smythe '92
Director of Grants, Foundations and Stewardship

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Musical Ensembles

Rhodes Singers
Dr. William Skoog, director

Soprano
Alexandra Bartlett
Kathryn Brode
Anna Browning
Cameron Crawford
Kaitlyn Crisp
Isabel Celata
Gaynay Craig
Grace Tomeny
Lillian Spell
Mary Thomas
Grace Tomeny
Camila Zimmerman

Tenor
Alexandra Wells
T rumpet
Shaliz Barzani
Piano
Sydney Sorrell
Alexandra Howard
Emma DiMartina
Vocalists

Baritone
Matthew Busbice
Bass
Baiza Cherinet
Shelton Clark
Maxwell Farley
Chandler Hall
Negusu Hizkias
William McClain
André Moore
Wesley Parker
Jeffrey Walters
Wade Wright

Rhodes Wind Ensemble
Brian Hodge, director

Flute
Benjamin Voisine-Adis
Harley Chapman
Lollie Newsome
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Kate Pennington
Natalie Thomas
Atticus Wolfe
Nate Nwaneri

Tuba
Zachary Winogard
Trumpet
Robert Boren
Robert Boren
Alex Wells
Nate Nwaneri

Rhodes Jazz Band
Dr. John Bass, director

Vocals
Emma DiMartina
Alexandra Howard
Sydney Sorrell
Patrick Smith
Atticus Wolfe
Shaliz Barzani
Alex Wells
Alex Wells
Adam Wyatt

Guitar
Jad Qaddourah
Max Kaplan
Edward Cruz
Nathaniel Nwaneri

Bass
Griffith Rone
Cameron Napier
Clay Hauserger
Scott King
Liam Rhodes

Saxophone
Max Kaplan
Clay Hauserger
Nathaniel Nwaneri

Rhodes Faculty Jazz Combo

Drums
Mike Assaad
Gerald Stevens

Bass
Bob Sunda
John Bass

Guitar
Gerald Stevens

Piano
Piano

Vocals
Joyce Cobb

Presidential Scholars Program: A Gateway to Rhodes College's Future

President, Rhodes College
Dr. John C. M. Faust

Dr. William Skoog, director

Musical Ensembles Various Ensembles and Events

Windows on the City Panelists
(Evenings held Friday, January 12)

Marjorie Hass,
President, Rhodes College

Jane Berger-Sweeney
President, Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Open Windows on Academic Life Contributors
(Evenings held Friday, January 12)

Big Ideas
The Contemporary Relevance of Michelangelo’s David
Professor Victor Coonin, Dept. of Art
America: A Reluctant Nation of Immigrants
Professor Jennifer Sciubba, Dept. of International Studies

Artistic Expression
“Quando rapito in estasi” from Lucia di Lammermoor by Donizetti
Kathryn Brode ’18, soprano, Dr. Brian Ray, piano
“The Mad Maid’s Song” by David Diamond
Kathlyn Brode ’18, soprano, Lollie Newsome ’18, flute, Dr. Brian Ray, piano
“Sicilienne” by Gabriel Faure
Lollie Newsome ’18, flute, Dr. Brian Ray, piano

Learning in the Community
Wild About the Zoo: Research in Animal Behavior, Physiology, and Conservation
Professor Sarah Boyle, Dept. of Biology, Rachel Myers ’18, Dr. Charles Brady, President & CEO, Memphis Zoo
Struttin’ with Some Barbecue: How the Curb Institute Connects Rhodes and Memphis Through Music
John Bass, Director of the Mike Curb Institute for Music at Rhodes College, Alice Fugate ’19, Jad Qaddourah ’19

Mentored Student Scholarship - Oral Presentations
Farmers Markets and Low Income Communities: The Implications of Physical Place and Occupied Space in Memphis
Any McKay ‘18, Daryl Stephens, Faculty mentor: Kimberly Kasper, Dept. of Anthropology & Sociology
The Effectiveness of Precues in Proactively Controlling Emotional Interference During Speech Production
Lisa Hsi and Emily Watkins, Faculty mentor: Katie White, Dept. of Psychology

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Elizabeth Kiss.
President, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA

Michael Sorrell,
President, Paul Quinn College, Dallas, TX

Mentored Student Scholarship - Oral Presentations
Investigated and Calculated Solvatochromic Characteristics of Mo(CH3)2(diimine) Anions
Alison Chang ’18, Faculty mentor: William Eckenhoff, Dept. of Chemistry

The Contribution of Centromeric Repeats to the Establishment of Heterochromatin in Schizosaccharomyces pombe
Patrick Smith ’18, Faculty mentor: Bayly Wheeler, Dept. of Biology and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program
DFT Analysis of the Selectivity of Phenylalanine Hydroxylase
Madison Perchik ’19, Rachel Giampapa ’19. Faculty mentors: Larryn Peterson and Mauricio Cafiero, Dept. of Chemistry

Identification of New Genes for Cytokinesis in the Filamentous Fungus Aspergillus nidulans
Peter Daniels ’18, Hans Haeccker. Faculty Sponsor: Gary Mulligan. Faculty Mentor: Mary Miller.
Relevant to the Rhodes College Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi.

What’s SNAP Got to Do With It?: SNAP/EBT Participation at Farmers Markets in Tennessee
Lucy Robinson ’18. Faculty Mentor: Kimberly Kasper, Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology

Examining the Effects of Aging and Cognitive Control on Reminding and the Mnemonic Benefit of Spaced Study
Layla Jubrial-Jaber ’19, Caroline Boyd-Rogers ’18. Faculty mentors: Geoff Maddox and Katie White, Dept. of Psychology

Description and Synthesis of Novel Inhibitors for the Aldehyde Dehydrogenases
Caroline Magee ’19. Faculty mentors: Larryn Peterson and Mauricio Cafiero, Dept. of Chemistry

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Identification of the Role of ABIN1 in Cell Death Through Treatment of Immortalized Mouse Embryonic Fibroblasts with Apoptotic Agents
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Analysis of Weight Matrices that Induce 2-Principal and Stable Torus Actions
Yi Song ’18. Faculty Mentor: Chris Seaton, Dept. of Mathematics and Computer Science

Identification of Novel Interactors with the Histone Demethylase UTX
Tanner Martinez ’19, Yurii Sedkov, Diana Balasubramanian, Statish Kallappagoudar, Hans-Martin Herz. Faculty Mentor: Kimberly Brien, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Department of Cell and Molecular Biology

Design of Novel Inhibitors for the Tyrosine Hydroxylase Enzyme
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The Synthesis of Novel Unnatural Amino Acids in Order to Synthesize Antibiotic Polypeptides
Barry Rich ’18, Zain Virk ’18. Faculty mentors: Kimberly Brien and Roberto de la Salud Bea, Dept. of Chemistry

Analysis of Nicotine in Clay Samples by Solvent Extraction and Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Jessica Ustick ’18, Christine Chuang ’18. Faculty mentors: Dhammika S. Muesse and Jon Russ, Dept. of Chemistry

Synthesis of Peptides Modeling Domains on PLA2R
Zara Parkinson ’19, Sakura Horiuchi ’19. Faculty mentors: Shana Stoddard, Kimberly Brien, and Roberto de la Salud Bea, Dept. of Chemistry

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