



*The Inauguration
of*

Valerie Kinloch, Ph.D., '96

15th President of Johnson C. Smith University

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*The
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Valerie Kinloch, Ph.D., '96

Fifteenth President of Johnson C. Smith University



FRIDAY, THE FIFTH OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FOUR
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER
CROWN BALLROOM
501 S. College Street | Charlotte, North Carolina 28202



Kindly respond by March 22, 2024

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Valerie Kinloch, Ph.D., '96

Fifteenth President of Johnson C. Smith University

Dr. Valerie Kinloch became the 15th president of Johnson C. Smith University on August 3, 2023. With nearly three decades of experience in higher education, she has distinguished herself as a passionate educator who has taught and/or served in administrative roles at The Ohio State University, Columbia University's Teachers College, the University of Houston-Downtown and, most recently, the University of Pittsburgh.



During her time as the Renée and Richard Goldman Endowed Dean and Professor in the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Kinloch strengthened the school's commitments to equity, justice and innovation by focusing on teaching, research, community engagement, academic programs, student success, faculty development and alumni involvement.

In addition to her professorships and administrative tenures, she is the author and co-editor of numerous books and publications on race, place, identities, literacies and justice, including her most recent co-authored book, *Where is the Justice? Engaged Pedagogies in Schools and Communities*.

A native of Charleston, South Carolina, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Johnson C. Smith University. She earned a Master of Arts degree in English and African American Literature as well as a doctoral degree in English and Composition Studies with a cognate in Urban Studies from Wayne State University.

Dr. Kinloch is a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and lives in Charlotte with her husband, Tom.



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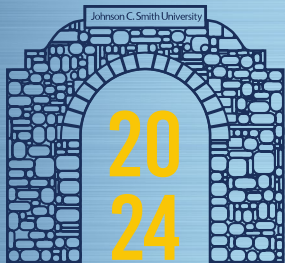
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THE ARCH OF TRIUMPH

Gala

You are cordially invited to

THE ARCH OF TRIUMPH GALA
and
INAUGURAL BALL

Commemorating the Installation of

Valerie Kinloch, Ph.D., '96

as the 15th President of Johnson C. Smith University

and

Celebrating the

2024 ARCH OF TRIUMPH AWARD HONOREES

Saturday, April 6, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Charlotte Convention Center

CROWN BALLROOM

501 S. College Street | Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Attire: Black tie

Individual Ticket: \$200 | VIP Ticket: \$275 | Tables: \$2,000

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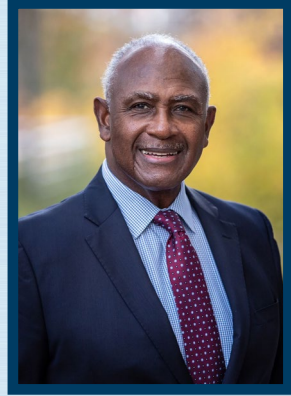




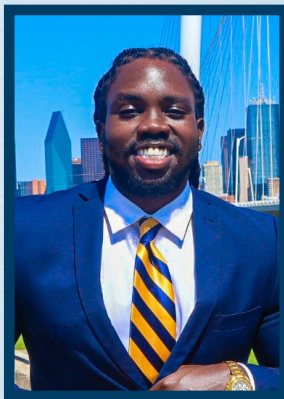
Gala Honorees



Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, Ph.D. '75
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Harvey B. Gantt
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Co-Founder, Gantt Huberman Architects



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Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

The JCSU Concert Choir and Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Concert

7:30 p.m.

Jack S. Brayboy Gymnasium

For tickets and more information, visit: www.charlottesymphony.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

Community Service Day

"Give An Hour of Your Time"

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

JCSU Campus

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

Scholarship Luncheon featuring a Philanthropy Conversation with Cathy Bessant, *President*

Foundation for the Carolinas

By Invitation Only

11:30 a.m.

Crisp Student Union

Grimes Lounge

Inaugural Panel Discussion

Black Educational and Economic Empowerment

2 p.m.

New Science Center

Auditorium

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

Inauguration Ceremony of Valerie Kinloch, Ph.D.

10 a.m.

Charlotte Convention Center

Crown Ballroom

Friends of the Library and Campus Community Celebration

4-7 p.m.

James B. Duke Memorial Library and

The Block, JCSU Campus

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

The Arch of Triumph Awards Ceremony & Inaugural Ball

6 p.m.

Charlotte Convention Center

Crown Ballroom

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

1867 Giving Society Induction Ceremony and Brunch

By Invitation Only

11:30 a.m.

New Science Center

Innovation Center

157th Founders' Day Convocation

2 p.m.

Jane M. Smith Memorial Church

Accommodations

A limited number of rooms have been reserved for our guests at the following hotels:

Grand Bohemian Hotel Charlotte, Uptown Collection

201 W Trade Street

Charlotte, NC 28202

Call (704) 372-1877 and

mention JCSU Reference
number M-SDFXMCB

by March 19th

King or Double \$279

www.marriott.com

Charlotte Marriott City Center

100 W. Trade Street

Charlotte, NC 28202

Call (704) 333-9000 and

mention JCSU Inauguration
by March 15th

King \$209 Double \$229

www.marriott.com

Doubletree by Hilton Charlotte Uptown

895 W. Trade Street

Charlotte, NC 28202

Call (704) 347-0070 and

mention JCS Block
by March 10th

King or Double \$159

www.hilton.com



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COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY AND LEARNED SOCIETIES DELEGATES ONLY

- I will march in the investiture procession.**

Delegates are required to provide their own academic regalia.

- My spouse/guest will attend the ceremony.**

NAME OF SPOUSE/GUEST

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FOUNDING YEAR

DELEGATE'S NAME (AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE PROGRAM - PLEASE PRINT)

OFFICIAL TITLE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

DELEGATE'S PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

To ensure listing in the investiture program, delegates must respond by Friday, March 22, 2024.

For additional information, please visit www.jcsu.edu or call 704.378.1024.

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**DELEGATE
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INAUGURAL ACTIVITIES AND GALA REPLY CARD

NAME

ALUMNUS/ALUMNA (Class Year _____) FACULTY STAFF OTHER

ADDRESS

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I WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING:

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Inaugural Panel Discussion

Friday, April 5, 2024 | Inauguration of Valerie Kinloch, Ph.D.

I will attend

I will be accompanied by a guest

Saturday, April 6, 2024 | The Arch of Triumph Awards Ceremony & Inaugural Ball

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$200 each

Please reserve _____ VIP tickets at \$275 each

Please reserve ONE general admission table of 10 at \$2,000 each

Sunday, April 7, 2024

157th Founders' Day Convocation

PAYMENT METHOD

PAYMENT BY CHECK Please make check payable to Johnson C. Smith University and enclose with your reservation card.

I am unable to attend, but I am happy to enclose my contribution of \$ _____.

I wish to give Anonymously.

For your convenience, you can purchase your tickets online at www.jcsu.edu.

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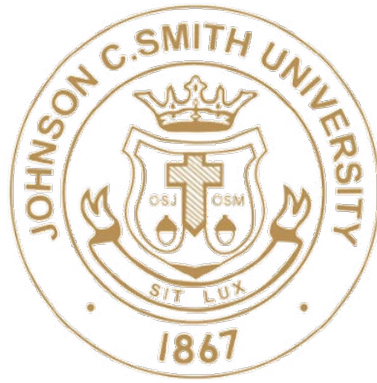
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