



OPENING CONVOCATION

Tuesday, the Ninth Day of September

Two Thousand Twenty Five
Eleven o'clock in the Morning

Thomas J. Boyd Chapel

118 E. South Street | Raleigh, North Carolina

“Pro Christo et Humanitate”

(For Christ and Humanity)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

“The Prince of Denmark’s March”
The Band of The Welsh Guards
Arranger: Nick Patrick
Arranger: Richard Cottle

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Vanessa Raynor Moone
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

THE ANTHEMS

The Star-Spangled Banner
Francis Scott Key

O say, can you see, by the dawn’s early
light, what so proudly we hailed at the
twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
thru the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so
gallantly streaming
And the rockets red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thru the night
that our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner
yet wave,
O’er the land of the free,
and the home of the brave?

Lift ev’ry voice and sing
‘til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
high as the list’ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that
the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that
the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that
the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun.
Let us march on ‘til victory is won.
Where the white gleam of our
bright star is cast

Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing
James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamond Johnson

Stony the rod we trod,
bitter the chasn’ing rod,
Felt in the days when hope
unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which
our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way
that with the tears have been
watered,
We have come, treading our path
through the blood of the
slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past,
‘til now we stand at last

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus
Far on the way,
Thou who has by Thy might,
led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places
our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native
Land.

INVOCATION

Dr. Mark G. Harden
Dean, Shaw University Divinity School

WELCOME

Dr. Paulette R. Dillard
President & CEO, Shaw University

BEAR COMMITMENT CEREMONY

PURPOSE: Mr. Anderson Wilson, Jr.
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Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Success

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Mister Shaw University

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“In The Midst of It All”
Yolanda Adams
Soloist
Mrs. Deborah McNair
Dr. Stacey Sowell

MUSIC

INTRODUCTION OF
SPEAKER

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Paulette R. Dillard

THE ALMA MATER

Harry Edgar Payne, Sr ‘35

Hail, Dear Old Shaw U
Thy sons revere thy name,
Long shall thy works be proud
Undimmed thy fame.
Time shall thy praises sing,
Glory repay thy tears,
and loud thy praises ring
Through all the years.

Noble thy hallways,
Noble thy grassy plain,
Nobler the hearts of men
Where thou dost reign.
All we who love thy name,
Stout hearts that shall not fail,
All rise and loud proclaim,
Alma Mater, Hail

BENEDICTION

Dr. Mark G. Harden

RECESSIONAL

“Mouret: Sinfonies de Fanfare
in D Major: 1. Rondeau”
Hannes Läubin
Simon Preston

Bear Litany

Leader: A mascot is a person, animal or object believed to bring good luck and to reflect the characteristics of the team or institution it represents.
Student: I am a Shaw Bear!
Leader: Bears are intelligent, curious and have excellent memories
Student: I am a Shaw Bear!
Leader: Bears use their acute sense of smell for information about the world around them.
Student: I am a Shaw Bear!
Leader: Bears can run downhill or uphill at incredible speeds
Student: I am a Shaw Bear!
Leader: Size, body, weight, and color may vary, but a bear is always a formidable foe.
Student: I am a Shaw Bear!
Leader: In fun and in a competitive spirit, Shaw Bears are never ashamed to speak about their eating habits.
Student: I am a Shaw Bear!
Leader: We kick butt on and off the field of competition: in the classroom, on the parade field in Shaw spirit, professional development, scholarship, citizenship, and spiritual foundation
Student: I am a Shaw Bear!
Leader: By being a member of this historic institution and by presenting myself as a Shaw Bear, I am promising to protect the integrity of the institution and by presenting myself as a Shaw Bear, I am promising to protect the integrity of the institution and to always portray the positive image embodied in the Shaw tradition. Finally, I will uphold the Shaw University tagline – **Excellence. Opportunity. This is Shaw U!**
Student: I promise
Leader: Who are you?
Student: I am a Bear
Leader: What kind of Bear
Student: A Shaw Bear!
Leader: Who are you?
ALL: I AM....A SHAW BEAR!

CODE OF CONDUCT

I count it an honor to have been accepted as a member of the Shaw University Family by virtue of my status as a student, employee, alumnus, supporter, or friend. I covenant, therefore, to conduct myself and my activities in such a way as to reflect credit upon myself, my faith, community, my sponsor(s) but most especially upon my Alma Mater. Accordingly, I agree:

- To hold in trust the traditions, practices, and laws that govern this historic University.
- To respect all property, discouraging vandalism and thefts of any and all things that do not belong to me. Most especially to respect myself, exhibiting the values, morals, discipline and cultural matrix upon which Shaw University was founded.
- To always be accountable for my personal, social and professional conduct.
- To celebrate diversity. I recognize and therefore affirm the dignity and worth of others, who live, work or study in this academic community.
- To discourage any behavior within myself or among my peers that would jeopardize the integrity or the reputation of this University. I will accordingly report any and all violations to the appropriate authority.
- To foster an open and caring environment.

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