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PRESIDENT'S CONVOCAATION



Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
September 5, 2001
11:00 a.m.

PROGRAM

President Minor Myers, jr., *Presiding*

Organ Prelude	J. Scott Ferguson, <i>Organist</i> <i>Associate Professor of Music</i>
Fantasia in g minor, BWV	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Invocation (<i>please stand</i>)	Dennis E. Groh '61 <i>University Chaplain</i>
Welcome	President Minor Myers, jr.
Greetings from the Student Senate	Gregory P. Adamo '02 <i>President, Student Senate</i>
Recognition of Presidential Scholars	Roger H. Schnaitter <i>Associate Provost</i>
Special Music	
Prelude from Suite in G Major for Unaccompanied Cello	Jeremy Sharp '05
<i>J. S. Bach</i>	
Awarding of Honorary Degrees	President Myers Janet M. McNew <i>Provost and Dean of the Faculty</i>
Karen Zander '70	
<i>The Center for Case Management</i>	
Daniel F. Bassill '68	
<i>Cabrini Connections Tutor/Mentor Connection</i>	
Arthur J. Naparstek '60	
<i>The Cleveland Community-Building Initiative</i>	
Jack O. Snyder '52	
<i>Community Benefactor: Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross</i>	
Sandra Steingraber '81	
<i>Poet, Scientist and Author</i>	
Remarks	Professor Steingraber
"Environmental Human Rights"	
Alma Wesleyana	NATIONAL HYMN
(<i>please stand and join in singing</i>)	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 gleam til dawn, Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on— Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.	
	— <i>Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)</i>
Benediction (<i>remain standing</i>)	Chaplain Groh
Organ Postlude	Professor Ferguson
Sonata II	
Allegro maestoso	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



SANDRA STEINGRABER '81

Scientist, poet, author and cancer survivor Sandra Steingraber, a 1981 Illinois Wesleyan graduate, is an internationally recognized expert on the environmental links to cancer.

Currently a visiting professor at Cornell University, she is the author of a new book, "Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood," which will be published in October. In it, she relates the month-by-month story of her own pregnancy and the transformation of the mother's body to nourish and protect the new life. At the same time, she shows the hazards threatening each stage of development, includ-

ing the breast-feeding relationship between mothers and their newborns.

Steingraber's 1997 book, "Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment," presents cancer as a human rights issue. It was the first to bring together data on toxic releases—now finally made available under right-to-know laws—with newly released data from U.S. cancer registries. "Living Downstream" has won praise from national media, including the *Washington Post*, the *Nation*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Kirkus Reviews* and *Publishers' Weekly*.

She is also the author of "Post-Diagnosis," a volume of poetry, and co-author of a work on ecology and human rights in Africa, "The Spoils of Famine."

In 1997, Steingraber was named a woman of the year by *Ms. Magazine* and in 1998 received from the Jenifer Altman Foundation the first annual Altman Award "for the inspiring and poetic use of science to elucidate the causes of cancer."

Steingraber has keynoted conferences on human health and the environment throughout the U.S. and Canada, including the First World Conference on Breast Cancer held at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and has been invited to lecture at many university campuses, medical schools and research centers. She is recognized for her ability to serve as a two-way translator between the cancer research community and the community of women cancer activists and is active with the Women's Community Cancer Project of Cambridge, Mass.

Steingraber earned her master's degree in English from Illinois State University and her doctorate in biology from the University of Michigan. She has taught biology at Columbia College in Chicago, held visiting fellowships at a number of universities, and served on President Bill Clinton's National Action Plan on Breast Cancer, administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



KAREN ZANDER '70

Karen Zander is a Boston-area nurse and entrepreneur who founded the Center for Nursing Case Management, an international health-care consulting company with clients in the U.S., Canada, Australia, England and Spain. In that role, Zander has made contributions to nursing education practice, research and administration. Her approach to case management for patients focuses on the multidisciplinary needs of clients and patient outcomes, making accountability a focus of health care.

As principal and co-owner of the Center for Nursing Case Management, Zander is a consultant and educator to hospitals, physicians, health care systems, software, pharmaceutical and consulting companies for the development of tools, roles and systems that support provider-side control of cost and quality.

Zander, who received her master's degree in psychiatric and mental health nursing in 1974 from Boston University, has been certified since 1981 as a clinical specialist in adult psychiatric and mental health nursing and maintains a private practice in disease management of chronic conditions.

Zander worked from 1970 to 1989 for the New England Medical Center Hospitals in Boston and founded the Center for Nursing Case Management in 1987 in conjunction with the New England Medical Center. It became an independent firm in 1991. In 1996 she was named one of 21 "cutting edge" leaders by *Hospital & Health Networks*, a trade magazine.

A native of Park Ridge, Ill., Zander received Illinois Wesleyan's Distinguished Award for Excellence in Nursing in 1995 and was IWU's Distinguished Young Alumna in 1980.



DANIEL F. BASSILL '68

In 1972, when 1968 Illinois Wesleyan graduate Daniel Bassill was an advertising executive at Montgomery Ward in Chicago, he volunteered to tutor one fourth-grader living in a housing project. His life hasn't been the same since.

Soon he had volunteered to head a tutoring program at work, managing hundreds of volunteers and students in the Cabrini-Green Tutoring Program, Inc., from 1975 to 1992 as part of the retailer's volunteer effort.

In 1992, Bassill formed Cabrini Connections, a nonprofit group to help hundreds of other groups connect with children in other neighborhoods. Cabrini Connections not only connects kids with mentors, it also runs motivation programs, organizes field trips to colleges and businesses, enlists corporations, hosts conferences at which tutor/mentor programs can share information, publishes newsletters and directories, stages mentor recruiting fairs, and runs a library of information on tutoring.

A component of Cabrini Connections, the Tutor/Mentor Connection, was cited as an example of "innovative community building" in the 1999-2000 Illinois Kids Count report published by Voices for Illinois Children. Bassill organized the first Chicago Citywide Volunteer Recruitment Campaign in 1995 and has led it since.



ARTHUR J. NAPARSTEK '60

A 1960 Illinois Wesleyan graduate, Arthur J. Naparstek has served since 1983 as the Grace Longwell Coyle Professor of Social Work at the Mandel School of Applied Social Science at Case Western Reserve University. He has devoted more than 25 years to initiatives for urban policy, revitalization and change, especially at the neighborhood level.

As director of the Cleveland Foundation Commission on Poverty, he helped produce the 1992 report on the Cleveland Community-Building Initiative. That research in urban and neighborhood policy has resulted in national legislation aimed at improving conditions in American cities, as well as serving as a curriculum for training residents and public housing in community building.

Naparstek is currently senior vice president and director for United Jewish Communities' Israel and Overseas Pillar, directing the entity through which the Jewish Federations of North America express their collective responsibility in Israel and other countries where Jewish needs exist.

In 1994 and again in 1998, Naparstek was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve on the board of directors of the Corporation for National Service, which supports public-private partnerships that provide opportunities for Americans of all ages to help communities meet critical challenges in the areas of education, public safety, human needs and the environment.

Under President Jimmy Carter, Naparstek was appointed to the President's National Commission on Neighborhoods as well as the Task Panel on Community Support Systems of the President's Commission on Mental Health.

With a master's degree in social work from New York University and a doctorate from the Florence Heller School of Advanced Studies at Brandeis, Naparstek is the co-author of two books and has written more than 100 articles and monographs for a variety of publications, professional journals and textbooks.



JACK SNYDER '52

Since the age of 18, when he developed his first subdivision of 10 acres in east Bloomington, Jack Snyder has been shaping the Twin Cities. It is estimated that, in his 50-year career, Snyder has developed nearly 9 percent of the cities' 34 square miles.

A 1952 Illinois Wesleyan graduate, Snyder's projects have become progressively grander in scale over the years, ranging from the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge (1964) to the Radisson Hotel (1996); from the Oakwoods development (1976) to the Fox Creek subdivision intermingled with an 18-hole Arnold Palmer golf course (1996); and from the six-unit Reinthaler Apartments (built in 1958) to the 392 units of Normal's Ironwood Gardens apartments (1996).

Snyder has a strong sense of community spirit, and many local causes have been assisted through the efforts of Snyder or those of one of his companies. The American Red Cross, United Way of McLean County, American Cancer Society, the Children's Foundation, the Baby Fold, Muscular Dystrophy Association, First Christian Church, and many more have benefited. Rather than simply open the addition to the Radisson Hotel last spring, actor Bob Newhart was brought in for a benefit event that sent \$75,000 to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Fund.

With land donated by the City of Bloomington, the Snyder Corp. developed the Wojahn subdivision and donated it to Habitat for Humanity, providing new housing for 27 families that might not otherwise have been able to afford a home.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Class of 2005

Kathleen Anderson

Kathleen is a double major in English literature and theatre arts. She is a graduate of Hancock Central High School and lives in Calumet, Michigan.

Krystle Balhan

From Mokena, Illinois, Krystle is a graduate of Lincoln-Way High School. She is an accomplished ballet dancer and participated in the Appalachian Service Project in Guyan Valley, West Virginia. At Illinois Wesleyan she will major in psychology.

Alison Daigle

From Westmont, Illinois, and a graduate of Hinsdale Central High School, Alison is a National Merit Scholar who will major in music. An alto sax player, Alison also plays oboe and piano and is a vocalist. In addition to her musical talents, Alison has been in the cast of several theatre productions.

Megan Drevits

From Atchison, Kansas, Megan enters Illinois Wesleyan as a music major. An accomplished pianist and bassoonist, she will be a composition major. In addition to her music, in high school Megan was also active in forensics.

Carolyn Franz

From Arlington Heights, Illinois, and a graduate of Buffalo Grove High School, Carolyn will double major in mathematics and music. She is a violinist, a pianist and also does Polynesian dancing.

Mahi Garg

Mahi is an international student from Calcutta, India, where she graduated from La Martiniere for Girls. She will major in art, with an emphasis on graphic design. She has also been involved in music and dance activities and was on her school's varsity swim team.

Claire Hagemann

Claire is a biology major who comes from Waverly, Iowa. She plays the alto sax and was involved in school musicals and golf.

Karthik Kakarala

Karthik comes from Springfield, Illinois, and is a graduate of Glenwood High School. He was a member of the chess club, which he founded, played varsity tennis and was chief editor for the school newspaper. He participated in a volunteer work project in Costa Rica. Karthik will major in biology.

Vera Leopold

From Homewood, Illinois and a graduate of Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Vera is a National Merit Scholar who will major in English literature. She worked on the staff of her high school literary magazine and hopes to be an author.

Laura Myford

From Lawrenceville, New Jersey, Laura comes to Illinois Wesleyan to major in German. Under the auspices of the Congress- Bundestag Scholarship Program, Laura studied in Germany for a year. Her musical talents include both vocal music and the harpsichord. She has also participated in various school theatre productions.

Edward Neumann

From Prospect Heights, Illinois, Ed is a National Merit Scholar who graduated from John Hersey High School. He will be a psychology major. He has been editor of the school newspaper, a Mount Prospect peer juror, and a member of the debate team.

Elizabeth Olson

Elizabeth comes from Red Wing, Minnesota. She is a National Merit Scholar and will be a theatre major at Illinois Wesleyan. Liz has participated in many school musicals, speech team and swim team, for which she has been captain.

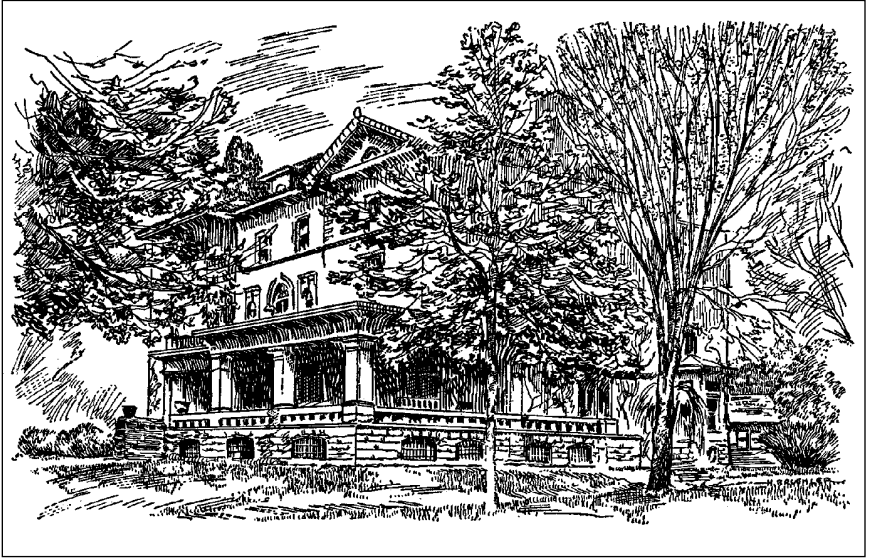
Emily Richter

Emily is a National Merit Scholar from Lombard, Illinois. She is a graduate of the Illinois Math and Science Academy. She will be a biology major, with a strong interest in genetics, a subject on which she hopes to do research. Emily also plays the clarinet.

Megan Thoma

Megan comes from Wheeling, Illinois, where she graduated from Wheeling High School. At Illinois Wesleyan she will major in English literature. Among her interests in high school have been photography, poetry, and painting.

KEMP HALL



From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches

ORIGINALLY A PRIVATE MANSION, KEMP HALL WAS
ACQUIRED IN 1912 AND NAMED FOR THEODORE
KEMP, UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT FROM 1908-22.

IT SERVED AS A DINING HALL, OFFICE
AND RESIDENCE HALL UNTIL 1987, WHEN IT WAS
DEDICATED AS A LIVING AND LEARNING
RESIDENCE WITH AN INTERNATIONAL FOCUS.