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THE INAUGURATION OF

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*Dr. Lauren B. Schellenberger*

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TWENTY-EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE

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DOUGLAS B. PALMER (2020-2023)  
LAUREN B. SCHELLENBERGER (2023-PRESENT)

# PROCESSION OF EVENTS

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## *Prelude*

"Ecstatic Fanfare" (2012), Steven Bryant (b. 1972)  
Culver-Stockton Wind Ensemble,  
Dr. Trent A. Hollinger, Professor of Music

## *Academic Procession*

*(Please rise for the Academic Procession and remain standing through the Invocation.)*

John Ford Highland Pipe Band, "Scotland the Brave"  
Marshals of Culver-Stockton College  
Platform Party  
Board of Trustees  
Visiting Delegates  
Faculty and Staff

## *Invocation*

The Reverend Dr. Mandy Tarpening '99, Chaplain

## *Welcome*

H.B. Turner '79, Chairman of the Culver-Stockton College  
Board of Trustees

## *Greetings*

Dr. Kim Gaither '79, Provost and  
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Finance

## *From the Church*

The Reverend Dr. Tamara Nichols Rodenberg,  
President of Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## *From the Community*

Sharon Upchurch, Mayor of Canton, Missouri, and  
Culver-Stockton College Librarian Emerita

## *From Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences*

Dr. Brenda Beshears, President/CEO

## *From the Alumni*

Steve Oslica '80, President of the Culver-Stockton College Alumni Board

*From the Students*

Hailey Laurich, Class of 2025,  
President of the Student Government Association

*From the Staff*

Robert W. Carmichael, Head Athletic Trainer and  
Senior Lecturer in Athletic Training

*From the Faculty*

Dr. Mohamed El-Bermawy, Professor of Chemistry and Biology

*Choir Performance*

"To Love Our God," Mark Hayes  
Directed by Dr. Dennis McIntire, Choral Director  
Piano Accompaniment by  
Dr. Dylan Marney, Associate Professor of Music

*Presentation of the Presidential Medallion*

H.B. Turner '79, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

*Remarks by the President*

Dr. Lauren B. Schellenberger

*Alma Mater*

(Please rise and remain standing through the Benediction)

"Hail Culver-Stockton," William Spenser Johnson  
Orchestration by Dr. Trent A. Hollinger,  
led by Cassandra Williams, Class of 2024, Soprano,  
Culver-Stockton Wind Ensemble, Culver-Stockton Concert Choir,  
Dr. Trent A. Hollinger, Professor of Music

*Benediction*

The Reverend Mandy Gosik '05, Senior Minister,  
Canton Christian Church

*Recessional*

"Ecstatic Fanfare" (2012), Steven Bryant (b. 1972)  
Culver-Stockton Wind Ensemble,  
Dr. Trent A. Hollinger, Professor of Music

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE CULVER-STOCKTON  
COMMUNITY, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR  
PRESENCE ON CAMPUS TO CELEBRATE THE INAUGURATION OF OUR  
TWENTY-EIGHTH PRESIDENT.

# Hail, Culver-Stockton

Lyrics by W. Eben Schultz

William Spencer Johnson

Orch. by Trent A. Hollinger

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

Hail Cul - ver Stock - ton mo - ther of the age - less  
So shall we read the glo - ry thou hast giv - en

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Spi - rit of hope with in thy hal - low'd past.  
Fol - low thy star that shines from sea to sea.

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Proud - ly we take the tor - ches from thy tem - ple  
And through the years shall we our ser - vice ren - der

13  
bear - ing the truth that shall for - ev - er last.  
al - ways to God, A - mer - i - ca and thee.

In addition to the United States of America, our students come from 24 different countries. Several of our international students are representing their countries today by carrying the flag of their nation.

Argentina, Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Germany, Great Britain, Guam, Honduras, India, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Venezuela

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## DR. LAUREN B. SCHELLENBERGER

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TWENTY-EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF  
CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE



Dr. Lauren B. Schellenberger is the 28th president of Culver-Stockton College. She earned her Ph.D. and Master of Science degrees from Purdue University as well as a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois. A native of Ashland, Illinois, Lauren developed a passion for science, agriculture, and higher education, which led her to pursue a career in college teaching.

Her journey at C-SC began in 2008, when she accepted the role of assistant professor of biology. Lauren soon became the Chair of the Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences and later became the Chair of the Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences Division. While earning tenure and promotions in her faculty role, she made a significant impact on study abroad programs at the College by leading over a dozen travel study courses to domestic and international locations.

In 2018, she was appointed as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, and in 2021, she became the College's first Provost. In July 2023, she was named as the 28th president of Culver-Stockton College following a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees.

In addition to her work at Culver-Stockton College, Lauren has served as a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission and is a past officer of the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. Beyond her experience in higher education, she has consulted for companies including BASF and Bayer. She is married to Steve Schellenberger, and together they have two children, Samuel and Henry.

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The mission of Culver-Stockton College is to prepare students of promise for a dynamic world through our distinctive experiential curriculum within a supportive learning community founded upon the best values of faith and the human spirit.

# TRADITIONS, SYMBOLS AND ACADEMIC REGALIA AT CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE

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The academic costume worn today represents a tradition dating back to the Middle Ages. At that time, such costume was a common form of dress and was retained by the clergy even after lay institutions adopted more modern styles.

The code regulating academic costume in the United States today is administered by an intercollegiate commission that established uniform standards. The usual color for U.S. standard academic gowns is black, although Yale graduates may wear Yale blue, and Harvard's highest degree recipients are authorized to wear crimson, with the European standards being distinctively different. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The master's gown was originally open with the forearms protruding through slits in the elbows of the sleeves. Alternate sleeve forms and closed front may be seen in today's procession. The doctor's gown is distinguished by velvet lapel facings and sleeve bars that are usually black, but may also represent the official colors of the wearer's discipline or department of learning.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of the American tradition. Lined in satin in the academic color of the institution conferring the degree, the color of the hood border indicates the nature of the degree earned: arts, letters and humanities - white; business - light brown; physical education - sage green; library science - lemon yellow; journalism - crimson; music - pink; philosophy - dark blue; science - golden yellow; theology - scarlet. Holders of multiple degrees generally wear regalia representing their highest academic achievement.

The black mortarboard is worn for all degrees, although only doctor's caps or tams may be of velvet. Tassels may represent the wearer's discipline or field of study, but the gold tassel is reserved for doctors or presidents of institutions.

The Mace is carried by the president of the Student Government Association and is displayed on the platform at all such formal occasions. A symbol of the president's authority and leadership, the Culver-Stockton Mace was commissioned and donated to the College by Olga W. Bays, and the table it rests on was given by Mary Eunice McReynolds. The Presidential Medallion bestowed upon President Schellenberger was designed by the late Grant Kenner, Emeritus Professor of Art. Commissioned in 1973, the Medallion also symbolizes presidential authority.

The Cross Staff, carried by one of two faculty marshals, is unique to Culver-Stockton tradition and is an authentic replica of a medieval astronomical instrument. Representing one of the studies in the ancient Quadrivium (which together with the Trivium comprise the original seven liberal arts), the Cross Staff suggests the continuity of discipline and tradition from the origins of higher education through the present time.

Line-up within the academic procession is according to academic rank and length of service.