



Inauguration
of
Dr. Anne E. McCall

Thirteenth President of The College of Wooster

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

President Anne E. McCall



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.



The College of Wooster

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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Order of Academic Procession

The College of Wooster Pipe Band

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Inaugural Ceremony

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The College of Wooster Pipe Band

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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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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

Soprano 1

Lilly Ashe '26
Jessica McMillan '27
Sarah Moldover '26
Anya Smith '24
Emma-Jean Stanley '25
Chelsey Webb '25

Soprano 2

Claire Alderfer '24
Trystine Chellis '25
Emma Downing '24
Eleanor Fleming '27
Gabby Hoo '26
Gracie Mino '24
Elizabeth Partee '27
Emma Smith '26
Brianna Swinford '25

Alto 1

Kat Barnes '24
Eleanor Boomhower '25
Afton Camlin '27
Amanda Harvey '27
Ada Lapham '27
Emma Longenecker '26
Bri Mosley '24
Hannah Reinicke '26

Alto 2

Shannon Dunning '27
Molly Huggett '25
Byera Kashangaki '24
Bridget Krus '25
Hannah Wells '25

Tenor 1

Andrew Bell '26
Ethan Yoder '25
Owen Yoder '27

Tenor 2

Hudson Davis '24
Colin Hoffmann '26
Liam Kenehan '24
Benjamin Low '26

Bass 1

Matthew Baumiller '25
Sam Day '25
Evan Foster '24
Jaden Levine '26
Quinn Parker '24
Jorge Quinteros '25
Gavin Slate '27
Paul Zito '25

Bass 2

Eddie Papp '24
Zac Payne '24
Connor Smith '24
Robert Thompson '27
Ryan Yonek '25

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1819

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1824

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1829

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1833

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1871

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