About our college

One afternoon in 1880, a schoolteacher named Lucy Cross was inspired to imagine the founding of a college in Florida, to be the first in the state. Within five years, her dream became a reality. The General Congregational Association of Florida agreed to sponsor an institution of higher learning, and based on its pledges of financial support, the city of Winter Park was selected to be the new school’s home. The original college in Florida was named for its most generous benefactor, Alonzo Rollins, and was incorporated on April 28, 1885. Classes began November 4, which we celebrate as Founders’ Day.

It was not until the election of the College’s eighth president, Hamilton Holt, a journalist with an international perspective, that Rollins achieved national prominence. Holt dreamed of making Rollins the “ideal small college of America,” defined as a small student body actively engaged in its own education, with inspiring professors and high standards of “life and work,” on a beautiful campus. During his presidency, the College held a national curriculum conference, chaired by distinguished educator John Dewey, and drew attention for its own innovative curriculum, the Conference Plan, which centered learning around the close relationship between students and faculty working in common.

Following Holt’s retirement, under the leadership of Hugh F. McKean ’30, Rollins expanded its offerings in response to community needs, establishing liberal education programs for working adults and launching the Roy E. Crummer Graduate School of Business, now the top-ranked graduate school of business in Florida. McKean’s successor, Jack B. Critchfield, strengthened the College’s connections with local and international communities, initiating Rollins programs in Ireland and Australia.

Under the stewardship of Rollins’ 12th president, Thaddeus Seymour, the College rededicated itself to its roots in the liberal arts tradition. By its Centennial in 1985, Rollins had won national recognition for academic excellence. Rollins’ first woman president, Rita Bornstein, was elected in 1990. With her guidance, the College continued to grow its reputation for quality—raising standards, adding facilities and programs, more than quintupling its endowment, and hosting a national colloquy on pragmatic liberal education. The College’s 14th president, Lewis Duncan, focused the campus community on the College’s signal commitments to education for global citizenship and responsible leadership through increased opportunities for international experience and community and civic engagement.

With the inauguration of the College’s 15th president, we reaffirm our commitment to the philosophy of liberal education that inspired the College’s founders and that Rollins graduates have applied in their lives and work for more than 125 years.
About our new president

Elected in 2015 as the 15th president of Rollins College, Grant H. Cornwell came to Rollins following eight years as president of The College of Wooster. During his presidency, Wooster greatly extended its commitment to diversity and global engagement; developed an integrated approach to advising, experiential learning, and career planning; and deepened its historic focus on mentored undergraduate research. Prior to Wooster, President Cornwell served as vice president of the university and dean of academic affairs at St. Lawrence University and was a member of St. Lawrence’s philosophy department for more than 20 years. While at St. Lawrence, he served as co-director of projects in intercultural studies and global studies, and was one of the founders of the university’s hallmark program for first-year students, inspired by the educational philosophy of John Dewey.

Nationally recognized for his work in defining liberal learning in a global environment, President Cornwell is a member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ board of directors and its Presidents’ Trust: Liberal Education and America’s Promise (LEAP). He also has served on the Council on Foreign Relations’ Global Literacy Advisory Board as well as the boards of Teach for America and The Aspen Institute’s Wye Faculty Seminar, and was a member of the American Council on Education’s Commission on International Initiatives.


President Cornwell holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and biology from St. Lawrence University, and a master’s degree in general studies in humanities and a doctoral degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago. He and his wife, Peg—also a St. Lawrence graduate, have two sons, Kelsey and Tosh.
INAUGURATION CEREMONY
Saturday, April 9, 2016 • Warden Arena • Harold & Ted Alfond Sports Center

PRELUDE

Marche
Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky

Entrance of the Boyars
Johan Halvorsen

Royal Fireworks Music
George Frederic Handel

Academic Festival Overture
Johannes Brahms

Toward a New Life
Josef Suk

Coronation March
Giacomo Meyerbeer

PROCESSIONAL

Call of the Champions
John Williams
A ceremonial fanfare composed for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

INVOCATION

“A Blessing for One Who Holds Power”
John O’Donoghue
Read by Thomas Ouellette
Professor of Theatre Arts

GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT

David H. Lord ’69 ’71MBA
Chairman, Board of Trustees

From the First Congregational Church of Winter Park
Shawn Garvey
Senior Minister

From the City of Winter Park
Sarah Sprinkel ’80MAT
Vice Mayor of Winter Park

From The College of Wooster
Dale Perry
Trustee Emeritus

From St. Lawrence University
Daniel F. Sullivan
President Emeritus
Up to the Mountain
Patty Griffin
arranged by Chuck Archard, Artist-in-Residence
Elodie S. Germain '16, soloist
This contemporary folk song was inspired by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1968 “I've Been to the Mountain” speech, delivered the day before his assassination.

From the Staff

Robert M. Whetstone
Community Resource Officer

From the Alumni

Carroll Hanley Goggin '86
Alumni Trustee

Kellee Johnson '90
President, Alumni Association

From the Students

Cortlandt Jennings Dunn '16
President, Student Government Association

Morgen A. Chaderton '15
Alumna, Hamilton Holt School

Robert Salmeron '15 '16MBA
Student, Crummer Graduate School of Business

From the Faculty

Dexter Boniface
President, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Thomas J. McEvoy '80 '85MBA
Interim Dean, Crummer Graduate School of Business

Donald P. Rogers
President, Faculty of the College of Professional Studies

INSTALLATION POEM

“Sources of Light”
Billy Collins ’08H
Winter Park Institute Distinguished Fellow
FANFARE

Fiat Lux Fanfare
Daniel Crozier, Professor of Music
Special inauguration composition

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE

Escort by Past Presidents

David H. Lord '69 '71MBA

Jack B. Critchfield '78H (1969-1978)
Rita Bornstein '04HAL '04H (1990-2004)
Thaddeus Seymour '82 HAL '90H (1978-1990)
Lewis M. Duncan (2004-2014)

Amazing Grace
John Newton
arranged by Jamey Ray '06, Lecturer
Described as the composer's “spiritual autobiography in verse,” this folk hymn followed Newton's conversion from reprobate Atlantic slave trader to devout country curate.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Carol Geary Schneider
President, Association of American Colleges and Universities

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Grant H. Cornwell
George D. and Harriet W. Cornell Professor of Distinguished Presidential Leadership

ALMA MATER

Arranged by Catherine A. Psarakis '16
The audience is invited to join in singing the first verse.

BENEDICTION

Mamta Accapadi
Vice President for Student Affairs
RECESSIONAL

Dry Your Tears, Afrika
John Williams

MUSIC

Conductor: John V. Sinclair, John M. Tiedtke Professor of Music
Musicians: Rollins College Concert Choir, Bach Festival Choir, Rollins College Orchestra, Members of the Bach Festival Orchestra
Bagpipe selections: Donald R. McCallum ’76

RECEPTION

Guests are invited to greet President Cornwell on the plaza south of the Archibald Granville Bush Science Center (across from the Annie Russell Theatre).

COLLEGE MARSHAL

Maurice J. O’Sullivan, Jr.

FACULTY MARSHALS

Gloria S. Cook
Kimberly Dennis
Marc Fetscherin
Laurel Goj Habgood
H. James McLaughlin
Eren Tatari
Keith Whittingham

FLAG BEARERS

Ryan L. Colangelo ’18
Julianna Dubendorff ’16
Saveena Suri ’19
Rayshaun Wagner ’17
THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The medallion with which President Cornwell is being invested today was designed and cast by Ronald Larned, associate professor emeritus of art. Its face bears the seal of Rollins College, which depicts the sunrise over the waters and carries the motto Fiat Lux. The reverse is inscribed with the names of the presidents of the College and the years of their service. The medallion’s casting in sterling silver was centrifugal, from a wax model, and it hangs from a silver chain.

THE HOOKER CHAIR

The Reverend Edward Payson Hooker served as first president of Rollins College (1885-1892). At College ceremonies such as convocation and commencement, Rollins’ current president is seated in Dr. Hooker’s chair, reminding those assembled of the links between the College today and its history. In 1937, Rollins president Hamilton Holt requested items from the Hooker estate for the dedication of Hooker Hall, a new residential building. Among them was the Hooker Chair, which remained in Hooker Hall until 1955, when it was moved to the College’s art museum, and then to the College’s archives. Rollins’ 12th president, Thaddeus Seymour, incorporated the Hooker Chair into formal College ceremonies. When Rollins president Grant Cornwell rises today to address the audience, he rises from the chair of the first Rollins president, signaling an unbroken chain of commitment to higher learning and honoring the College’s proud heritage.

Research by Ryan Hudnall ’04 ’15MLS

THE FLAGS

The four flags carried by the flag bearers represent the United States of America, the State of Florida, Rollins College, and the Congregational Church, which was integral to the founding of the College. The banners placed on the balcony behind the stage represent the four neighborhoods of Rollins Foundations in the Liberal Arts, the College’s innovative new general education curriculum. The international flags represent the countries of our international delegates and a selection of the sixty countries of citizenship of Rollins students.
Trustees of Rollins College

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Genpact
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Rockville, Maryland

Dianne Rice '61 '15H
Private Investor
Jacksonville, Florida

Eric A. Spiegel
President & CEO
Siemens USA
Washington, D.C.
Today, we celebrate one of the most important events in the life of a college: inauguration of a new president. This is an opportunity to celebrate both Rollins’ long history as an innovator in liberal education and the president who will write its next chapter.

– David H. Lord ’69 ’71MBA
Chairman, Rollins College Board of Trustees
Delegates from Colleges & Universities, Learned Societies & Professional Associations

1693
College of William and Mary
Sharon Reeder McCarthy, Alumna

1701
Yale University
Michael Brodsky, Alumnus

1740
University of Pennsylvania
Michael Harbison, Alumnus

1742
Moravian College
James J. Houser, Alumnus

1746
Princeton University
Ilana M. Moreno, Alumna

1749
Washington and Lee University
Peter M. Muller, Alumnus

1754
Columbia University
Rene B. Testa, Professor Emeritus

1772
Salem Academy and College
Robiaun Charles, Trustee

1781
Washington and Jefferson College
Col. (Ret.) John C. Burns, Alumnus

1782
Washington College
Lawrence H. Golub, Alumnus

1785
The University of Georgia
Michelle Wiser, Alumna

1789
The University of North Carolina
Sharon Carnahan, Alumna

1793
Williams College
Bruce Chapin, Alumnus

1813
Colby College
David Greene, President

1815
Allegheny College
Lance Zingale, Jr., Alumnus

1819
Centre College
Christy Edwards Tenczar, Alumna

1820
Indiana University
Robert Smither, Alumnus

1821
Amherst College
L. Harrison Thayer, Alumnus

1824
Kenyon College
S. Georgia Nugent, President Emerita

1825
Centenary College of Louisiana
David B. Rowe, President

1826
State University of New York at Fredonia
Michele P. Meyer, Alumna

1832
Wabash College
Melissa A. Butler, Faculty

1833
Kalamazoo College
Charlotte H. Hall, Alumna

1837
Mount Holyoke College
Lynn Pasquerella, President

1842
Ohio Wesleyan University
Edward E. Haddock, Jr., Alumnus, trustee

1846
Bucknell University
David Skena, Alumnus

1847
Lawrence University
Edith G. Andrew, Alumna

1848
Muhlenberg College
John D. Ladley, Alumnus

1848
Rhodes College
Randall B. Robertson, Alumnus

1849
William Jewell College
John V. Sinclair, Alumnus

1851
Northwestern University
Susan E. Boyd, Alumna
1851
Santa Clara University
Miranda Niemoth, Alumna

1852
Westminster College
Robert S. Milleman, Alumnus
Virginia Milleman, Alumna

1853
Monmouth College
Donna M. Colado, Alumna

1853
University of Florida
Bruce McEwan, Alumnus

1855
Bates College
Henry J. Keigwin, Alumnus

1855
Elmira College
Mary L. Tumbleson-Harvey, Alumna

1856
St. Lawrence University
Daniel F. Sullivan, President Emeritus

1856
University of Maryland
Meghan Murphy, Alumna

1857
Saint John’s University
Michael S. Halverson, Alumnus

1857
The University of the South
James E. (Trippe) Cheek, Alumnus

1859
Averett University
Timothy C. Beierschmitt, Alumnus

1863
Kansas State University
Matthew T. Wasinger, Alumnus

1866
Carleton College
Susan Rundell Singer, Faculty
William P. Sterling, Alumnus

1866
The College of Wooster
Dale Perry, Trustee Emeritus

1867
Cedar Crest College
Jennifer A. Russo, Alumna

1869
Ursinus College
Jean Gray, Alumna

1870
The Ohio State University
Jeff Douglas Drushal, Alumnus

1870
Wellesley College
Elizabeth Villegas, Alumna

1872
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Susan C. Gantt, Alumnin

1883
Houghton College
Joel D. Prinsell, Alumnus

1883
Modern Language Association
Anastasia Salter

1883
Stetson University
Wendy B. Libby, President

1883
Wagner College
Richard Guarasci, President

1884
American Historical Association
Julian Chambliss

1885
Bryn Mawr College
Heather M. Thompson, Alumna

1885
Georgia Institute of Technology
Michelle C. Adkins, Alumna

1885
Stanford University
Philip Tiedtke, Alumnus

1887
Clark University
Janet F. Kwiat, Alumna

1889
Agnes Scott College
Rubiaun Charles, Vice President

1889
Clemson University
Bob Wiley, Alumnus

1889
College of Saint Elizabeth
Joan M. Flewelling, Alumna

1889
State University of New York at Oneonta
Carol Frost, Alumna

1890
The University of Chicago
Mario D’Amato, Alumnus
1891
**Randolph College**
Lian A. Perez, Alumna

1899
**Elizabethtown College**
Carolyn Gray, Alumna

1900
**American Philosophical Association**
Thomas Cook

1901
**Millikin University**
Roderic D. Sward, Alumnus

1901
**Sweet Briar College**
Stacey L. Kerr, Alumna

1903
**Skidmore College**
Judith J. Carrico, Alumna

1908
**James Madison University**
Elaine Hinsdale, Alumna

1908
**University of Mary Washington**
Geraldine Habas, Alumna

1910
**Bowling Green State University**
Greg Gardner, Alumnus

1910
**Radford University**
Holly H. Ecimovic, Alumna

1913
**College of Saint Benedict**
Susan Baxter, Alumna

1915
**Association of American Colleges and Universities**
Carol Geary Schneider, President

1916
**The Sage Colleges**
Helen Rodriguez Burmaster, Alumna

1917
**Bentley University**
Patrick A. Scholten, Faculty

1919
**University of California, Los Angeles**
Emily Russell, Alumna

1926
**Sarah Lawrence College**
Willmoth O. Edwards, Alumnus

1929
**Marist College**
Ernest A. Arico, Jr., Alumnus

1933
**Wilkes University**
Doreen Dzoba, Alumna

1934
**American Musicological Society**
Scott Warfield

1946
**Utica College**
Carol T. Ancona, Alumna

1947
**St. John Fisher College**
Barbara J. Lowe, Administrator

1948
**Brandeis University**
Carol J. Lauer, Alumna

1956
**Council of Independent Colleges**
S. Georgia Nugent

1958
**Eckerd College**
Arthur J. Ranson III, Trustee Emeritus

1958
**International Delegates**

1953
**International Christian University**
Junko Hibiya, President

1962
**The American University of Paris**
Celeste Schenck, President

1962
**Yamanashi Gakuin University**
International College of Liberal Arts
Michael Lacktorin, Dean

1995
**Al Akhawayn University**
Driss Ouaouicha, President

2002
**Ashesi University College**
Marcia A. Grant, Provost

2009
**O.P. Jindal Global University**
C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor
Alma Mater

Set like a gem amid the waters blue,
Where palms and pines their fragrant incense brew,
O Alma Mater, as the swift year runs
Sing we thy praise, thy daughters and thy sons.

Sons who uphold thy fair unsullied fame,
Daughters who live thine ancient honored name,
True to thy colors blazoned far on high—
Gold of the sun and blue of bending sky.

Far from thy walls, wherever we may go,
Still with a heart where loyal memories glow,
Still with a song for Rollins ringing clear,
Guide of our youth, O Alma Mater, dear.

Written in 1912 by American poet Rose Mills Powers, wife of Rollins Professor of Modern Languages Hiram Powers, and set to music by Homer Stanley Pope, director of the College’s School of Music.
Schedule of events

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Panel: “What Matters in College”
Richard Guarasci, Chair, Campus Compact & President, Wagner College
Carol Geary Schneider, President, Association of American Colleges & Universities
Daniel F. Sullivan, Sr. Advisor to the President & Advancement Fellow, AAC&U
Facilitator: Lynn Pasquerella, President, Mount Holyoke College & President-Elect, AAC&U

Panel: “Liberal Education in This Global Era”
Driss Ouaouicha, President, Al Akhawayn University (Morocco)
Celeste Schenck, President, The American University of Paris
Marcia A. Grant, Provost, Ashesi University College (Ghana)
Junko Hibiya, President, International Christian University (Japan)
C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University (India)
Facilitator: S. Georgia Nugent, Interim President, The College of Wooster & President Emerita, Kenyon College

Scholarship Showcase

Arts Showcase

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Inauguration Ceremony

Festival of Light
Campus Celebration
ROLLINS COLLEGE EDUCATES STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP, EMPOWERING GRADUATES TO PURSUE MEANINGFUL LIVES AND PRODUCTIVE CAREERS.