



Together We Are One McKendree

Inauguration Program

The inauguration of
Daniel C. Dobbins '81
as the thirty-third president of
McKendree University

February 19, 2021



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PROGRAM

Presidential Reflections

Dr. James Dennis

McKendree University's Thirty-Second President

Processional

"Centennial March"

Music and Arrangement by John M. Bliss

Performed by Dr. Nancy S. Ypma

Opening Greetings

Dr. Tami Eggleston

Provost, McKendree University

Invocation

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern

Bishop, Belleville Catholic Diocese

Welcome and Introduction of Platform Party

Daniel J. Lett '91

Chair, McKendree University Board of Trustees

Greetings and Well Wishes

Shelby Benn, Class of 2021

President, McKendree Student Government Association

Ryan Furniss '00

President, McKendree Alumni Association Board of Directors

Amy Shreve

Illinois Great Rivers Conference Coordinator of
Higher Education and Campus Ministry

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern

Bishop, Belleville Catholic Diocese

Bishop Frank J. Beard

Bishop of the United Methodist Church, Illinois Great Rivers Conference
Delivered by Rev. Allynn Walker, Mississippi River District Superintendent

Installation of President Daniel C. Dobbins '81

Presentation of Presidential Medallion

Daniel J. Lett '91

Chair, McKendree University Board of Trustees

Inaugural Address

"One McKendree"

Daniel C. Dobbins '81

McKendree University's Thirty-Third President

Benediction

Bishop Frank Beard

Bishop of the United Methodist Church, Illinois Great Rivers Conference
Delivered by The Reverend Dr. Tim Harrison, McKendree University Chaplain

McKendree Fight Song | Follow along on **Page 07**

"Our McKendree"

Words by L. Myrick and A.E. Wilkinson and Music arranged by David Boggs
Performed by McKendree University Wind Ensemble and Marching Band Drumline

BIOGRAPHY

On Jan. 1, 2020, **Daniel C. Dobbins '81** became McKendree University's thirty-third president, succeeding Dr. James Dennis, who retired after 26 years of dedicated service.

President Dobbins' McKendree story is one of loyalty, leadership and love— a journey from the classroom to the boardroom.

The six-foot, eight-inch student from the west-central farming community of Pittsfield, Ill., studied business administration and played forward and center for the Bearcats basketball team. He met his college sweetheart, the petite and outgoing Michaelene "Mickey" Macaluso, on the Lebanon campus. The couple earned their bachelor's degrees in 1981 and married that year. Mickey worked in McKendree's Office of Admission, while Dan became an accountant and pursued his CPA and MBA, graduating from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 1985.

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Inspired by gratitude, the Dobbinses became stewards of McKendree as volunteers and donors immediately after graduation. In 1987, Dan was elected president of the Alumni Association Board, and by virtue of that position became a member of the Board of Trustees. In 1999, the Alumni Association rewarded him with its most prestigious honor—the Peter Akers Award. A trustee for 32 years, he chaired the Resource Development and Financial Affairs Committees, and served as Treasurer (1998-2005), Vice Chair (2005-2007), and Board Chair (2007-2015). The University conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the 2015 Commencement ceremony to recognize his years of service and leadership as board chair. He has truly given his time, talent and treasure to McKendree.

President Dobbins' business acumen and experience, supported by years of **service and commitment to his alma mater**, guide him in his new role. He is the former president of Fiber Bond Corporation, an air filtration products manufacturing company in Michigan City, Ind.

He views the opportunity to lead McKendree forward as a **continued call to service**. "I am deeply committed to the mission of this great University and it has been a privilege for me to work on behalf of its students and all of the members of the McKendree community as a volunteer," he said. "As I begin this new chapter in my relationship with the University, I am deeply humbled and excited by the opportunity to continue that service as president and I am grateful for the strong and enduring leadership of Jim Dennis, who has left a lasting legacy on which we have the opportunity to build."



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Frank J. Beard
Daniel C. Dobbins '81





HISTORY AT THE HETT



The Inauguration of Daniel C. Dobbins '81 as McKendree's thirty-third president took place at the Russel E. and Fern M. Hettenhausen Center for the Arts.

Opened in 2006, the Hett takes pride in its reputation as the premier venue for the arts in Southern Illinois.

MCKENDREE FIGHT SONG



Hail to thee, our dear old McKendree,
May we always loyal be,
It's a song of praise we raise to thee
Alma Mater, dear old M.C.
May we ever hold thee true and wise and right,
Honor Purple and the White,
And for victory we'll always fight,
'Til we win for old M.C.K.

PRESIDENTS OF MCKENDREE

Before Daniel C. Dobbins assumed his duties on January 1, 2020, 38 individuals had directed the affairs of McKendree over its 192-year history.



1. James Dennis

1994-2019

3. Adolph Unruh*

1978-79

5. Eric N. Rackham

1968-75

7. Max P. Allen

1960-64

9. Webb Garrison

1957-60

11. Carl C. Bracy '36

1945-49

13. Cameron Harmon '1903

1923-35

15. Edwin P. Baker*

1917-19, 1923

17. James Dolley*

1915

19. McKendree Hypes Chamberlain '1859, '1862

1894-1908

21. Thoms H. Herdman*

1890-93

23. Isaiah Villars

1887-89

25. William Fletcher Swahlen

1883-86

27. Ross Clark Houghton

1878-79

29. Robert Allyn

1863-74

31. Werter Davis*

1857-58

33. Erastus Wentworth

1846-50

35. John Wesley Merrill

1838-41

37. Peter Akers

1833-36, 1845-46, 1852-57

2. Gerrit J. TenBrink

1979-94

4. Julian H. Murphy

1975-78

6. Edwin E. Voigt

1964-68

8. Willam N. Grandy*

1960

10. Harry "Russell" Grow

1950-57

12. Clark R. Yost '1913

1935-49

14. George E. McCammon '1894

1919-23

16. Huber William Hurt

1917-19

18. John F. Harmon

1908-15

20. Morris Lincoln Barr

1893-94

22. A.G. Jepson*

1889-90

24. Edward A. Whitwam

1886-87

26. Daniel W. Phillips '1862, '1865

1879-83

28. John W. Locke

1874-78

30. Nelson Cobleigh

1858-63

32. Anson W. Cummings

1850-52

34. James Finley

1841-45

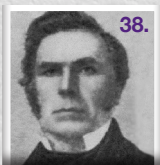
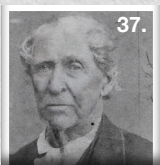
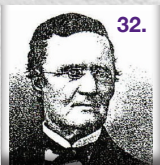
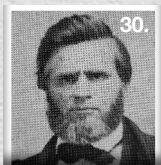
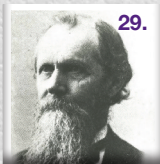
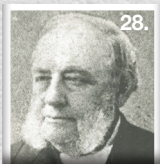
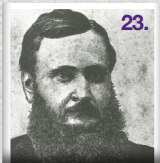
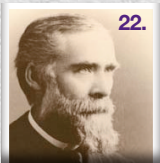
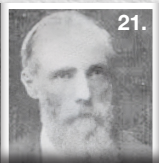
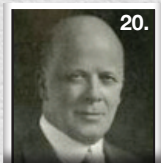
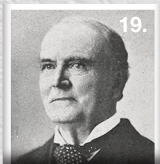
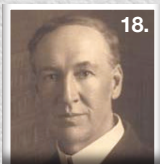
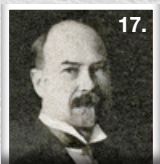
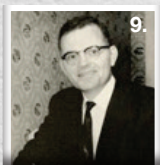
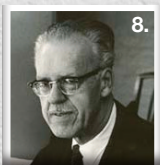
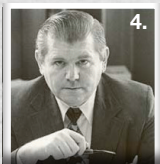
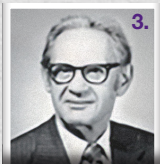
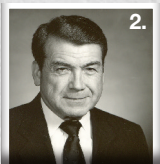
36. John Dew

1836-38

38. Edward R. Ames*

1828-33 (Principal)

* ACTING PRESIDENT



THE GOWN

This doctoral style gown, a fashion that dates back to the 12th century, has bell-shaped sleeves and is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve. Black trim is acceptable for all gowns of the doctorate. The color of the panels and sleeves varies to indicate the doctoral degree held. The color of the gown designates colors of the college or university where the degree was earned.



THE MEDALLION

This medallion, worn around the neck by McKendree University's president, bears an engraving of the University's official seal. This practice dates back to the Middle Ages, when seals such as ours were used to mark documents as official.

Possession of the seal was so important that it was usually worn around the neck for safekeeping. The wearing of the seal eventually became the symbol of authority.

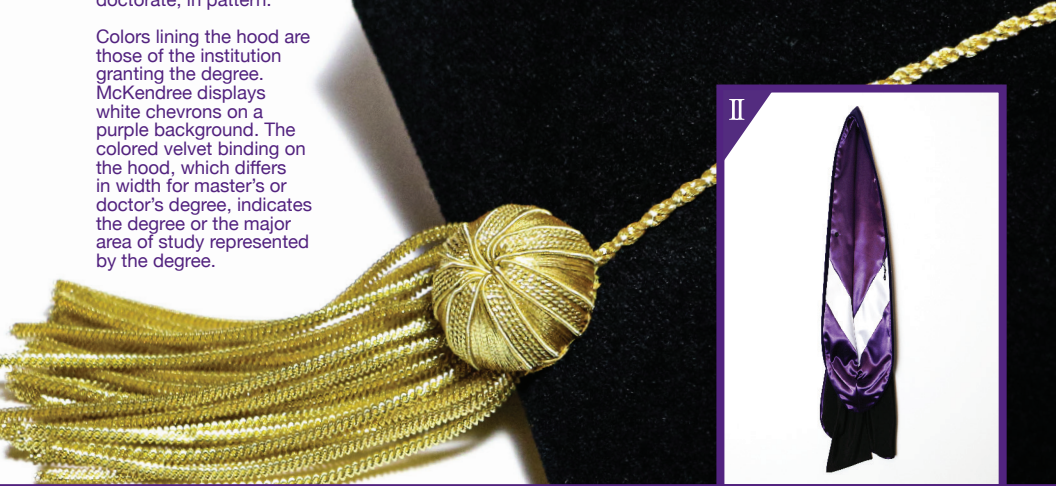


THE HOOD & CAP

This hood is worn around the front of the neck, draped over the shoulders and hung down the back of the gown. Each graduate degree (master's and doctorate) has its own special hood, which varies in length and, with the doctorate, in pattern.

Colors lining the hood are those of the institution granting the degree. McKendree displays white chevrons on a purple background. The colored velvet binding on the hood, which differs in width for master's or doctor's degree, indicates the degree or the major area of study represented by the degree.

The mortarboard is the accepted headdress in institutions of higher learning in the United States, whereas many European institutions retain their own distinctive styles of cap. The doctor might wear a gold tassel on his or her mortarboard; the bachelor's or master's degree holder usually wears black, although the color sometimes varies.



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THE MACE

This academic mace indicates that the president of our university holds in his hands the power, authority, autonomy, and sovereignty of the institution. It is a heavy responsibility to bear, and the sheer heft of McKendree's own mace reflects that philosophy.



The McKendree mace was fashioned from a white oak tree planted near Wildy Hall at a time near the founding of the college in 1828, and felled in 2004 by a summer storm. Sculpted images, such as the likeness of Bothwell Chapel, adorn its hexagonal head.



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