

Commencement Exercises

Cincinnati State Gymnasium Friday, June 23, 2000

America The Beautiful

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.

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.

A special "thank you" to the student honor escorts and ushers, the faculty and staff, and the 2000 Commencement Committee.

Music provided by Polished Brass.

Commencement Program

| The Procession |
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| Presiding |
| Prayer & Meditation |
| "America The Beautiful"Audience led by Marcia Caulton |
| President's Message |
| Message from The Faculty |
| Class of 2000 Student AddressBarbara Dorr |
| Presentation of Honorary Degree Recipient Mark D. Walton '78Lisa J. FitzGibbon Member, Board of Trustees |
| Introduction of Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient Roderick G. W. Chu |
| Commencement Address |
| Presentation of Distinguished Alumnus Mark D. Walton '78Rajive Mohan '85 President, Alumni Association |
| Presentation of Degree Candidates Business Technologies, Dan Cayse, C.P.A., Dean Humanities and Sciences, Rayma Smith, Ph.D., Dean Engineering Technologies, Paul De Nu, P.S., Dean Health Technologies, Marianne Krismer, Dean |
| Conferring of Degrees and Certificates |
| Benediction |
| Recessional |
| A reception, co-sponsored by the Alumni Association, follows the Commencement Ceremony. |
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Academic Dress

From the costumes worn in the academic procession one can tell the level of degree (associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctor's) the wearer has earned, the field of learning, and the institution that granted the degree. The costume consists of cap, gown and hood.

The usual cap is a square black mortarboard with a black tassel; the doctor's cap has a gold tassel. The gown is also normally black. Associate's, bachelor's and master's gowns are relatively plain and closed in front; the doctor's gown is cut fuller, is open in front, has velvet panels down the front, and has three velvet bars on the sleeves. The panels and bars are usually black.

The hood, patterned after the medieval monk's hood, goes over the shoulders and hangs down in back. The hoods for the three degrees vary in length from the bachelor's the shortest, to the doctor's the longest. The velvet border shows by its color the field of learning; the most common are: white - arts, letters, humanities (usually seen in honorary doctor's degrees); dark blue - philosophy (the most common in doctor's hoods); purple - law; scarlet - theology; green - medicine; golden yellow - science. The same colors may be used in the panels and bars of the gown. The most distinctive part of the costume is the silk lining of the hood which bears the official colors of the institution granting the degree.



Mark D. Walton '78
Vice President
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Mark D. Walton '78 is the first Cincinnati State alumnus to serve on the College's Board of Trustees and its Foundation Board of Directors. He is the immediate past chairperson of the Board of Trustees. He earned an associate degree in business management from the College in 1978. He continued his studies at the University of Cincinnati, earning a bachelor's degree.

Mr. Walton began his banking career 24 years ago through the cooperative education program at Cincinnati State. As Vice President with Provident Financial Advisors, he provides wealth management advice to higher income/net worth individuals and special expertise to large medical practices and law firms.

Mr. Walton is the former president of the board of directors of the Seven Hills Neighborhood House, Inc., former president of the board of Housing Opportunities Made Equal, and former vice chairperson and treasurer of the board of ProKids, Inc.

The Cincinnati native served as community outreach coordinator for Cincinnati's 1994, 1995 and 1996 United Way campaigns. Additionally, he is the former vice chairperson of United Way's Day Care Field of Service and former chairperson of its Finance Committee. In 1994, he was awarded the United Way Joseph A. Hall Award for his spirit of inclusiveness and equal opportunity.

Mr. Walton is a graduate of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Cincinnati program and the Urban League's African-American Leadership Development program. In 1995, he was recognized by APPLAUSE! Magazine as one of 25 African-Americans in Cincinnati with influence and power. He is the recipient of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges' 1999 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Mr. Walton is a member of the Higher Education Funding Commission, which provides Ohio education funding advice to Governor Bob Taft. He also serves on the advisory committee for Urban Bankers of Greater Cincinnati, the Daniel J. Ransohoff Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Seasongood Innovation Awards Committee.



Roderick G. W. Chu Chancellor Ohio Board of Regents

Roderick G. W. Chu became the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents on January 1, 1998. His primary responsibility is to challenge and guide Ohio's higher education system towards new levels of performance and achievement in serving students, Ohioans and the nation. In partnership with the Governor, the Ohio General Assembly, and higher education, business and community leaders, the Regents and Chancellor work to ensure that Ohio's colleges and universities add significant value to the lives of their students, continuously improving and ensuring the future of Ohio and its people.

Chancellor Chu is an internationally recognized authority in helping transform institutions. His professional experience includes service as the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance for the State of New York and Worldwide Managing Partner for Government Practice for Andersen Consulting, the global management and technology consulting firm.

As a leader in re-engineering government agencies, Mr. Chu was one of 40 invited participants at Vice President Al Gore's 1993 Reinventing Government Summit and has advised numerous agency heads of state, provincial and national governments on reinventing their governments, departments and ministries. Mr. Chu has been honored with numerous awards and in 1991 was named as one of four "Outstanding Chinese Entrepreneurs in the World" by the Chinese Management Association in Taiwan.

While with Andersen Consulting, he led the firm's government practice division of more than 3,000 professionals worldwide who worked with leading governments and agencies to integrate their people, processes, strategies and technologies to create Citizen-Centered Services.

Mr. Chu was the youngest tax commissioner in the history of New York when he was appointed to the post at the age of 34. He led the department to dynamic change, defining and successfully implementing an integrated program of major policy, operational and administrative initiatives, which transformed the agency and the tax climate in New York.

The chancellor holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in business administration from Cornell University.

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