

Presidential Inauguration



MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY

THE INAUGURAL CONVOCATION

FLAVIUS R. W. LILLY, PhD, MPH
TWENTY-SECOND PRESIDENT
MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY



*Saturday, October 10, 2026
10:00 a.m.*

ORDER OF CEREMONY

The Prelude

Prelude Selections
Muskingum Music Department

***The Processional**

“Festival Procession”
Richard Strauss
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Muskingum University Wind Ensemble
Dr. David Turrill – Director

The Academic Processional

Faculty Marshals
Dr. Diane Rao, Professor of Theatre
Dr. Brian Bergstrom, Professor of Biology
Past University President
University Senior Leadership Team
University Faculty
Emeritus Faculty
Institutional and Learned Society Delegates
Platform Party

Welcome

Cheryl Carpenter '86
Chair, Muskingum University Board of Trustees

Community Greetings

Greg Adams '81
Muskingum University Trustee

Invocation

Reverend Derek Wadlington
University Chaplain

Remarks

“The Quiet Strength of Service”
Dr. Carol Vidal

Musical Selection

“The Swan”
Camille Saint-Saëns
Zoe Lilly

Reflections

Dr. Roger Ward

Investiture of the President

Chairwoman Carpenter
Dr. Flavius Lilly

Presentation of the Symbols of Office

Chairwoman Carpenter

Dr. Susan S. Hasseler
Twenty-First President
Presidential Medallion

Phillip Lashley
Student Senate President
Key of Knowledge

Introduction of Dr. Flavius Lilly

Dr. James Schmutter '69
Trustee and Chair, Presidential Search Committee

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Inaugural Address

Dr. Flavius Lilly

Choral Anthem

“Measure Me, Sky!”

Elaine Hagenberg

Words by Leonora Speyer

Muskingum University Concert Choir, Dr. Daniel Strychacz – Director
Dr. Kaleigh Simmons – Collaborative Pianist

Community Commitments

Reflections and Commitments from Members of the
Muskingum Community

Dr. Melissa Conroy, Faculty Executive Secretary

Philip Lashley '27, Student Senate President

Eric Pohjala '82, Alumni Council President

Tom Caudill '05G, Staff Council Chair Emeritus

***Alma Mater**

“All Hail, Muskingum”

All Hail, Muskingum, glorious Alma Mater,
Thy loyal children come to do thee honor,
Life more abundant thou to us has given,
Hail, Alma Mater, Hail.

All Hail, Muskingum, glorious Alma Mater,
Thou who has guided our youth triumphant,
Into the life where knowledge still is holy,
Hail, Alma Mater, Hail.

All Hail, Muskingum, glorious Alma Mater,
To thee we pledge our loyal devotion,
God’s care surround thee through the endless ages,
Hail, Alma Mater, Hail.
-T.R. Berkshire '27

***Benediction**

Reverend Wadlington

***Recessional**

“La Banda Nascente”

Berardo Sbraccia

Ed. Frederick Fennell

Muskingum University Wind Ensemble
Dr. David Turrill – Director

Please remain standing until the recessional is complete.

**All guests are invited to attend the luncheon in the
Tent on the Quad immediately following the ceremony.**



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processing Faculty, Board members,
and Senior Leadership.

INSTITUTIONAL AND LEARNED SOCIETY DELEGATES

1789

Muskingum Valley Presbytery
Alison Blondheim

1815

Allegheny College
W. David Graham

1830

Capital University
Jared Tice

1835

Marietta College
Kathleen Dougherty

1842

Ohio Wesleyan University
Trevor Bates

1850

Heidelberg University
Morgan Harrigan

1856

University of Maryland
Patty Alvarez

1862

Westminster College
James Mohr

1867

McDaniel University
Jeremy Shepherd

1871

Ohio Northern University
Shane Tilton

1877

Ashland University
Jon Parrish Peede

1969

Zane State College
Joseph Keating

1995

Association of Presbyterian
Colleges and Universities (APCU)
Jeffrey Arnold



DR. FLAVIUS LILLY

Flavius R. W. Lilly, PhD, MPH, is the Twenty-Second President of Muskingum University, bringing more than twenty-five years of distinguished leadership across higher education and healthcare. Emphasizing student success and institutional sustainability, his work has encompassed strategic planning, academic innovation, philanthropic development, and operational reform.

Before joining Muskingum, Dr. Lilly served as Provost of McDaniel College, where he led the academic enterprise and oversaw student life and athletics. During his tenure, he advanced the institution's priorities, contributing to gains in enrollment, retention, program offerings, and resource development. Previously, he spent thirteen years at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, most recently as Vice Provost of Academic and Student Affairs and Vice Dean of the Graduate School. There, he conceptualized and provided executive leadership for the founding of the Graduate Research Innovation District, creating opportunities for entrepreneurship, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration. His earlier work in healthcare executive leadership spanned strategic planning, quality improvement, service growth, and community health initiatives.

Dr. Lilly holds a PhD in Gerontology and an MA in Applied Sociology from the University of Maryland, an MPH in Epidemiology from Drexel University, and a BS in Biology from Wright State University. His research has focused on aging, student well-being, and the relationship among belonging, meaning in life, and student persistence. As Dr. Lilly guides the University into its next chapter, he and his family are grateful for the warm welcome they have received from the Muskingum and surrounding community.



THE MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY SEAL

The design for the Muskingum University Seal was adopted in 1908. The Seal is circular in shape and encloses a triangle design. The triangle represented the three-fold purpose of Muskingum – the mental, the religious, and the physical. Located within the lines of the triangle are the Latin words Omne Trium Perfectum which means "every perfect thing is three-fold."

In the center of the triangle are a Bible, a lamp of knowledge, and a laurel wreath. Radiating out from the triangle are rays of lights which are symbols of the light of God directing all things.

On the outside circle are the Latin words Sigillum Collegii Muskingumensis (Muskingumensis), Nove Concordiae, which when translated mean "Sign of Muskingum College, New Concord."

MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1837, Muskingum University prepares a continuum of learners to think critically, excel professionally, grow personally, and contribute ethically to our changing world. With its campus located in the rural Ohio Village of New Concord, Muskingum serves 1,300 undergraduate students and more than 1,000 adult learners, offering more than 50 undergraduate majors; the Muskingum Adult Program, offering online degree completion programs; several master's degree programs; a doctorate degree program; and workforce development partnerships with business and industry.

WITH GRATITUDE

Muskingum University extends its sincere gratitude to the following individuals and organizations for the time, care, and generosity they contributed to the inauguration of our president. Their support helped make this occasion a fitting celebration of the University and its future.



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