



THE INAUGURATION OF
Charles A. Wight

as
TWELFTH PRESIDENT OF
WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY



Ogden, Utah
Tuesday, October 22, 2013





THE INAUGURAL PROGRAM

October 22, 2013, 2 p.m.

Val A. Browning Center,

Austad Auditorium &

Live stream to WSU Davis

Program

POSTING OF COLORS WSU Reserve Officers
Training Corps Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM *The Star Spangled Banner*
performed by WSU Concert Choir
Mark Henderson, Conductor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Mark Koelbel,
KUTV News Anchor

INVOCATION The Rev. France A. Davis, Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church

CONGRATULATORY GREETINGS Gary R. Herbert, Governor
TO PRES. WIGHT State of Utah

..... David L. Buhler, Commissioner
Utah System of Higher Education

..... Alan E. Hall, Chair
Weber State University
Board of Trustees

..... Bart Blair, Chair
Ogden City Council

..... John Petroff Jr., Commissioner
Davis County Commission

..... Andre Lortz, President
Weber State University
Alumni Association

..... Patricia Cost, Chair
Weber State University Faculty Senate

..... David Wilson, President
Weber State University Student Association

MUSICAL SELECTION *Live Your Dream* by Greg Gilpin
Performed by WSU Concert Choir
Mark Henderson, Conductor
Derek Myler, Accompanist

Based on the words of Rumi, Lao Tzu and Henry David
Thoreau, this choral work is a poignant reflection on our
human need to pursue dreams.

INVESTITURE AND CHARGE Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
Utah State Board of Regents

INAUGURAL ADDRESS Dr. Charles A. Wight, President
Weber State University

MUSICAL SELECTION *Purple and White*
performed by audience and choir

INAUGURAL RECEPTION Browning Center Lobby
Public is invited.

Words and Music by
WILLIAM H. MANNING
1917

PURPLE AND WHITE

Official Weber State University Song

Edited and Arranged by
LYNEER C. SMITH

Voice

Proud - ly wav - ing o're ole We - ber An En - sign of truth and right The
I will e'er be true, O We - ber To thy virtues high and rare. I

Vo. ⁶

flag I love, it waves a - bove. I love it with all my might. Oh
will a - dore for - ev - er - more, Thy name for - ev - er bear. So

Vo. ¹⁰

roy - al - ty lies in its pur - ple, And pur - i - ty in its white... I'll
here's to thee, al - ma ma - ter, For thy glo - ry and thy might. Thy

Vo. ¹⁴

hon - ored be if true to thee, And dare to do the right. Oh, I'll be
flag shall be the flag for me, For - ev - er pur - ple and white!

Vo. ¹⁸

true to thee, O pur - ple and white! And I will stand by thee in an - y fight; For

Vo. ²²

truth and right will al - ways be Close by thee, O flag! All thy chil - dren

Vo. ²⁷

hon - or thee, Hon - or thine for - ev - er be. Thou art mine for - ev - er,

Vo. ³²

Pur - ple and white.

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About Charles A. Wight

A distinguished scholar and academic leader, Charles A. Wight has more than 28 years of experience in higher education.

Prior to his appointment at Weber State University, Wight was the dean of the Graduate School at the University of Utah, where he had previously served in various administrative positions including: associate dean of Undergraduate Studies, assistant vice president of Continuing Education, and associate vice president of Undergraduate Studies.

In the classroom, Wight is known for making science fun and approachable for students. In 1985, students at the U of U selected him to receive the Outstanding Teaching Award in Chemistry. In 2006, senior faculty honored Wight with the R.W. Parry Teaching Award in Chemistry.

Wight grew up in northern Virginia and received a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1977 from the University of Virginia. He earned a doctoral degree in chemistry in 1982 from the California Institute of Technology.

Wight is married to Victoria Rasmussen, manager of professional development for the Utah Education Network. He is the father of three daughters. In his free time, Wight enjoys long-distance running, piloting small aircraft and hiking.

