



THE INVESTITURE of
Dr. Alycia A. Marshall



Seventh President
Community College of Philadelphia
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Highmark Mann Center for the Performing Arts
5201 Parkside Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ALYCIA A. MARSHALL, PH.D.



DR. ALYCIA A. MARSHALL currently serves as the seventh President of the Community College of Philadelphia (CCP), where she has been a steadfast leader and advocate for student success. Prior to this role, she served as the College's Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Success, overseeing Academic Affairs, Workforce Development, and Student Support and Engagement. During her tenure, she championed continuous improvement and professional learning by expanding professional development for faculty and department leaders and launching onboarding programs for faculty, department chairs, and directors, strengthening CCP's culture of excellence.

Dr. Marshall's career in higher education began at Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) in Maryland, where she built an exceptional record of leadership as a tenured Full Professor of Mathematics, Department Chair of Mathematics, and Associate Vice President for Learning and Academic Affairs. She earned her Ph.D. in Mathematics Education from the University of Maryland, College Park, a Master of Arts in Teaching from Bowie State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Her influence extends well beyond her home institutions. She has played a pivotal role in shaping national conversations about mathematics education, serving as co-lead of the Lower Division Pathways Mathematics Advisory Group (MAG) for TPSE Math (Transforming Post-Secondary Education in Mathematics) and as a member of the Carnegie Math Pathways Steering Committee. Dr. Marshall is also engaged in regional strategy work and conversations around higher education and workforce development needs in Philadelphia, currently serving on the Philadelphia Works Board of Directors, the Philadelphia Eds and Meds Collaborative Executive Leadership Committee, the Roadmap to Quality Jobs Steering Committee, the Economy League of Greater Philadelphia Board, and the Higher Academia

Task Force. Through these efforts, Dr. Marshall has joined a distinguished network of regional and national leaders creating more equitable pathways to economic mobility for students across the country and abroad.

A nationally recognized thought leader, Dr. Marshall is an Aspen Rising Presidents Fellow and is one of the Charles A. Dana Center's inaugural Mathematics Pathways Leadership Fellows. Her contributions to education and equity have been celebrated with numerous awards, including the Verizon Community Innovator Award, the *INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine's* "100 Inspiring Women in STEM Award," the National Faculty Role Model Award from Minority Access, Inc., the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award, the League Excellence Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College, EDU Ledger's Leading Women in Higher Education, Alpha Eta Sigma Chapter (Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.) Carver Rose Award, Philadelphia's Most Influential African American Leaders from *The Philadelphia Tribune*, and the President's Award of Excellence from the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists. She was also named one of *Philadelphia Business Journal's* 2026 Power 100.

Equally passionate about leadership development, Dr. Marshall has dedicated her career to mentoring and supporting the next generation of leaders. She is the founder and visionary of Anne Arundel Community College's inaugural African American Leadership Institute and spearheaded the creation of the Aspiring Leaders Fellowship Program at CCP. This fellowship has served participants at both Community College of Philadelphia and Montgomery County Community College, fostering leadership skills and mentorship for emerging leaders who will shape the future of higher education.

Through her visionary leadership, scholarship, and unwavering commitment to equity, Dr. Alycia A. Marshall continues to inspire transformation in higher education, building pathways of opportunity for students, faculty, and leaders.

HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

1955 Mayor Joseph S. Clark, Jr., appoints a Committee on Higher Educational Opportunities in Philadelphia to survey higher education facilities in the area and to recommend how the growing number of those wanting more than a high school education could be served.

1957 The Committee on Higher Educational Opportunities presents its report, "Higher Education and the Future of Youth in the Greater Philadelphia Area," to Mayor Richard Dilworth and the President of City Council.

1960 The Philadelphia Commission on Higher Education is appointed and charged with the continuing responsibility of evaluating the community's needs for higher education.

1964 The Community College Committee appointed by the Philadelphia Commission on Higher Education from among its members submits to Mayor James H.J. Tate a comprehensive study titled, "A Guide for the Establishment of the Community College of Philadelphia."

Mayor Tate appoints 15 members to the Board of Trustees, thus creating Community College of Philadelphia.

Mayor Tate officially establishes the College on April 28, 1964, in accordance with authorization ordinances of City Council and legislation passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature and signed into law by Governor William W. Scranton. The mayor's signature is a result of nearly 10 years of careful investigation, consideration and planning.

The Board of Trustees selects the eight-story building at 34 South Eleventh Street as the temporary site for the College.

1965 Allen Thomas Bonnell, Ph.D., a Drexel University Provost and Special Consultant to the Committee on Higher Educational Opportunities and co-author of its report, is appointed founding President of Community College of Philadelphia.

Community College of Philadelphia opens for classes on Sept. 23. Fall enrollment is 1,941.

- 1971** The United States government gives the former United States Mint Building at 1700 Spring Garden Street to Community College of Philadelphia. Acquisition of neighboring property begins.
- 1979** Groundbreaking begins for the construction of the new buildings on the permanent campus.
- 1982** A cornerstone ceremony is held at the West Building on Oct. 6, 1982, officially dedicating the permanent campus.
- 1985** The Northeast Regional Center is established.
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- 1991** The Winnet Student Life Building and the College Gymnasium are completed and open for use.
- 1992** The Northwest Regional Center is established.
- 1995** The new Northeast Regional Center is opened at 12901 Townsend Road.
- 1999** The new Northwest Regional Center is opened at 1300 W. Godfrey Avenue.
- 2003** The new Center for Business and Industry building at 18th and Callowhill streets is opened.
- 2005** The Fox Rothschild Center for Law and Society is established.
- 2009** The Center for International Understanding, Center for Science and Engineering Education, and Center for Male Engagement are established. The Veterans Resource Center opens.

- 2010** The new building at the Northeast Regional Center opens; renovations are completed on the existing building.
- 2011** The new Pavilion Building opens in the fall at the Main Campus. The building houses the new Welcome Center, College Bookstore, and student and staff dining services.
- 2014** Extensive renovations in the Bonnell, Mint and West buildings are completed in the fall, finishing a four-year project.
- 2021** The Library and Learning Commons at Main Campus begins serving students, offering computer stations, individual and group study rooms with multimedia resources, and support from Library staff.
- 2022** The College's most recent addition, the Career and Advanced Technology Center, officially opens in August. The CATC doubles the capacity of the College's Transportation Technologies programs and serves as a hub for career and technical training.
- 2026** Providing state-of-the-art training and experiences to health care students, the Health Care Simulation Lab opens, providing real-life simulations to students through AI-powered mannequins in a modern, clinical setting.
- Our new and improved Enrollment Central and Welcome Center opens in the Bonnell Building, providing students with comprehensive enrollment and registration support in one area.

THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

MUSICAL PRELUDE

JAZZ QUARTET

PAUL GEISSINGER, *Chair and Associate Professor, Music Department*

JOSIAH CROSS, TYLER JONES and JOSEPH VANCE

Student Members

EVAN GRAVER, *Adjunct Instructor*

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to rise if they are able when the Academic Procession enters and to remain standing during the National Anthem. Also, the audience is requested to stand and to remain standing through the Recessional.

"Pomp and Circumstance"

By E. Elgar

ORDER OF MARCH

Mace Bearer

LISA JOHNSON, PH.D.

Ceremony Marshals

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Delegates of Academic Institutions

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ORDER OF CEREMONY

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

By John Stafford Smith; Arr. Igor Stravinsky
Performed by the Concert Choir of
Community College of Philadelphia

H.L. SMITH II, *Director*

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CHELLIE CAMERON, *President and CEO
The Chamber of Commerce for
Greater Philadelphia*

GREETINGS

INVOCATION

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**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FROM THE HONORABLE
JOSH SHAPIRO, GOVERNOR,
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PENNSYLVANIA**

THE HONORABLE MORGAN CEPHAS
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Representatives, 192nd District
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OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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Pennsylvania Senate, 7th Senatorial District

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*Vice President, Field Engagement and
Innovation, Purpose Built Communities*

MUSICAL SELECTION

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

By Isaac Watts; Arr. H.L. Smith II
Performed by the Concert Choir of
Community College of Philadelphia

H.L. SMITH II, Director

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

FREEMAN HRABOWSKI III, PH.D.

*President Emeritus
The University of Maryland,
Baltimore County*

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Rise Up"

By Andra Day

Performed by **NATALIE GEBHARDT**
Dedicated to the Students of Community
College of Philadelphia

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SYMBOL OF OFFICE**

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ALYCIA A. MARSHALL, PH.D.

President

RECESSIONAL

"Optimistic"

By Sounds of Blackness

While President Marshall would love the opportunity to personally connect with everyone today, she recognizes that the day will move quickly. Guests are encouraged to follow up with her office at President@ccp.edu to continue the conversation.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
FREEMAN A. HRABOWSKI III



FREEMAN A. HRABOWSKI, III, President Emeritus of UMBC (The University of Maryland, Baltimore County) served as president from 1992 to 2022. His research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. He chaired the National Academies' committee that produced the 2011 report, *Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America's Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads*. He was named in 2012 by President Obama to chair the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. His 2013 TED talk highlights the "Four Pillars of College Success in Science." In 2022, Dr. Hrabowski was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, and he was also named the inaugural ACE Centennial Fellow. In addition, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) also launched the Freeman Hrabowski Scholars Program, committing \$1.5 billion to help build a scientific workforce that more fully reflects our increasingly diverse country. In October 2022, he was named the inaugural Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Lecture Speaker by Harvard. In April 2023, The National Academy of Sciences awarded him the Public Welfare Medal, the Academy's most prestigious award, and inducted him as a member of the academy for his extraordinary use of science for the public good. In November 2025, Sigma Xi, the scientific research honors society, inducted him as a member and awarded him the John P. McGovern Science & Society Award for "playing a pivotal role in improving science and mathematics education."

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