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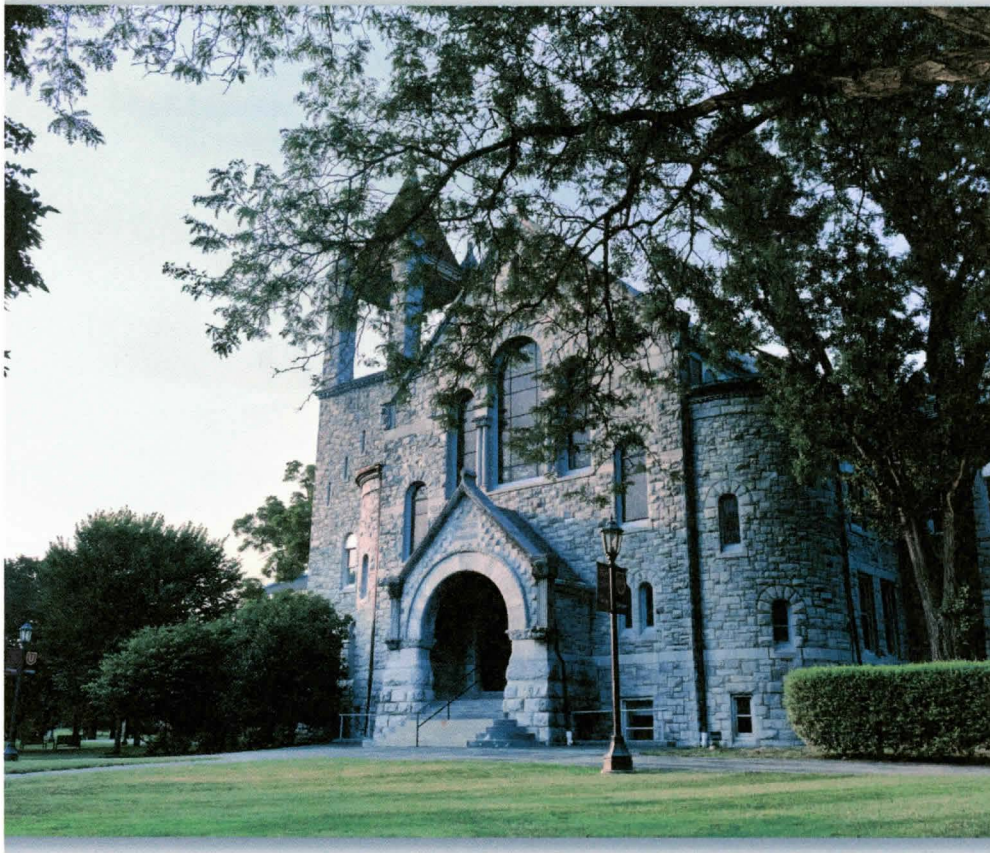


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# Convocation

Collegeville, Pennsylvania

August 25, 2023



## **INVOCATION**

Reverend Betty Wright-Riggins

*Chaplain and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life*

## **WELCOME REMARKS**

Robyn E. Hannigan

*President*

Benjamin Douglas '24

*Student Government Association President*

## **A SAMPLING OF THE URSINUS EXPERIENCE**

Escape Velocity Dance Troupe

Olivia Lesinski '26

*"Cruel Summer" by Taylor Swift*

B'Naturals A Capella

Madi Neiman '25, Sophie Wahl Taylor '24, Sadie Walker '25

*"Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)" by Eurythmics*

Chemistry Magic Show with Mark Ellison

*David Laucks Hain Professor of Chemistry*

## **FACULTY SPEECH**

Lynne Edwards '88

*Professor of Media & Communication Studies*

*2023 Jones Award Winner*

## **FIRST-YEAR ADVISING AWARD**

Katie O'Brien

*Director of the Institute for Student Success (ISS)*

## **REMARKS TO THE CLASS OF 2027**

Heather Lobban-Viravong

*Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College*

*Vice President for Inclusion & Community Engagement*

## **CLASS ADVISERS**

### **Class of 2027**

Domenick Scudera, Professor of Theater

### **Class of 2026**

Mark Ellison, David Laucks Hain Professor of Chemistry

### **Class of 2025**

Nicholas Scoville, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

### **Class of 2024**

Ryan Walvoord, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

## **FACULTY MARSHALS**

### **Ellen Dawley**

Professor of Biology

### **Robert Dawley**

Professor of Biology / Co-Director of the Parlee Center for Science and the Common Good

### **Del Engstrom**

Professor of Health and Exercise Physiology

### **Jon Volkmer**

Professor of English

## **QUEST QUESTIONS**

### **What should matter to me?**

Take a careful look at what really matters - to ourselves, to the communities we live in, and to the world at large - and make thoughtful decisions about our own principles.

### **How should we live together?**

Prepare ourselves to live more thoughtfully, with greater moral sensitivity, in a world of burgeoning complexity.

### **How can we understand the world?**

Reflect on the nature of knowledge and how it is communicated.

### **What will I do?**

Face decisions and shape our lives with the awareness and habits of thought that come from a solid foundation in reflection and inquiry.