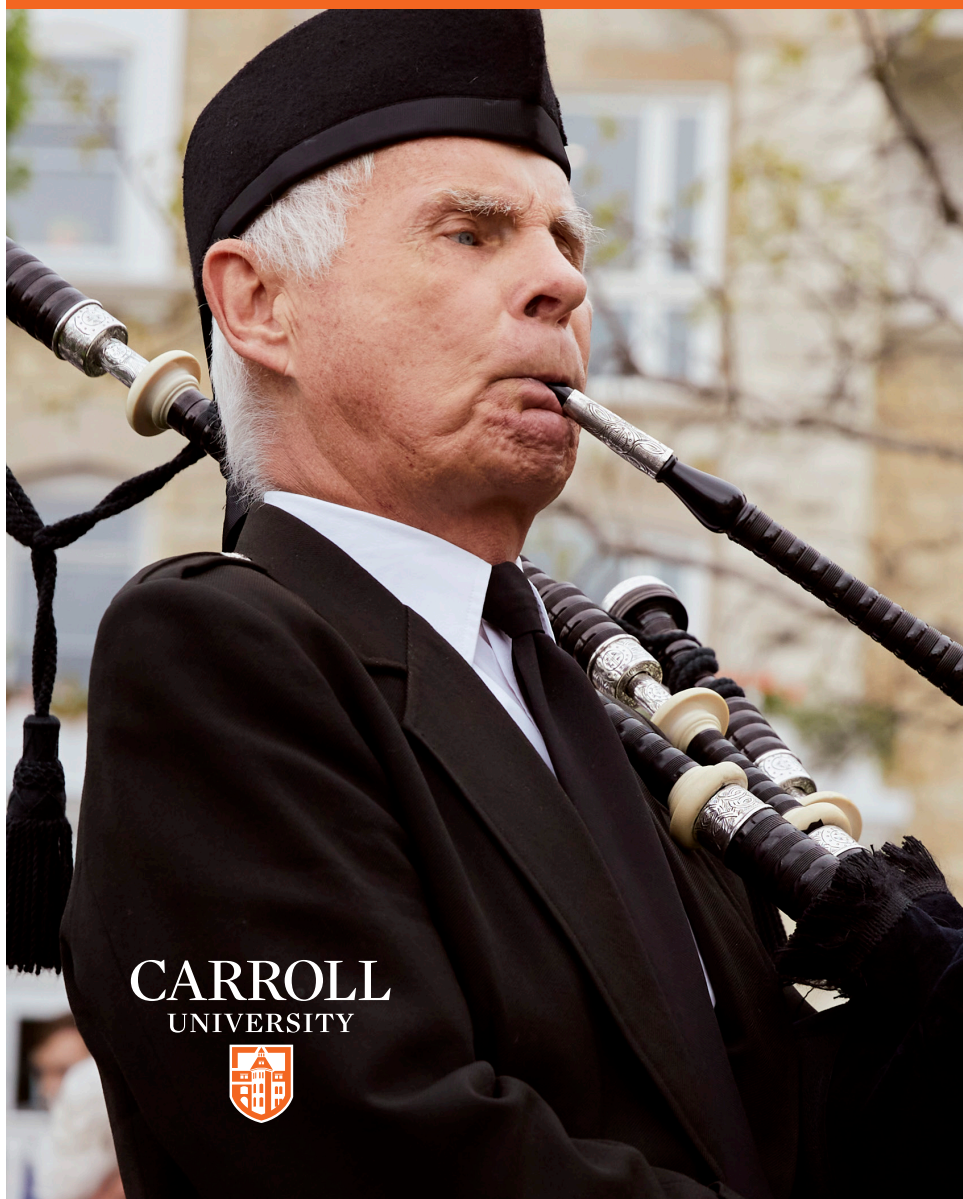


FIRST-YEAR STUDENT **CONVOCATION**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 | 3 P.M.
SHATTUCK AUDITORIUM



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Carroll University Mission Statement

Carroll University provides a superior education, rooted in its Presbyterian and liberal arts heritage, and draws upon its Christian tradition to prepare all students for vocational success, lifelong learning and service in a diverse and global society.

Carroll University ETHOS Statement

At Carroll University, we are partners in creating a community that embraces respect, integrity and stewardship. The quality of our life together is central to our mission of excellence in teaching, learning and service.

Respect

We will honor the dignity and worth of each member of our diverse community by building relationships of trust. We will be civil and kind as we engage one another in our work.

Integrity

We will offer our best selves and trust that others will do the same through honesty, fairness and strength of character.

Stewardship

We will cultivate and care for our human, natural and material resources with gratitude, responsibility and accountability.

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Convocations

A convocation is an event that brings together the entire academic community to consider contemporary issues and enduring questions, to honor individual and collective achievement, and to celebrate shared vision and values. These convocations are a celebrated part of the Carroll experience, bringing all disciplines together to share a foundational experience. The purpose of First Year Student Convocation is to celebrate a new academic year and to welcome our incoming first-year and transfer students.

History of Regalia and Bagpiper

The wearing of academic regalia (robes, hoods, caps) began as universities were forming in the 12th and 13th centuries. Distinctive regalia, as seen today, became prominent in 14th century England as colleges and universities began to distinguish themselves from one another. Bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed while doctor's gowns are typically velvet with bands along the sleeves. The colors on the faculty gowns represent the various fields in which the degrees were earned and the institution granting the advanced degree.

Today, students are led in by a single bagpiper and welcomed into the tradition of wearing gowns. At graduation, students will be led in by a full troop of bagpipers and will wear full regalia (gown, hood/ stole, cap and tassel).



Keynote Speaker

Professor Jennifer Dobby, MA

Jenn Dobby is a director, playwright, script consultant, and intimacy director/choreographer. Jenn received her BFA in Theatre and BAs in English and Rhetoric from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and received her MFA in Writing for the Stage+Screen from Northwestern University, where she was a Jacob K. Javits Fellow. Jenn is a multiple-year finalist for the Eugene O'Neill National Playwright's Conference, a former Dramatists Guild Fellow, and proud member of both the Dramatists Guild and Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. Jenn has been lucky to be teaching at Carroll University for 10 years, where she recently won the Norman and Louise Allhiser Award for Teaching Excellence. She is also the Chair of the Department of Visual, Interactive and Performing Arts.

Program

All who are able, please stand

Procession

Mr. Gary Bottoni, *Billy Mitchell Scottish Pipe Band Member*

Mace Bearer

Mr. Michael Konemann, *associate professor of computer science*

Marshals

Dr. Charles Byler, *professor of history*

Dr. Susan Lewis, *professor of biology*

Please be seated

Opening of Ceremony

Dr. Mark Blegen, *provost and vice-president for academic affairs*

Invocation & Land Acknowledgement

The Rev. Elizabeth McCord, *chaplain and director of spiritual life*

"All Are Welcome".....Lyrics: Marty Haugen

Led by Carroll Concert Choir

Directed by Jeremiah Cawley

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of
hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love
of Christ shall end divisions.*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the
cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we
claim the faith of Jesus.*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to
heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; and danger.*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Address to Class of 2027

Dr. Cindy Gnadinger, *president*

The Carroll Student Experience

Ms. Ashley Lubkeman, '25, *student senate president*

Introduction of professor Jennifer Dobby

Dr. Mark Blegen

Keynote Address

Ms. Jennifer Dobby, *assistant professor of theatre arts*

Benediction

The Rev. Elizabeth McCord

Alma Mater

"Carroll University Alma Mater"..... Lyrics by Henderson Smith

All who are able, please stand

Our Carroll University, our home so fair and free!

*To thee our loyalty we pledge, and praises sing to thee, Thy hallowed halls we love so well,
the campus walks, the victory bell.*

*Our hearts and minds rejoice to be,
thy sons and daughters; Hail to thee.*

Closing of Ceremony

Dr. Mark Blegen

Recessional

Dr. Mark Blegen

Please remain at your seats until the platform party and faculty recess

