



*the Installation of*  
**Wesley R. Fugate, Ph.D.**

AS THE 20TH PRESIDENT OF WILSON COLLEGE

*Monday, May Seventeenth*  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE





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*A Foundation for the Future*



## FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you to the inauguration of Wilson College's 20th president, Wesley R. Fugate, Ph.D.

More than 150 years ago, Wilson College was founded as an institution of higher learning for young women that focused on literature, science, and the arts. Presbyterian ministers Tryon Edwards and James W. Wightman envisioned a college where students could learn to think for themselves and become leaders of society.

That tradition, and its legacy of leadership, continues today. While our dear institution has evolved over the years to meet the needs of each generation of students, we are still focused on access and affordability. At Wilson, we believe every student has the right and ability to be encouraged and emboldened by education. We also believe in the importance of Honor. In a society that is often challenged with doing the right thing, our graduates understand the value of a strong character and leave these hallowed halls with the wisdom and passion to fight for social justice.

Today, as we formally install Dr. Fugate, we come together to celebrate more than the inauguration of our 20th president. We embrace our history, and with President Fugate's guidance, we look to the future with a new strategic plan. Today, with your help, the College embarks on a new chapter of growth and exploration.

To say the past year has been a challenge would be a gross understatement. In classic Wilson fashion, our community has risen to the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. I commend our faculty, staff, administrators, and students. They have all persevered and sought creative solutions to barriers with a laser focus on continuing the pursuit of a higher knowledge. And, let's not forget our alumnae and alumni. Without hesitation, our alums have answered our call and given generously to financially support Wilson during this challenging time. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to and support of Wilson College. Today, we celebrate all of you.

Dr. Barbara L. Tenney '67  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

## WESLEY R. FUGATE, PH.D.

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**D**r. Fugate began service as the 20th president of Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa., in January of 2020.

Since coming to Wilson, Fugate has steered Wilson through the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic challenges. During his brief tenure, the College launched a strategic planning process, set to be approved in 2021. As a result of this planning process, the College has created six new undergraduate majors, one new degree completion program, one graduate program, one new endorsement, and one new certificate program. Additionally, Fugate has created the President's Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and appointed task groups seeking to help strengthen Wilson's financial position.

Fugate's tenure has been marked by open communication, transparency, and collaboration. He is known for his many townhall meetings to keep various constituencies informed about Wilson's progress. The alumnae, alumni and friends of the College have responded to this transparency by increasing support of the Wilson Fund by 25%.

Prior to his appointment at Wilson, Fugate served Randolph College in Lynchburg, Va., in a variety of roles: vice president for student affairs and dean of students; vice president and chief of staff, and secretary of the Board of Trustees; and interim vice president for enrollment management. Previously, Fugate served as deputy chief of staff for planning and education policy to the governor of Kentucky; director of events for a national political party's victory efforts, where he coordinated events for the president, vice president, and first lady of the United States, as well as a myriad of other high-ranking officials; adviser to the Interfraternity Council at the University of Georgia; and director of program advancement for Kentucky's Governor's Scholars Program.

A first-generation college student and native of Eastern Kentucky, Fugate earned a doctorate in higher education from the University of Georgia's Institute of Higher Education, a master's degree

from Vanderbilt University in higher education administration with an emphasis on institutional advancement, and a bachelor's degree from Centre College in dramatic arts and economics. He is the recipient of the Alice L. Beeman Research Award in Communications and Marketing for Educational Advancement—Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Fugate is passionate about giving back to the communities and organizations with which he is affiliated. He serves as chairman of the Phi Kappa Tau Foundation Board of Trustees and is a member of the board of directors for the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC). He is past president of the Endstation Theatre Company board of directors, past chair of the Lynchburg Beacon of Hope board of directors, past treasurer of the National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education (NAPAHE) board of directors, past member of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Board Professionals Leadership Group and a past board member of Kentucky's Governor's Scholars Program, the Centre College Alumni Association, Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Kentucky Theatre Association.

A frequent presenter on issues in higher education, Fugate is the recipient of numerous recognitions, including the Centre College Distinguished Young Alumni Award and the NAPAHE Professional Achievement Award, and has received many awards for his work as an adviser with students. He has been named to Phi Kappa Tau's inaugural Phi Tau's Under 40 and Lynchburg Business's inaugural Twenty Under Forty.

Fugate and his husband Cody Ward, an international education and student development professional, reside on campus in Sharpe House along with their cat, Miss Scarlet, an unofficial mascot of Wilson.

## WILSON COLLEGE

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Wilson College was founded in 1869 by the Reverends Tryon Edwards and James W. Wightman – pastors of Presbyterian churches in Hagerstown, Md., and Greencastle, Pa. The two submitted plans for a women’s college to the Presbytery of Carlisle and received its endorsement in April 1868. The goal was to create an opportunity for women to pursue a rigorous undergraduate education in the liberal arts and sciences. The Pennsylvania legislature granted the original charter on March 24, 1869.

Sarah Wilson, a resident of nearby St. Thomas, Pa., provided two generous donations used to secure property owned by Col. A.K. McClure, a close friend and adviser of President Abraham Lincoln – in Chambersburg, Pa., for use as a campus. In gratitude, the College Trustees voted to name the new institution in Ms. Wilson’s honor. Instruction at Wilson College began October 12, 1870.

Since its inception, the College has fostered an academic program that features close faculty-student interactions. Those interactions have become a hallmark of our student experience. And Wilson has continued to build upon this foundation by growing the curriculum, improving research opportunities, and bringing distinguished visitors and lecturers to campus. In 1950, a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious academic honorary society, was established, a measure of the institution’s intellectual strength.

Throughout its long history, Wilson has responded to the changing needs of its students, community, and nation through innovative programs. In 1982, the College became one of the first in the region to offer a continuing studies program to assist a growing population of adults seeking a post-secondary education. When a need for quality teachers arose in the mid-1980s, Wilson opened its highly regarded Teacher Certification Program, enabling students with bachelor’s degrees to become certified to teach. In 1996, the College was one of the first in the nation to offer an on-campus residential educational experience for single mothers with children. This program, now known as Single Parent Scholars, along with the rest of the College, became fully coeducational by a vote of the Board of Trustees to admit men to the undergraduate residential program in 2013.



In the early 2000s, Wilson again broadened its educational opportunities to include graduate-level degrees in Education. Since then, a total of nine master's programs have been launched, including Master of Humanities, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Applied Leadership, and Master of Science in Nursing.

Today, faculty and staff collaboratively work together to meet the needs and dreams of students. Whether its providing day, evening, in person, online, or experiential learning opportunities, to competing in one of 11 athletic teams, to finding their passion through campus life and club activities, today's Wilson students experience the academic rigor demanded of a quality education, the personalized attention they need to succeed, and the opportunity to grow and become their best selves.

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**MAX McDOWELL '23**  
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**HANNAH A. MIDDAUGH '21**  
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**JOHNSON O. OGUNBISI '22**  
*Hagerstown, Md.*

**KELLY SHANK '23**  
*Waynesboro, Pa.*

**STEPHANIE WILSON '02, '07, M '21**  
*Chambersburg, Pa.*

## THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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### PRELUDE

Various musical selections

Keith Smith, *trombone*

Fred Gleason, *trombone*

John Pursell, *trumpet*

Whitney Blickenstaff, *trumpet*

William Wilson, *tuba*

### PROCESSIONAL\*

*Fugue in G minor* ..... Johann Sebastian Bach, Arr. By Caleb Hudson

*Prelude to Te Deum* ..... Marc-Antoine Charpentier

### ACADEMIC PROCESSION\*

Marshals

Deb Austin, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and College Marshal*

Dana Harriger, Ph.D., *Professor of Biology and Faculty Marshal*

Larry Shillock, Ph.D., *Professor of English and Faculty Marshal*

Cynthia Fink Barber '73, *Blue and Silver Line*

Delegates from Learned Societies and Professional Associations

Delegates from Colleges and Universities

The Faculty

The Administration

The Board of Trustees, Trustees Emeriti, and Former Presidents

The President's Party

The President

### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Hillarie Flood, *Mistress of Ceremonies and Member, Wilson College Board of Trustees*



## INVOCATION\*

Rev. Derek Wadlington, *College Chaplain and Director, Curran Bonner Leader Program*

## INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, FAMILY, AND SPECIAL GUESTS

## READING

Poem for the Inauguration of Wesley R. Fugate, Ph.D. — May 17, 2021

Matthew McBride, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Practice*

And so you've escaped Prestonsburg  
for Chambersburg,  
another town at the trough  
of a low wave of mountains.  
I can imagine the comfort  
the Jenny Wiley gave you;  
the rustle of everyone clapping  
after a show under the sky's  
infinite ceiling.  
The stage's façade painted to look like  
what someone in Kentucky  
thought Greek columns and entablature  
looked like.  
In a town where it was hard to move  
past stranger,  
the choir, too, must have been a comfort.  
Was it like faith to feel the sum of  
the voices  
as more than itself?

Perhaps it felt like the day  
the president of Centre College told you  
you could have his job  
as the bourbon-bright sun spilled  
over everything.  
And now we're here today,  
and now you cross the proscenium line  
to the apron of a new stage.  
Wes, we are filling in  
even though there are still empty chairs.  
Wes, these tickets cost a fortune,  
but we pay gladly.  
There is that type of quiet  
that comes before every communal song.  
And Wes, we could use a good song right  
about now.  
Sing us something.  
Something that will make us feel  
like everything is coming up daisies.

# THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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## **GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT**

### ***Associations of Higher Learning***

Barbara K. Mistick, D.M., *President, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and 19th President of Wilson College*

### ***Institutions of Higher Learning***

Hillary L. Link, Ph.D., *President, Allegheny College*

### ***The Community***

Alice C. Elia, *President, Town Council, First Ward, Borough of Chambersburg*

### ***The Alumnae and Alumni***

Lynne DiStasio '74, *President, Alumnae Association of Wilson College*

### ***The Students***

Matthew Wilson '23, *President, Wilson College Student Government Association*

### ***The Faculty***

Jill Hummer, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Political Science and Chair, Faculty Senate*

### ***The Staff***

Linda Boeckman, *Director, Career Development and Chair, Wilson Connect*

## **INVESTITURE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Barbara L. Tenney, M.D., *Chair, Wilson College Board of Trustees*

James A. Orsini, D.V.M., *Vice Chair, Wilson College Board of Trustees*

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT**

Bradley W. Bateman, Ph.D., *President, Randolph College*

## **INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

“Wisdom. Honor. Justice. A Foundation for the Future.”

Wesley R. Fugate, Ph.D., *President*

## **ALMA MATER\***

Text: Barbara Peifer, Class of 1921, and Virginia Mayer Zacharias, Class of 1920

Performed by:

Ronda Ranalli, *Assistant to the Vice*

*President of Academic Affairs/*

*Dean of the Faculty*

Rose Runyan '23, *Biology Major*

Elisabeth Turchi, *Wilson College*

*Choir Director*

Judy Young '63, *Member, Wilson College*

*Board of Trustees*

'Mid a group of pines and maples,  
Near a gently flowing stream,  
Rests our lovely college campus,  
What a peaceful spot it seems!  
In the beauty of the morning,  
There's a sweetness unsurpassed;  
When the twilight shadows deepen,  
There's a peace until the last.

Wilson how we love to hear it,  
More and more throughout the years;  
'Tis a balm for ev'ry sorrow,  
It will banish all our tears,

**CHORAL BENEDICTION\***

*Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Composer: Peter C. Lutkin

Performed by:

Dana Harriger, Ph.D., *Professor of Biology  
and Faculty Marshal*

Ronda Ranalli, *Assistant to the Vice  
President of Academic Affairs/  
Dean of the Faculty*

Rose Runyan '23, *Biology Major*

To her dear departed daughters,  
'Tis a magic as of yore,  
And within our mem'ries glowing,  
It will dwell forever more.

For there is no place like Wilson  
Though we search o'er land and sea;  
She is small but she is mighty  
And she's wonderful to me,  
For her name is Alma Mater,  
And we'll ever stand as one,  
Firmly pledged to love and honor,  
Till the sands of life are run.

Elisabeth Turchi, *Wilson College  
Choir Director*

Rev. Derek Wadlington, *College Chaplain  
and Director, Curran Bonner  
Leader Program*

Judy Young '63, *Member, Wilson College  
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**RECESSIONAL\***

*Rigaudon* ..... Andre Campra

*\*Audience standing*

## THE COLLEGE SYMBOLS

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The pageantry of the academic procession dates from ancient traditions rooted in early universities.

### **MACE**

Symbolic of authority, the college mace, is carried by a senior member of faculty serving as the College Marshal on ceremonial occasions throughout the academic year. Carrying a mace is an academic tradition that originated in the 16th century when the first royal mace was presented to Oxford University in 1589 by Queen Elizabeth I. Wilson College commencement ceremonies often include one college marshal and two faculty marshals, who are responsible for the orderly movement of participants throughout the proceedings, including the procession and recession. All marshals carry a mace. Two are pewter, and one is constructed from wood. All include the College Seal in their overall design.

### **PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE**

Chains of office, also known as collars, were used as badges of office in the Middle Ages. Today, they are custom-designed metal necklaces worn by presidents of colleges and universities during academic ceremonies as part of their regalia. The Wilson College Presidential Chain of Office is bestowed upon each College President at an official inauguration ceremony and is worn by the president on all occasions that require the wearing of academic regalia. It is a permanent insignia of office, that office's authority, and is passed down to each succeeding president of the College.

The Wilson College Presidential Chain of Office is cast in silver and consists of a 1.5-inch-wide chain comprised of links. Each link is inscribed with the name of a past permanent president and their years of service. President Fugate's link sits at the bottom center. His link is flanked by links with the names and years of service of President Barbara K. Mistick and President Lorna Duphiney Edmundson — the two permanent presidents who immediately preceded Dr. Fugate. From President Fugate's link hangs a medallion depicting the official College Seal. The seal is approximately 3.5-inches by 4-inches in size. The Chain of Office also includes four two-inch medallions that are ringed in light blue and depict a pine tree branch





and pinecones. Four silver etched maple leaves, approximately two inches in circumference, complete the chain. The light blue color is a nod to Wilson alumnae and alumni, as is the reference to pine and maple trees. You will find pines and maples referenced throughout Wilson College traditions, including the lyrics of our Alma Mater.

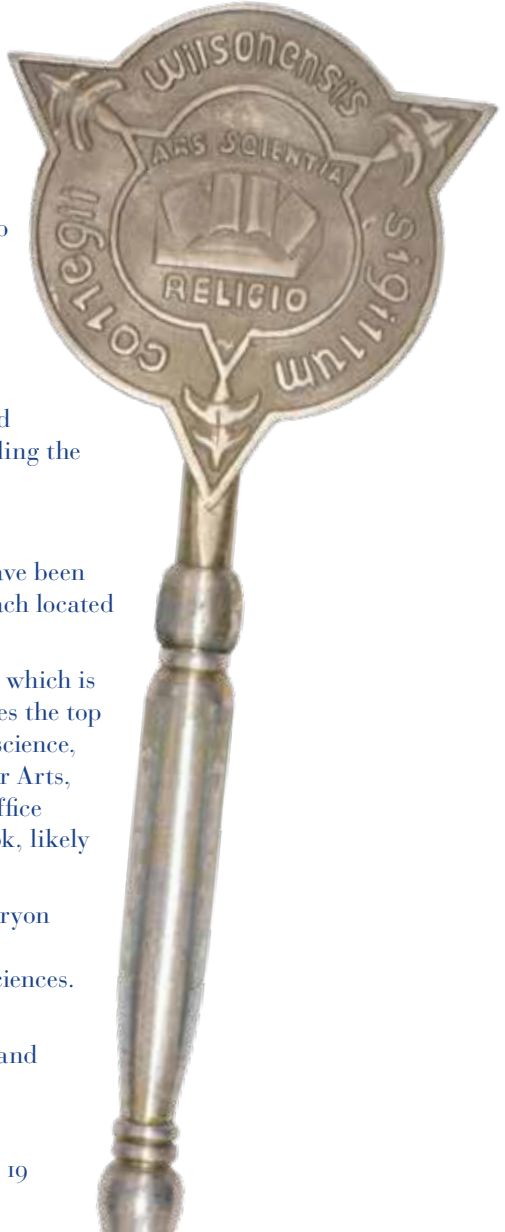
### THE COLLEGE SEAL

According to college archives, the College Seal appears to have been adopted in 1873. Its shape resembles a trefoil with three points, each located at the intersection of the curved sides.

The outer border of the seal includes Collegii Wilsonensis Sigillum, which is “Seal of Wilson College” in Latin. The center of the emblem features the top portion of a lectern with three books to represent the study of art, science, and religion surrounded by the inscription *Ars Scientia et Religio* or Arts, Sciences, and Religion. The seal on the Presidential Chain of Office contains an S heading on the opposing pages of the opened book, likely meaning “Sacred Scriptures.”

The seal depicts the ideals of the College’s founders, Reverends Tryon Edwards and James W. Wightman, to provide students with the opportunity to pursue a rigorous study of the liberal arts and sciences.

Today, the College Seal is reserved for official academic affairs, such as Convocation and Commencement, as well as initiatives and communications from the College President.



## THE WEARING OF ACADEMIC APPAREL

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The wearing of academic apparel has been the traditional way of symbolizing the value of learning. It is thought that monasteries and cathedral schools in the seventh century were the precursors of our modern institutions of higher education, where robed and cowed monks were the first students. The wearing of gowns can be traced back to the great universities of Oxford and Cambridge, where the wearing of gown and cowl of the earlier cathedral school clerics was preserved as academic dress.



Originally, the hood was a head covering, known as the monk's tippet, and was worn by holders of either a master's or a doctoral degree. When caps came into fashion during the 15th century, the hoods were draped down the back and ornamented with rich silk or velvet linings and edgings.

In the United States, the practice of wearing academic dress has been continuous since colonial times. However, a uniform system of apparel was not widespread until 1895, when the well-defined code of the Intercollegiate Commission was adopted by nearly all institutions of higher learning.

The modern-day academic gown symbolizes the democracy of scholarship because it covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. Gowns worn by those in the procession vary according to degree held. Although the gown is more frequently black for academic degrees, some universities have authorized the use of colored gowns, typically made in the colors of the institution.

The simple, unadorned black academic gown for bachelor's degrees has short or regular sleeves; the gown for master's degrees is usually made of either silk or wool and has pointed sleeves. Holders of the doctorate wear full robes,

made of either silk or wool, faced in front with velvet with full bell-shaped sleeves that are adorned by three velvet stripes.

The president of Wilson College wears unique regalia, made of wool, specific to the office. Her or his gown is “Wilson blue” with full, bell-shaped sleeves that are adorned with four black velvet stripes. The gown is also faced in black velvet. The velvet on the sleeves and the front of the gown is edged with white cording. To further represent the Office of the President and the institution, the College Seal is embroidered in white thread on both the left and right velvet panels on the front of the gown. The coordinating hood is lined with “Wilson blue” and silver silk.

The academic cap is usually square, made of the same material as the gown, and most often black in color. Mortarboards are generally recommended. The standard tassel is black; however, some institutions have the tassel color denote the degree discipline. The doctorate cap may have a gold tassel. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred.

Hoods are the most distinctive feature of the American regalia code. They vary in length according to the type of degree held and are lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. The linings in hoods conferred by Wilson College are blue and silver. The distinctive colors on the velvet binding of the hood indicate the departments or faculty in which the degree is granted. Associate degree hoods do not have the velvet trim.

Following is a list of the colors established by the intercollegiate code to represent the different departments of learning:

Arts and Letters.....	White	Music .....	Pink
Business Administration .....	Gold	Philosophy .....	Blue
Economics .....	Copper	Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Education .....	Light Blue	Science.....	Yellow
Fine Arts.....	Brown	Social Science .....	Citron
Law .....	Purple	Theology/Divinity .....	Scarlett
Library Science .....	Lemon		



## MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

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**Bradley W. Bateman**, Ph.D., of Lynchburg, Va., became the 10th president of Randolph College in 2013. He is a passionate advocate for the liberal arts, having previously served as the provost and executive vice president at Denison University and an associate dean and the Gertrude B. Austin Chair of Prairie Studies and the Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs, International Relations, and Human Rights at Grinnell College.

**Linda Boeckman** of Chambersburg, Pa., is director of Career Development at Wilson College. She also serves as chair of Wilson Connect, a staff communication and advisory group. Linda has been with Wilson College for six years.

**Lynne DiStasio '74** of Massapequa, N.Y., is president of the Alumnae Association of Wilson College and a member of the Wilson College Board of Trustees. She serves as vice chair of the Audit Committee and is a retired attorney. This is her sixth year of service on the board.

**Alice C. Elia** of Chambersburg, Pa., is president, Town Council, Borough of Chambersburg representing the First Ward. Alice was elected to this position in January 2020. When not leading her community, Alice works as the senior director of development for the Franklin County Library System.

**Hillarie Flood**, of McLean, Va., is in the second year of her first term as a member of the Wilson College Board of Trustees and serves as vice chair of the Student Experience Committee. She is also Vice President, Strategic Growth with Booz Allen Hamilton.

**Jill Hummer**, Ph.D., of Winchester, Va., is associate professor of Political Science at Wilson College and serves as chair of Wilson's Faculty Senate. Her research focuses on women and the presidency and American first ladies. Her teaching interests include American political institutions, law and courts, and women in politics. Jill received a doctorate in government from the University of Virginia and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Allegheny College.

**Hillary L. Link**, Ph.D., of Meadville, Pa., is president of Allegheny College and has more than 20 years of experience across a broad range of institutions of higher education. Prior to joining Allegheny in 2019, Dr. Link taught at Temple University Rome, Barnard College, New York University, Columbia University, and Yale University. She is a graduate of Stanford University and earned her master's and doctorate from Yale University in Italian language and literature.



**Matthew McBride**, Ph.D., of Chambersburg, Pa., is an assistant professor of interdisciplinary practice at Wilson College. He is the recipient of a Divine Poetry Fellowship and a George Elliston Poetry Fellowship as well as an Ohio Arts Council Grant. His first book, “City of Incandescent Light,” was published by Black Lawrence Press in 2018.

**Barbara K. Mistick**, D.M., of Washington, D.C., is president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. She served as the 19th president of Wilson College from 2011-2019. Dr. Mistick is a graduate of Carlow College. She earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and holds a doctorate in management from Case Western Reserve University.

**Barbara L. Tenney**, M.D., of Milton, De., is a proud “Odd,” having graduated from Wilson College in 1967. By doing so, Dr. Tenney continued her family tradition of seeking a Wilson education. Her mother, Lida Baldrige Tenney, graduated in 1932, and her aunt, Lucille Baldrige Ralston, in 1938. She attained her medical degree from The Jefferson Medical School then taught future practitioners from 1975-1997. With 19 years of service to the College, Dr. Tenney is currently fulfilling her second stint as chair of the Board of Trustees.

**James A. Orsini**, D.V.M., of Unionville, Pa., is vice chair of the Wilson College Board of Trustees. He is currently concluding his second three-year term on the board, is chair of the External Relations Committee and vice chair of the Committee on Trusteeship/Governance. Dr. Orsini is an associate professor of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

**Rev. Derek Wadlington** of Harrisburg, Pa., is college chaplain and director, Curran Bonner Leader Program at Wilson College. He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from The Ohio State University in Theatrical Lighting Design as well as a Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary. Rev. Derek has served at Wilson College four years.

**Matthew Wilson '23** of Hagerstown, Md., is the president of the Wilson College Government Association. He is majoring in history and political science with a certification in secondary education. He is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, is a Phoenix Leader, and president of the Class of 2023.

## ABOUT THE MUSICAL SELECTIONS

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The musical pieces included in today's ceremony were intentionally selected to pay homage to aspects of Dr. Fugate's personal history.

Bach's *Fugue in G minor* was the first piece of music he studied during his Humanities 101 course at Centre College. It also served as the recessional for his undergraduate Commencement at Centre.

Charpentier's *Prelude to Te Deum* and Campra's *Rigaudon* pay tribute to Dr. Fugate's nearly nine years of service to Randolph College in Lynchburg, Va. *Prelude to Te Deum* was used as the processional piece for his mentor Dr. Bradley W. Bateman's inauguration at Randolph. *Rigaudon* served as the processional piece for Randolph College's graduating seniors during Commencement. And, in a nod to President Fugate's strong relationship with students, *Rigaudon* is a reminder that student success should always remain the north star for Wilson College.

Lutkin's *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* was the official anthem of Dr. Fugate's high school choir and was also the chorale benediction for his collegiate baccalaureate service.

*Many thanks to the staff of Cumberland Valley School of Music in Chambersburg, Pa. for their assistance in coordinating musicians for today's festivities.*

## DELEGATES FROM LEARNED SOCIETIES AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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*as of May 7, 2021*

1974 National Association of Independent  
Colleges and Universities  
Barbara K. Mistick, President

1995 Association of Independent Colleges  
and Universities of Pennsylvania  
Thomas P. Foley, President

## DELEGATES FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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*as of May 7, 2021*

1740 University of Pennsylvania  
James A. Orsini, Alumnus

1815 Allegheny College  
Hillary L. Link, President

1764 Brown University  
Hillarie Flood, Alumna

1819 Centre College  
Bryan Rich, Alumnus

1785 University of Georgia  
Cody Ward, Alumnus

1819 University of Virginia  
William P. Kiehl, Alumnus

1787 Franklin and Marshall College  
A. Richard Kneedler,  
President Emeritus

1824 The Jefferson Medical School  
Barbara L. Tenney, Alumna

1812 Union Presbyterian Seminary  
David True, Alumnus

1834 Tulane University  
Brad Engle, Alumnus

1836 Emory University  
Lynne DiStasio, Alumna

## DELEGATES FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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*as of May 7, 2021*

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| 1842 Villanova University<br>Lisbeth Luka, Alumna   | 1871 Shippensburg University<br>Tom Ormond, Provost and<br>Vice President, Academic Affairs |
| 1853 University of Florida<br>Russ McCutcheon, Alumna   | 1873 University of Kentucky<br>Katherine L. Fugate, Alumna                                  |
| 1853 Washington University in St. Louis<br>Melanie Gregg, Alumna  | 1873 Vanderbilt University<br>Leslie A. Fugate, Alumnus                                     |
| 1850 University of Utah<br>Mario Cappechi,<br>Distinguished Professor                                       | 1875 Shenandoah University<br>Tracy Fitzsimmons, President                                  |
| 1851 University of Minnesota<br>Larry Shillock, Alumnus   | 1876 Juniata College<br>Lauren Bowen, Provost   |
| 1855 The College of New Jersey<br>Heather M. Fehn, Chief of Staff and<br>Secretary to the Board of Trustees | 1881 University of Connecticut<br>Steven Schmidt, Alumnus                                   |
| 1855 Pennsylvania State University<br>Julie Beck, Alumna  | 1915 Marywood University<br>Sister Mary Persico, President                                  |
| 1858 Susquehanna University<br>Jonathan Green, President  | 1948 St. John Fisher College<br>Michael Cornelius, Alumnus                                  |
| 1862 Widner University<br>Joseph Cunningham, Alumnus  | 1964 Harrisburg Area Community College<br>John J. Sygielski, President                      |
| 1869 Chatham College<br>Robin Bernstein, Alumna   | 1967 Wright State University<br>Dana Harriger, Alumna                                       |
| 1870 The Ohio State University<br>Bonnie Rock-McCutcheon, Alumna  |   |

## GREETINGS AND CITATIONS

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*as of May 7, 2021*

Albright College  
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Allegheny College  
Hillary L. Link, President

Carson-Newman University  
Charles A. Fowler, President

Centre College  
Milton C. Moreland, President

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John A. Roush, President Emeritus

Duquesne University  
Kenneth G. Gormley, President

Emmanuel College  
Sister Janet Eisner, President

Flagler College  
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Georgetown College  
William A. Jones, President

Grinnell College  
Anne E. Harris, President

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Indiana Institute of Technology  
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