

UMHB Alma Mater

Dear Mar - y Har - din Bay - lor who stands ev - er proud and
strong. With cour - age, bold - ness and loy - al - ty, our Cru -
sa - der leads us on. We will keep you high in
hon - or for - ev - er through our days. With
end - less time and won - der, our love will nev - er
fade. Ev - er thank - ful for our past, in - to the
fu - ture we will go. With faith - ful - ness and de -
vo - tion to you, our pur - ple, white and gold.

Lyrics: Kori Whatley '94; Heath Peloquin '96
Music: John Hollan '89; Todd Blackhurst '90

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179th FALL
CONVOCATION
coming together

August 14, 2024



Dr. Shirley V. Hoogstra
*7th President of the
 Council for Christian Colleges & Universities*

Dr. Shirley V. Hoogstra received her B.A. from Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI, and her J.D. with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law. She served for a decade of practicing law as a litigator, served as President of the New Haven County Bar Association, and was a founding board member and officer of the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. She returned to the world of Christian education as the Vice President for Student Life at Calvin University in 1999, where she served until becoming President of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities in 2014. Hoogstra serves on the steering committee for the Washington Higher Ed Secretariat, is a leader for the Evangelical Immigration Table, and serves on the boards of the American Council on Education, the National Association of Evangelicals, and Trinity Forum. She received honorary doctorate degrees from Gordon College and Nyack College and was the recipient of the Nina Griggs Gunter Servant Leadership Award, the Lifetime Education Impact Award, and the Keepers of the American Dream Award.

FALL CONVOCATION

August 14, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

Processional “Procession of the Nobles” Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
 Parade of Flags “Crown Imperial” William Walton
 Jason Palmer, Announcer

CONVOCATION VIDEO

Welcome Dr. Randy O’Rear
 President

Scripture Jacob (Jake) Crain
 Senior, Christian Studies Major

Introduction of Speaker Dr. John Vassar
 Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

“What’s God Up To?” Dr. Shirley V. Hoogstra
 President of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

“Alma Mater” Dr. Robert Pendergraft
 Associate Professor, Music
 Dr. Michelle Roueché, Accompanist

The Blessing Dr. Jude Austin
 Interim Associate Dean, School of Social Sciences

Recessional First Suite in E-flat, Mvt. III (March) Gustav Holst

Marshal: Dr. Kelda McMullen
 Assistant Marshals: Ms. Christan Hammonds Ms. Effel Harper
 Mr. Rory Jones Dr. Meri Hughes Dr. Jamey Plunk
 Dr. Christine Nix Dr. Rubi Ugofsky-Mendez Dr. Janice Wallace
 Dr. Joni Ylostalo

*At the conclusion of today’s ceremony,
 please remain in your seat for the recessional.*

If you want credit for chapel, you may swipe your cru card at the upstairs exit doors.