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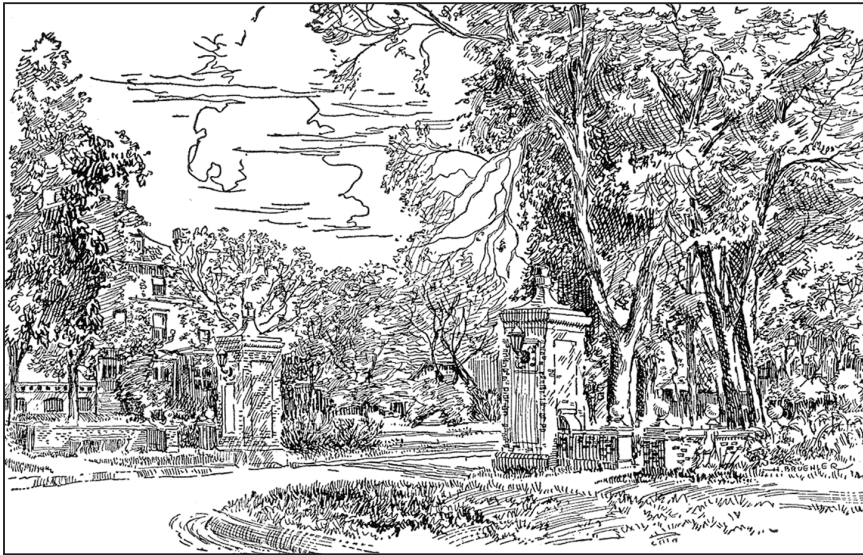
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## FOUNDERS' GATE INSCRIPTION



*From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches of Illinois Wesleyan University*

*WE STAND IN A POSITION OF INCALCULABLE RESPONSIBILITY  
TO THE GREAT WAVE OF POPULATION OVERSPREADING THE VALLEY  
OF THE MISSISSIPPI. DESTINY SEEMS TO POINT OUT THIS VALLEY  
AS THE DEPOSITORY OF THE GREAT HEART OF THE NATION.  
FROM THIS CENTER, MIGHTY PULSATIONS, FOR GOOD OR EVIL,  
MUST IN THE FUTURE FLOW, WHICH SHALL NOT ONLY AFFECT  
THE FORTUNE OF THE REPUBLIC, BUT REACH IN THEIR INFLUENCE  
OTHER AND DISTANT NATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

### THE FOUNDERS OF ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Peter Cartwright	W. H. Allin	Thomas P. Rogers
C. W. Lewis	W. C. Hobbs	John W. Ewing
J. C. Finley	John E. McClun	Lewis Bunn
John S. Barger	John Magoun	E. Thomas
James Leaton	Thomas Magee	Isaac Funk
John Van Cleve	William Wallace	James Allin
James F. Jaquess	Charles P. Merriman	D. Trimmer
William J. Rutledge	James Miller	Kersey H. Fell
C. M. Holliday	William H. Holmes	Silas Watters
W. D. R. Trotter	Linus Graves	Reuben Andrus

Illinois Wesleyan University

# FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION



Westbrook Auditorium  
Presser Hall  
January 15, 2020  
11:00 AM

## PROGRAM

President Georgia Nugent, *Presiding*

PRELUDE: Hymne d'Action de Grace "Te Deum"

Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

Doris Hill, *organist*

PROCESSIONAL (*please stand*)

La Marche

G. F. Handel  
(1685-1759)

A FOUNDERS INVOCATION (*remain standing*)

Elyse Nelson Winger  
*University Chaplain*

FOUNDERS' DAY REMARKS

Georgia Nugent  
*President*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Mark Brodl  
*Provost and Dean of the Faculty*

Remarks

"The Future of Journalism in the Fake News Era"

Jim Kirk

ALMA WESLEYANA (*please stand and join in singing*)

Madeline Hanrahan '21, *soloist*

NATIONAL HYMN

George William Warren  
(1828-1902)

From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,

Where'er we wander, over land or sea;

Through time unending, loyal we will be —

True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

When college days are fully past and gone,

While life endures, from twilight dream til dawn,

Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on —

Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

— *Professor W. E. Schultz* (1935)

RECESSIONAL (*remain standing*)

Fugue in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)



## Jim Kirk

As Publisher and Executive Editor of *Crain's Chicago Business*, Jim Kirk leads one of the largest city business newspapers in the country.

Prior to joining Crain's in November of 2018, Jim was senior vice president of strategic initiatives for Tribune Publishing. In that role, he also served as Interim Editor and then Editor-In-Chief of the Los Angeles Times, which won the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting.

An award winning journalist and veteran of the publishing industry, Jim served for more than five years as the publisher and editor-in-chief of the Chicago Sun-Times. He was previously the chief of editorial operations at Crain's Chicago Business and, prior to that, the managing editor at the Chicago News Cooperative, a non-profit news organization he helped develop with other top Chicago journalists. He has also worked in Washington, D.C., at Bloomberg News overseeing coverage of the White House, Congress and other federal agencies.

Jim started his journalism career in Chicago at Grocery Marketing Magazine and Adweek magazine before joining the Chicago Sun-Times in 1995. He joined the Chicago Tribune in 1997 as a reporter, and later became a columnist before being promoted to Associate Managing Editor for Business.

He is a 1990 graduate of Illinois State University. He currently resides in the Chicago suburbs with his wife, Michelle, and their three children.