



THE INAUGURATION OF

Helene D. Gayle, M.D., MPH

THE 11TH PRESIDENT OF SPELMAN COLLEGE
HONORING OUR PAST CLAIMING OUR FUTURE

Thursday, April 27 - Sunday, April 30, 2023

SPELMAN COLLEGE HISTORY

Sophia B. Packard and Harriet E. Giles, missionary teachers from New England, founded Spelman College. With \$100, 11 students and an offer from Father Frank Quarles to use the basement of Friendship Baptist Church, Packard and Giles established the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary on April 11, 1881, to provide education and training for recently freed female slaves. The philanthropy of John D. Rockefeller enabled the school to purchase nine acres and five frame buildings. In 1884, the school expressed its gratitude to its generous donor and changed its name to Spelman Seminary in honor of the parents of his wife, Laura Spelman Rockefeller. Through the vision and self-sacrifice of Packard, the seminary was granted a state charter in 1888. Upon Packard's death in 1891, Harriet Giles became president of the seminary. During her years of service (1891-1910), enrollment grew to 800 pupils, and the curriculum expanded to include high school and college programs of instruction, including teacher, missionary and nurse training.

From 1910 to 1953, the institution experienced unprecedented growth during the presidencies of Lucy Hale Tapley (1910-1927) and Florence Matilda Read (1927-1953). In 1924, it became a four-year liberal arts college and experienced a substantial expansion of the organization and curriculum. Perhaps the most significant event of this time was the signing of the "Agreement of Affiliation" in 1929, by Spelman, Morehouse College and Atlanta University. The agreement served as the foundation upon which the Atlanta University Center was established in 1947. In 1953, Spelman began a new legacy of leadership when Albert Edward Manley, Ed. D., became the first male and first African American to lead the institution. During his administration (1953-1976), the College increased its enrollment, enlarged the physical plant and established programs that broadened the educational experience. Donald Mitchell Stewart, Ph.D., his successor (1976-1986), augmented this formidable legacy of achievement by improving academic quality, strengthening the faculty and tripling the College's endowment.

In 1987, Johnetta Betsch Cole, Ph.D., became the first African American woman president of Spelman. During her tenure (1987-1997), she initiated programs that strengthened ties between the College and local, national and international constituencies. The Spelman Campaign, Initiatives for the Nineties, was successfully completed in 1996, by raising \$113.8 million, making it the largest campaign in the history of Black college fundraising at that time. Another historic moment was entered into Spelman's annals in 1997 as Audrey Forbes Manley, MD, C'55, took the helm as the institution's eighth and first

alumna president. Under her leadership, the College transitioned into the 21st century by implementing strategic planning, improving infrastructure, enhancing technology, expanding community partnerships and increasing its endowment. In 2000, the \$33.9 million Albro Falconer Manley Science Center was completed. In 2002, Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D., was appointed as the ninth president of the College. During her tenure The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (LEADS) and its annual Woman of Color Leadership Conference was created. In 2008, the Gordon-Zeto Fund for International Initiatives was established with a gift of \$17 million that helped increase international travel for students and faculty and provided additional financial aid for international students. Dr. Tatum also led the College to complete another historic capital campaign, raising an unprecedented \$157.8 million, and oversaw the completion of the first LEED Silver certified "green" residence hall on the campus of a historically Black college or university.

In March of 2015, Mary Schmidt Campbell, Ph. D., was named Spelman's 10th president. A leader in education, the arts, and the public sector for nearly 40 years, Dr. Campbell spent more than two decades as the dean of Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and university professor in the Department of Art and Public Policy. In March 2021, under Dr. Campbell's leadership, the College announced the public phase of the largest comprehensive campaign in the history of the institution, with a goal of raising \$250 million. During her tenure, the College raised \$320 million. The campaign, Spelman Ascends, focused on the strategic initiatives of increasing student financial aid, endowing faculty professorships, funding a technology infrastructure transformation and building a Center for Innovation & the Arts (CI&A) that houses programs in the arts, innovation and entrepreneurship. In April of 2022, the College broke ground on the CI&A, and unveiled its new name, the Mary Schmidt Campbell, Ph.D., Center for Innovation and the Arts.

In July 2022, Helene D. Gayle, MD, MPH began serving as the 11th President of Spelman College. Dr. Gayle previously served as president and CEO of The Chicago Community Trust. A pediatrician and public health physician with expertise in economic development, humanitarian and health issues, she previously worked in leadership roles at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and was the president and CEO of the international humanitarian organization, CARE. After 142 years, Spelman continues its commitment to academic excellence, leadership and service.

Investiture Ceremony

APRIL 28, 2023 | 11:00 AM

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INTERNATIONAL CHAPEL

HELENE D. GAYLE, MD, MPH

Helene D. Gayle, MD, MPH, began serving as the 11th president of Spelman College on July 1, 2022. Dr. Gayle previously served as president and CEO of The Chicago Community Trust, one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations, from October 2017 to June 2022. Under her leadership, the Trust adopted a new strategic focus on closing the racial and ethnic wealth gap in the Chicago region.

For almost a decade, Dr. Gayle was president and CEO of CARE, a leading international humanitarian organization. A pediatrician and public health physician with expertise in economic development, humanitarian, and health issues, she spent 20 years with the Centers for Disease Control, working primarily on HIV/AIDS. She led the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's programs on HIV/AIDS and other global health issues.

Dr. Gayle serves on public company and nonprofit boards, including The Coca-Cola Company, Organon, Palo Alto Networks, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Brookings Institution, Center for Strategic and International Studies, New America and the ONE Campaign. She is a member of the American

Academy of Arts and Sciences, National Academy of Medicine, Council on Foreign Relations, American Public Health Association, National Medical Association, and American Academy of Pediatrics.

She was awarded the Chicago Mayor's Medal of Honor for her work on COVID relief and recovery for the city. Named one of Forbes' "100 Most Powerful Women" and one of NonProfit Times' "Power and Influence Top 50," she has authored numerous articles on global and domestic public health issues, poverty alleviation, gender equality, and wealth inequality.

Dr. Gayle is from Buffalo, N.Y. She earned a B.A. in psychology at Barnard College, an MD at the University of Pennsylvania, and an MPH at Johns Hopkins University. She is a tenured Full Professor in the Department of Environmental and Health Sciences at Spelman College and has received 18 honorary degrees. She also holds faculty appointments at the University of Washington and Emory University.

Dr. Gayle is married to Stephen Keith, MD, the First Gentleman of Spelman College and a proud Spelman dad.

PRELUDE

Joyce Johnson, Mus. D.
College Organist

PROCESSIONAL

Joyce Johnson, Mus. D.

ORDER *of* ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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OPENING *of the* CEREMONY

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*President & CEO of Walgreens Boots Alliance
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INVOCATION

The Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, III
Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago

INSPIRATIONAL READINGS

Naima J. Keith, Spelman College, C'2003
A Womanist Litany

Britt Gayle, MD, Morehouse College, C'2008
Micah 6:6-8

GREETINGS

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MUSICAL SELECTION

Lift Every Voice and Sing
The Spelman College Glee Club
Kevin P. Johnson, D.M.A., Director

Lift ev’ry voice and sing,
till 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
present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast’ning 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 people sighed?
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path
thro’ the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the bright gleam
of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us
thus far on the way,
thou who hast 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.

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POETRY READING

Still I Rise
Kayla Brown, C'2025
Maya Angelou

MUSICAL SELECTION

A Choice to Change the World
The Spelman College Glee Club
Kevin P. Johnson, D.M.A., Director

CHORUS

It's my choice
And I choose to change the world
It's my voice
And I'll speak with pride and courage
I'll be the change I wanna see
I'll scream out loud and say
It's my choice
And I choose to change the world

VERSE ONE

Why put off for tomorrow
What I can do today
Why wait for another
When I can pave the way
No matter how young or old
I hold the power of change
Rather large or small, few or all
My choice remains the same

CHORUS

VERSE TWO

Within this institution
We are women of change
The shoulders that we stand upon
Never received applause or fame
but in their honor I will live
Each day better than before
And show just how it takes a choice
To change yourself and so much more

CHORUS

BRIDGE

The change begins today
With every choice that I make
Spelman look around and see
Where the changes need to be
End poverty
Fighting overseas
Another dies from a disease
End hypocrisy
Starving on the streets
And no one does a single thing

CHORUS

It's my choice
Make a choice
What's your choice?
It's my choice
And I choose to change the world

INVESTITURE *of the* PRESIDENT

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Helene D. Gayle, MD, MPH
*Spelman: Still Making the Choice to
Change the World*

SPELMAN HYMN

Spelman, thy name we praise
Standards and honor Raise.
We'll ever faithful be
Throughout eternity.
May peace with thee abide
And God forever guide

Thy heights supreme and true.
Blessings to You.
Through years of toil and pain
May thy dear walls remain
Beacons of heavenly light,
Undaunted by the fight;

And when life's race is won,
Thy noble work is done,
Oh God, forever bind
Our hearts to thine.

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Dr. Cynthia Hale
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Spelman's first graduates (1887)



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The Official Ceremonial Chair, designed by Tiffany & Co., contains three vermeil medallions. The medallions are all die struck, with the shaded area recessed and raised. The two side medallions pay homage to Sisters Chapel, while the bottom medallion features the Spelman Seal. The star of service within the seal is a Spelman Blue buffed epoxy star with a 020-carat diamond. A hand-constructed vermeil necklace connects each of the three medallions. The necklace features a group of necklace links, separated by squares, which were inspired by the columns of Sisters Chapel. Commissioned by President Audrey F. Manley in 2002, the Ceremonial Chain was used for the first time at the Founders Day Convocation 2002.

The OFFICIAL CEREMONIAL MACE

The Spelman College Ceremonial Mace is made from the wood of tulip poplar and embellished with sterling silver, 14-carat gold, bronze, and blue topaz stones. The shape and light color of the wood echoes the colors of Spelman and gives a strong, yet feminine look. The top end of the mace holds the Spelman Seal, made of sterling, silver, gold, and bronze. On the staff, just below the seal, are sterling silver silhouettes of magnolia leaves that appear on the front of the staff to show an engraving of Sisters Chapel. The pattern of leaves is sprinkled with several blue topaz cabochon stones.

Each of the two sterling silver rings on the shaft of the mace is also adorned with four blue topaz stones. A large, blue glass stone is set to the bottom of the mace. Commissioned by Spelman College President Audrey F. Manley, MD, C'55, in the year 2000, the mace was designed by Charlene Holloway, C'79, associate professor in the Department of Art and Art History. A metalsmith, Holloway created the mace in collaboration with Nick Cook, a fine woodturner. The Spelman College Ceremonial Mace was first used in 2001 on the 100th anniversary of the awarding of Spelman's first baccalaureate degrees.





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