



Inauguration of
DR. JAMES A. DUNN
AS THE SIXTH PRESIDENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019
LYON CHAPEL & FINE ARTS CENTER
BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

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The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14

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Transformed

by GRACE & TRUTH

Oklahoma Wesleyan University honors the Primacy of Jesus Christ, the Priority of Scripture, the Pursuit of Truth, and the Practice of Wisdom for the whole person so the Kingdom of Jesus Christ can influence the whole world.

Inauguration Ceremony

Friday October 11, 2019 | 10:10 A.M. | Lyon Chapel & Fine Arts Center

Prelude

***Processional**

Welcome

Dr. Dalene Fisher
Assistant Provost, Dean of School of Arts and Sciences

***Invocation**

Dr. Josh McNall
Assistant Professor of Theology, School of Ministry and Christian Thought

***Hymn**

“And Can It Be”
Words by Charles Wesley (1738)
Dr. Jonathan Stewart, *Associate Professor of Music*
Ben Bender, *Accompanist*

Prayer of Consecration

Caleb Dunn and Courtney Dunn
Children of Dr. Dunn
Prayer given from Lyon Hall

Choral Anthem

“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”
Words and music by Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Oklahoma Wesleyan University Chorale

Prayer of Blessing

Mrs. Melba Crain
Prayer for Mrs. Wendy Agner Dunn, *First Lady*

Inaugural Address

Dr. Steve Babby
Former Pacific Southwest District Superintendent, The Wesleyan Church
OKWU Board of Trustees ('77-current)

Installation Ceremony

Dr. Wayne Schmidt, *General Superintendent, The Wesleyan Church*
Roger Metcalf, *Chair of Board of Trustees*
Dr. Mark Weeter, *University Provost*

Remarks
Litany from *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*
Presentation of Medallion

Scripture Reading

John 1:12-14
Dr. David Preston
Executive Director, OKWU Foundation Board

President's Response

"Transformed By Grace And Truth"
Dr. James A. Dunn
President, Oklahoma Wesleyan University

Choral Anthem

"In Christ Alone / The Solid Rock"
Words and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend (2002)
Led by Gabe Belden and Ben Bender, *OKWU Students*

***Benediction**

Summer Smith
Sophomore, English Education

***Recessional**

**Congregation Standing*

*All are invited to a reception on the
west patio of the Janice and Charles Drake Library.*



*“Lead as unto Jesus Christ,
believing in others to reach
their full potential for the
Kingdom of Jesus.”*

-JIM DUNN





DR. JAMES A. DUNN, D. MIN

SIXTH PRESIDENT

When James “Jim” Dunn came to Bartlesville Wesleyan College as a freshman in 1984, he had no notion of the future scope of the University he would now lead.

“I love the Lord,” Dunn said, “and I gave my life to Him at the age of seven at the altar of the church my father pastored in Tucson, Arizona.” Dunn dedicated his life to the Lord’s service at the age of twelve, never looking back. Committed to The Wesleyan Church, Dunn was ordained and has been a minister in the denomination since 1991. “My connections run deep throughout the Wesleyan family. Five of my six siblings are OKWU alumni. Since 1965, someone from my family has either been a student, board member, or the faculty — now President of Oklahoma Wesleyan University.”

Dunn earned a Bachelor of Arts from Bartlesville Wesleyan College (OKWU) in 1988, a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1991, and a Doctor of Ministry from Trinity International University in 1998. Throughout his career, he has served in leadership on numerous boards as well as teaching for Wesley Seminary and Indiana Wesleyan University.

First serving as a local church pastor for 15 years, Dunn continued his ministry with The Wesleyan Church leading as General Director of Spiritual Formation and Executive Director of Church Multiplication and Discipleship. From 2016-2019, he served as Vice President of Church Relations for Wesleyan Investment Foundation, focused on encouraging and helping local churches reach their next level of ministry effectiveness. In all this, Dunn was prepared to lead OKWU into the future.

After graduating from Asbury Theological Seminary, he married Mindy Cartwright. They enjoyed 22 years of wonderful marriage until she passed away from complications of melanoma in 2013. He and Mindy have two children: Caleb (wife Matlin and grandson Abraham) and Courtney. Both are now studying at Asbury Theological Seminary. On November 2, 2018, Dunn married Wendy Agner, an alumni of BWC/OKWU (A.A., 1988). Wendy has two adult daughters, making them a family of six. “We are enjoying God’s grace and life together,” said Dunn about his family.

HERITAGE & HISTORY

OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Oklahoma Wesleyan University's history began in 1905 with Rocky Mountain Missionary & Evangelistic School. In 1910, its name was changed to Colorado Springs Bible College. In 1909, Miltonvale Wesleyan College began in Kansas and, in 1917, Pasadena Bible Training School opened in California.

1905 —

Colorado Springs Bible College was initiated by the Pilgrim Holiness Church to train students for full-time Christian service. It expanded to include students desiring to attend college in a Christ-centered environment and later relocated to Bartlesville, Oklahoma.



La Quinta Mansion, completed 1932

1909 —

Miltonvale Wesleyan College was part of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination. Its purpose for 63 years was to initiate students to a Christian experience, intellectual training, social culture and physical development. A "Holiness Unto the Lord" motto summarized its mission and hung as a banner on the administration building. That banner now hangs on the Bartlesville campus.

After financial challenges, schools merged with Western Pilgrim College. They joined Central Pilgrim College shortly after its move to Bartlesville.

When the Bartlesville property was purchased, the La Quinta Mansion was the focal point. Previous owners used the property for a college, making the location suitable for Central Pilgrim College. The mansion remains as do the Carriage House and Susanna Wesley Hall (women's dorm).

1968 —

In 1968, the Pilgrim Holiness Church and the Wesleyan Methodist Church merged to form The Wesleyan Church. The college became Bartlesville Wesleyan College. In 1972, Miltonvale Wesleyan College and Bartlesville Wesleyan College merged. Enrollment increased in the 1970s, and Bartlesville

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Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

ROMANS 12:2

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Wesleyan College experienced the largest increase of any four-year college in Oklahoma. With enrollment increasing at 97.4 percent, campus expansion became imperative. Four new buildings were built: Haltom Campus Center, Robert & Joyce Campbell Science building, Dorm '74 and Mueller Sports Center.

2001 —

In 2001, the college officially became Oklahoma Wesleyan University. Since then, Lyon Chapel & Fine Arts Center, Keating Center, Lisa & Mark Roberts Fitness Annex, Janice & Charles Drake Library, six dormitories and additional athletic fields have all been built. The University's outreach now includes an extension in Tulsa and online classes.

The Future Looks Bright

The University's objective has expanded, but the mission has always been to prepare individuals to reach out and touch the world for Christ. Thousands of alumni have made a difference globally.

OKWU's vision and mandate remain steadfast. With the Lord's leadership, President Dunn, as well as the university leadership, faculty, staff, students, partners and alumni can rest assured that OKWU will continue to live out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). ☩

TRADITIONS

OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

OKWU BELL

The OKWU Bell first rang during the 2019 Convocation, marking a new tradition. The ringing of the bell signifies the grace of new beginnings in Christ. The honor of ringing the bell is given to one embodying the spirit and mission of the university.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Rooted in the medieval traditions of the great universities of Europe, the regalia worn on formal occasions in American colleges and universities links the clerical dignity and importance of the academic tradition to the vibrant life of the present university. American universities have agreed on a uniform style of academic dress, but local traditions add variety in the color and style of gown, cap and hood.

GOWN

The robe for the bachelor's degree is usually plain with pointed sleeves. Master's degree robes have long closed sleeves with a slit in the arm. The doctoral robe has full bell sleeves with a facing of velvet on the front and velvet chevrons on the sleeve. Robe colors other than black are the colors of the sponsoring university.

CAP

The tassel is either black or in the color of the academic discipline. Most caps are square, but doctors' caps are velvet in a shape with three, four or eight points, especially with a gold tassel.

HOOD

The hood is faced with velvet of a color representing the academic discipline. The trim and lining, often with a chevron in a second color inside the hood, is the color of the sponsoring university.

PRESIDENTIAL REGALIA

President Dunn's gown is decorated with a dark blue panel and four chevrons on the sleeves representing the office of the president. The scarlet hood represents the Doctor of Theology degree, and is lined with colors representing Dunn's alma mater. The president will wear the gown and medallion in all academic processions and ceremonial occasions.

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OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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GREETINGS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

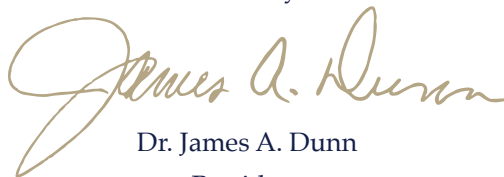
Oklahoma Wesleyan University is an outstanding, orthodox Christian university. As an alumnus, I have appreciated the undergraduate education I received at OKWU many times over. It prepared me well for graduate and postgraduate school. It helped me mature into a better person and pursue God's calling on my life for faith and ministry. While a student, it was evident that the focus of the university was the development of the whole person. That remains our focus today, making OKWU a unique leader in Christian higher education.

OKWU's unashamed foundation of developing the whole person is consistent with Wesleyan theology. To lift high the Wesleyan Quadrilateral of Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Christian Experience is found in the Four Pillars of Oklahoma Wesleyan University— Scripture, Christ, Truth, and Wisdom. We continue to own, celebrate, and communicate our Christocentricity with great esteem.

This University has a tremendous legacy and a heritage from the past 114 years, but the future of OKWU does not depend solely on the faithfulness of those who have gone before. It depends upon every one of us being transformed into Christlikeness in order to impact the whole world for the good of His Kingdom.

The theme of my inauguration "Transformed by Grace and Truth" prioritizes this development of the whole person spiritually, academically, emotionally, socially, and physically. I pray that all of us will be made into the image of Christ— transformed into his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "James A. Dunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. James A. Dunn
President



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*Then Jesus came to them and said,
'All authority in heaven and on earth has been
given to me. Therefore go and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have
commanded you. And surely I am with you
always, to the very end of the age.'*

MATTHEW 28:18-20

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