



*The Inauguration of the
10th President of Grove City College
Bradley J. Lingo '00, J.D.*

*Thursday, the nineteenth of March
two thousand and twenty six
Harbison Chapel, Grove City College
at eleven o'clock in the morning.*



ABOUT THE PRESIDENT

Bradley J. Lingo became the College's 10th president in July of 2025, following a distinguished career in law and academia.

Before returning to lead his alma mater, Lingo served as dean of Regent University School of Law. Under his leadership, Regent Law rose more than 45 places in the *U.S. News* rankings. While at Regent, Lingo was named professor of the year, his scholarship won the faculty excellence award, and he was twice named to the "Virginia 500 Power List" of Virginia's most influential leaders.

As an academic, his scholarship and advocacy focus on constitutional law and religious liberty. He co-founded Regent's Center for Constitutional Law. While leading the Center, he filed amicus briefs in support of the prevailing party in three consecutive U.S. Supreme Court terms. He has published in outlets such as *Wake Forest Law Review*, *George Mason Law Review Forum*, *Regent University Law Review*, *National Review Online*, and *World*.

Before joining the Regent faculty, Lingo was a partner in King & Spalding's Trial and Global Disputes practice group. He routinely represented accounting firms and financial institutions in high-stakes litigation—including matters for three Big Four accounting firms where more than \$1 billion was at stake. He also litigated many pro bono and religious liberty matters in private practice. Accounts of that work have appeared on the front pages of *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

A native of northeast Ohio, Lingo graduated first in his class and summa cum laude from Grove City College in 2000 with a degree in business-economics. "As a student, I found professors who believed in me and friends who encouraged me in my faith, and I experienced the joy of working hard to pursue excellence in a Christian community. I am honored to return to Grove City and ensure that future generations of students will receive the Christian, conservative, academically excellent, affordable education that profoundly shaped me," Lingo said.

After graduating from Grove City, Lingo earned his J.D., with honors, from Harvard Law School, where he was an executive editor of *The Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*. After law school, Lingo served as a law clerk to Hon. Morris S. Arnold on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and worked as a litigation associate in the Washington, D.C., office of Gibson Dunn.

He and his wife, Yvonne, have three daughters, Camille, Elsie, and Anna Grace.

Service of Installation

Prelude

String Quartet

String Quartet in C Major, Op. 76, No. 3, Hob. III:77 “Emperor”

Franz Joseph Haydn

Emma Danielson '26 (Cello – Student Leader), Anna Kruppenbacher '28 (Violin),
Ella West '29 (Violin), Julia Kistler '26 (Viola)

Brass Fanfare

“Pictures at an Exhibition: Promenade”

Mussorsky, arr. Misejka '25

“Second Suite in F, IV. Fantasia on the Dargason”

Holst, arr. Nowak

Frances Baksa '28 (Horn and Student Leader), Tyler Querry '28 (Trumpet),
Henry Cramer '29 (Trumpet), David LaBarbera '28 (Trombone), Nathan Kebeck '27 (Tuba)

“Organ Prelude in E-flat Major, BWV 552”

J.S. Bach

Bradley A. Fitch, D.M.A.

College Organist

Academic Processional

“Fanfare and Processional”

Lynn Trapp

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Invocation

The Rev. Donald D. Opitz, Ph.D.

Chaplain and Director of Christian Formation

Anthem

“O Day Full of Grace”

F. Melius Christiansen

Touring Choir

Katherine E. Mueller, D.M.A.

Director and Professor of Music

New Testament Lesson

Romans 12:1-12

Hannah E. Phillips '26

Hymn #32

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Thomas Chisholm, arr. Runyan

Celebrating Our 150 years

Richard G. Jewell '67

President Emeritus (2004 – 14)

Our Tradition of Faith

Paul J. McNulty '80

President Emeritus (2014 – 25)

Special Music

“Then Sings My Soul”

arr. McDonald

Bradley Fitch, Piano

Jeffrey Tedford '00 and Sasha Piastro-Tedford, Vocalists

Dr. Jeffrey M. Tedford

Chair of the Department and Professor of Music

Dr. Sasha Piastro-Tedford

Guest Lecturer in Music

Investiture Proceedings

Edward D. Breen '78
Chair, Board of Trustees
and the Grove City College Board of Trustees

Salutations

Faculty, Administration and Staff

Dr. Peter M. Frank '95
Provost

The Student Body

Julia M. Sikora '26
President, Student Government Association

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President, Alumni Association

Investiture

Edward D. Breen '78

Investiture Prayer

Craig W. Jones '74
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Response

Faith, Freedom, and Our Future

Bradley J. Lingo '00
10th President, Grove City College

College Hymn #30

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Isaac Watts
Verses 1-4 and 7

Alma Mater

'Mid the pines in columns growing, By the stream so deeply flowing,
Dear to hearts with mem'ries glowing, Stand the Halls we love,
Dear to hearts with mem'ries glowing, Stand the Halls, the Halls, we love.

Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
Praises from each son and daughter,
Pledges of love and honor
Grove City still shall own,
Pledges of love and honor
Grove City still shall own,
Pledges of love and honor
Grove City still shall own.

Tho' the land and sea may part us, Far remove thy towers and campus,
Staunch and true there dwells within us, All the spirit of thy life,
Staunch and true there dwells within us, All the spirit of thy life.

Benediction

Michael R. Pence
Former U.S. Vice President
Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Center for Faith & Public Life

Recessional and Postlude

"Prelude and Fugue in B Major, Op. 7, No. 1"

Marcel Dupré

Wesley C. Morgan '26, *Organist*

The Chancel flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of the Installation of Bradley J. Lingo '00, J.D., as the 10th president of Grove City College. They are given by the Alumni Association of Grove City College.

Academic Delegates in Attendance

We welcome these representatives from the following educational institutions. The year preceding the institution's name indicates its date of founding.

Names listed were received by Grove City College prior to March 6, 2026.

- 1693 College of William & Mary – Virginia**
I. Gerald Bullock (GCC '92)
Executive Director of Development, Arts and Sciences
- 1781 Washington & Jefferson College – Pennsylvania**
Dabria A. DiCenso (GCC '23)
Alumni Engagement Coordinator
- 1787 University of Pittsburgh – Pennsylvania**
Dr. K. James Evans (GCC '70)
Vice President and Dean Emeritus, Pitt-Bradford
- 1815 Allegheny College – Pennsylvania**
Dr. Ronald Cole
President
- 1846 Saint Vincent College – Pennsylvania**
Michael Andreola
Vice President for Philanthropy and Alumni Relations
- 1852 Westminster College – Pennsylvania**
Dr. Kathy Brittain Richardson
President
- 1859 University of Michigan Law School – Michigan**
Dr. John A. Sparks (GCC '66, Michigan Law '69)
Grove City College Retired Dean,
Calderwood School of Arts and Letters
- 1860 Wheaton College – Illinois**
Dr. Eric A. Potter (Wheaton '84)
Grove City College Professor of English
- 1883 Houghton University – New York**
Dr. Wayne D. Lewis Jr.
President
- 1909 Messiah University - Pennsylvania**
Dr. Jon C. Stuckey
Interim President
- 1933 Point Park University – Pennsylvania**
Dr. Chris W. Brussalis
President



Academic Regalia

Academic regalia in higher education is steeped in history. The robes, hoods, caps and tassels worn today show the variety and vibrancy of the degrees earned and institutions attended.

The academic robe had its origin in the 12th and 13th centuries when scholars dressed similar to clerics. Robes are generally black in color but may vary if an institution chooses to do so. Doctoral robes are closed in the front and include three chevrons on bell-shaped sleeves. Master's robes may be worn open or closed in the front with a long, plain, slender sleeve.

The academic hood is perhaps the most lively piece of the academic regalia. Hoods represent through colors the institution and the discipline of the degree earned. Institutional colors appear on the inside lining of the hood, while the external, solid-colored, velveteen band shows the discipline, which includes light blue for education, orange for engineering, purple for law, pink for music, dark blue for philosophy, scarlet for theology and many more.

The academic cap may take the form of the traditional square mortarboard or the fuller shaped tam depending on an institution's preference. Tassels generally match the color of the discipline shown on the academic hood but may be either solid black or gold as is the case for doctoral regalia.

Source: American Council on Education



About Grove City College

Founded in 1876, Grove City College remains firmly committed to the Christian faith embraced by its founders. From its beginning, the College has sought to be a highly distinctive and comprehensive Christian liberal arts institution of exceptional academic quality and value. Grounded in permanent ideas and conservative values, and dedicated to the foundations of a free society, the College prepares men and women of the highest proficiency, purpose, and principle to advance the common good.

The College's doors have always been open to qualified students without regard to religious test or belief. Believing that the achievements of civilization would be endangered if society's religious and ethical foundations were allowed to wither, the College's founders intended that the claims of Christ as God and Savior and the authority of Scripture be presented to all students. Through a program of intellectual, moral, and spiritual formation, they hoped the College would prepare young men and women capable of advancing civilization on every frontier.

Grove City College is committed to advancing free enterprise, civil and religious liberty, representative government, the arts and letters, and science and technology through a Christ-centered, academically excellent, and affordable education. At the center of the curriculum are books, thinkers, and ideas that have proven to be of enduring significance across the centuries. While a wide range of viewpoints is studied and debated, the College unapologetically affirms the preservation of America's heritage of faith and freedom. To protect its independence, the College chooses to forego any federal funding, including student loans and grants.

Grove City College consistently ranks as one of the nation's top private colleges, offering more than 70 undergraduate and graduate degree programs on a 180-acre residential campus where its 2,200 students have myriad opportunities to flourish. These include more than 100 active student organizations, 24 NCAA varsity sports teams, a nationally ranked Career Services Office, and access to a network of more than 32,000 alumni across the country and around the world.

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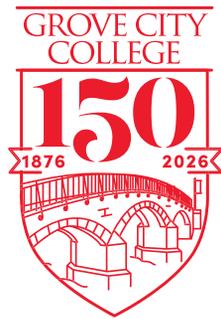
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