President's Convocation (2000 Program)

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Shirk Center Performance Arena
September 27, 2000
7:00 P.M.
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Lauren Boegen
From Waukegan, Illinois, Lauren is a graduate of Warren Township High School. Lauren has also played varsity basketball and soccer. Lauren enters Illinois Wesleyan as a freshman. She is a national Merit Scholar from Bethalto, Illinois. She is an actor and a vocal instigator. She has also participated in the Young Scholars program and built houses for Habitat for Humanity. At Illinois Wesleyan, Lauren will be a Physics major as she pursues the 3-2 engineering program.

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Elizabeth L. Watson
Elizabeth Watson has worked as an architectural historian and archivist for the United States Department of the Interior, the National Endowment for the Arts, the American Historical Association, and the long Island Historical Society. She is the author of "A Limner's View: An Artist's View of Country Houses and Their Architects," a Pictorial History of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and many other books. She has also written articles for the national Historical Journal and the American History Journal. She has been active in helping to preserve the many historic buildings that grace the 95-acre campus situated along the western shore of Long Island.

James D. Watson
Watson is a past director of the national Center for Human Genome Research at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. For the last half-dozen years, Watson has served as president of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. He joined the Harvard University faculty in 1956. He remained at Harvard until 1968, when he was a researcher at the University of Copenhagen, the Cavendish Laboratory, and the Institute of Medical Research, London, where he worked on the genetic code. Watson is a co-discoverer of the structure of DNA in 1953, which he later described as "the greatest achievement of scientific research in our time." This discovery was made possible by the development of the Watson-Crick model, which proposed the double helical structure of DNA, a key substance in chromosomes that transfers genetic characteristics in all life. This feat has been described as "the greatest achievement of scientific research in our time." Watson is a fellow of the Royal Society, a member of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and a member of the Royal Society of Canada. He is currently a professor of molecular biology at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

The "Human Genome"
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In 1953 James D. Watson and Francis Crick proposed the double helical structure of DNA, a key substance in chromosomes that transfers genetic characteristics in all life. This feat has been described as "the greatest achievement of science in the twentieth century." For this work, Watson, Crick—and Maurice Wilkins—were awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize in Medicine. Watson's work with DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid, was recounted in his best-seller, The Double Helix.

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Watson has received many honors, including the Albert Lasker Prize from the American Public Health Association, John J. Carty Gold Medal of the National Academy of Sciences, Copley Medal of the British Royal Society, and the Lomonosov Medal from the Russian Academy of Sciences. Other honors bestowed upon Watson by the U.S. government include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 1977, and the National Medal of Science, which was awarded to him in 1997. He was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences in 1962.

Watson, who has received honorary degrees from about 22 universities, also is the author of several other books, including Molecular Biology of the Gene, The DNA Story, Molecular Biology of the Cell, Recombinant DNA: A Short Course, and A Passion for DNA.
Elizabeth L. Watson is a researcher in the field of architectural history, and the author of architectural odyssey (1997), and the long island architectural odyssey (1999). She has received the 1999 new york architectural odyssey award for her work in the field of architectural history.

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Proclaimation of the Nobles (1887-1964)

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When college days are fully past and gone,

true to our alma Mater, Wesleyan.

Through time unending, loyal we will be—

From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,

Shall we be true to the Alma Mater, Wesleyan?

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National Hymn

George William Warren (1825-1902)

Arr. Peter Andrea Gilbert '98

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While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn,

Gladly thy soul shall with us linger on—

Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

—from Professor W. E. Schultz

Chaplain Grah

Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872-1958)

 Invocation

Prelude

William Walton

(1902-1983)

Processional (please stand)

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Presidential Scholars

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Provisional Janet M. McNew

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Nobel laureate

Joseph Binder

Joseph Binder is a National Merit Scholar from Decatur, Illinois, where he graduated first in his class at St. Theresa High School. Joe is an Eagle Scout and participated in track and cross country. At Illinois Wesleyan, he will major in chemistry.

Lauren Bogen

Lauren Bogen is a National Merit Scholar from Waukegan, Illinois, where she graduated first in her class at Warren Township High School. Lauren has been involved in Jazz Band, Synchonic, Marching, and Concert Band. She has also played varsity basketball and soccer. Lauren enters Illinois Wesleyan undecided as to major, with interests in English and Psychology.

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The Founder's Gates Inscription

Edward McCormick
Mac is a National Merit Scholar from Lincoln-Way High School in New Lenox, Illinois. Acknowledging Thucydides' claim that “History is philosophy teaching by examples,” he intends to major in history with additional study in anthropology and philosophy. He has been a varsity swimmer and intends to participate in swimming at Illinois Wesleyan.

Serena Otsick
Serena is a graduate of Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis, Oregon. She has studied modern dance for seven years and participated in the Corvallis Youth Symphony, where she played flute. At Illinois Wesleyan, she will major in biology.

Jennifer Pierce
Jennifer comes from Hobbs, New Mexico. She is a National Merit Scholar and recipient of the Jack Mattox Distinguished Scholarship. She has studied dance and piano and participated in varsity track. Here she will major in biology.

Katherine Scholten
Katie is a graduate of Elk Grove High School, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, where she received the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Youth Excellence. Katie participated in dance, choir, and other vocal groups, as well as volleyball. For three years she was student choreographer for her school’s spring musical. At Illinois Wesleyan, she will major in mathematics in the teacher education program.

Emily Waecker
Emily is a graduate of Maine West High School in Des Plaines, Illinois. She is a school record-holder in swimming and has written for her school’s literary magazine. She is undecided as to major, but is interested in architecture and chemistry.

Benjamin Weber
Benjamin is a graduate of Oak Park River Forest High School, Oak Park, Illinois. He is a violinist and has participated in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, Honors Orchestra of the Illinois Music Educators’ Association All State Festival, and the Windy City String Ensemble. In addition to violin, Benjamin also has interests in history and English.

Sarah Wells
Sarah is a National Merit Scholar who graduated first in her class at Meridian High School, Decatur, Illinois. She plays trumpet and piano. Sarah has participated in theatre and the Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra. At Illinois Wesleyan, she will major in biology.

The Anderson Physics Scholar
2000-2001
Ileana Rau
Ileana began working on a research project with Professor Gabe Spalding during her first year and has presented at two student research conferences. This year she is participating in a study abroad program at Karlsruhe University in Germany. A native of Sibiu, Romania, Ileana will return to Illinois Wesleyan for her final year of undergraduate study.
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