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ORDER OF EXERCISES

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The William & Mary Wind Ensemble
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PROCESSIONAL: THE WILLIAM & MARY HYMN

The William & Mary Choir
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Chancellor Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98

CONFERRAL OF THE HONORARY DEGREES

The Chancellor and Rector John E. Littel P '22

Howard J. Busbee '65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68, P '90, P '04
Robert C. Scott, U.S. House of Representatives
Glenn Youngkin, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia

CHARTER DAY REMARKS

Governor Glenn Youngkin

READINGS FROM THE ROYAL CHARTER

Eugene Lee '23 (English), Haytham A. Alsayed '25 (Arabic),
Peter Woo '22 (Korean), Owen H. Zhang '23 (Mandarin Chinese),
Angelique Thao Vo '22 (Vietnamese), Taylor N. Fox '24 (English)

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

William & Mary Accidentals

ALMA MATER*

RECESSIONAL: THE WILLIAM & MARY HYMN

The Choir and Wind Ensemble

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PAST PRESIDENTS

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28TH PRESIDENT OF WILLIAM & MARY

Katherine A. Rowe

Katherine A. Rowe began her tenure as William & Mary's 28th president on July 1, 2018, and was inaugurated on February 8, 2019. On November 19, 2021, the Board of Visitors unanimously extended her contract through June 2028.

Under Rowe's leadership, William & Mary has advanced a whole-institution approach to learning. The cross-university initiatives she has cultivated include a central Entrepreneurship Hub, a Studio for Teaching & Learning Innovation, William & Mary's first Sustainability Plan and Climate Action Roadmap, realization of William & Mary's long-planned Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved, a Veteran to Executive Transition program, an Institute for Integrative Conservation, and a university-wide approach to diversity, equity and inclusion. William & Mary successfully closed its *For the Bold* campaign in June 2020, raising just over \$1 billion.

Rowe oversaw the creation of William & Mary's ambitious strategic plan, Vision 2026, and William & Mary's first-ever statement of shared values.

As president, Rowe led William & Mary's effective COVID-19 response, joining forces with the City of Williamsburg and other key local partners to keep the Tidewater region safe and overseeing William & Mary's efforts to flexibly adapt every university practice and system to ensure that students could maintain momentum to their degrees.

Rowe serves on the Northern Virginia Technology Council, the Virginia Business and Higher Education Council Board, RVA757 Connects and the GoVA Region 5 Council. Rowe was named to the Virginia Business Virginia 500 Power List in 2020 and 2021. In 2020, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* named Rowe one of the top 35 women in higher education.

Before coming to William & Mary, Rowe served at Smith College as provost and dean of faculty, the Sophia Smith chair at Smith College and interim vice president for inclusion, diversity and equity.

Rowe earned a bachelor's degree in English and American literature from Carleton College and a master's and a Ph.D. in English and American literature from Harvard. She has completed graduate work in Cinema and Media Studies at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

An award-winning teacher, Rowe spent 16 years at Bryn Mawr College as an English professor, department chair and director of the Katharine Houghton Hepburn Center for leadership and public engagement. She began her teaching career as an assistant professor of English at Yale.

Rowe has published three books. She is a past president of the Shakespeare Association of America. She served on Harvard's Board of Overseers' Visiting Committee of the Library and the Executive Committee of the American Council of Learned Societies. She has held various scholarly memberships as well as service positions in the Modern Language Association and the American Council of Learned Societies.

Rowe spent more than a decade coaching Ultimate Frisbee and has led multiple teams to state championships. She was a World Ultimate Club Finalist and a Women's Nationals Finalist. She co-founded the nonprofit Boston Ultimate Disc Alliance and the Carleton College women's Ultimate team.

Rowe shares her love of Ultimate with her spouse, Bruce Jacobson, William & Mary's First Gentleman. They have two adult children, Daniel and Beah.



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24TH CHANCELLOR OF WILLIAM & MARY

Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98

Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98, William & Mary's 24th Chancellor, is the first alumnus to hold this position in the university's modern era. He began his first seven-year term as Chancellor in 2012 and began a second term in 2019. As the U.S. Secretary of Defense from 2006 to 2011, he became the only secretary in American history to serve under presidents from different political parties. In his words, William & Mary instilled in him "a calling to serve — a sense of duty to community and country that this university has sought to instill in each generation of students for more than 300 years."

Gates began a career in public service soon after his graduation from William & Mary. In 1966, he joined the CIA, working for six presidents during nearly 27 years as an intelligence officer. During this period, he was a National Security Council staff member for nine years. Gates is the only career officer in the CIA's history to rise from being an entry-level employee to become the agency's director, a post he held from 1991 to 1993. He was previously deputy director of the CIA and assistant to the president and deputy national security advisor at the White House for President George H.W. Bush. In 2006, Gates took office as the nation's 22nd secretary of defense under President George W. Bush and was asked to continue in that office by President Barack Obama.

In June 2011, Gates retired as secretary of defense. At the farewell ceremony, President Obama awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor. He has also received the National Security Medal and the Presidential Citizens Medal. Gates was awarded the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal twice and the Distinguished Intelligence Medal, the CIA's highest award, three times.

A history major at William & Mary, Gates was an active member of Alpha Phi Omega, a service organization that he led as a senior. At graduation, he received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, given to honor splendid characteristics of heart, mind and helpfulness to others. He has been a trustee of the William & Mary Foundation and spoke at Charter Day in 1998 and 2013, as well as Commencement in 2007. He received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the university in 1998 and the Alumni Medallion, the Alumni Association's highest honor, in 2000.

A native of Kansas, Gates earned his master's degree in history from Indiana University and a doctorate in Russian and Soviet history from Georgetown University. From 2002 until 2006, he was president of Texas A&M University. Gates is a distinguished Eagle Scout and served as the Boy Scouts of America national president from 2014–2016. Gates joined the Board of Governors of the NCAA in 2020 as one of its five independent members. In the fall of 2021, he chaired the Constitution Committee, delivering a new constitution to reshape collegiate athletics.

Gates has authored four books, including his memoirs and a guide to leadership and institutional reform. His most recent book, "Exercise of Power," details non-military instruments of power and their incorporation into U.S. foreign policy. Gates and his wife, Becky, live in Washington state.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



HONORARY DEGREE CITATION

HOWARD J. BUSBEE '65, J.D.'67, M.L.T.'68, P '90, P '04

Howard James Busbee, through every season of life — from when you first entered as a student to your time on the faculty — you have committed yourself to strengthening this university. Selfless with your time and talents, you have served as chair of the William & Mary Foundation, president of the Alumni Association, co-chair of the Robert Boyle Legacy Society, chair and vice chair of the Olde Guard Council and vice chair of the Real Estate Foundation, as well as a member of the President's Council, Annual Fund Boards, the Naming and Renaming Working Group and many other bodies across campus.

A thoughtful guide through complex challenges, you are known for building consensus on behalf of the university and every student who comes here. For your unwavering generosity of time and spirit, you have received the Alumni Service Award, the Alumni Medallion and the Law School's Citizen Lawyer Award.

You are a three-time alumnus, having earned a B.A. in 1965, a J.D. in 1967 and a M.L.T. in 1968. Your love of William & Mary is shared by your wife, Mary, who is an honorary alumna, and two of your children and one granddaughter who also are alumni.

You came home to William & Mary in 2001, following a 33-year career with PricewaterhouseCoopers as a C.P.A. and a member of the Virginia Bar. In what became a second career, you returned to the classroom. You joined both the business and law school faculties, then served as assistant dean of the Master of Accounting and Undergraduate Business programs. You led the annual William & Mary Tax Conference; the Howard J. Busbee Finance Academy was founded in honor of that leadership. In 2018, Virginia Business recognized your contributions to finance education — a second career in which you guided countless students on their paths from college to work.

In Williamsburg, Richmond and beyond, you forge connections around shared passions, grand and small. To every passion for education, travel, art, theater — or antique fire engines and crazy socks — you bring joy and curiosity. In this way, you connected William & Mary with the Foundation for Hospital Art. Through your and Mary's generosity, our community created numerous pieces of art that brighten the walls of the national cancer center, pediatric hospitals in Havana and around the world.

Howard James Busbee, your alma mater has flourished for your joyful, creative and steadfast service. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors and the Ancient Royal Charter of The College of William and Mary in Virginia, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*.



HONORARY DEGREE CITATION
ROBERT C. SCOTT

Robert Cortez “Bobby” Scott, statesman, lawmaker, pioneer, change-maker. Your 43 years in the Virginia General Assembly and United States Congress exemplify the highest values of service.

As the first African American elected to Congress from the Commonwealth since Reconstruction and the second African American elected to Congress in Virginia’s history, you have served Virginia’s 3rd Congressional District since 1993 with distinction.

The son of a school board member and a teacher, you grew up in Newport News. You graduated from Harvard and earned your law degree from Boston College. You joined Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the oldest historically Black Greek letter organization. The career that followed has fulfilled the fraternity’s motto: “First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All.”

You have often shared how the example of your parents inspired you, as a lawmaker dedicated to education, healthcare and justice. In Congress, you have strengthened U.S. laws and policy through more than 28 years on the House Committee on Education and Labor, which you currently chair. Over nearly three decades, you have sponsored 282 pieces of legislation. You have co-sponsored more than 4,000.

As a lawyer and public official, you advocate for issues and for people. You have long upheld the imperative of equity in education. Your tireless work to desegregate schools ensures open doors and open opportunities. It is fitting that you were once called by the National Parent Teacher Association “a champion for change for our nation’s youth.” You promote career pipelines, workforce development, fair wages, affordable health care, crime prevention, consumer protection and reduced student loan debt.

Prior to your legislative career, you founded the Peninsula Legal Aid Center. The center provides free legal services in Hampton and Williamsburg, where students and faculty from William & Mary Law School often devote their time.

In this year of William & Mary’s Asian Centennial, we also recognize you as a proud member of the Filipino-American community. Charter Day 2022 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the arrival of William & Mary’s first student from Asia. In honoring you, we celebrate the myriad contributions of generations of students of Asian, Pacific Islander and Middle Eastern/Southwest Asian descent to our university.

Robert Cortez Scott, you have served your community, state and nation brilliantly and forcefully. Countless organizations have recognized your dedication to public service and William & Mary is honored to join them. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors and the Ancient Royal Charter of The College of William and Mary in Virginia, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Public Service, *Honoris Causa*.



HONORARY DEGREE CITATION

GLENN YOUNGKIN

Glenn Youngkin, from your career in finance and management, to a not-for-profit startup, you stepped into the highest role as a servant-leader in your home state. As Virginia's 74th governor, you have sworn to "faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon [the office]," including to support the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The commonwealth's citizens have elected you to undertake and fulfill that oath.

A native of Richmond, Virginia, your family moved to Virginia Beach after your father lost his job. You played basketball at Norfolk Academy and received a scholarship at Rice University — earning both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science while playing forward for all four years. A Master of Business Administration from Harvard followed.

Your professional path exemplifies the value of principled achievement, which our Mason School of Business instills in William & Mary graduates. During your 25 years with The Carlyle Group, you were entrusted with increasing responsibility, helping to grow it into a global leader. At Carlyle, you turned around underperforming operations, led the global industry group, opened a London office and launched many of its European funds.

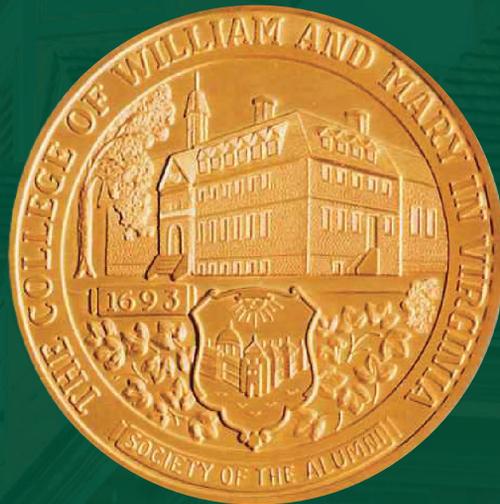
Your upbringing and your faith instilled an abiding sense of duty to ensure prosperity for others. At Carlyle, you helped fund the retirements of teachers, police officers and firefighters. Volunteering is an everyday commitment. You have coached multiple youth basketball teams in Northern Virginia and served as church warden at Holy Trinity Church.

As a response to the hardships experienced by Virginians during the pandemic, you and your wife, Suzanne, founded the nonprofit Virginia Ready Initiative to train out-of-work Virginians for jobs in tech, healthcare, and other sectors so that they can get back to work. The initiative began, as you have said, with a time-honored question of entrepreneurs: *how might we?* How might we "put together a coalition of businesses and community colleges and funding to retrain people for jobs that are in demand in sectors that are growing?" By doing this, you surmised, those who lost work in vulnerable industries during the pandemic, can find new careers in sectors resilient to future economic shocks.

You have named mental health as a top priority of your administration. William & Mary applauds this commitment. It is fitting as a new alumnus of our university, that you value flourishing for all. William & Mary seeks to create conditions that ensure our community thrives for all time coming. We seek to empower those who live, learn and work here to make choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life. We welcome you as a partner in this crucial work.

Glenn Youngkin, your drive to innovate and your dedication to the well-being of your community will serve you well as you step from one career to another, taking on the solemn duties of governor of this great commonwealth. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors and the Ancient Royal Charter of The College of William and Mary in Virginia, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Public Service, *Honoris Causa*.

ALUMNI MEDALLION



The highest and most prestigious award given by the William & Mary Alumni Association, the Alumni Medallion recognizes outstanding alumni for commitment, dedication and assistance to William & Mary; exemplary accomplishments in their professional lives; and leadership in civic engagement in their communities, states or nations. The award reflects the honor that recipients bring to the university and its alumni through their actions and contributions.

THE ALUMNI MEDALLION AWARDS WILL BE BESTOWED AT THE ALUMNI MEDALLION & SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, AT 7 P.M. IN THE ALUMNI HOUSE. A RECEPTION WE BE HELD AT 6 P.M., PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY.

ALUMNI MEDALLION

THOMAS L. DEMAKES '65

From a family of Greek immigrants, Tom Demakes feels a strong affinity for the immigrants from 53 different countries that flock to his hometown of Lynn, Massachusetts, on Boston's North Shore. Alongside his deep commitment to William & Mary, he is dedicated to helping children in Lynn access high-quality education and services so they can thrive.

Lynn is home to his family's successful meatpacking company, Demakes Enterprises, which was started by his parents and is now run by Demakes and his three sons. But when Demakes first came to William & Mary, he didn't think he wanted to go into the family business. After graduating in the ROTC program, he served in Vietnam, then planned to travel. However, family is very important to him, and he returned to help manage the company. He says he gets personal joy from sharing the wealth and expertise he's built with the community he calls home.

Demakes has been actively involved with the Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc., the Y, local Catholic schools and many other organizations serving the city's youth — investing in major capital projects, leading fundraising efforts, providing professional advice, bringing in new supporters and encouraging community partners to work together. His philanthropy helped KIPP Academy Lynn grow from one school using rented spaces to three schools in two permanent facilities, serving 1,500 students — 95% of whom are students of color and 80% of whom receive free or reduced lunch.

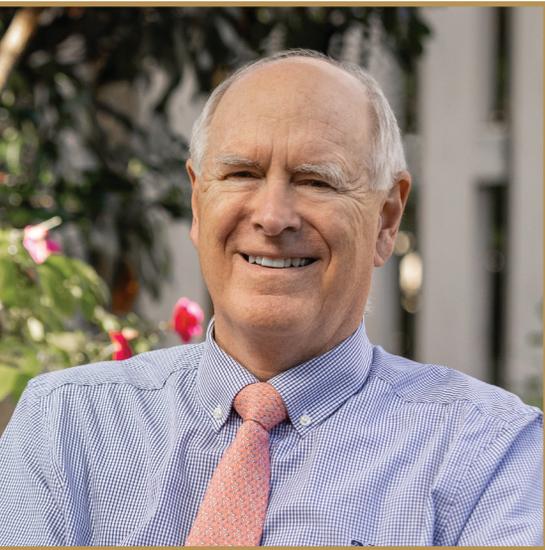
He continues to help his William & Mary family thrive. As a member of his 50th Reunion Gift Committee, he both supported his alma mater and encouraged his classmates to participate as well. He is a generous donor to the Alumni House expansion project and has consistently supported William & Mary Alumni Association auctions, William & Mary Athletics' Botetourt Auction and the Fund for William & Mary.

A lifelong learner, he went back to school at Suffolk University with his three sons, Elias, Timothy and Andrew, and they graduated with their MBAs together in May 2013.



ALUMNI MEDALLION

BRUCE C. HOLBROOK '71, P'00, P'01



An accountant by trade, Bruce Holbrook is also a consultant and mentor to entrepreneurs and physicians, an organizer and philanthropist dedicated to improving his community and a stalwart supporter of William & Mary.

Passionate about his hometown of Norfolk, Virginia, he has served his community through a variety of boards, including as president of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, chairman of the Norfolk Community Services Board and as current board chair of the McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships to Catholic schools. He founded Residential Options, Inc., which provided housing for people with mental health and substance abuse issues. As a board member of the DePaul Hospital Foundation, he led the effort to keep this public Catholic hospital open for the low-income families in Norfolk that relied on it.

Along the way, he took the time to mentor talented people and grow their careers — for example, encouraging his friend Dr. Elias Zerhouni to create a startup, Computerized Imaging Reference Systems, which is still a globally recognized and successful company in Norfolk, just one of many ventures they created together. When Zerhouni was director of the NIH, Bruce advised him on aligning the NIH's financial and visionary priorities.

In his professional career, Holbrook held a variety of leadership positions at Goodman & Co., where he helped grow many successful businesses. He is now president of Bruce Holbrook Consulting, which provides management consulting for startups and similar businesses, and treasurer of Zerhouni Holdings, a health care consulting firm.

At William & Mary, Holbrook served on the inaugural BBA Partners board at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. He and his wife, Susan, established an endowment in 1999 to enhance the academic experience for accounting students. They have also included William & Mary in their estate plans.

William & Mary is a family affair for Holbrook: his two daughters and son-in-law also attended, and Holbrook and his family can often be found enjoying campus, cheering on the Tribe and attending university events.

ALUMNI MEDALLION

MICHAEL TANG '76, P'13

Never one to sing his own praises, Michael Tang's leadership, generosity and hard work have nonetheless made an outsized impact in his professional life, in his civic service and for his alma mater. He is motivated to create sustainable value in all that he does so that his work today can benefit future generations.

Tang is constantly traveling the world, keeping up with the demands of his various professional and board roles. He is chairman of Tang Industries, his family's business. He's CEO of National Material LP, one of the largest suppliers of steel in America — and that on top of owning and operating a portfolio of diverse companies and being the master franchisee of Dunkin' in China. He's also president and chairman of the Cyrus and Michael Tang Foundation.

When he's not traveling, he's splitting his time between Las Vegas and Chicago, a city that's special to him and his family. In 2018, as honorary co-chair of William & Mary Weekend, he welcomed William & Mary to Chicago and hosted an exclusive tour of the Cyrus Tang Hall of China, which is named after his father, at the Field Museum of Natural History. In addition to serving as a trustee for the museum, he also serves as a trustee for the University of Chicago Medical Center, on the board of the National Defense University Foundation, a governor of Ditchley in the United Kingdom, and much more.

To enhance the William & Mary experience for the next generation of students and faculty, in 2008, he established the Tang Faculty-Student Research Endowment, and in 2013, he gave a leadership gift to create the Tang Professorship in Economics.

Always willing to share his expertise with his and his daughter's alma mater, Tang served on the William & Mary Foundation Board, the steering committee of the Business School Foundation Board and the *For the Bold* steering committee. From 2009-2013, he led the university on the Board of Visitors, where he chaired the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and New Ventures. This year, Tang is honorary chair of the university's Asian Centennial.



ALUMNI MEDALLION

GAIL WILLIAMS WERTZ '66, M.A.'20



At a time when women weren't often encouraged to pursue science as a career, Gail Wertz had her first experience with "bench science" — experimental scientific research, often conducted in a laboratory — as an undergraduate at William & Mary. She was hooked. After an internationally acclaimed career as a virologist, she returned to William & Mary for her master's in anthropology and is opening doors for future William & Mary students through her volunteer leadership and support.

Her contributions to the field of molecular biology are extensive. Her laboratory developed the methodology for genetically engineering RNA-based viruses — work that was the basis for a successful vaccine against Ebola. She's authored 155 peer-reviewed publications and received the National Institutes of Health's prestigious MERIT Award. She's an inventor on 10 patents and has trained 16 Ph.D. students and 27 postdoctoral fellows, at least 17 of whom went on to become professors.

Wertz has also served organizations representing her field, including as president of the American Society of Virology, an editorial board member of the Journal of Virology and more. Along the way, she continued to conduct her own bench science, even while teaching, running major labs and mentoring students.

While restoring and farming her historic property on the Rappahannock River in Virginia, Wertz found Native American artifacts and was curious to learn more. That eventually led to her joining the William & Mary master's program in anthropology and archaeology and working with local tribes to protect and research artifacts from their ancestors.

She also became a founding member of the Graduate Studies Advisory Board (GSAB), which fundraises, advocates, builds community and enhances opportunities for Graduate Arts & Sciences at William & Mary.

For her 50th Reunion, Wertz made an estate provision to the biology department, and as a committee member encouraged others in her class to reconnect with and give back to William & Mary. In addition to her regular support for the GSAB, she also contributes to the William & Mary and Virginia Commonwealth University's Center for Conservation Biology.



THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARDS

The Thomas Jefferson Award and the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award have been made possible by the generosity of the Robert Earll McConnell Foundation. The first award provides the opportunity for William & Mary to express appreciation to a member of the university family for significant service through his or her personal activities, influence or leadership. The Certificate of Award to be presented specifies that the recipient “exemplifies through his or her life, character, and influence, the principles and the ideals of Thomas Jefferson.” We are thus reminded that it is not only the intellectual achievement, but also character and service to one’s fellow human beings, that should be fostered by an institution of higher learning.

The Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award is a tribute to the faculty of William & Mary who influenced and encouraged so profoundly the young Jefferson. This award is given annually to a younger teaching member of the university community who has demonstrated, through concern as a teacher and through character and influence, the inspiration and stimulation of learning to the betterment of the individual and society as exemplified by Thomas Jefferson.

Each year, the faculty presents the Thomas Jefferson Prize in Natural Philosophy to a deserving undergraduate. This prize has been endowed by the trustees of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation of Charlottesville, Virginia. Their generous gift recognizes excellence in the sciences and honors the relationship that Jefferson enjoyed with Professor William Small, his tutor in mathematics and the “natural sciences.”

JAMES MONROE PRIZE IN CIVIC LEADERSHIP

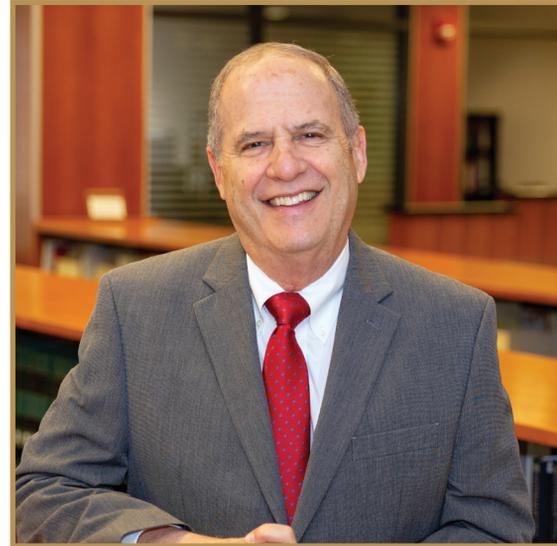
In his first inaugural address, James Monroe, fifth president of the United States and alumnus of the university, told the nation, “From a just responsibility I will never shrink.” Today, Monroe’s alma mater is committed to inspiring its students to use their talents in the execution of just responsibilities — to lead not merely by the accumulation of office but through service to the greater good.

The James Monroe Prize in Civic Leadership recognizes the William & Mary student who best demonstrates sustained leadership of an unusual quality — leadership combined with initiative, character and an unflinching commitment to leveraging the assets of the William & Mary community to address the needs of our society. The Monroe Prize was established in 2005 through the generosity and vision of the Owens Foundation. Honorees receive a scholarship and a framed citation, and their names are added to a permanent plaque describing the award in the university’s Sadler Center.

THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARD

PAUL MARCUS

Paul Marcus, the R. Hugh and Nolie Haynes Professor of Law, has spent three decades at William & Mary and more than 45 years as a law professor and academic leader. He has been a law school dean and the president of the Association of American Law Schools. His scholarly excellence has led to his appointment to countless advisory roles in all branches of government. Long known as one of our best teachers, colleagues describe him as a maestro in the classroom and students call him the guiding force in their professional lives. He has made all of those around him better, from the dozens of faculty members across the country he has mentored to the inmates in the local jail who have benefited from the sessions on law and literature he has co-taught with our students. In 2010, the Commonwealth of Virginia recognized Marcus with the Outstanding Faculty Award.



THOMAS JEFFERSON TEACHING AWARD

CHRISTOPHER J. HEIN

Christopher Hein is the consummate modern scholar-teacher: pushing the boundaries of scientific knowledge and deeply engaged in student learning and personal growth. Hein is internationally recognized as an expert in coastal geology. He has an infectious enthusiasm for science and an innate ability to inspire others. His lectures are dynamic, high-energy and interactive, making his courses extremely popular. Since 2013, Hein has advised seven graduate students in the School of Marine Science at VIMS and a remarkable 20 undergraduates on senior or honors research projects. He currently serves as co-director of the Undergraduate Program in Marine Science and is deeply engaged in diversity, equity and inclusion efforts within his field of study and at the university. He is recognized for his devotion to the personal and professional growth of students, commitment to advancing DEI, and exceptional teaching and mentoring skills.



THOMAS JEFFERSON PRIZE IN NATURAL PHILOSOPHY

MIKAYLA HUFFMAN '22



As a sophomore, Mikayla Huffman began working with a planetary geologist studying impact craters on Europa. By analyzing crater radii and depths, she found a layer of low viscosity fluid which will have substantial ramifications for the Europa Clipper mission and detection of biosignatures in subsurface oceans. Her most impressive work has been done with Dr. Kelsi Singer, the project manager for the New Horizons spacecraft that flew by Pluto. She mapped over 12,000 secondary craters on the moon and Mercury — such craters are caused by ejecta from larger primary craters — suggested looking for tertiary craters and found 66 such craters, with many more expected. This is the first detection of tertiary craters on an extraterrestrial body and this will test models of dynamic fragmentation. She was also selected as a Makerspace Student Engineer and trained other students in 3D printers and other Makerspace tools and facilities.

JAMES MONROE PRIZE

CAMERON LYNCH '23



The James Monroe Prize in Civic Leadership honors an undergraduate who has demonstrated sustained leadership combined with initiative, character and an unfailing commitment to the ethic of service. This year's recipient, Cameron Lynch, has tirelessly championed for the rights of disabled people at William & Mary and at the regional, state and international levels. Cameron has served as undersecretary for Disability Affairs in Student Assembly; member and re-energizer of the Student Accessibility Services Peer Advisory Group; and as a confidential peer advocate for the Haven. She fought isolation and vulnerability among disabled people by creating "Chronic and Iconic," a global weekly Zoom support group and Instagram presence. Because of these efforts to make William & Mary a more welcoming community for disabled students and her potential to further disability rights, William & Mary is proud to honor Cameron Lynch.

THE COLLEGE COAT OF ARMS



William & Mary was the first American institution of higher learning to be granted a royal coat of arms, issued on May 14, 1694, by the College of Arms in London. The College Coat of Arms depicts college buildings in silver on a green field with a golden sun against a blue sky. The seal does not represent actual William & Mary buildings because the Coat of Arms was issued before construction began on what is now called the Wren Building. The Royal Charter calls for a "Common seal" for William & Mary and that original seal included the Coat of Arms in the center.

THE COLLEGE MACE



The College Mace is carried by the president of the Student Assembly at all official William & Mary convocations, including Opening Convocation, Commencement, Charter Day and other special convocations, as a symbol of the authority vested in the rector of the university and delegated to the president of the university. As such, it always precedes the rector and the president. The College Mace is on display in the Swem Library Special Collections Research Center along with other academic regalia when not in use for William & Mary events.

Designed and handcrafted by the Gorham Company of New York, the mace is made of sterling silver. It was given to the university by alumni and students at Charter Day on February 8, 1923, upon the 230th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter.

THE MARISCHAL MACE



The Marischal Mace is carried by the president of the Graduate Council of the Student Assembly at all official William & Mary convocations.

A gift from the University of Aberdeen in honor of William & Mary's 300th anniversary, the mace was presented by the University's Principal and Vice Chancellor, Professor John Maxwell Irvine. The University of Aberdeen is comprised of King's College (founded in 1495) and Marischal College (founded 1593), where William & Mary's founder and first president, the Rev. James Blair, was educated. The mace, a silver replica of one of the two maces carried by Sacrists at traditional university ceremonies in Scotland, was first carried in academic procession at the Charter Day ceremony in February 1993.

When not in use, the mace is placed in the Earl Gregg Swem Library under the care of the university archivist.

BADGES AND CHAINS OF OFFICE



PRESIDENT'S BADGE
& CHAIN



CHANCELLOR'S BADGE
& CHAIN



RECTOR'S BADGE
& CHAIN

The President's Badge and Chain of Office were first worn by President W. Taylor Reveley, III in 2018. The badge and chain of office were gifts from President Reveley to the university in memory and honor of those William & Mary presidents who preceded him and those who will follow.

The Chancellor's Badge and Chain of Office were presented to William & Mary by the Society of the Alumni at the investiture of Chancellor Warren E. Burger at Charter Day on February 7, 1987.

The Rector's Badge and Chain of Office were presented to the university by Anne Dobie Peebles '44 upon her retirement from the Board of Visitors. She served 13 years on the board, the last three as rector.

Each piece was handcrafted by the firm of Thomas Fattorini, Ltd. of Birmingham, England, and features an enameled depiction of the coat-of-arms of William & Mary, issued in 1694 by the College of Arms in London as specified in the royal charter. The president's badge is crafted of silver and gold; the chancellor's badge of silver and enamel and the rector's of silver and gold.

When not in use, the Badges and Chains of Office are placed in the Earl Gregg Swem Library under the care of the university archivist.

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ALMA MATER

*Hark the students' voices swelling,
strong and true and clear
Alma Mater's love they're telling
ringing far and near.*

CHORUS

*William & Mary loved of old
Hark, upon the gale,
Hear the thunder of our chorus
Alma Mater hail!*

*All thy sons are faithful to thee
through their college days;
Singing loud from hearts that love thee
Alma Mater's praise.*

*Iron shod or golden sandaled
Shall the years go by —
Still our hearts shall weave about thee
Love that cannot die.*

*God, our Father, hear our voices,
listen to our cry
Bless the college of our fathers,
let her never die.*

James Southall Wilson, Class of 1904

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VISION

William & Mary transcends the boundaries between research and teaching, teaching and learning, learning and living. People come to William & Mary wanting to understand and change the world – and together we do.

MISSION

A preeminent, public research university, grounded in the liberal arts and sciences since 1693, William & Mary is a vibrant and inclusive community. Through close mentoring and collaboration, we inspire lifelong learning, generate new knowledge, and expand understanding. We cultivate creative thinkers, principled leaders, and compassionate global citizens equipped for lives of meaning and distinction. William & Mary convenes great minds and hearts to meet the most pressing needs of our time.

STATEMENT OF VALUES

Accomplishing our mission requires that the entire community work together as stewards of the core values that infuse our collective effort:

Belonging

We create a welcoming and caring community that embraces diverse people and perspectives.

Curiosity

We foster an open academic environment that champions intellectual agility and inspires creativity in the discovery, preservation, application, and advancement of knowledge.

Excellence

We aim for the extraordinary, recognizing that personal growth and meaningful accomplishment require bold and innovative aspirations, courageous risk-taking, and focused effort.

Flourishing

We create conditions that ensure William & Mary will thrive for all time coming, and we empower those who live, learn, and work here to make choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life.

Integrity

We are honorable, equitable, trustworthy, and committed to the highest ethical standards in all that we do.

Respect

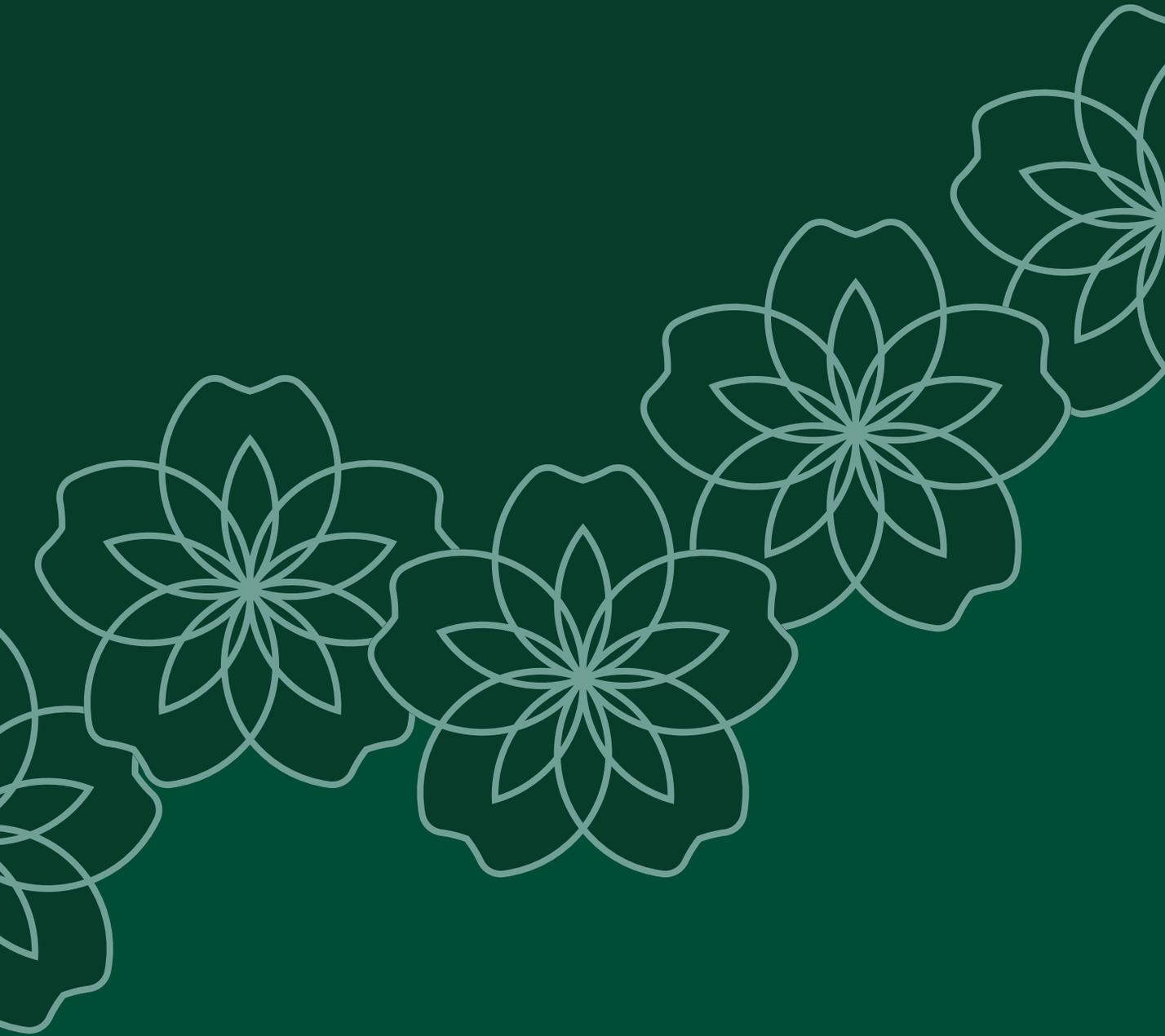
We treat one another with mutual respect, recognizing and upholding each person's inherent dignity and worth.

Service

We engage with individuals and communities both near and far, devoting our knowledge, skills, and time to serving the greater good.

William & Mary is a community that fosters deep human connection. We reflect on the lessons of history to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world. We engage diverse perspectives and seek wisdom in bridging differences. Together, we are unceasing in our efforts to make a meaningful difference in our communities, the state, the nation, and the world.

The William & Mary Board of Visitors approved this statement on November 22, 2019. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approved the mission statement on January 7, 2020. The new statement officially took effect in spring 2020.



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