



ECKERD COLLEGE

CEREMONY OF LIGHTS CLASS OF 2009

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2005

5:30 PM

MCARTHUR GYMNASIUM

PROGRAM

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL*

WILLIAM MARSHALL
Piper

HYMN*
“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”

WELCOME

LLOYD W. CHAPIN, Dean of Faculty
CRAIG ALTEMOSE, ECOS President

PRESENTATION OF THE
CLASS OF 2009

LAURA SCHLACK
Dean of Admissions

RECEPTION OF THE CLASS

JAMES J. ANNARELLI
Dean of Students

ADDRESS TO THE CLASS

DONALD R. EASTMAN III
President

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

DEAN CHAPIN

RESPONSIVE READING
LITANY OF COMMITMENT*

SUZAN HARRISON
Associate Dean of Faculty

HYMN*
“HERE I AM, LORD”

BENEDICTION*

THE REVEREND MONA BAGASAO
Chaplain

RECESSIONAL*

(Please remain in your places until the platform party has recessed.)

Family and friends of the freshman class are invited to join their students and the faculty at an informal dinner at Fox Hall immediately following the Ceremony of Lights.

*Please rise as you are able.

AUTUMN TERM MENTORS

ANDREW CHITTICK, Associate Professor of East Asian Humanities
OLIVIER DEBURE, Director of International Student Programs
TOM DISALVO, Professor of Spanish
DAVID DUNCAN, Assistant Professor of Marine Science
HARRY ELLIS, Professor of Physics
JOAN EPSTEIN, Professor of Music
HONG GU, Assistant Professor of Chinese
BARNETT HARTSTON, Assistant Professor of History
LEE IRBY, Assistant Professor of History
WILLIAM KELLY, Associate Professor of Rhetoric
JAMES MACDOUGAL, Professor of Psychology
BRIAN MACHARG, Director of Service Learning
GEORGE MEESE, Professor of Rhetoric
ALLEN MEYERS, Assistant Professor of Anthropology
PETER MEYLAN, Professor of Biology
ALISON ORMSBY, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies
GREGORY PADGETT, Associate Professor of History
ARTHUR SKINNER, Professor of Visual Arts
ALAN SOLI, Professor of Chemistry
ERIKA SPOHRER, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric
JARED STARK, Assistant Professor of Literature
WILLIAM SZELISTOWSKI, Associate Professor of Biology and Marine Science
DONNA TRENT, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Management
JIANQIANG ZHAO, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

RESIDENT ADVISORS

Stephen Bell <i>Berkeley House</i>	Megan Guajardo <i>Henderson House</i>	Emily O'Bryant <i>Scott House</i>	Steve Skrinar <i>Nu Suites</i>
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Billy Boyle <i>Prasch House</i>	Jamey Handorf <i>Omega Apartments</i>	Kelli Osterkamp <i>Blakely House</i>	Sarah Swoch <i>Benedict House</i>
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Florence Castillo <i>Community RA</i>	Dylan Houghton <i>Newton House</i>	Krista Purcell <i>Douglas House</i>	Lemuel Thorton <i>Hubbard House</i>
Jon Chapman <i>Gershwin House</i>	Heidi Hudson <i>Leighton House</i>	Ashley Rhodes-Courter <i>Mill House</i>	Grahame Vittorini <i>Freeman House</i>
Nichole Collins <i>Darwin House</i>	Tina Irwin <i>Knox House</i>	Natalie Richards <i>Sigma House</i>	Peter Whicker <i>Hiaasen House</i>
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Keila Ferree <i>Sigma House</i>	Jordan Merrigan <i>Wilson House</i>	Adam Rosenthal <i>Nu Suites</i>	William Zook <i>Community RA</i>
Grace Gair <i>Kennedy House</i>	Melli Montano <i>Sigma House</i>	Amanda Sciarrotta <i>Dante House</i>	

HYMNS

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”

KATHARINE LEE BATES

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control,
Thy liberty in law!*

“HERE I AM, LORD”

DANIEL L. SCHUTTE

*I, the Lord of the sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin.
My hand will save.*

*I who made the stars of night,
I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone.
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom Shall I send?*

*O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

LITANY OF COMMITMENT

LEADER:

As we pass this flame this night, let us commit ourselves to the quest for knowledge and understanding that leads to wisdom.

PEOPLE:

We undertake this quest even though we know it means that we must grow and be changed.

LEADER:

As we pass this light from one to another, may it remind us that we do not learn and grow alone, and that our lives as individuals are fulfilled in community.

PEOPLE:

We acknowledge the need for the support of each other to succeed in achieving our educational goals.

LEADER:

As we embark on this adventure in learning together, let us remember that we seek to cultivate our full humanity.

PEOPLE:

We commit ourselves to the strengthening of our bodies, the sharpening of our intellects, and the nourishment of our souls.

LEADER:

As we strive to develop our individual talents, may we be mindful of the destructive consequences of focusing solely on personal gain.

PEOPLE:

We commit ourselves to pursuing an education that will enable us to contribute to the common good.

UNISON:

As we pass this flame this night, we commit ourselves to the quest for learning that liberates the mind from the limits of ignorance and prejudice, that fosters the fulfillment of our unique selfhood, and that enables us to lead through constructive service.



THE MACE

The Associate Dean of Faculty will lead the academic procession while bearing the College mace. The first dated record of the use of the academic mace was in 1385 at Vienna University. The mace has its roots in both the royal scepter and the instrument that bodyguards used to protect royalty in the Middle Ages. Eckerd College's mace is based on a design by Emeritus Professor of Art Jim Crane. The design incorporates the traditional Presbyterian cross of St. Andrew; a circle, the ancient Christian symbol for God; and the color orange, suggesting both the light of the world and the light of knowledge. The mace, symbol of the College's institutional authority, is fashioned from heavy gauge silver and handmade in Scotland.



LAMP OF KNOWLEDGE

“Light” and “knowledge” are associated in the most ancient of texts, light being elementally the means by which knowledge is pursued. The style of lamp commonly known as the “lamp of knowledge” was ubiquitous in the Mediterranean world over 2000 years ago. Brian Ransom, Associate Professor of Visual Arts, has designed for the Ceremony of Lights a lamp which incorporates the Middle Eastern design as well as the Asian component of an internal flame visible through a cut out section.



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