

#### THE INAUGURATION OF

### C. ANDREW MCGADNEY

AS THE TWENTIETH PRESIDENT OF

### KNOX COLLEGE

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

SOUTH LAWN OF OLD MAIN

KNOX COLLEGE

GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

GRAND MARSHAL

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MODERN LANGUAGES

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

COLLEGE MARSHAL
DANIEL CONG BIEN '22

# C. ANDREW MCGADNEY TWENTIETH PRESIDENT OF KNOX COLLEGE



C. Andrew McGadney is an experienced leader in higher education administration with demonstrated expertise in board and faculty governance, fundraising, talent development, and creation and implementation of new strategic initiatives. He has served at the executive level in higher education for over a decade and has worked closely with four university and college presidents and six board chairs. Through his work leading three distinct areas within university or college departments, he has a proven track record of impact, outcomes, and an appreciation for development of entrepreneurship and innovation efforts.

Prior to his appointment at Knox College, he served as vice president and dean of student advancement at Colby College, following three years as vice president and secretary of the college.

While at Colby, McGadney provided strategic vision in realizing DavisConnects, a \$25 million donor funded initiative that affords every student a set of integrated research, internship, and global experiences designed to enhance academics and prepare them for post-graduate success. McGadney was also responsible for implementing a series of complex strategic initiatives that emerged through the college's planning process, which created and supported governance practices across the college.

He earlier served as vice president for university advancement at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he led fundraising efforts and instituted new infrastructure to execute a \$125 million comprehensive campaign. He began his work in higher education as director of development and a major gift officer at Wesleyan University, where he also served as a trustee. He has served on several community boards, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

McGadney is a graduate of Wesleyan, and earned a master of public administration and policy from Columbia University and a doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania.

# THE KNOX HYMN HAIL TO ALMA MATER

1. HAIL TO ALMA MATER, FLING HER BANNER HIGH! SING THE SONGS OF COLLEGE DAYS, SONGS OF DAYS GONE BY.

#### REFRAIN:

FOR THE LONG, LONG ROAD TO ALMA MATER IS THE ROAD THAT CALLS US HOME
O'ER HILLS AND PLAINS,
BY LAKES AND LANES,
OUR WOODLANDS, OUR CORNFIELDS,
OUR COUNTRY, OUR HOME.

- 2. In the quiet hours,
  Of the starry night,
  Dream the dreams of college days,
  Mem'ries burning bright.
  (refrain)
- 3. Hail to Alma Mater, Let our voices ring! Hail to Knox all glorious, unto thee we sing. (refrain)

### INAUGURATION CEREMONY

#### PRELUDE

Knox Chamber Brass Ensemble

Chuck MacKinnon, Director

Sudbury Resident Artist in Jazz and Popular Musics

#### RINGING OF OLD MAIN BELL

#### **PROCESSIONAL**

Knox Chamber Brass Ensemble

The audience will please stand as the procession enters.

#### **OPENING**

Nancy Eberhardt

Szold Distinguished Service Professor of Anthropology

#### WELCOME

Tony Etz'83

Chair, Knox College Board of Trustees

#### **GREETINGS**

Peter Schwartzman, Mayor of Galesburg, Professor of Environmental Studies Jonathan G. Powers, Assistant Professor of Economics

Rebecca Yowler, Assistant Librarian for Research and Instruction

Jamil Davis '23, Campus Life Chair, Student Senate

#### CHORAL SELECTION

Hold Fast to Dreams ......Joel Thompson, words by Langston Hughes

Knox College Choir

Laura L. Lane, Conductor

Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Studies

Sora Park Shepard, Accompanist

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT

David A. Greene

President of Colby College

#### INVESTITURE OF THE PRESIDENT

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#### INAUGURAL ADDRESS

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#### CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

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Doctor of Humane Letters – Sara Jane Ahmed '12 Doctor of Humane Letters – David A. Greene Doctor of Literature – Haki Madhubuti

## PRESIDENTIAL FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

#### FOR EXCELLENCE

Kevin J. Hastings Rothwell Stevens Distinguished Professor of Mathematics

#### ANTHEM

The audience will please stand and join in singing the anthem (page 3). Please remain standing for the Closing and Recessional. Only the president and platform party will recess.

#### CLOSING

Konrad Hamilton Burkhardt Distinguished Chair in History and Chair of American Studies

#### RINGING OF OLD MAIN BELL

#### RECESSIONAL

An all-campus luncheon follows on the lawn south of Seymour Union (Seymour Union if inclement weather).

## INSTITUTIONAL DELEGATES

### IN ORDER OF YEAR OF FOUNDING

1636

HARVARD UNIVERSITY Magali Roy-Féquière, Ph.D. Alumna

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1696

St. John's College Stephen C. Fineberg, Ph.D. Alumnus

1754

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY L. Sandy Maisel, Ph.D.

Alumnus

1780

Transylvania University Rebecca Yowler, M.L.I.S.

Alumna

1794

BOWDOIN COLLEGE Deborah DeGraff, Ph.D. Professor of Economics

1809

MIAMI UNIVERSITY (OHIO) Owen W. Muelder, M.A.T. Alumnus

1813

COLBY COLLEGE

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Ph.D.
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Professor
of African American Studies and Sociology

1821

AMHERST COLLEGE Steven Cohn, Ph.D. Alumnus

1829

ILLINOIS COLLEGE Miranda Karban, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Biology

1831

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND
Paul Berkner, D.O., FAAP
Medical Director for UNE Student Health Services

1831

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Andrew Tanaka
Senior Vice President,
Chief Administrative Officer and Treasurer
Alumnus

1832

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE Anne Ehrlich, Ed.D. Vice President of College Life and Dean of Students

1832

WABASH COLLEGE Richard Stout, Ph.D. Alumnus

1833

HAVERFORD COLLEGE Jaime Spacco, Ph.D. Alumnus

1842

IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Thomas Clayton, Ph.D.
Alumnus

1846

GRINNELL COLLEGE Judith M. Thorn, Ph.D. Alumna

1846

ROCKFORD UNIVERSITY Eric W. Fulcomer, Ph.D. President

1848

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
David Amor, M.A.
Alumnus

1850

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Mark Brodl, Ph.D.
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

1851

COE COLLEGE Michael Leonardo, Ph.D. Professor of Biology 1853

CORNELL COLLEGE Jeff Meeker, M.A.

Head Coach/Deputy Director of Athletics

1853

MONMOUTH COLLEGE Clarence Wyatt, Ph.D. President

1860

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE Jamie K. Nordling, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience

1860

QUINCY UNIVERSITY Brian R. McGee, Ph.D. President

1860

WHEATON COLLEGE Katherine Graber, M.A., M.L.I.S. Assistant Professor of Library Science

1866

HOPE COLLEGE Scott DeWitt., Ph.D. Alumnus

1866

McDaniel College Andrew Mehl, Ph.D. Alumnus

1869

TRINITY UNIVERSITY
Thomas Bell, Ph.D.
Alumnus

1874

MACALESTER COLLEGE Anne Thomason, M.A., M.S.I. Alumna

1874

ST. OLAF COLLEGE Andrew Hertel, Ph.D.

1880

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Brandi P. Jones, Ph.D. Vice Dean for Diversity & Strategic Initiatives Associate Professor of Engineering 1885

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Penny Schine Gold, Ph.D.

Alumna

1887

CLARK UNIVERSITY

Edward J. Ottensmeyer, Ph.D.

Dean Emeritus, Graduate School of Management

1888

University Of Puget Sound Stuart Allison, Ph.D.

Alumnus

1890

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO Brenda McGadney, Ph.D.

Alumna

1897

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY Stephen Standifird, Ph.D. President

1901

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY Ruby James, MBA. Vice President, Finance

1908

REED COLLEGE Duane M. Oldfield, Ph.D. Alumnus

1955

HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE
David Bunde, Ph.D.
Alumnus

1958

ASSOCIATED COLLEGES OF THE MIDWEST Brian Williams, J.D. Vice President of Faculty Development

and Grant Programs

1966

CARL SANDBURG COLLEGE Seamus Reilly, Ph.D. President

1966

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE Lori Sundberg, Ph.D. President

1969

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS - SPRINGFIELD Christine Eik Winick, M.P.A. Alumna

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### PARADE OF NATIONS

With community members hailing from six continents and students studying the world over, Knox College is a true global community. The 53 flags in the procession and on the stage represent the home countries of current Knox students.

Australia Hong Kong Russia

Austria India Singapore

BANGLADESH IRAN SOUTH AFRICA

Bolivia Japan Spain

Brazil Jordan Sri Lanka

CAMBODIA KOREA SYRIA

Canada Malaysia Tanzania

CHINA MEXICO THAILAND

Cyprus Morocco Tibet

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GHANA PHILIPPINES UZBEKISTAN

Greece Poland Vietnam

GUATEMALA PORTUGAL

### ABOUT KNOX COLLEGE



Knox College and the City of Galesburg—both chartered in 1837—were founded by a colony from upstate New York led by Presbyterian minister George Washington Gale, inspired by a vision for a society built on equity that can be seen in key events in our shared history. Several of the founders were active in the anti-slavery movement, even facing criminal charges for aiding the escape of fugitive slaves. It was at Knox in 1858, on the steps of Old Main, that Abraham Lincoln first denounced slavery on moral grounds in his debates with Stephen A. Douglas. Today, Old Main is a National Historic Landmark and the only remaining Lincoln-Douglas debate site in the nation. The first Black American to serve in the United States Senate, Hiram Revels, studied at Knox, and we awarded a bachelor's degree to Barnabas Root, one of the first Black college graduates in Illinois. Knox was also early to offer higher education for women—an event in which student activism had a critical role.

We remain steadfast in our belief that a liberal arts education best prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of learning and civic engagement, regardless of gender identity, race, cultural background, or financial means. We offer a diverse teaching faculty with close faculty-student working relationships. We support independent research, creative endeavors and career exploration by providing students with generous grants through the Power of Experience program. Students and faculty together have earned Knox national notice for outstanding undergraduate research, while Knox's record of engaging students in community service, in Galesburg and beyond, has been recognized multiple times on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Our 16,000 alumni worldwide are proof that a liberal arts education gives graduates the skills to find professional and personal success. Knox ranks among the nation's leading liberal arts colleges in the proportion of graduates who have earned doctorates in business, mathematics, computer science, and the physical sciences. Knox has regularly made the Forbes Grateful Grads index—a list of the top colleges in America where alumni feel that they received the greatest return on their college investment.

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# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT SARA JANE AHMED '12

Sara Jane Ahmed is a financial and environmental strategist leading a worldwide initiative to build clean energy economies for people in regions most affected by climate change. Drawing upon deep expertise in financial and energy markets, Ahmed supported the creation of Climate Prosperity Plans, encompassing both economic development and reduced vulnerability to climate change, potentially benefitting more than 1.4 billion people worldwide. To promote the Climate Prosperity Plans, she founded the Financial Futures Center, which explores investment opportunities that boost economic growth and ameliorate climate-related impacts. In addition, she serves as Finance Advisor to the Vulnerable Twenty (V20) Group, an organization that now includes more than 50 of the world's most climate-vulnerable countries.

While the first Climate Prosperity Plan is now being rolled out in Bangladesh, Ahmed also led the work on a moratorium on new coalfired power in her home country of the Philippines, as well as the Sustainable Insurance Facility, which helps small enterprises in V20 countries manage climate-related risks to their business.

In 2021, Ahmed was selected one of three winners of a Climate Breakthrough Award, the largest environmental award for individuals. Ahmed serves on the board of the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis and the advisory boards of the Global Renewables Congress and Climate Smart Ventures. She has held advisory and expert positions at the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines, United Nations Development Programme, Asian Development Bank, and World Resources Institute.

Ahmed has a master's degree in finance from the University of Rochester's Simon Graduate School of Business. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Knox College, *magna cum laude*, with a self-designed major in development finance and energy, and won the Sylvia & Irwin Jaffe Memorial Prize for academic achievement and extracurricular leadership, and the Charles W. and Arvilla S. Timme Ford Fellowship for research.

### HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT DAVID A. GREENE

David A. Greene, twentieth president of Colby College in Waterville, Maine, is leading transformational change at one of the nation's premiere liberal arts institutions.

Since Greene came to Colby in 2014, the college has diversified its faculty and added new academic programs in data science, computational biology, genomics, and environmental humanities, along with expanding core programs in the environment and climate change, performance studies, and creative writing.

Initiatives at Colby span the curriculum, from the Davis Institute for Artificial Intelligence to the Lunder Institute for American Art. New facilities and programs include the Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts, Greene Block + Studios, Paul J. Schupf Art Center, Linde Packman Lab for Biosciences Innovation, Buck Lab for Climate and Environment, Halloran Lab for Entrepreneurship, and a 500-acre island campus off the coast of Maine.

Greene's commitment to access has made Colby's financial aid program among the most generous in the country. The number of students eligible for Pell grants has nearly tripled, and the number of students of color has more than doubled. Working with the City of Waterville, Colby has spearheaded \$200 million in community redevelopment, including two art centers, a hotel and a technology center.

Before arriving at Colby, Greene was executive vice president of the University of Chicago and, prior to that, served in leadership roles at Brown University and Smith College. He serves on the boards of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole and the Kents Hill School. He received a bachelor's degree in history from Hamilton College and a master's degree in human development and psychology from Harvard University before earning a second master's and a doctoral degree in education and social policy at Harvard.

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT HAKI R. MADHUBUTI

Haki R. Madhubuti is a best-selling author, poet, publisher, editor, and educator, and is widely regarded as one of the architects of the Black Arts Movement.

Madhubuti has published more than 36 books, and his poetry and essays have been selected for more than 100 anthologies. His book, *Black Men: Obsolete*, *Single, Dangerous? The African American Family in Transition* has more than one million copies in print. His poetry had been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and he has won the American Book Award, Illinois Arts Council Award, Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award, and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Prize in poetry for his book, Liberation Narratives. His latest book, *Taught By Women: Poems As Resistance Language, New and Selected* (2020), pays homage to women who influenced him.

In 1967, Madhubuti founded Third World Press, the largest and oldest independent Black-owned press in the United States. In 2015, the publishing house expanded its mission as Third World Press Foundation. The Institute of Positive Education, which he co-founded with his wife, Dr. Carol D. Lee and others, operates three schools in Chicago. Madhubuti was named by Ebony magazine as one of the "150 Most Influential Blacks in America" in the field of education, and received the President's Pacesetters Award from the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education.

Madhubuti is also a founder and chairman of the board of the International Literary Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent, and has been awarded the Literary Legacy Award from the National Black Writers Conference for creating and supporting Black literature and for building Black literary institutions.

Madhubuti earned his master of fine arts at the University of Iowa. He has taught at Columbia College of Chicago, Cornell University, University of Illinois at Chicago, Howard University, Morgan State University, University of Iowa, DePaul University, and Chicago State University, where he founded and directed the Gwendolyn Brooks Center for Black Literature and Creative Writing and co-founded the first MFA in Creative Writing at a predominantly Black University.

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Committee members will be recognized with a purple and gold ribbon.

## PRESIDENTS OF KNOX COLLEGE

1841-1845	HIRAM HUNTINGTON KELLOGG
1845-1857	Jonathan Blanchard
1858-1862	HARVEY CURTIS
1863-1868	WILLIAM STANTON CURTIS
1868-1872	John Putnam Gulliver
1875-1892	NEWTON BATEMAN
1892-1899	John Huston Finley, Class of 1887
1900-1917	THOMAS McClelland
1918-1925	James Lukens McConaughy
1925-1936	Albert Britt, Class of 1898
1936-1946	CARTER DAVIDSON
1947-1948	Lyndon Osmond Brown
1949-1973	SHARVY GREINER UMBECK
1974–1982	E. Inman Fox
1982-1993	JOHN PATRICK McCall
1993-1998	Frederick C. Nahm
1999-2001	RICHARD S. MILLMAN
2002-2011	Roger L. Taylor, Class of 1963
2011-2021	Teresa L. Amott
2021-	C. Andrew McGadney

### THE COLLEGE SEAL

The Knox College Seal, in its present form, dates from 1937, the year of the College's centennial. It was designed

by artist Ralph Fletcher Seymour and is a refinement of earlier designs. Oval in shape, it has in its center a stylized lighted torch superimposed on an open book, both symbols of learning. The book bears the word Veritas (Latin for "Truth") and the symbols are wreathed in laurel leaves, the Roman symbol of honor. Around the outer rim of the seal are the College's name in Latin, Collegium Knoxense, and the date of its founding, 1837, in Roman numerals.

This is the College's fifth seal. The first two, dating from approximately 1838 and 1857, were round, with the College's name and location surrounding an image of an open book. The third seal, also round, was designed in 1887 by Robert J. Finley, a graduate of that year. It introduced all the elements of the current seal, plus an outer ring of pine branches. The fourth seal was adopted in 1903 from an 1890s design by Finley's brother, John Huston Finley, Class of 1887, the College's seventh president. Carrying forward most of the elements of its predecessor, the fifth seal reconfigured them for the first time into the familiar oval shape we see today.

### INAUGURATION COMMITTEES

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