



Matthew P. vandenBerg

17th
President

THE INAUGURATION OF
Matthew P. vandenBerg

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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AS SEVENTEENTH PRESIDENT OF
OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024
10 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

GRAY CHAPEL, UNIVERSITY HALL
OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE, OHIO





Nick Calio '75

Chair, Ohio Wesleyan University Board of Trustees

PRESIDING

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Gloria

By Paul Bassler

Performed by the **Choral Arts Society**

Conducted by **Jason A. Hiester, D.M.A.**, *Associate Professor of Music*

CONVENING OF THE EVENT

INVOCATION

(Please stand if able)

Myron McCoy '77, D.Min.

*Other Conferences of the United Methodist Church,
Ohio Wesleyan University Board of Trustees*

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Kara Trott '83

*Vice Chair, Ohio Wesleyan University Board of Trustees
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GREETINGS AND REFLECTIONS

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Miss Ohio 2024

FROM THE COMMUNITY

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Video Greetings

Mike DeWine

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INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF MEDALLION

Nick Calio '75

Chair, Ohio Wesleyan University Board of Trustees

Assisted by President vandenBerg's wife, **Melissa**, and their children,
Jackson and Sylvia vandenBerg

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Andrew D. Pomerville, D.Min.

President, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Matthew P. vandenBerg, Ed.D., CFRE

President, Ohio Wesleyan University

BENEDICTION

Chad Johns '02, D.Min.

University Chaplain, Director of Spring Break Service Week

ALMA MATER

(Please stand if able. Words are on the back cover.)

ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

*(Audience, please remain quietly seated until the conclusion of the recessional.
Ushers will dismiss you by row).*

Toccata

By Charles Marie-Widor

Performed by **James Hildreth**, *Instructor of Organ*

*Immediately following the Inauguration Ceremony,
everyone is invited to the Inaugural Luncheon Celebration on the JAYwalk,
in front of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.*



ABOUT PRESIDENT VANDENBERG

Ohio Wesleyan University's 17th president, Matt vandenBerg, Ed.D., CFRE, took office July 1, 2023, with a determination to “build mightily on OWU’s rich history and pursue unprecedented heights with confidence, boldness, innovation, joy, vigor, and good humor.”

vandenBerg came to Ohio Wesleyan from Presbyterian College in South Carolina, where he helped the liberal arts school define and distinguish itself in the higher education landscape. His many achievements there included:

- Leading the college through an intensive and inclusive process to identify a distinctive new market position as “America’s Innovative Service College” and launching a strategic plan, with unanimous Board of Trustees’ approval, to support the position.
- Establishing a flex plan that provides a pathway for students to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in select majors in three years; building a new Division of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, including an endowed vice presidency.
- Creating partnerships with an area technical school and high school to create South Carolina’s first 2+2 bachelor’s degree in education.
- Building partnerships with the community to drive economic development, cultural enrichment, and student engagement.

- Leading the most productive fundraising year in the college's history (from \$9.9 million to \$18.3 million) in his first full fiscal year.
- Securing the largest individual gift in the college's history (\$5 million) and several other seven-figure commitments.

Before joining Presbyterian, he served as the vice president for advancement and external relations and as the vice president for advancement at Alma College in Michigan, where he designed and managed a campaign that raised a record \$125 million on an initial goal of \$40 million, led the five most productive fundraising years in the college's history, and received 14 awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in four years. He also has served as the associate vice president for development at Albion College in Michigan and as the assistant dean for development and alumni relations at the Indiana University School of Informatics and Computing (Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses).

vandenBerg holds a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Public Affairs with concentrations in nonprofit management and public policy analysis from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and a Bachelor of Arts with a political science major and Spanish minor from Alma College in Michigan, where he graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

He also holds a Certificate in the Principles and Techniques of Fundraising from Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). In 2020-2021, he was selected as one of 35 cabinet officers from across the country to participate in the American Academic Leadership Institute's Executive Leadership Academy, a yearlong senior leadership development program. vandenBerg also holds certificates for completing both Harvard University's Seminar for New Presidents and Peking University's Higher Education in China program.

Matt vandenBerg and his wife, Melissa, have a son, Jackson, and a daughter, Sylvia.



THE UNIVERSITY SEAL OF OFFICE AND ORIGINAL HANDBELL



The Seal of Office, worn by President vandenBerg, was designed by Mr. Reveley G. Beattie, a former trustee and a member of the jewelry firm that made it, H.W. Beattie & Sons of Cleveland. The Seal of Office was designed for the 1959 Inauguration of OWU President David Lockmiller. The seal symbolizes administrative responsibility and is suspended from a chain, the links of which are copied from a chain-mail surplice. A laurel wreath, ancient symbol of a chief executive, surrounds the replica of the official seal of the University, and is quartered by keystrokes representing the broad divisions of a liberal arts education. Two medallions are set in the chain above the presidential seal, one of which carries a replica of the tower of University Hall, surrounded by the motto: "Christ the Chief Cornerstone." The other seal is a reproduction of the globe with the inscription: "Serving All Mankind Worldwide."

Reveley Beattie was a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Class of 1918, and fought in World War I. Reveley and his wife, Lucile Bolles Beattie, Class of 1919, had three daughters, who all attended Ohio Wesleyan: Gertrude Beattie Mayne '47, Gretchen Beattie Swartwout '49, and Beth Beattie Brumback '52.

The University Handbell first was used in 1842 to call classes to order. It was presented to the University in 1941 by Nicolas Jones, the grandson of the original owner, on the 100th anniversary of Founder's Day. It is used to conclude the University's Commencement ceremonies and as part of the opening Convocation in August.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Faculty marshal for today's Academic Procession is **Brad Trees, Ph.D.**,
Richardson-Linebaugh & Libuse L. Reed Professor of Physics & Astronomy

NOTES ON ACADEMIC DRESS

The history of academic dress dates back to the earliest days of our oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required all "Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors" of the University of Coimbra to wear gowns. In England, during the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade "excess in apparel" and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. It is still a question whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or civilian dress. Gowns may have been considered necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings used by medieval scholars. Hoods may have served to cover the tonsured head until superseded for that purpose by the skull cap. The cap was displaced by a headdress similar to ones now recognized as "academic."

European institutions continue to show great diversity in their specifications of academic dress. However, when American colleges and universities desired to adopt a system of academic apparel more than half a century ago, they worked out a system that all might follow. The code for academic costumes now in effect was approved by the Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies appointed by the American Council on Education in 1959. The following information was taken from that Code.

GOWNS

The gown for the bachelor's degrees has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, with the sleeve base hanging down in the traditional manner. The rear part of the sleeve's oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. It may be worn open or closed. Bachelor's and master's gowns have no trimming, but the doctor's may be faced on the front with black or covered velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. If color is used, it is the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains, and it matches the edging or binding of the hood. For all academic purposes, including trimming of doctors' gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with different subjects are as follows:

Agriculture-Maize	Veterinary Science-Gray
Arts, Letters, Humanities-White	Library Science-Lemon
Commerce, Accountancy, Business-Drab	Medicine-Green
Dentistry-Lilac	Music-Pink
Economics-Copper	Nursing-Apricot
Education-Light Blue	Oratory (Speech)-Silver Gray
Engineering-Orange	Pharmacy-Olive Green
Fine Arts-Brown	Philosophy-Dark Blue
Forestry-Russet	Physical Education-Sage Green
Journalism-Crimson	Public Administration-Peacock Blue
Law-Purple	Public Health-Salmon Pink
Social Work-Citron	Science-Golden Yellow
Theology-Scarlet	

HOODS

Hoods are lined with the official color or color of the college or university conferring the degree. The binding or edging of the hood is a color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains.

CAPS

Mortarboards are generally worn as part of the academic costume. The long tassel fastened to the middle point of the cap's top is either black or the color appropriate to the subject. It is customary for degree candidates to wear the tassel on the right side before degrees are conferred and to shift them to the left when the degrees are awarded. The custom is in some respects a substitute for the individual hooding.

ABOUT OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Ohio Wesleyan University was established with community support in 1842, when the Rev. Adam Poe, pastor of Delaware's William Street Church, encouraged the citizens of Delaware to raise funds to purchase a building and establish a university "of the highest order" in central Ohio.

Ohio Wesleyan's charter provides that "the University is forever to be conducted on the most liberal principles, accessible to all religious denominations, and designed for the benefit of our citizens in general." Its motto, "In lumine tuo videbimus lumen," proudly proclaims, "In thy light we shall see light."

In the spirit of this heritage, the Ohio Wesleyan community of teachers and students is devoted to the free pursuit of truth. The University develops in its students qualities of intellect and character that will be useful no matter what they choose to do in later life.

Today, Ohio Wesleyan provides powerful 21st-century learning and teaching through a new general education program, enhanced academic programs, a dynamic faculty recruitment and retention initiative, and an innovative and holistic commitment to student formation and learning. The University's signature program, the OWU Connection, helps propel students into successful futures by teaching them to think big, do good, go global, and get real experience in areas of interest.

Ohio Wesleyan confers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and Bachelor of Science degrees, and in partnership with a number of select institutions, offers combined-degree programs in fields such as nursing, engineering, and occupational therapy. Degrees are offered through 19 academic departments, 70 majors, and 11 interdisciplinary and pre-professional programs.

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On-campus wifi access is available to Inauguration guests using BishopGuest, username: wifiguest, and password: **welcome2owu**.

Public safety officers and credentialed event staff are on the grounds to answer your questions and assist you with directions.

Lost-and-found inquiries should be directed to any public safety officer.

Restrooms are located on the ground floor of University Hall.

If Gray Chapel seating is at capacity, you may also view the Inauguration simulcast live in Milligan Room (Slocum Hall, 1st Floor) and Reading Room (Slocum Hall, 2nd Floor).

Video of the ceremony also is being streamed to the Web and will be archived there to allow the OWU community to share this special day with those who are not able to attend. owu.edu/inauguration

In observance of the formality of this occasion, please turn off all cell phones or silence the ringers prior to the beginning of the ceremony.

For our guests with hearing impairment or who experience attention/concentration-related barriers, live captions of the Inauguration ceremony will be viewable using any personal Internet-connected device (i.e. mobile phone, tablet, laptop) accessible at owu.edu/inauguration-captions.





ALMA MATER

Ohio Wesleyan! Sweetly and strong,
Rises our hymn of praise for thee alone;
Heaven re-echoes it, loud let it ring,
Ohio Wesleyan! Loyal hearts sing.

Ohio Wesleyan! Proud is thy crown.
Rarest of laurels e'er Vict'ry has known;
Noblest achievements have hallowed thy name,
Ohio Wesleyan! Deathless thy fame.