



LAKE FOREST  
COLLEGE

*The Inauguration of  
the Fifteenth President of Lake Forest College*

**Michael J. Sosulski, PhD**

*Friday, April 10, 2026*

*3 p.m.*

Sports and Recreation Center  
South Campus, Lake Forest College  
Lake Forest, Illinois





## Michael J. Sosulski, PhD

Dr. Michael J. Sosulski was appointed the fifteenth president of Lake Forest College in July 2025 and assumed office on August 11, 2025. He is formally inaugurated today, April 10, 2026.

A native of West Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Sosulski previously served as president of Washington College in Maryland, where he led major investments in student housing, academic innovation, and sustainability, strengthened enrollment, and secured significant philanthropic support. Earlier, he was Provost and Professor of German at Wofford College and held academic leadership roles at Kalamazoo College.

A scholar of German literature and culture, he is the author of *Theatre and Nation in Eighteenth-Century Germany* and has published widely in his field. He holds degrees from Georgetown University and the University of Chicago and studied saxophone performance at Berklee College of Music.

Dr. Sosulski and his wife, Dr. Cori Crane, have two adult sons: Peter, who lives and works on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and Nick, a Michigan State graduate based in Chicago.

As president, Dr. Sosulski is committed to advancing Lake Forest College's mission of providing a transformative liberal arts education and expanding opportunity for students.



## PROGRAM

<b>Processional</b>	Bagpipes & Drums of the Emerald Society, Chicago Police Department
<b>Faculty and Staff Welcome Remarks</b>	Dr. Cynthia Hahn Faculty Marshal, Professor of French Dr. Mary Grigar Chair, Staff Governance
<b>Invocation</b>	Reverend Luke Back Rector, Church of the Holy Spirit
<b>Opening Remarks Recognition of Past Presidents</b>	William A. Lowry '84 Chair, Board of Trustees
<b>Greetings from the City</b>	Dr. Stanford Tack Mayor, City of Lake Forest
<b>Greetings from Parents</b>	Mark Aimone P '26, Andrea Scott P '27 Co-Chairs, Lake Forest College Parents and Families Council
<b>Greetings on Behalf of the Academic Community</b>	Dr. Nayef H. Samhat President, Wofford College
<b>Musical Interlude</b>	Lake Forest College Combined Music Ensembles Conducted by Scott Edgar Associate Professor of Music Featuring Joanna Rolek Executive Director, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce
<b>Induction of the President</b>	William A. Lowry '84 Chair, Board of Trustees Marisue Lacher P '22 Vice Chair, Board of Trustees Earl J. Barnes II '86, P '24 Secretary, Board of Trustees

**Inaugural Address**

Michael J. Sosulski, PhD  
President, Lake Forest College

**Greetings from  
Students**

Liam Thumser, Class of 2027  
President, Student Government  
Adlee Alden, Class of 2027  
Student Representative, Search Committee

**Greetings from  
Alumni**

Donald A. Mastro '92  
Chair, Alumni Council

**Alma Mater**

*Lake Forest College Alma Mater*  
Music by Alvah W. Doran 1893  
Lake Forest College Combined Music Ensembles  
Conducted by Scott N. Edgar  
Associate Professor of Music

Lake Forest dear, our Alma Mater,  
Thy praise we sing with heart and voice,  
Thy Red and Black floats proudly o'er us,  
While in thy glory we rejoice.  
As stand thy brave old trees about thee,  
Strong as thy lake's fierce waves in storm,  
So, stand thy children to defend thee,  
While love in every heart beats warm.

**Closing Remarks**

William A. Lowry '84  
Chair, Board of Trustees

**Benediction**

Reverend Luke Back  
Rector, Church of the Holy Spirit

*Thank you for attending the Inauguration of President Michael J. Sosulski.  
Please join us in the Varsity Gymnasium to celebrate this significant day with the Forester Family.*

## ORDER OF PROCESSION AND MARSHALS

<b>Faculty Marshal</b>	Cynthia Hahn Professor of French
<b>Student Delegates</b>	Chris Ellertson Francis B. “Spike” Gummere Vice President for Enrollment Tony Tyler Interim Vice President for Campus Life
<b>Staff Delegates</b>	Randy Barfield Vice President for Finance
<b>College and University Delegates</b>	Jackie Hoefler Vice President for Communications and Marketing and Chief of Staff
<b>Faculty Delegates</b>	Ravi Agarwal Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Jackie Slaats Vice President for Community Engagement and Career Advancement
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	Katie Panning Spieth Vice President for Advancement and Secretary of the College
<b>Platform Party</b>	Tara Natarajan Krebs Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dean of the Faculty

## STUDENT DELEGATES

Luke Arington, Class of 2026  
Business; Communication/Basketball

Joanna Aslanides, Class of 2026  
Psychology; Entrepreneurship;  
Communication/The Hidden Opponent

Sardar Atayev, Class of 2027  
Economics; Environmental Studies/IFC

Christina Burkova, Class of 2027  
Business Marketing; Communication; Digital  
Marketing Design/American Marketing  
Association

Jenny Carrasco, Class of 2029  
Undecided/LMSA+

Kayla Collins, Class of 2026  
Business/LEAP

Maddie Conklin, Class of 2028  
English Literature; Legal Studies/Panhellenic

Jonah Copre, Class of 2028  
Finance; Politics/Ice Hockey

Khalil Crosby, Class of 2029  
Undecided/Cross Country

Addy Dale, Class of 2028  
Business Marketing/Lacrosse

Jacob Engel, Class of 2026  
Business Marketing; Psychology/Hillel

Jacquelyn Han, Class of 2026  
History; Business/Cross Country

Alyssa Harris, Class of 2026  
English Literature; Theater/Garrick Players

Elizabeth Hearst, Class of 2028  
Communication; Journalism/Relay for Life

Bassma Kamoun, Class of 2028  
Psychology; Economics/Student  
Programming Board

Celina Kaur, Class of 2026  
Psychology; Legal Studies/Dead Poets Society

Eva Kennedy, Class of 2029  
Undecided/Golf

Anika Kinnear, Class of 2027  
Music; Environmental Studies; African  
American Studies/Fanatics run by SAAC

Roathnika Lim, Class of 2026  
Psychology; Chinese/United Asia

Timea Matavova, Class of 2026  
Politics; Sociology and Anthropology;  
History/Undocumented Student Alliance

Judson Norris, Class of 2027  
Business Marketing/Fishing Club

Gizem Ozturk, Class of 2026  
Neuroscience; Computer Science/Synapse

Sammie Ross, Class of 2028  
English Writing; Publishing/The Stentor

Andrea Sandoval-Torres, Class of 2026  
International Relations; Sociology and  
Anthropology; Studio Art/International  
Student Association

Ben Scott, Class of 2027  
Politics/Swimming and Diving

Hanna Tutor, Class of 2028  
Psychology; Education/Softball

Jesus Villagrana, Class of 2027  
Computer Science; Asian Studies-Chinese/  
Collage Magazine

Adriana Voloshchuk, Class of 2027  
Finance-Accounting; History/Inter-Text

Mishel Voskanyan, Class of 2026  
Psychology; Economics-Finance  
Concentration/Finance Club

Keisha William, Class of 2027  
Neuroscience; Psychology; Theater/  
Afro Dance

## STAFF DELEGATES

Date following names indicates  
year first employed by the  
College.

Mai Aly, Registrar, 2024

Rich Bartolozzi '86, Advancement, 2000

TR Bell '96, Athletics, 1997

Lindsay Bennett, Advancement, 2023

Brian Bruha '02, Athletics, 2004

Julian Cano '23, Communications and  
Marketing, 2023

Kelsey Carter, Gates Center for Personal  
Growth & Leadership, 2020

Jerry Cebrzynski, Longest Serving Employee,  
Financial Aid, 1993

Alice Fermaintt, Office of Community,  
Advocacy, Resources, and Empowerment, 2024

Tanesha Fowler, Center for Chicago  
Programs, 2022

Mary Grigar, Health and Wellness, 2018

Ursula Grzesiuk, Business Office, 2006

Kim Hazlett, Library, 2014

Patrick Hussey, Library, 2021

Marie Josephitis, Gorter Family Career  
Advancement Center, 2018

Jennifer Kenworthy, Registrar, 2017

Erik Larson, Information Technology  
Services, 2001

Mfon Nwabuoku, Department of Residence  
Life, 2025

Sandra Ortiz, International Support  
Services, 2019

Emily Pokrzywa, Admissions, 2019

Marianne Riddell, Advancement, 2022

Zohra Saulat, Library, 2021

Kirsten Schramm, Center for Academic  
Success, 2023

Lauren Slipkowsky, Office of Business  
Affairs, 2024

Leslie Taylor, retired in March 2026, 1985

Melissa Wertz, Office of the President, 2023

Frances Williams, Facilities Management, 1995

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DELEGATES

Year preceding institution name indicates year of founding.

1749 Washington and Lee University Beth Stutzmann, Alumna	1851 Northwestern University Charles Katzenmeyer, Alumni Regent for Chicago
1775 Hamden-Sydney College Chad Eisele, Director of Athletics	1851 Wofford College Nayef Samhat, President
1780 Transylvania University Angela Ray '86, Alumna	1866 Carleton College Yvonne Martin, Alumna
1822 Hobart and William Smith Colleges John Roberts, Alumnus	1867 University of Illinois Anke Pinkert, Professor
1837 Knox College Mary Knight, Alumna	1871 Smith College Nancy Lyons Hannick, Alumna
1846 Grinnell College Moses Lee, Alumna	1912 Rosalind Franklin University Susanna Calkins, Director and Associate Professor
1847 Carthage College Elizabeth Snider '10, Associate Dean of Students	1912 Rosalind Franklin University Aaron Sousa, President
1847 Carthage College David Wiers, Member of the Board of Trustees	1958 Associated Colleges of the Midwest Lisa Jasinski, President
1848 Muhlenberg College Christian Navarro, Alumnus	
1851 Ripon College Victoria Folse, President	

## FACULTY DELEGATES

Glenn Adelson, Environmental Studies	Anna Jones, History
Robert Archambeau, English	Courtney Joseph, African American Studies
Carla Arnell, Associate Dean	Matthew Kelley, Psychology
Anne Barry, Music Education	Marilen Loyola, Latin American Studies
Cassandra Batz-Barbarich, Economics, Business, and Finance	Ann Maine, Pre-Health
Todd Beer, Sociology and Anthropology	James Marquardt, Politics and International Relations
Elizabeth Benacka, Communication, Gender Sexuality & Women's Studies	Janet McCracken, Self-Designed Major
David Boden, Classical Studies	Sean Menke, Biology
Stephanie Caparelli, Legal Studies	Blaine Moore, Neuroscience
Jason Cody, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Nathan Mueggenburg, Physics
Danielle Cohen, Public Policy	Desmond Odugu, Education
Zachary Cook, Politics and International Relations	David Park, Cinema Studies
Joshua Corey, Print and Digital Publishing	Roshni Patel, Social Justice Studies
Shubhik DebBurman, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Catherine Reedy, Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Scott Edgar, Music	David Sanchez Burr, Art
Daw-Nay Evans, Philosophy	Davis Schneiderman, Artificial Intelligence
Rebecca Graff, Museum Studies	Nilam Shah, Chemistry
Muris Hadzic, Economics, Business, and Finance	Tracy Taylor, Digital Media Design
Cynthia Hahn, Modern Languages and Literatures	Enrique Treviño, Math and Computer Science
Sara Jamshidi, Artificial Intelligence	Naomi Wentworth, Psychology
Gary Johnson, Entrepreneurship and Innovation	Ying Wu, Asian Studies
Chloe Johnston, Theater	Camille Yale, Journalism
	Benjamin Zeller, Religion

# LAKE FOREST COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## OFFICERS

William A. Lowry, '84, Chair	Marisue Lacher P '22, Vice Chair	Earl J. Barnes II '86, P '24, Secretary
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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## PRESIDENTS OF LAKE FOREST COLLEGE

1. Reverend Robert W. Patterson, 1875 August–1878 March  
John Haskell Hewitt (Acting President), 1878 Spring
2. Reverend Daniel Gregory, 1878 circa June–1886 Spring
3. Reverend William C. Roberts, 1886 Fall–1892 Spring
4. Dr. John M. Coulter, 1893 June–1896 circa March  
John J. Halsey (Acting President), 1896 circa March–1897 June  
and 1906–1907
5. Reverend James Gore King McClure, 1897 Fall–1901 Spring  
(and pro tempore 1892 Fall–1893 Spring)
6. Richard D. Harlan, 1901 Fall–1906 circa December
7. John S. Nollen, 1907–1917 December  
Henry Wilkins Wright (Acting President), 1918 January–1920 Spring
8. Herbert M. Moore, 1920 Fall–1942 February
9. Ernest Johnson, 1942 Spring–1959 April  
William L. Dunn (Acting President), 1960 July–August, 1969 Fall
10. William Graham Cole, 1960 September–1969 August
11. Eugene Hotchkiss III, 1970 September–1993 Spring
12. David Spadafora\*, 1993 July–2001 Spring
13. Stephen D. Schutt\*, 2001 July–2022 Spring
14. Jill M. Baren, 2022 July–2024 December  
Robert D. Krebs\*, (Interim President) 2024 December–2025 Spring
15. Michael J. Sosulski, August 2025–present

*\* Processing in today's ceremony*

## INAUGURAL NOTES

### ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress represents a tradition that has been passed down from the Middle Ages. Scholars in early European universities were clerics and wore robes like those of the monastic orders. The custom has been continued by American universities since colonial times, but in a uniform manner only since the early 1900s.

The standard cap is black. The tassel is also black, except that the doctor's may be gold bullion. A few universities provide a velvet cap for the doctor's outfit. Undergraduates customarily wear the tassel on the right side of the cap, moving it to the left after conferral of the degree. While the usual color for gowns in America is black, certain universities permit the doctor's gown in the college's official color(s). The gowns show marked differences of shape depending on the academic degree. A doctor's gown has three velvet bars across the sleeves and has velvet trimmings down the front. The hood, selected in medieval times to indicate various degrees by color, has remained the most distinctive article of academic regalia. The color of its lining is determined by the institution conferring the degree, and the color of its velvet border by the academic discipline of the degree: dark blue for philosophy; brown for fine arts or architecture; pink for music; white for arts, letters, humanities; golden yellow for science; copper for economics; light blue for education; lemon for library science; cream for social science; scarlet for divinity; sage green for physical education.

### COLLEGE MACE

An academic mace in a college presidential inauguration symbolizes the governing authority, heritage, and integrity of the institution. Carried by a faculty marshal at the head of the procession, it formally validates the proceedings, signifying that the ceremony has official sanction. In this role, the mace represents the power vested in the president and the College's enduring commitment to scholarship, shared governance, and its mission across generations.

### CHAIN OF OFFICE

This formal ceremonial chain is worn by college presidents symbolizing leadership and continuity of the institution. The Chain of Office for Lake Forest College features the Latin phrase, "The truth will set you (all) free," a motto for a liberal arts education. The Chain is adorned with engraved plates honoring past presidents.

### COLLEGE SEAL

The College seal dates back to the early years of Lake Forest College. Having gone through several iterations throughout the College's history, the seal contains the oak leaves and acorns from the current logo, the motto, and the founding date of the College.



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