Inauguration
of
Dr. Anne E. McCall
Thirteenth President of The College of Wooster
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023
An inspirational and values-driven administrator with a track record for building innovation through inclusive excellence, a dedicated teacher and mentor, and internationally recognized scholar of nineteenth-century French fiction and life writing, President Anne E. McCall is the thirteenth president of The College of Wooster.

President McCall has dedicated her career to the free pursuit of knowledge, excellence, and becoming more just and inclusive in academic communities. Prior to assuming her role at the College on July 1, 2023, McCall served as provost and senior vice president of academic affairs at Xavier University of Louisiana. Under her leadership, XULA secured high-profile grant awards, increased its pipeline and programmatic partnerships, founded the Ochsner-Xavier Institute of Health Equity and Research, and started the Center for Equity, Justice, and the Human Spirit. McCall supported the creation of new degree programs in areas of emerging knowledge, student interest, and professional opportunities. Before joining Xavier, McCall held dean positions at Binghamton University and the University of Denver. At Tulane University, McCall held a faculty position in French, directed the Women’s Studies program, and served as associate dean during the Hurricane Katrina recovery.

McCall is committed to nurturing an environment conducive to global learning, and dedicates herself to equity and physical, intellectual, and collective freedom in the U.S. and around the world. As the current chair of the steering committee for the U.S. section of Scholars at Risk, McCall works to support academic freedom and university values around the world by supporting persecuted scholars seeking placements, advocating for the freedom of jailed scholars and practitioners, and promoting more broadly the freedom to think.

McCall’s scholarly publications focus on post-Revolutionary French fiction and life-writing, with a concentration on George Sand. She earned her bachelor’s degree in French and German from the University of Virginia and spent nine years in Europe earning master’s and doctoral degrees in French literature from the Université de Strasbourg.
Founded in 1866, The College of Wooster is a community of “Independent Minds, Working Together” to prepare students to become leaders of character and influence in an interdependent global community. Wooster offers a comprehensive liberal arts education in a vibrant residential setting that culminates in a senior capstone project of in-depth research inquiry or creative expression. Working one-on-one with a faculty mentor, every student creates and presents new knowledge in their field of interest. Through this distinctive program, Wooster students develop abilities valued by employers and graduate schools: independent judgment, analytical ability, creativity, project management and time management, and strong written and oral communication. Students connect academic learning to the real world through internships, research fellowships, career pathways, and other experiential opportunities, and they forge lifelong bonds with one another, faculty, coaches, and staff in an environment that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion. Among the most international campuses in the country and one of the top two most international in Ohio, the College enrolls approximately 1,900 students from 47 states and 76 countries.

Wooster’s story might have been cut short after just 35 years, when Old Main, the College’s original home, burned to the ground in 1901. But the College and the wider Wooster community rallied and rebuilt, and a year later Kauke Hall was reconstructed on the ashes of Old Main. Upon inauguration, the president is presented with a key to Old Main, bent by the heat of the fire but unbroken, as a symbol of her authority and the continuity of Wooster’s mission and heritage.
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Willis Lord ............................ 1870-1873
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Order of Academic Procession

The College of Wooster Pipe Band
Trustees
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Platform Party
Inaugural Ceremony

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Sally J. Staley ’78
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PROCESSIONAL
The College of Wooster Pipe Band
Bowen Ault ’25, Pipe Major
Sam Day ’25, Pipe Sergeant
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Liam Tonchev ’25

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President
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PRESENTATION OF KEY

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Professor of Mathematics, and Chair of Theatre
and Dance

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
I Was Love
Text by Fenton Johnson, music by Jake Runestad

Wooster Chorus
Lisa Wong, Director
Olive Williams Kettering Professor of Music
Toni Arnold Shreve, piano

INDUCTION
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Anne E. McCall
President
The College of Wooster

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Lincoln Professor of Religion and
Professor and Chair of History

RECESSIONAL
The College of Wooster Pipe Band
Musical Performance

I Was Love
Text by Fenton Johnson  |  Music by Jake Runestad

I was the starlight,
I was the moonlight,
Before the dawning
Of my life;
I was the river,
I was the glowing,
I was the singing,
I was love.
I was the sunlight,
I was the twilight,
I was the vision
Ere my birth;
I was the summer,
I was the autumn,
I was the all-time—
I was love.

Text is in the public domain and was adapted by the composer.
### Wooster Chorus

**Lisa Wong, Director**  
*Olive Williams Kettering Professor of Music*  
**Toni Arnold Shreve**  
*Piano*

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