

THE PROGRAM

*Friday, the thirtieth of September
Two thousand and sixteen
Two o'clock in the afternoon*

*Severance Green, Wellesley College
Wellesley, Massachusetts*

PAULA A. JOHNSON



Paula A. Johnson is a highly respected and passionate leader, deeply committed to women and to improving their lives. She is recognized internationally as an innovator who has brought her broad range of experience as a researcher, educator, and expert in health care, public health, and health policy to bear in the effort to transform the health of women.

Before coming to Wellesley, Dr. Johnson founded and served as the inaugural executive director of the Connors Center for Women's Health and Gender Biology, as well as serving as Chief of the Division of Women's Health at Brigham and Women's Hospital—a Harvard teaching hospital and one of the world's leading academic medical centers. Her vision for achieving sustainable improvement in women's health is reflected in the Connors Center's unique approach to all aspects of health throughout the lifespan. This model encompasses discovering how disease is expressed differently in women and men, integrating leading-edge research about women's health into the delivery of care, influencing health policy, addressing the health of women globally, and developing the next generation of leaders in the field of women's health through interdisciplinary education and working successfully across complex systems.

A cardiologist, Dr. Johnson was the Grace A. Young Family Professor of Medicine in the Field of Women's Health, an endowed professorship named in honor of Dr. Johnson's mother, at Harvard Medical School. She was also Professor of Epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Dr. Johnson was elected to the National Academy of Medicine, formerly the Institute of Medicine, the nation's leading advisory organization providing expertise on issues relating to biomedical science, medicine, and health. She is also featured as a national leader in medicine by the National Library of Medicine and is the recipient of numerous awards and honorary degrees recognizing her contributions in women's health and public health.

Her vision, research, and ability to lead at the intersection of health care, education, and public health has placed her in key leadership roles in organizations around the world, including Chair of the Board of the Boston Public Health Commission, member of the National Institutes of Health Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health, and membership on a range of national and international boards and committees.

Dr. Johnson attended Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, received her M.D. and M.P.H. degrees from Harvard, and trained in internal medicine and cardiovascular medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. A native of Brooklyn, New York, she and her husband have a son and a daughter and two Havanese puppies.

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Laura Daignault Gates '72
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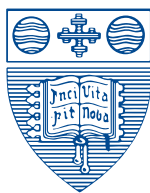
THE BOSTON BRASS ENSEMBLE
Dave Burdett, Principal Conductor

Fanfare from Festmusik der Stadt Wien
Richard Strauss

Little Drummer Boy
Katherine K. Davis '14

Canzon Septimi Toni no. 2
Giovanni Gabrieli

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PROCESSIONAL

YANVALOU
DRUMMING AND DANCE ENSEMBLE

Kera Washington '93, Director

THE BOSTON BRASS ENSEMBLE
Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman, no. 5

Joan Tower

Fanfare

Charles Marge

Celebration '94

Rosey Mei-Kuei Lee

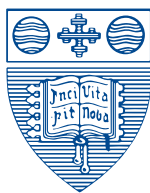
Psalm 18

Benedetto Marcello

Sonata 28

Johann Pezel

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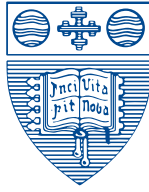
THE CARILLON

Percussive Rhythms from

The Wellesley Studies by Geert D'hollander

Isabelle Chen '17 and Margaret Liu '17, *Carillonneurs*

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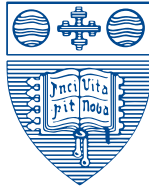
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On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Drew Gilpin Faust

President of Harvard University

On behalf of institutions of higher learning

Kathleen McCartney

President of Smith College

On behalf of institutions of higher learning dedicated to educating women

Vivian W. Pinn '62 M.D.

Senior Scientist Emerita, National Institutes of Health

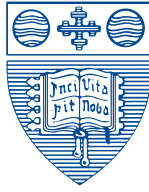
On behalf of the community of scientists dedicated to women's health

Georgia Murphy Johnson '75

President of the Wellesley College Alumnae Association

On behalf of the Wellesley College alumnae

INAUGURATION CEREMONY



HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

By James W. and John R. Johnson/arr. D.M. Gardner

The Wellesley College Choir

Lisa Graham, *Evelyn Barry Director of the Choral Program*

James Dargan, *Baritone Soloist*

Russell Hoffmann, *Keyboard*

Mark Henry, *Bass*

Bob Savine, *Drums*

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POETRY READING

Upside Down

FOR PAULA JOHNSON

An inner tube drifts idly on Lake Waban.
A satellite blinks across the night sky.

A moon on the lake, and in between
A small busy civilization

What depends on what is what the jay cries,
But its own reflection is the sole reply.

Window by window powers down,
To let the perfect darkness have its day.

A dragonfly starring in its own minute
Already elderly, reflects upon the scene.

I wrote it down on a shiny screen
Not to forget what hasn't happened yet:

A voice that isn't the jay, isn't the fly,
Announces the altitude, turns off the lights.

*The water discovered its history in stars;
The sky admired its signature on water.*

The satellite dreams it's an inner tube,
Bobbing in time on the starry water.

— Dan Chiasson,
Associate Professor of English

The inner tube dreams it's a satellite,
Free in the dark wide drift of night.

You were sleeping, so I wrote this down:
September 16, 2016: a lake on the moon,

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GREETINGS

Andrew Shennan

Provost and Dean of the College

On behalf of the faculty

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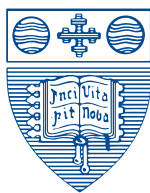
'Tis a Gift to Be Simple

By Joseph Brackett/arr. Aaron Copland

The Wellesley College Choir

Lisa Graham, *Conductor*

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ALMA MATER

To Alma Mater, Wellesley's Daughters

By Anne Barrett Hughes, Class of 1886/arr. Alyssa Kaiser-Hirsh '14

(Audience will please stand and join)

The Wellesley College Choir

Lisa Graham, *Conductor*

To alma mater, Wellesley's daughters,
All together join and sing,

Thro' all her wealth of wood and waters,
Let your happy voices ring.

In ev'ry changing mood we love her,
Love her tow'rs and woods and lake,

Oh, changeful sky, bend blue above her!
Wake, ye birds, your chorus wake!

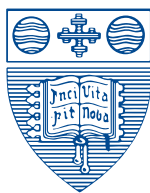
We'll sing her praises now and ever,
Blessed fount of truth and love.

Our heart's devotion, may it never
Faithless or unworthy prove.

We'll give our lives and hopes to serve her,
Humblest, highest, noblest all;

A stainless name we will preserve her,
Answer to her ev'ry call.

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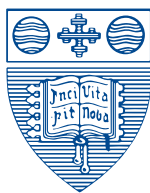
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THE CARILLON

Fisher's Hornpipe

Arranged by Percival Price

Lilian Ma '17, *Carillonneur*

BENEDICTION

Gloria White-Hammond M.D.

Co-Pastor

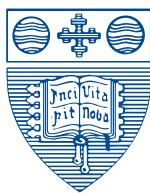
Bethel AME Church Boston

Elaine Zecher D.D.

Senior Rabbi

Temple Israel of Boston

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HYMN

America the Beautiful

(Audience will please stand and join)

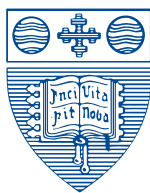
Victoria Williams '17, *singer*

i. 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!

iv. O beautiful for patriot dream,
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good
With brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

–Katharine Lee Bates, Class of 1880
*Professor of English Literature,
Wellesley College (1885–1925)*

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RECESSIONAL

THE BOSTON BRASS ENSEMBLE

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Declamation

Emma Lou Diemer

Marche Triomphale

Fernand Desprez

The Great Crush Collision March

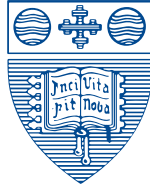
Scott Joplin

El Abanico

Alfredo Javaloyes

The audience will please remain seated until the procession has withdrawn.
A celebratory reception will immediately follow in Clapp Library.

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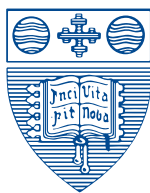
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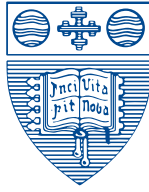
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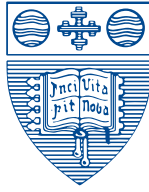
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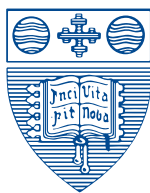
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HISTORY OF WELLESLEY COLLEGE



Wellesley College was founded in 1870 by Henry Fowle Durant and Pauline Fowle Durant. An impassioned believer in educational opportunity for women, Mr. Durant appointed Ada Howard president of the daring venture—a college designed to offer 19th-century women an education as rigorous and demanding as that available to the most able male scholars.

According to historian Helen Lefkowitz Horowitz '63, Mr. Durant saw higher education for women as a means for “revolt”—“revolt against the slavery in which women are held by the customs of society...” The College’s objective, he told Wellesley’s first class in 1875, was to prepare students for “great conflicts, for vast reforms in social life, for noble usefulness.” The fledgling institution’s motto reflected that mission: *Non ministrari sed ministrare*, not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

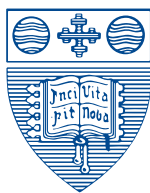
Durant put women as well as men on the first board of trustees and appointed Ada Howard as Wellesley’s first president. Alice Freeman Palmer succeeded President Howard in 1881, furthering the high academic standards for which Wellesley has since been known. A succession of remarkable women followed her, including Ellen Fitz Pendleton, who, during her 25 years in office, directed the rebuilding of the campus after the catastrophic College Hall fire of 1914; Mildred McAfee Horton, director of WAVES during World War II; Margaret Clapp, historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer; Ruth M. Adams, president during the period that introduced exchange programs and continuing

education; Barbara W. Newell, during whose tenure the College celebrated its centennial; Nannerl Overholser Keohane, under whose leadership the College’s financial underpinnings were greatly strengthened; Diana Chapman Walsh, who oversaw a revision of the curriculum, an expansion of programs in experiential and service learning, and technology-assisted teaching and learning; and H. Kim Bottomly, who led Wellesley into an increasingly global era, including the launch of the Madeleine Korbel Albright '59 Institute for Global Affairs.

For more than 140 years, Wellesley has supported and championed women’s intellectual and social development and autonomy. The College is dedicated to providing women with an exceptional educational experience and to cultivating their ability and determination to make a difference in the world. The Durants’ decision that the Wellesley faculty be comprised of women has led over the decades to Wellesley always having at least half of its distinguished faculty be women and to always having a woman as president.

Wellesley attracts a talented and diverse student body: some 2,400 women from more than 57 countries, 51 U.S. states and territories, and virtually every socio-economic, ethnic, racial, religious, and cultural background. Considered one of the finest liberal-arts colleges in the nation, Wellesley is widely acknowledged to be the premier college for women and the global center of women’s leadership, in principle and in practice.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS



Ada Howard
1875–1881

Margaret Clapp '30
1949–1966

Alice Freeman Palmer
1881–1887

Ruth M. Adams
1966–1972

Helen Shafer
1887–1894

Barbara W. Newell
1972–1980

Julia Irvine
1894–1899

Nannerl Overholser Keohane '61
1981–1993

Caroline Hazard
1899–1910

Diana Chapman Walsh '66
1993–2007

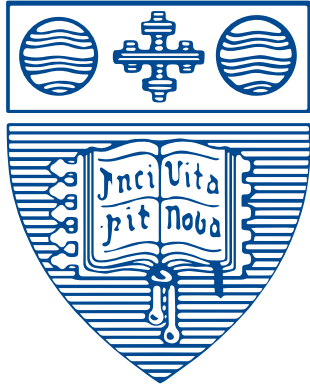
Ellen Fitz Pendleton, Class of 1886
1911–1936

H. Kim Bottomly
2007–2016

Mildred McAfee Horton
1936–1949

Paula A. Johnson
2016–

THE SHIELD AND THE KEYS TO THE COLLEGE



THE SHIELD

According to *Wellesley College 1875–1975: A Century of Women*, trustee George H. Davenport declared that Wellesley, by virtue of “being one of the largest women’s colleges in the land,” should adopt a shield. In 1917, a shield—and a new seal embodying the shield—were adopted by the Wellesley Trustees.

THE KEYS TO THE COLLEGE

Caroline Hazard was the fifth president of Wellesley, but the first to have a formal inauguration. Mrs. Pauline A. Durant first presented the keys to Caroline Hazard at her inauguration on October 3, 1899—committing them to President Hazard’s care for the tenure of her presidency.

Today, Chair Laura Daignault Gates ’72 will present the keys to President Johnson.

The Key of a Dormitory,
with a hearth For Domestic Life

The Key of the Library,
with an owl and a book For Intellectual Life

The Key of the Chapel,
with a cross For Spiritual Life

Azure on an open ancient book, the shield includes the words *Incipit Vita Nova*, Dante’s phrase that Mr. Durant quoted in his address, “The Spirit of the College.” The book may represent the Book of Knowledge, and “the two fountains or wells may be said to refer to the fountains of truth and knowledge, and are also an allusion to the Wellesley and Welles association with the College. The pun on the word *welles* is significant. Mr. and Mrs. Durant’s great-aunt married Samuel Welles, and from his family, Wellesley was named.”

The new seal retained the motto *Non Ministrari sed Ministrare*, and substituted a drawing of an oak leaf for the date 1875. The Trustees decreed the shield “beautiful in design” and for use on unofficial publications; it “may be used, carved in stone on buildings, wrought in iron on entrance gates, stamped on note paper, and in many other ways,” while the seal was to be used exclusively on official papers and documents.

