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as the 20th president of the college  
March 8, 2019



Celebrating Linfield College and its commitment to

**Global thinking,  
local engagement.**

## Dr. Miles K. Davis



Dr. Miles K. Davis is the 20th president of Linfield College. Davis has a Ph.D. in human and organizational sciences from The George Washington University, an M.A. in human resource development from Bowie State University and a B.A. in communications from Duquesne University. He was the inaugural chair of the management science department at the Harry F. Byrd Jr. School of Business at Shenandoah University and became the founding director of its Institute for Entrepreneurship. He was named dean in 2012.

Davis is an authority on entrepreneurship whose most recent work focuses on integrity, values and principles in the business world, as well as faith-based entrepreneurship. He helps organizations manage cultural and structural changes, strategic planning, leadership development and strategic growth initiatives.

He is a member of the Society of Leadership Fellows at St. George's House, an organization based out of Windsor Castle in England that brings together world leaders in a variety of fields to analyze contemporary issues. Davis is also the first college president to come out of The PhD Project, a network that helps members of underrepresented communities attain doctorates and become leaders in higher education.



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# Linfield College History



Linfield College is one of the oldest colleges in the Pacific Northwest. It traces its origins to 1849, when Baptist pioneers founded an institution in Oregon City during a time of expansion and excitement on the Western frontier. The new school struggled to find students amid clamor over the 1849 gold rush, and held classes intermittently until closing its doors in 1858 as the Baptist pioneers turned their attention 30 miles to the southwest. The Baptist College at McMinnville was chartered on January 30, 1858, by the Oregon Territorial Legislature. It was later named McMinnville College.

The original McMinnville building was on land provided by William Newby on the present site of the First Baptist Church, at First and Cows streets. Through the early years, the college also served as McMinnville's secondary school and did not award its first baccalaureate degree until 1884. The college moved to the current campus and built Pioneer Hall in 1883. Other buildings followed, including Grover Hall, the first structure built solely as a dormitory. Grover was completed in 1932 and is now the smallest residence hall on campus. The college was fully accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges on April 5, 1928.

For many years, the college faced a struggle for survival but its fortunes changed and its future was assured when, in 1922, Frances Ross Linfield gave substantial properties to the school. In honor of the gift, trustees renamed the college in honor of Mrs. Linfield's late husband, the Rev. George Fisher Linfield.

The college retains a relationship with the American Baptist Churches USA, although faculty, students and staff are bound by no religious requirements.

Today, Linfield College is recognized for its strong teaching faculty, outstanding science programs and distinctive international emphasis. It has a challenging and exciting academic program that features a broad liberal arts core and an atmosphere in which there is genuine concern for individuals and their progress. Twenty-five percent of Linfield students are first-generation college students, and more than one-third are U.S. students of color. The U.S. State Department honored Linfield for being Oregon's top producer of Fulbright Scholars in 2017-18.

Linfield College has three divisions and offers 54 majors and three undergraduate degrees – bachelor of arts, bachelor of science and bachelor of science in nursing. The campus

in McMinnville more than doubled in size to 189 acres in 1998 with the acquisition of 115 acres and four buildings from the Hewlett-Packard Company.

The Portland campus, home of the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing, was established in 1982 through a partnership agreement with Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center. In May 2020, Linfield's nursing program will relocate to a new 20-acre campus in Northeast Portland, formerly the University of Western States. Linfield is one of the leading educators of baccalaureate nurses in Oregon and in 2018, Linfield's online RN-to-BSN degree was named the top program on the West Coast.

Dating to 1975, Linfield's Online and Continuing Education program makes bachelor's degrees accessible to working adults through online courses. Advisors serve students around the world. Online certificates are offered in a variety of professionally focused areas.

International study is an important part of the Linfield experience. In 1976, Linfield began a student exchange program with Kanto Gakuin University in Japan. Today, Linfield offers study abroad in Austria, Australia, Chile, China, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Norway, New Zealand and Spain. January Term, with its popular four-week intensive courses, offers classes at multiple domestic and international locations. More than half of all graduates study abroad at some point during their years at Linfield.

Linfield is home to the Evenstad Center for Wine Education and features the nation's only undergraduate liberal arts degree in wine studies. The college also offers a five-year program leading to both bachelor's and master's degrees in wine studies, the first of its kind in the United States. The college hosts wine journalists and connoisseurs from around the world each summer for the International Pinot Noir Celebration.

Linfield emphasizes collaborative learning between students and faculty. The college's rich collaborative research program, which traces its roots to the Linfield Research Institute established in 1956, provides students with hands-on research opportunities with faculty, spanning all areas of the curriculum from the biological, physical and social sciences to the arts and humanities.

The pioneer spirit and commitment to learning have guided Linfield's growth for 161 years. While the college has changed much from the early days, its mission has remained constant – to teach undergraduates in an atmosphere of academic freedom that fosters intellectual rigor, creativity and a sense of personal and social responsibility.

# Inauguration Program



## Processional

Linfield Marching Band led by Seth Wollum, Director

## Inauguration Marshalls

Dr. Martha Van Cleave '75 | Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Thomas Love | Professor of Anthropology

## Invocation

Rev. Dr. David Massey '78 | Chaplain, Assistant Professor of Religion

Rabbi Gary Ellison | Affiliate Chaplain

Mr. Wajdi Said | President and Co-Founder, Muslim Educational Trust

Rev. J. W. Matt Hennessee | Pastor, Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, Portland

## Welcome and Greetings

Mr. David C. Baca '78 | Chair, Board of Trustees

## Musical Interlude

“Hlohonolofatsa” (Bless Everything), a South African greeting song

arranged by Daniel Jackson | performed by Linfield Concert Choir

Directed by Dr. Anna Song | Associate Professor of Music, Director of Choirs

## Charges to the President

Ms. Kainoa Cuttitta '19 | President, Associated Students of Linfield College

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Dr. John Syring | Chair, Faculty Executive Council, Linfield College

## Musical Interlude

“Blessings of Abraham” by Donald Lawrence  
Performed by Linfield Concert Choir and Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church Choir  
Sara Greenleaf, keyboard; Bruce Carter, drum set

## Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Ms. Susan Agre-Kippenhan | Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Linfield College

## Inaugural Address

Ms. Phylicia Rashad

## Presentation of the Insignia of the Office | The Medallion

Investiture of the President | Mr. David C. Baca '78, Chair, Board of Trustees

## Introduction of the 20th President of Linfield College

Dr. Tracy Fitzsimmons | President, Shenandoah University

## Inaugural Remarks

President Miles K. Davis

## Musical Interlude

“Order My Steps” by Glenn Burleigh | performed by Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church Choir  
Mark Hardy, keyboard; Bruce Carter, drum set; Eva Miles and Bill Jackson, soloists

## Benediction

Rev. Erika Marksbury | Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, McMinnville

## Recessional

Linfield Marching Band

*Audience is requested to remain standing until the platform party,  
delegates and others have recessed*

## Community Reception

Rutschman Field House

# Delegates



- 1204 **University of Oxford, Keble College**  
Gordon Bjork, Alumnus
- 1636 **Harvard University**  
Megan Kozak Williams, Alumna  
Daniel Pollack-Pelzner, Alumnus
- 1696 **St. John's College, Annapolis**  
Ronald H. Fielding, Chairman of the Board  
of Visitors and Governors
- 1742 **Moravian College**  
Bryon L. Grigsby, President
- 1749 **Washington and Lee University**  
Marvin C. Henberg, Alumnus
- 1781 **Washington & Jefferson College**  
David M. Carroll, Alumnus
- 1787 **Franklin & Marshall College**  
James M. Workinger, Alumnus
- 1821 **Amherst College**  
F. Gordon Allen, Alumnus
- 1826 **American Baptist Churches of  
Greater Indianapolis**  
Joan C. Friesen, Executive Minister
- 1826 **State University of New York at Fredonia**  
Adrian Hammond, Alumna
- 1842 **University of Notre Dame**  
John N. McKeegan, Alumnus
- 1842 **Willamette University**  
Stephen E. Thorsett, President
- 1849 **Pacific University**  
Susan Pedersen, Director of Budget
- 1851 **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**  
Kristen Andersen, Alumna
- 1856 **University of Maryland**  
Scott Bernard Nelson, Alumnus
- 1861 **Luther College**  
Thomas L. Hellie, Alumnus
- 1865 **Ottawa University**  
Bernard L. Turner, Alumnus
- 1867 **Drew University**  
Vivian A. Bull, Former President
- 1867 **Lewis & Clark College**  
Wim Wiewel, President
- 1870 **William Woods University**  
Meg Stanko, Alumna
- 1871 **American Baptist Seminary of the West**  
James E. Brenneman, President
- 1875 **Shenandoah University**  
Tracy Fitzsimmons, President  
Bogdan Daraban, Acting Dean, Harry F. Byrd Jr.  
School of Business
- 1876 **Johns Hopkins University**  
David P. Beck, Alumnus  
Jeanne C. Beck, Alumna
- 1876 **University of Oregon**  
Jane Gordon, Vice Provost, Portland
- 1883 **The University of Texas at Austin**  
dt ogilvie, Alumna  
Susan Currie Sivek, Alumna
- 1883 **Whitman College**  
Alzada Tipton, Provost and Dean of the Faculty
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# Delegates



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| 1884 <b>Kanto Gakuin University</b><br>Mihoko Kushida, Director, International Center                         | 1935 <b>Corban University</b><br>Sheldon Nord, President   |
| 1887 <b>Whittier College</b><br>Linda S. Oubre, President   | 1937 <b>Warner Pacific University</b><br>Andrea Cook, President  |
| 1889 <b>Agnes Scott College</b><br>Charity M. Livingston, Alumna  | 1947 <b>Fuller Theological Seminary</b><br>Todd M. McCollum, Alumnus                                   |
| 1890 <b>Whitworth University</b><br>Beck A. Taylor, President   | 1958 <b>Eckerd College</b><br>Deborah Del Nero, Alumna   |
| 1891 <b>George Fox University</b><br>Fred Gregory, Special Assistant to the President                         | 1962 <b>Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California</b><br>David Dodson, Alumnus                  |
| 1891 <b>The College of Idaho</b><br>Peter K. Van Patten, Alumnus  | 1962 <b>Lynn University</b><br>RT Good, Dean, College of Business<br>and Management                    |
| 1895 <b>Northwest Christian University</b><br>Joseph D. Womack, President                                     | 1968 <b>Universidad Nacional De Rosario, Argentina</b><br>Diego N. Marcos, Professor of Macroeconomics |
| 1904 <b>University of Western States</b><br>Sara Mathov, Vice President for Operations<br>and Campus Planning | 1969 <b>Chemeketa Community College</b><br>Julie Huckestein, President                                 |
| 1905 <b>Concordia University</b><br>Johnnie Driessner, President  | 1992 <b>Africa University</b><br>Martin Dwomoh-Tweneboah, Faculty                                      |
| 1913 <b>College of Saint Benedict</b><br>Colette Peters, Alumna   |  |
| 1929 <b>California State University Maritime Academy</b><br>Mark Buser, Alumnus                               |  |



# Symbols of the Inauguration



## The Mace

The mace symbolizes the authority of the faculty in academic matters and the practice of shared governance within the college. Today it is carried by John Syring, professor of biology and chair of the Faculty Executive Council. It was created by the late Professor Nils Lou of the Department of Art. The head is cast bronze depicting a hand balancing a Mobius strip, "Reaching for Excellence." The staff is stained oak.

## The Medallion

The insignia of the office of the President of Linfield College is a large medallion, suspended on a chain and featuring the college's seal. The medallion was struck and first used in 1970 and is worn by the president at ceremonial occasions.

## The Flags

In addition to the flags representing the United States and the state of Oregon, the processional will feature international and study abroad students carrying the flags of their countries.



## Academic Regalia



Today's academic dress had its origins in the earliest days of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Under the jurisdiction of Holy Orders, academic dress had its sources in ecclesiastical dress. Gowns may have been worn for warmth in the unheated buildings used by medieval scholars, and hoods may have served as head covers before the advent of skull caps.

Today, most European universities evidence great diversity in academic dress. By contrast, a uniform system or code has existed since 1894 for regalia in American colleges and universities. The American code describes different gowns for three main kinds of degrees: bachelor's, master's and doctor's. The bachelor's gown is black and has long pointed sleeves. The master's gown is also black, and has a peculiar sleeve, oblong in shape with a slit through which the forearm protrudes giving the gown the appearance of being short-sleeved. The doctor's gown is often black but may be the official color of the institution which granted the degree. There are three velvet bars stitched on the upper part of the full, round, bell-shaped sleeves.

Caps, "mortar boards," are regularly a part of academic dress. Tassels are generally black but may correspond to the degree conferred.

Hoods are worn by holders of advanced degrees. The binding or edge of the hood is the color of the degree conferred; the lining bears the color or colors of the university that conferred the degree.



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**Linfield College advances a vision of learning, life, and community that**

- promotes intellectual challenge and creativity,
- values both theoretical and practical knowledge,
- engages thoughtful dialogue in a climate of mutual respect,
- honors the rich texture of diverse cultures and varied ways of understanding,
  - piques curiosity for a lifetime of inquiry, and
- inspires the courage to live by moral and spiritual principle and to defend freedom of conscience.

## Concise Statement

**Linfield: Connecting Learning, Life, and Community**

*The mission statement was recommended by faculty and adopted by the Board of Trustees on May 4, 2002.*



## Keynote Speaker



### Phylicia Rashad



Phylicia Rashad, award-winning performing artist, became a household name when she portrayed 'Claire Huxtable' on *The Cosby Show*. She has appeared as 'Diana Dubois' on the Fox TV series *Empire*, as 'Carol' on *This Is Us* and will be featured in Tarrell Alvin McCraney's *David Makes Man*, a new series on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network.

Rashad has also appeared both on and off-Broadway, often in projects that showcase her musical talent. In 2016, she was inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame and received the 2016 Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Leading Actress in a Play.

On Broadway, she has performed as 'Violet Weston' in *August Osage County*, 'Big Mama' in Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, 'Aunt Ester' in August Wilson's *Gem Of The Ocean*, (Tony Award nomination) and others.

Rashad received both the Drama Desk and the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Play for her performance as 'Lena Younger' in the Broadway revival of *A Raisin In The Sun*. She made her critically-acclaimed directorial debut at the Seattle Repertory Theater with *Gem of the Ocean*. She has also directed Ma Rainey's *Black Bottom* and Joe Turner's *Come and Gone* (2014 NAACP Theatre Award for Best Director), among others.

Rashad graduated magna cum laude from Howard University. She is the first recipient of the Denzel Washington Chair in Theatre at Fordham University and received an Honorary Doctorate from Spelman College.









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