

OPENING CONVOCAATION

CALVIN UNIVERSITY
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN



FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

*Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up.*

GALATIANS 6:9

ORDER OF CEREMONY

PRELUDE MEDLEY

FACULTY PROCESSIONAL

Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace (Psalm 150),
Leckebusch/Lim

OPENING REMARKS

Wiebe Boer, PhD, president

OPENING SONG

Let the Earth Be Glad (Psalm 96), *Kimbrough*

EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK Noah Toly, PhD, provost

Learning Irene Kraegel, PsyD, director, Center for
Counseling and Wellness

Faith Adejoke Ayoola, PhD, dean, School of Health

Citizenship Bear de Boo '24, student body president

Vocation Jesús Delgado, academic counselor, Center
for Student Success

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:9, John 14:12–14

Taylor Sanborn '25

MATRICULATION CEREMONY

Wiebe Boer, PhD, president, and Noah Toly, PhD, provost

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Mary Hulst, PhD, university pastor

We will be praying for each other this afternoon. When you are praying for others, extend a hand toward them in a gesture of blessing. When you are being prayed for, please hold your hands in front of you as a gesture of reception.

For these new students, Lord, we pray for courage. Bless them with a willingness to try new things, explore new subjects, and expand their worlds. Give them the freedom to fail, and then build up in them the resilience to try again.

For the students' families and friends, Lord, we ask that you turn their hearts away from worry and toward gratitude, away from regret and toward contentment, away from holding on and toward letting go. Give them the courage to leave this campus today knowing that their children are in the palm of your hand. We are grateful for how you have used parents and step-parents, relatives and friends to shape these students, and we pray that you give them wisdom as they continue to invest in their students' lives.

For the returning students, Lord, we pray that you empower them to be people of integrity: May the words they sing in worship be lived out in the classroom, playing field, rehearsal room, and residence halls. May the lives that they live and the choices that they make mark them as followers of Jesus. As they choose areas of focus for their studies, guide them to areas in which they can find you already at work.

For the faculty and staff, Lord, we pray for joy as they enter into a new academic year. May those who teach be empowered by your Holy Spirit to teach with boldness and compassion, with warmth and fairness, with justice and mercy. May those on our staff be satisfied with the work they have done this summer to prepare the campus for this fall. We pray that all employees of Calvin University will be blessed with a longing to serve those around them wisely and well, with patience toward those with whom they work, and with joy that pervades their lives at work and at home.

For all of us: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord let the light of his countenance shine upon you and give you peace. Amen!

ALMA MATER

RECESSIONAL

Rejoice in All Your Works (Psalm 104), *Kimbrough*

POSTLUDE

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