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Presidential Inauguration

March 28, 1998
the inauguration of

Peggy R. Williams

as the seventh president of Ithaca College

Saturday, the twenty-eighth day of March
Nineteen hundred and ninety-eight
1:30 p.m.
Hill Center
Peggy Ryan Williams
Peggy Ryan Williams came to Ithaca College from Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont, where she had served as president for eight years. Prior to her tenure at Lyndon State, she held the positions of associate academic dean, associate professor, and chair of the business and economics department at Trinity College in Burlington, Vermont. Previously, she held various positions within the Vermont state college system: director of educational and personnel services in the Office of the Chancellor; assistant to the president at Johnson State College; and regional director, coordinator of instruction, and academic adviser for the Community College of Vermont.

Before entering the field of higher education, she was a social worker for the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont and the Monroe County (New York) Department of Social Services.

President Williams's teaching and research interests include organizational behavior and labor relations. She has taught at Trinity College, Johnson State College, and the Community College of Vermont and she was a teaching fellow at Harvard University. In addition, she has made numerous presentations, regionally and nationally, on topics ranging from academic computing to humor in management. In the fall of 1990 Creating Excellence magazine named her one of Vermont's "Ten Top Achievers" and in 1984 she was the first recipient of the Jackie M. Gribbons Leadership Award from the American Council on Education.

The Margaret R. Williams Emerging Professional Award was established in her name by the American Council on Education/National Identification Program to recognize the accomplishments of young female professionals in higher education and their potential for future contributions to the profession.

Active in community and professional organizations, President Williams currently serves as chair of the board of directors of the Sacred Heart School of Montreal and as a member of the Commission on Government Relations of the American Council on Education and the Community Advisory Board of the Ithaca Downtown Partnership. During her tenure as president of Lyndon State College, she provided leadership to several boards, including the Harvard Graduate School of Education Alumni Council, the Commission on Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education, and the Vermont Higher Education Council. She also served on the boards of the Harvard Graduate School Capital Campaign Committee, the Education Commission of the States, Northern Community Investment Council, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont (vice chair, 1996-97), the Vermont Community Foundation, Vermont Women's Fund (secretary, 1996-97), Orleans County Prevention Partnership, Lyndon State College Foundation, the Turrell Fund, and Sacred Heart School of Montreal.

President Williams holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto, a master of education degree from the University of Vermont, and a doctorate in administration, planning, and social policy from Harvard University.

A native of Montreal, she has resided in the United States since 1968. She has many interests beyond higher education—sailing, skiing, bicycling, wilderness expeditions, music, and photography. She and her husband, David, reside at Two Fountain Place, the home of Ithaca College presidents since 1958.
Ithaca College

Ithaca College was born the Ithaca Conservatory of Music in 1892, when local violin teacher William Grant Egbert rented four rooms and arranged for the instruction of a few students. Over the years the curriculum was expanded to include study in elocution, dance, physical education, speech correction, radio, business, and the liberal arts, and in 1951 the conservatory was chartered as a private college. During the 1960s the institution began its move from downtown Ithaca to its current location on South Hill, overlooking Cayuga Lake.

Ithaca College continues to evolve to provide the 5,900 students of today with state-of-the-art facilities and an outstanding array of academic programs. Current construction projects include an expansion that will nearly double the size of the School of Music, with the new facility to be named the James J. Whalen Center for Music in honor of the College’s sixth president, whose 22-year tenure saw the institution’s greatest period of growth. Programs in physical therapy and occupational therapy, along with the College’s Gerontology Institute, will move into a new building located between the existing homes of the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance. These new facilities will offer students unparalleled opportunities for the type of hands-on experiential learning for which Ithaca is known.

Today Ithaca College is a thriving private residential college with a student body that comes from across the country and around the world, representing nearly every state and scores of foreign countries. Its curriculum is equally diverse: some 1,900 courses in more than 100 programs of study are offered through the College’s five schools. Ithaca is a comprehensive college—the liberal arts offerings of the School of Humanities and Sciences are integrated throughout the programs of study in the Schools of Business, Communications, Health Sciences and Human Performance, and Music.

While the breadth of its curriculum is normally found only at larger universities, Ithaca holds fast to its tradition of close, personal instruction, as evidenced by its 13:1 student-faculty ratio. That relationship between students and teachers is as important in the comprehensive college of today as it was in the conservatory of a century ago.

Ithaca students pursue a variety of interests outside the classroom. There are music and dramatic performances virtually every week; more than 150 student organizations and clubs flourish; 12 men’s and 13 women’s intercollegiate athletic teams compete with uncommon success, winning 11 NCAA Division III championships in the past two decades.

Day of Service

A special component of the presidential inauguration took place on Friday, March 27. A Day of Service was planned as an opportunity to recognize, reaffirm, and celebrate the ongoing efforts and commitment of the College to community service.

With the theme “You Can’t Spell Service without IC,” the Day of Service included book, food, and clothing collections organized by faculty, staff, and students, respectively; a community cleanup project; an “involvement fair” spotlighting volunteer opportunities in the area; and musical performances in local schools. The day concluded with a reception hosted by President Williams to recognize the participants in Day of Service events as well as those who during the year volunteer their time and talents, both collectively and individually, in behalf of the community.

Throughout Ithaca College’s history, partnership with the community has been a valued part of our educational philosophy. We look forward to carrying this important tradition well into the future.
Inauguration Ceremony

Prelude
A Festival Prelude
Toccata Marziale
March from Suite in E-flat

Processional
Crown Imperial
Ithaca College Wind Ensemble
Lawrence Dale Harper, Conductor

Welcome
Herman E. Muller Jr. '51, Chair, Board of Trustees

Invocation
Rev. Kathryn Beach-Verhey

National Anthems
The Star-Spangled Banner
O Canada

Greetings
Higher Education Community
Hunter R. Rawlings III, President, Cornell University
Alumni
John M. Bethune '66, President, Alumni Association Board of Directors
Students
Catherine Henry '98, President, Student Government Association
Staff
Mark Darling '97, Staff Trustee
Administration
Carl Sgrecci '69, Vice President and Treasurer
Faculty
Linda McBride, Chair, Faculty Council
Interlude
Canzona XIII
Ithaca College Trombone Troupe
Harold Reynolds, Director
Joseph Caminiti, Graduate Conductor

Special Comments
Sr. Elizabeth R. Candon, R.S.M., Ph.D.

Investiture of President
Herman E. Muller Jr. '51

Interlude
This Is the Day
Amani Gospel Singers

Remarks
Peggy R. Williams, President

Benediction
Michael Faber, Jewish Chaplain

Ithaca Forever
Ithaca College Choir
Lawrence Doebler, Conductor
Ithaca College Wind Ensemble
Lawrence Dale Harper, Conductor

Recessional
Königsmarsch

All guests are invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Emerson Suites, Phillips Hall.
The reception will feature music by the Ithaca College Jazz Workshop under the direction of Stephen Brown '64, M.M. '68.

Giovanni Gabrieli
arranged by Steve Frank

Traditional

music by Philip J. Lang '53
lyrics by Alicia Carpenter
arranged by Dana Wilson

Richard Strauss
arranged by Roger Barrett
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Elizabeth A. Candon, R.S.M.

Sr. Elizabeth A. Candon is a long-term teacher and a lifelong student. One of the leading educators in Burlington, Vermont, she has served as the president of Trinity College and currently is a professor of English. In an effort to continue her personal learning, next fall she plans to take a leave of absence to take classes at Georgetown University. She has been recognized by many of her peers for her outstanding contributions to education and has received honorary degrees from seven institutions, including the University of Vermont, Middlebury College, and St. Michael’s College.

In addition to her work in higher education, Sr. Candon served as the secretary for Vermont’s Agency of Human Services and was a member of the governor’s cabinet. Her commitment to community service has resulted in membership on the boards of directors of the United Community Service of Chittendon County, the Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Howard Mental Health Services. She has also served as a trustee of Trinity, Middlebury, and Goddard Colleges.

Sr. Candon holds a B.A. from Trinity College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English literature from Fordham University. Her academic interests include literature of the medieval period, Shakespeare, Chaucer, and the Romantic poets. She is a member of the Religious Sisters of Mary (R.S.M.), an order founded in Ireland.

Kathryn A. Beach-Verhey

The Reverend Kathryn A. Beach-Verhey was born and raised in Plattsburgh, New York, and received her A.B. from Davidson College. She earned her master of divinity degree from the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and is an ordained minister of the word and sacrament for the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The Reverend Ms. Beach-Verhey currently serves as the associate pastor for youth and their families at the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. She is the niece of President Peggy R. Williams.
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And a special thanks to all those who helped in the planning and execution of the inauguration.
Greetings

From the Town of Ithaca

I would very much like to welcome you to the Ithaca community on behalf of myself and the Town Board. As supervisor of the Town of Ithaca, I would like to state how proud we are that Ithaca College is located within the boundaries of our town.

I wish to congratulate you upon your unanimous selection as the seventh president in the 105-year history of Ithaca College. As the first female president in that long history, you will be an important role model for many women.

You have come to Ithaca at an important time in our history. The spirit of cooperation among the leaders of this community has never been more pronounced. We are at a point where we face many changes and challenges. The future of our total community can be very bright if we continue to learn and work together.

I look forward to working with you on many new and exciting ideas as you begin a new chapter in the Ithaca College tradition, and as you participate as a member of our community.

Again, best wishes and congratulations.

Catherine Valentino
Supervisor, Town of Ithaca

From the City of Ithaca

On behalf of the City of Ithaca, I want to extend my heartiest congratulations to you on your inauguration as the seventh president of Ithaca College.

First founded as the Ithaca Conservatory of Music in 1892, and then chartered as Ithaca College in 1931, the college has always been an important member of the Ithaca community. Its students, faculty, and staff have added vitality and diversity to our community.

Since your arrival in Ithaca last summer, you have made a laudable effort to familiarize yourself with the people and issues of our community. Over the years, we have benefited from the many institutional and individual contributions that have been made to our school districts, human service agencies, and local governments. Your personal interest and involvement in our community will serve to set a new standard for the Ithaca College family.

Ours is a community full of bright and talented people. Just as Ithaca College stands proudly on South Hill, I am confident that you too will stand out in our community as an important leader. I welcome you, congratulate you, and wish you success in the years ahead.

Alan J. Cohen
Mayor, City of Ithaca
From the United States House of Representatives

It gives me great pleasure to join the entire Ithaca community in welcoming you as Ithaca College's seventh president. For over a century, Ithaca College has been graced with ambitious and visionary leaders who have helped create one of the finest colleges in the country. I want you to know that you will have my full support as you build upon Ithaca College's "Commitment to Excellence."

Higher education plays a vital and determining role in the future of our society. As a strong supporter of higher education in the United States Congress, I am pleased to know that Ithaca College has found yet another exceptional leader to serve as its president.

Congratulations, President Williams. I wish you all the best.

Best regards.

Maurice D. Hinchey
United States Congressman, 26th District, New York

From the American Council on Education

On behalf of the more than 3,500 colleges and universities nationwide I am pleased to bring greetings on the occasion of the inauguration of Peggy R. Williams as president of Ithaca College. Inaugurations present new beginnings, full of hope, optimism, and challenge. American colleges and universities themselves function within the framework of that same spirit. We know, for example, that given the vast changes taking place in our society, hope lies with the next generation and with the urgent need to develop every human being's talent to the fullest. There is good reason for optimism, given the rich history of this campus and the quality of leadership represented in Ithaca's new president. And yet the challenge that lies ahead—both for Ithaca and for all of American higher education—has never been greater.

Today provides an opportunity for the larger Ithaca community—students, faculty, trustees, alumni, and friends—to come together in unity of purpose, proud of the past and confident of the future, filled with hope and optimism, and ready to face the challenges, whatever they may be. On behalf of your academic colleagues from across the nation and around the globe, I send greetings and best wishes for a memorable day and a bright future for Ithaca College and President Williams.

Stanley O. Ikenberry
President, American Council on Education
From the State Assembly of New York

It is my distinct honor and privilege to formally welcome Peggy Williams on her inauguration as the seventh president of Ithaca College.

In the short time that President Williams has been here, she has made a very positive impression in many areas, especially her strong inclination to listen, her accessibility, her intelligence, and her already clear efforts to reach out to the larger community beyond the Ithaca College campus. Yes, it really is a small community in some ways; word gets around.

It is especially notable to me, as the state assemblyman from this district, that President Williams has embraced the idea early on in her administration that the mission of higher education extends well beyond the boundaries of the beautiful Ithaca College campus. She clearly understands that the students in her charge have not acquired a well-rounded education unless they have both experienced and contributed to the larger community in which they live. She has reached out to the community in significant ways which are most appreciated and which will undoubtedly bear abundant fruit in the years ahead.

I have long viewed our independent colleges as an important partner in the state's mission to provide quality higher education to the people of New York and look forward to a cordial and productive relationship with President Williams and all those in the Ithaca College community.

My very best wishes on this exciting beginning.

*Marty Luster*
Member of Assembly, 125th District

From the United States Senate

My great congratulations on your inauguration! This is a splendid day for the college and its students, both current and future. The college has come quite a ways since a local violin teacher rented four rooms for his eight students. While you can't try to match that room-to-student ratio, you can maintain the college's emphasis on close, personal attention to its students, and I am sure you will. You are more than qualified to lead Ithaca College. It is in good hands, and I look forward to seeing it prosper under your guidance.

My best wishes to you and the entire college community on this day of celebration.

*Daniel Patrick Moynihan*
United States Senator, New York
From the Executive Chamber, State of New York

It is my great pleasure to offer congratulations and a warm welcome to you upon your inauguration as the seventh president of Ithaca College on March 28, 1998.

Throughout its 105-year history, Ithaca College has demonstrated unique leadership in educating young men and women, helping them to realize their full academic potential, and encouraging them to accept the challenges and responsibilities of life. The Empire State is proud to be the home of such a fine institution of learning, and we share in the enthusiasm which your appointment brings.

Your background is sure to bring new excitement and opportunity to Ithaca College and the entire community. Being named one of Vermont’s “Top Ten Achievers” in 1990 was a testament to your hard work and academic skills, and reflected upon your vast accomplishments as a faculty member and administrator. The legacy you leave behind at Lyndon State College is one I am sure students and staff there will treasure for years to come, just as we look forward to the leadership and ideas you will bring to your new position.

It is clear that you have set high goals and worked diligently to achieve them, yet you have never rested on your laurels; instead, you have sought out new challenges. I wish you well as you begin your term as president of Ithaca College and I join the local community in welcoming you to the Empire State.

George E. Pataki
Governor, State of New York

From Cornell University

On behalf of Cornell University, I want to congratulate you on your inauguration as Ithaca College’s seventh president and to express my pleasure at the new vitality you are bringing to Ithaca College and to the larger higher education community that is one of this region’s most distinctive strengths.

Although physically situated on opposite hills, Ithaca College and Cornell have had a long and complementary relationship. Our faculties and students cooperate in endeavors ranging from gerontology research to musical performance. We engage each other in various athletic contests, and we cooperate in community service projects of various kinds.

I look forward to even greater opportunities for cooperation and synergy between Ithaca College and Cornell under your leadership.

Hunter R. Rawlings III
President, Cornell University
From the Commission on
Independent Colleges and Universities

Upon the auspicious occasion of your formally assuming the presidency of Ithaca College, I send warm congratulations to you on behalf of this commission and its trustees, officers, and members—your colleagues in New York's independent sector of higher education.

We all look forward to your participation for many years in this large community and to cordial and effective associations as we officially welcome you to New York. Already you have shown the strong leadership and sound stewardship which marked your tenure as a college president in Vermont. Your active involvement in the work of our commission heralds the continuance of Ithaca College's significant role in advancing the health and vitality of this sector's contribution to our state and its citizens.

With confident wishes for a most rewarding and successful presidency.

James C. Ross
President, Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities

From the State Senate of New York

Let me join the academic community and the greater Ithaca area in offering our congratulations as you formally take the helm of Ithaca College as its seventh president.

Your record of academic and administrative achievement is a solid foundation for the challenging work you are undertaking. I am confident that your inauguration augurs well for the future of Ithaca College.

On behalf of my colleagues in the New York State Senate, I wish you every success and look forward to working with you.

Again, congratulations.

James L. Seward
State Senator, 50th District
From Tompkins Cortland Community College

Greetings. The Tompkins Cortland Community College community congratulates you on your inauguration as the seventh president of Ithaca College. This is indeed a special event for you, the college, and the surrounding community.

An inauguration signifies a new beginning: your long history of educational leadership combined with the stellar tradition of Ithaca College certainly serves as a signal of strength for the future. Ithaca College continues to serve as a model institution. The college's work, reputation, and graduates consistently demonstrate a commitment to excellence. I know that your past achievements and your dedication to this new role will serve to build on this reputation.

Ithaca College and TC3 have enjoyed a long-standing partnership. We have successfully articulated many of our curricula and have collaborated in serving our Global Connections students from around the world. We look forward to working with you to build on the success of our past relationship and to achieve greater rewards in the future.

I and the TC3 community wish you every success in your new role.

Carl E. Haynes
President

From the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

On behalf of the more than 900 members of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, I offer greetings and congratulations on this important and auspicious day in the history of Ithaca College.

Your college has educated thousands of students during its first century and has been a valuable educational resource for your community, your state, and the nation. Now, early in your second century, you welcome and inaugurate a new leader. She brings a remarkable record of achievement and leadership as she assumes her new responsibilities at Ithaca.

Her predecessor, James Whalen, was a distinguished and successful leader, not only for Ithaca College, but for independent higher education across the nation. His service to this association at a crucial time in its history is remembered with special honor and gratitude.

We look forward, as I know all of you in the Ithaca community do, to the presidency of Peggy Williams, confident that she will lead your college to even higher levels of excellence and service.

With best wishes.

David L. Warren
President, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
Inauguration Coverage

Ithaca College's student-run television and radio stations are providing live coverage of today's inauguration ceremony. The inauguration telecast by ICTV's Newswatch 54 team is being shown on cable channel 54 in the Ithaca area. Radio coverage is being provided by WICB-FM at 91.7 on the radio dial, and by 106-VIC, which can be heard locally on FM cable at 105.9.

Inauguration coverage is not limited to the local community: people with access to the World Wide Web can listen to the ceremony via their computers from VIC's site on the Internet, www.ithaca.edu/radio.