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## BOARD OF REGENTS

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# THOMAS C. MEREDITH

## THE EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF WESTERN

“Our whole reason for being is to prepare young people to be contributing members of our society.”

With that concise vision of the role of a major state university, Dr. Thomas C. Meredith explained his educational philosophy to the Western Kentucky University faculty during his on-campus interview last August.

Less than 24 hours later, the 47-year-old native of Owensboro was selected from a field of more than 100 candidates as WKU's eighth president.

Dr. Meredith came to Western from the University of Mississippi where he served as vice chancellor for executive affairs and as an adjunct professor of higher education.

As Vice Chancellor at Ole Miss, he coordinated the daily activities of the campus in the absence of the chancellor and served as the University's liaison with the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Dr. Meredith received his bachelor's degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College in 1963, his master's degree in educational administration from WKU in 1966 and his doctorate in educational administration from the University of Mississippi in 1971.

He served 10 years with the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, Mississippi's governing body for its eight state universities, as academic programs officer and associate director for programs and planning.

His classroom instruction includes courses in education, administration, curriculum development and public relations taught at Indiana University Southeast, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi.

He previously served as director of pupil personnel services at Jeffersonville High School in Indiana, principal at LaHarpe High School in Illinois, and as a political science teacher and coach at Owensboro Senior High School. He also was a graduate assistant and an institutional research analyst in the Bureau of Institutional Research in the School of Education at Ole Miss.

Dr. Meredith served as chairman of the state-wide committee to develop an implementation agreement for admission standards and standards for deferred math courses and served as chairman of the University of Mississippi committee to study and develop new promotion and tenure policies.

He previously served as a member of the University System Committee to study Mississippi's funding formula, a member of the National Identification Project for the Advancement of Women in Higher Education, monitored and supervised the development of funded Centers of Excellence at Mississippi's comprehensive univer-



sities, and served on the select Task Force for Educational Excellence commissioned by Gov. William Winter to summarize and develop an action plan for the prestigious Education Reform Act of Mississippi.

Dr. Meredith has authored or co-authored a number of articles, manuals and papers and has addressed numerous education associations and non-education groups on a variety of topics related to secondary and higher education.

His professional research activities included the development and completion of a review process for all academic programs below the doctoral level in the Mississippi public university system. The process, conducted in cooperation with more than 100 academic consultants nationwide, resulted in the review of more than 750 degree programs and the deletion of nearly 250 degree programs from Mississippi's system of higher education. He also coordinated a study that resulted in the establishment of a common minimum core of general education courses in the public universities of Mississippi. He also directed research in enrollment forecasting, gifted and talented education, faculty staffing, evaluations and in-service, non-credit activities.

His commitment to his alma mater was never greater than on the day he was named its president when he said, "Western is great and will get greater. That's going to happen in a relatively short time, and I want to be a part of it."

He is married to the former Susan Steen of Booneville, Miss. They have two sons Mark (14) and Matt (10).



## THE PROGRAM

### PRELUDE

Musical Selections

University Chamber Band, Kent Campbell, conductor

### PRESIDING

Dr. Robert Haynes, Vice President for Academic Affairs

### PROCESSIONAL

Ceremonial Procession ..... Arthur Frackenpohl  
 University Chamber Band, Kent Campbell, Conductor

### INVOCATION

Dr. John Long, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion

### MUSICAL SELECTION

Awake The Harp ..... Haydn  
 University Chorale, Kenneth Davis, Conductor

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Robert Haynes

### SALUTATIONS FROM THE STUDENT BODY

Mr. Scott Whitehouse, President, Associated Student Government

### SALUTATIONS FROM THE ALUMNI

Dr. Jim Phillips, President, Alumni Association

### SALUTATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

The Honorable Patsy Sloan, Mayor, City of Bowling Green

The Honorable Basil Griffin, Judge Executive, Warren County

### SALUTATIONS FROM THE FACULTY

Dr. Fred Murphy, Professor of History

### SALUTATIONS FROM THE STAFF

Mrs. Earlene Chelf, Special Events Coordinator, Library Special Collections

### SALUTATIONS FROM FORMER PRESIDENTS

Dr. Kelly Thompson, President Emeritis

### SALUTATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Gary Cox, Executive Director

### MUSICAL SELECTION

Let Freedom Ring ..... Gaither  
 Larnelle Harris, guest artist



**GREETINGS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH**

The Honorable Wallace G. Wilkinson, Governor of Kentucky

**INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

Dr. R. Gerald Turner, Chancellor, the University of Mississippi

**INVESTITURE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Joseph Iracane, Chairman of the Board of Regents

**RESPONSE**

Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, President, Western Kentucky University

**ALMA MATER**

College Heights ..... Mary Frances Bradley

College Heights, on hilltop fair,  
With Beauty all thine own,  
Lovely jewel far more rare  
Than graces any throne!

College Heights with living soul  
And purpose strong and true,  
Service ever is thy goal,  
Thy spirit ever new.

College Heights, the noble life  
Shall e'er our pattern be,  
Teaching us through joy and strife  
to love humanity,

*Chorus*

College Heights, we hail thee  
We shall never fail thee.  
Falter never - live forever,  
Hail! Hail! Hail!

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You ..... Lutkin  
University Chorale, Kenneth Davis, Conductor

**RECESSIONAL**

March in E Flat ..... Gustav Holst  
University Chamber Band, Kent Campbell, conductor

The audience is invited to a reception in the Garrett Conference Center Ballroom immediately following the ceremony.

**DELEGATES**

OF COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, LEARNED SOCIETIES  
AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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|---|--|---|
| 1766<br>Rutgers University<br>Robert Pulsinelli         | 1855<br>The Pennsylvania State University<br>Donald G. Gardner   | 1893<br>Western New Mexico University<br>Joy D. Herzog        |
| 1780<br>Transylvania University<br>Christi J. Carter    | 1856<br>Auburn University<br>James Flynn                         | 1895<br>Eastern Illinois University<br>Paula S. Cockrel       |
| 1785<br>University of Georgia<br>Carol Crowe-Carraco    | 1858<br>Kentucky Wesleyan College<br>Paul W. Hartman             | 1896<br>Kentucky State University<br>MacArthur Darby          |
| 1789<br>University of North Carolina<br>William Buckman | 1865<br>University of Kentucky<br>Charles T. Wethington          | 1899<br>Appalachian State University<br>Richard M. Greer      |
| 1798<br>University of Louisville<br>Donald Swain        | 1867<br>University of Illinois<br>Larry M. Caillouet             | 1902<br>Fort Hays State University<br>Virginia Slimmer        |
| 1819<br>Centre College<br>William H. Breeze             | 1869<br>Purdue University<br>Jim Bitterling                      | 1906<br>Campbellsville College<br>Kenneth W. Winters          |
| 1819<br>University of Virginia<br>Randall Capps         | 1869<br>Southern Illinois University<br>Curtis L. Englebright    | 1906<br>Eastern Kentucky University<br>Charles D. Whitlock    |
| 1829<br>Georgetown College<br>Paul J. Parks             | 1869<br>University of Nebraska-Lincoln<br>Carl Chelf             | 1918<br>Ball State University<br>Stephen Schnacke             |
| 1831<br>University of Alabama<br>Carl Martray           | 1870<br>University of Akron<br>Franklin Thompson, Jr.            | 1921<br>Thomas More College<br>Elissa May Plattner            |
| 1831<br>Xavier University<br>Norman A. Deeb             | 1872<br>American Public Health Association<br>Ray P. Biggerstaff | 1922<br>Morehead State University<br>C. Nelson Grote          |
| 1836<br>Emory University<br>Hugh M. Thomason            | 1873<br>Southeast Missouri State University<br>Ed Spicer         | 1922<br>Murray State University<br>Kala M. Stroup             |
| 1839<br>Longwood College<br>Mildred Gwaltney            | 1873<br>Vanderbilt University<br>Martin Houston                  | 1927<br>Austin Peay State University<br>Oscar C. Page         |
| 1842<br>University of Notre Dame<br>Joseph Millichap    | 1876<br>Texas A&M University<br>Terry Leeper                     | 1927<br>University of Tennessee at Martin<br>Mike Branstetter |
| 1848<br>University of Mississippi<br>R. Gerald Turner   | 1878<br>Mississippi State University<br>Donald W. Zacharias      | 1930<br>Old Dominion University<br>John W. Moore              |
| 1851<br>Northwestern University<br>James L. Davis       | 1887<br>Troy State University<br>Roscoe Kelley                   | 1932<br>University of Alabama at Birmingham<br>Carl Dobson    |
| 1855<br>Berea College<br>Jim Wayne Miller               | 1889<br>Pikeville College<br>Edith Walker                        | 1934<br>Jacksonville University<br>Lynn F. Chism              |



1941  
Indiana University Southeast  
Claudia Dishman Crump

1946  
University of North Carolina -  
Charlotte  
Nancy McClintock Johnson

1950  
Bellarmine College  
Susan J. Hockenberger

1950  
Brescia College  
Sister Ruth Gehres

1951  
Liaoning Normal University  
Liang Chi-Kun

1954  
United States Air Force Academy  
Dwight Pounds

1956  
University of South Florida  
Ann McKeel Ross

1976  
Northern Kentucky University  
Ralph A. Tesseneer

1986  
Owensboro Community College  
James H. McDannel

1987  
Harvard IEM Class  
Everlena M. Holmes

LEARNED SOCIETIES

1883  
Modern Language Association  
Robert L. Doty

1892  
American Psychological Association  
Elizabeth S. Erffmeyer

1895  
Southern Association of Colleges and  
Schools  
MacArthur Darby

1903  
American Political Science Association  
Carl Chelf

1915  
American Association of University  
Professors  
Rose Dagirmanjian

1915  
Association of American Colleges  
Donald Swain

1916  
American Assembly of Collegiate  
Schools of Business  
J. Michael Brown

1939  
College English Association  
John Shawcross

1948  
Southern Regional Education Board  
Jody Richards

1961  
American Association of State Colleges  
and Universities  
Kala M. Stroup

1965  
Council of Independent Kentucky  
Colleges and Universities  
E. R. Purdow, Jr.

1967  
American Society of Allied Health  
Professions  
David D. Gale

1971  
Association for Communication  
Administration  
Vernon W. Gantt

Dalian Municipal Education Commission  
Cong, Zhe-shu

Liaoning Provincial Education  
Commission  
Wang, Chun-shan

Liaoning Provincial Education  
Commission  
Teacher Education Division  
Sun, Zhi-wu

State Education Commission  
People's Education Press  
Beijing, People's Republic of China  
Zhang, Jian-ru

State Education Commission  
People's Education Press  
Beijing, People's Republic of China  
Li, Ze-peng

State Education Commission  
People's Education Press  
Beijing, People's Republic of China  
Hu, Yen-sheng

Qinghai Provincial Education  
Commission  
Xining, People's Republic of China  
Cheng, Qing-lin

Qinghai Provincial Education Commission  
Xining, People's Republic of China  
Xin, Jun

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

1897  
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi  
Edward L. Counts, Jr.

1914  
Omicron Delta Kappa  
Sally A. Scott

1964  
Delta Phi Alpha  
Thomas Baldwin

1977  
Kappa Delta Pi International Honor  
Society  
Donald E. Ritter

Phi Alpha Theta  
Robert Antony

Psi Chi  
John O'Connor

Associated Student Government  
Scott Whitehouse

University Center Board  
Ronda Whitis

Interfraternity Council  
Eric Raby

PRESIDENTS

OF WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry  
1906-1937

Dr. Paul L. Garrett  
1937-1955

Dr. Kelly Thompson  
1955-1969

Dr. Dero G. Downing  
1969-1979

Dr. John D. Minton  
1979

Dr. Donald W. Zacharias  
1979-1985

Dr. Samuel Kern Alexandar  
1985-1988

Dr. Thomas C. Meredith  
1988-

INAUGURATION COMMITTEE

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Project

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Recreation

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Religion

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Intercultural Studies

Miss Minda McCandless  
Student

Mr. Scott Whitehouse  
Student



## ACADEMIC HERALDRY

A time-honored tradition of great dignity, the wearing of academic apparel is a survival of the ecclesiastical garb of the late Middle Ages, in turn a survival of still earlier civilian fashions. The academic gown, necessary for a scholar's warmth, and the hood to protect his tonsured head were apparently first regularly adopted in the thirteenth century, at the University of Cambridge (1294). The University of Oxford was soon to follow. The custom was transplanted to this country in colonial times by Kings College in New York, now Columbia University.

In 1895 American universities and colleges decided to standardize their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic custom. In general the style follows the Cambridge tradition. The characteristic elements of academic regalia are three: gown, hood and cap.

The gown is usually of black material (serge or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for masters, and silk for doctors). The doctors' dress gowns of the chief British universities are scarlet. Bachelors' gowns have pointed sleeves; masters' have long closed sleeves, lunate at the bottom, with slits at the elbow from which the arms protrude; the doctors' have wide, round, open sleeves. Doctors' gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The hood, worn around the neck to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. It is edged with velvet of the colors of the degree, while its lining of silk bears the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Bachelor's hoods are three feet long, masters' three and one-half, and doctors' hoods only have wide panels at the sides. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

The cap, the square mortar-board in American universities but a round, soft, flat velvet hat in British, Canadian, and some European universities, bears a tassel which may be black for all ranks and degrees or may be of gold thread for doctors and the color of the degree for bachelors and masters. The doctors' caps only may be of velvet.

The degree colors are appropriate to the category of the degree, rather than to the scholar's major subject. For example, the appropriate color for degrees in Arts and Letters (B.A., M.A. B.Lit) is white; in Commerce, sapphire; in Dentistry, lilac; in Education, light blue; in Engineering, orange; in the Fine Arts, brown; in Humanities, crimson; in Laws, purple; in Library Science, lemon; in Medicine, green; in Music, pink; in Pharmacy, olive; in Philosophy (Ph.D.), dark blue; in Physical Education, sage; in Science, golden yellow; in Theology, scarlet. These colors are used for the edgings of

all hoods and may be used for the velvet facing and sleeve bars of doctors' gowns and tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps.

The institutional colors, with which hoods are lined, indicate the university or college granting the degree. Among the hoods worn by our faculty members you may see here today are those for Arkansas, red and white; Auburn, orange with two navy chevrons; Chicago, maroon; Columbia, light blue with white chevron; Duke, royal blue with white chevron; Emory, navy blue with gold chevron; Harvard, crimson; Illinois, navy blue with two orange chevrons; Indiana, crimson with white chevrons; Iowa, old gold; Johns Hopkins, black with gold chevron; Kansas, navy blue with cardinal chevron; Kentucky, azure blue with white chevron; Louisiana State, purple with old gold, parti-per-chevron; Michigan, maize with azure blue chevron; Mississippi State, maroon chevron on white; Missouri, old gold with two black chevrons; New York, violet; North Carolina, light blue with two white chevrons; Northwestern, purple with gold chevrons; Ohio State, scarlet with silver gray chevrons; Princeton, orange with black chevron; Purdue, black with two gold chevrons; Radcliffe, crimson with white chevrons; Rice, silver above blue; Rochester, dandelion yellow; Rutgers, scarlet; Stanford, cardinal; Tennessee, white with orange chevrons; Texas, white above orange, parti-per-chevron; Vanderbilt, black and gold; Virginia, navy blue with orange chevron; Wisconsin, bright red; Yale, royal Yale blue.

The colors of Western Kentucky University are one white chevron on a field of bright red.



# INAUGURATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

*Monday, April 10, 3 p.m.*

Reception for Faculty, Staff and Students; Kentucky Building.

*Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.*

Senior Send-Off, Downing University Center.

*Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m.*

Lecture by Frank Roberts, President, New York Times Broadcast Group.

*Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m.*

Bowling Green-Warren County Chamber of Commerce Community Dinner,  
Garrett Conference Center.

*Thursday, April 13, 6 p.m.*

Dinner for Current and Former Regents, Kentucky Building.

*Thursday, April 13, 8 p.m.*

Inaugural Concert by Faculty and Student Groups, Van Meter Hall.

*Friday, April 14, 10 a.m.*

Art Presentation, Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center.

*Friday, April 14, 2 p.m.*

Inauguration, Van Meter Hall.

*Friday, April 14, 3:30 p.m.*

Reception, Garrett Conference Center.

*Friday, April 14, 9 p.m.*

The Inaugural Ball, The Innovation Center.

Members of the Bowling Green Garden Club, in cooperation with the Bicentennial Garden Club and the Ruth Rabold Garden Club, assisted in the development and preparation of decorations for the Inaugural activities.

Western Kentucky University acknowledges their generous support and cooperation.



