



CONVOCATION

August 22, 2026 | 7:00 pm | Brookings Quadrangle



WashU

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

REMARKS

Ronné Patrick Turner
Vice Provost of Enrollment Management

Anna “Dr. G” Gonzalez
Vice Chancellor for Student Success

Andrew D. Martin
Chancellor

Reagan Winegar
Student Speaker, Class of 2027

ALMA MATER

Jared Berger
Student Singer, Class of 2027

RECESSIONAL

Please join us in Tisch Park for music, food, and festivities!

STUDENT SHIRT COLORS

New students can be identified by the color of their T-shirt.

Residential Community

Lien & Gregg (Brookings)
Eliot A & Eliot B (Eliot)
Hitzeman, Hurd & Myers (HIG)
Shanedling, Dauten & Rutledge (JKL)
Lee & Beaumont (LeeBeau)
Liggett & Koenig (LK)
Park & Mudd (ParkMudd)
Umrath & Zetcher (UmZee)
Dardick & Nemerov (WayCrow)
Danforth, Shepley & Wheeler (WGE)

Shirt color

Royal Blue
Purple
Orange
Turquoise
Yellow
Maroon
Black
Light Blue
Red
Forest Green

PLATFORM PARTY

Andrew D. Martin
Chancellor

Mark West
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Anna “Dr. G” Gonzalez
Vice Chancellor for Student Success

Ronné Patrick Turner
Vice Provost of Enrollment Management

Sheryl L. Mauricio
Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success

William J. Andrews III
Executive Director of Residential Life

Reagan Winegar
Student Speaker, Class of 2027

Jared Berger
Student Singer, Class of 2027

ARTS & SCIENCES

Feng Sheng Hu
Richard G. Engelsmann Dean of Arts & Sciences
Professor of Biology and of Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences
Lucille P. Markey Distinguished Professor in Arts & Sciences

Erin McGlothlin
Vice Dean of Undergraduate Affairs
Gloria M. Goldstein Professor of Holocaust Studies
Professor of German and Jewish Studies

Yan Yu
Art Krieg Professor of Chemistry and of Biomedical Engineering

Xuehua Zhong
Professor of Biology and Dean’s Distinguished Professorial Scholar and
Program Director, Plant & Microbial Biosciences

McKELVEY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Aaron F. Bobick

Dean & James M. McKelvey Professor

Fanwei Kong

Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science

Jay Turner

Vice Dean for Education

James McKelvey Professor of Engineering Education

Francisco Lagunas Vargas

Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science

OLIN BUSINESS SCHOOL

Michael J. Mazzeo

Dean and Knight Family Professor

Arlen Dean

Assistant Professor of Supply Chain, Operations and Technology

Douglas Laporte

Assistant Professor of Accounting

Paige LaRose

Senior Associate Dean & Director of Undergraduate Programs

SAM FOX SCHOOL OF DESIGN & VISUAL ARTS

Charlie White

Ralph J. Nagel Dean

Joseph Fitzpatrick

Associate Dean of Students

Aki Ishida

Sam and Marilyn Fox Professor & Director, College of Architecture and Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design

Meghan Kirkwood

Director of the College of Art and Graduate School of Art

BEYOND BOUNDARIES

Jennifer Harpring

Director, Beyond Boundaries Program

Teaching Professor at the Brown School

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Senior Advisor to the Chancellor for Leadership

FACULTY FELLOWS

El Hadji Samba Amadou Diallo

Park Mudd Residential Community

Senior Lecturer in African and African American Studies

Catalina Freixas

Liggett & Koenig Residential Community

Associate Professor, College of Architecture

Luis Alejandro Salas

Umrath & Zetcher Residential Community

Associate Professor of Classics

Director of Graduate Studies

Associate Professor of Philosophy



WASHU TRADITIONS

William Greenleaf Eliot Seal

The plaque embedded in the ground beneath the Brookings Hall archway honors Washington University's founder, first chairman of the board, and the third chancellor, William Greenleaf Eliot. The plaque was given to the university during the centennial celebrations in 1953 by the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. Student lore states that anyone who walks on the seal will not graduate in four years. As you process to the east end of campus after Convocation, you will see that we have placed stanchions around the seal to ensure no new students accidentally step on the seal in advance of their Commencement date.



University Seal and Motto

The university seal was developed in 1896 by Holmes Smith, professor of drawing and history of art, using elements from the coat of arms of George Washington (after whom the university is named) and fleurs-de-lis, the symbol of King Louis IX, patron and namesake of St. Louis. The seal was officially adopted by the Board of Trustees in March 1897. The university's motto, which appears inside an open book in the middle of the university seal, is *Per Veritatem Vis*, "Strength through Truth." The motto was adopted in 1915. The current version of the official university seal was created in 2000, incorporating the same elements.



ALMA MATER

Dear Alma Mater,
Thy name is sweet to me.
Our hearts are all for thee
Fair Washington.
Thy halls shall honored be
Throughout this great country
For all eternity, Our Washington.

Those days of youth which
All of us spent with thee
Form a dear history,
Fair Washington.
Could they renewed be,
We'd live our days with thee
For all eternity, Our Washington.

