

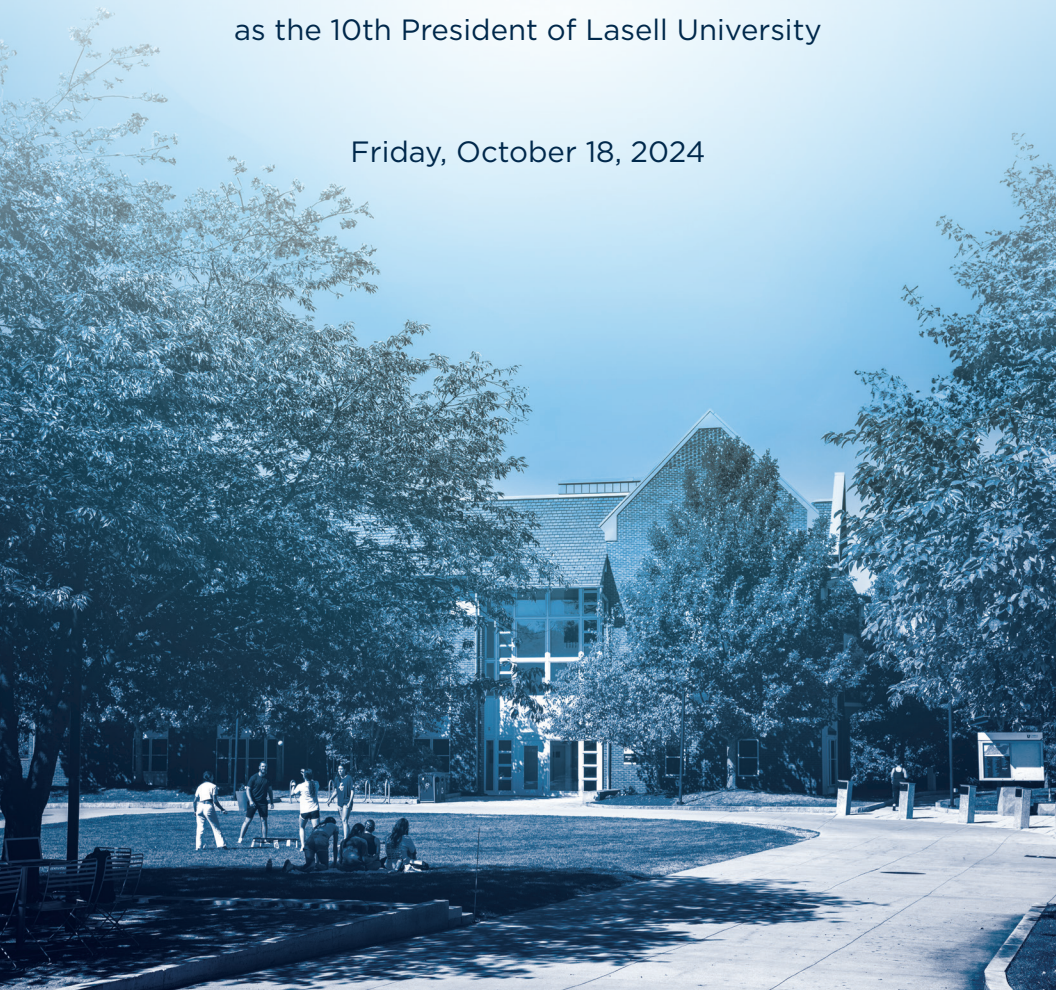


The Inauguration of

Eric M. Turner

as the 10th President of Lasell University

Friday, October 18, 2024



THE HISTORY OF LASELL UNIVERSITY

Lasell is a 173-year-old innovative educational institution and dynamic environment that embraces challenges and forges direct connections with professional outcomes so that students in pursuit of bachelor's and master's degrees, in addition to professional certifications, are prepared to thrive in the 21st century.

Founded in 1851 as the Auburndale Female Seminary, Lasell was the first two-year college for women in the United States at a time when women faced limited educational opportunities. The school was renamed Lasell Junior College in 1932, and evolved into a four-year institution — Lasell College — in 1989. In 1997, Lasell became coeducational and, shortly after, established Lasell Village, an on-campus continuing-care retirement community focused on lifelong education and intergenerational collaboration. The institution's first graduate programs were launched in 2003.

In 2019, Lasell College became Lasell University. This latest chapter in our history is not a destination nor an end point. Rather, it is part of an ongoing evolution that started in 1851 and continues to this day. In this unprecedented time of change, Lasell has flexed to meet profound new challenges in higher education and for those who seek its benefits.

Founder Edward Lasell strongly believed that students should be well-versed in both the liberal arts and the practical aspects of everyday life; in fact, early ads for the Seminary spoke of the school's unique curricular approach of blending theory and practice. Today, we call this Connected Learning. Our educational philosophy has modernized with the times, but at its core, has always been about learning through immersive intellectual and professional experiences.

Eric M. Turner H'13



Since becoming Lasell University's 10th president on July 1, 2023, Eric M. Turner H'13 has focused his efforts on implementing the change and evolution required to meet the needs of learners across the intergenerational spectrum of society.

President Turner joined the Lasell Board of Overseers in 1991 and held a number of leadership positions over the ensuing three

decades: chair and treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Lasell Village trustee, vice president of graduate and professional studies, and, immediately prior to becoming president, provost and chief academic officer.

Upon becoming president, he stressed the need for Lasell to continue being nimble and adapting to changes in higher education. "We are here today because of the innovative

decisions that people made five, 10, and 25 years ago,” he said. “We need to continue to offer programs that meet the needs and demands of students today and tomorrow.”

President Turner has held senior positions in both the private and public sectors, including senior vice president at State Street, vice president at Drexel Burnham Lambert, executive director of the Massachusetts State Lottery, and deputy treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

He served as a director of Tri-State Bank and Scientific Games Corp., as well as a member of the boards of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, the Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth (MassINC), the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, the Harvard Business School Alumni Association, Catholic Charities of Greater Boston, and the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries.

The first African American president of Lasell, President Turner and his family have always had a deep commitment to equity, inclusion, and education. His father, Jesse Sr., longtime

president of Tri-State Bank in Memphis, was the chair of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and served as president of the Memphis chapter of the NAACP. His mother, Allegra, a career educator, led efforts to desegregate Memphis State University, the public library, and the city school system. His brother, Jesse Jr., was the first African American student to integrate high schools in the Memphis area and was later national treasurer of the NAACP.

President Turner holds a bachelor’s degree and MBA from Harvard University. He and Presidential Spouse Wanda Whitmore, an entrepreneur, writer and producer, along with their family, are longtime residents of Newton. They have four children, Weslie, Candice, Jared, and Allegra, as well as extended family in nieces Randi and Charlie Guscott and nephew Kenneth Guscott.

Order of Exercises:

Processional

“Oh What a Beautiful Morning,” Voices of Experience

Directed and accompanied by Jonathan Kessler

Mariana Green-Hill, violinist, string coordinator of Boston Arts Academy

Academic Processional

Faculty Marshal

Community delegates

Alumni delegates

Parent delegates

Lasell Village delegates

Volunteer leadership

Lasell University faculty

Lasell University staff

Lasell University Senior Management Team

Delegates from other colleges and universities

Former Lasell University presidents

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Lasell University President Eric M. Turner H'13

Welcome

Anthony Berry '23 G'24 and Samari Auguste '23 G'24

Student Processional

Nicholas Fernandes '26, master of ceremony

Academic Showcase

Featuring School of Fashion designers:

Annabelle Corrao '27, Emily Brennan '25, Hazel Nichol '25,

Julia Cabana '26, Lillian Stackhouse '26, Melanie Vrabel '25,

Rebecca Donovan '25, and Sommer Barnhill '27

Student club representatives

Student-athletes

Lasell University Cheer Team

Invocation

The Reverend Thomas Sullivan, Professor emeritus, Lasell University

Greetings

On Behalf of the Family: Weslie Turner; tribute by Jared Turner

On Behalf of the Faculty: Sara Bartlett Large, Associate Professor
of Writing, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, Lasell University

On Behalf of the Students: Arielle Hornbaker '25, President,
Lasell University Student Government Association

Musical interlude: "Take My Hand," performed by Paige Mesropian '25
(song written for Lasell's Empty Bowls Club)

On Behalf of Alumni: Judge Fabiola Pierre White '04, Boston Juvenile Court

On Behalf of the Staff: TD Byrd Hughes, Director, Center for
Community-Based Learning, Lasell University

Musical interlude: Cooper Brothers (Walter Cooper and Stephen Cooper)

On Behalf of Lasell Village: Kay Sloan, Resident

On Behalf of Lasell Parents: David Hill P'17

On Behalf of the Community: Deval L. Patrick, Former Governor
of Massachusetts

Presentation of Medallion

Gerry DeRoche, Chair, Lasell University Board of Trustees

Inaugural Address

Eric M. Turner H'13, President, Lasell University

Closing Poem

Erica Da Costa '23

Recessional

Mariana Green-Hill, violinist, string coordinator of Boston Arts Academy

Academic Processional

Faculty Marshal

Brian Frasier, Professor of Mathematics

Community Delegates

Cynthia Creem, State Senator

Deval L. Patrick, Former Governor of Massachusetts

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor of Newton

Alumni Delegates

Amanda Miller McGrath '09
Carol Goulian Stewart '71
Judge Fabiola Pierre White '04

Parent Delegates

David Hill P'17	Richard Juknavorian P'24
Linda Peters P'21	Tracy Gorman P'26

Lasell Village Delegates

Jeffrey Simon, Chair, Board of Lasell Village Trustees	Judith Tsipis, Trustee
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Katharine Urner-Jones '83, Board of Overseers
Parker Small, Board of Overseers

Delegates from Other Colleges and Universities

In order of institution's founding:

Harvard University: Bruce McKinnon

Amherst College: The Reverend
Thomas Sullivan

Kenyon College: Javier Flores

Rochester Institute of Technology:
Phillippa Thiuri

Colby-Sawyer College: Ashley Goulter

Tufts University: Paul Tringale

MassArt: Kay Sloan

Curry College: Jay Gonzalez

Suffolk University: Marisa Kelly

Bentley University: Lauren
Hubacheck

Regis College: Antoinette Hays

Cambridge College: Stephen
Healey and Niti Seth

Former Lasell University Presidents

Michael B. Alexander H'23
Thomas E.J. de Witt H'07
Peter T. Mitchell

Academic Colloquium: Interpreting the Mission of Lasell

Session 1

Beyond the Textbook: Realizing Career Potential Through In-Class Learning

Moderator:

Nancy R. Olsen Waldron, Assistant Provost and Professor of Business

Panelists:

Jade Durkee '25

Jonathan Sammy '25

Michael Woo '23, Communications and Operations Specialist,
Office of Massachusetts State Auditor

Patrick Russo '23, Financial Analyst, Barton Associates

Session 2

Community Matters: Reflecting on Civic Duty in the Face of Modern Issues

Moderator:

Linda Bucci, Professor and Chair of Justice Studies Program

Panelists:

Arielle Hornbaker '25, President, Lasell Student Government Association

Annalee Messina '27, Vice President of DEI and Student Affairs, Lasell
Student Government Association

Elena Iannone '25, student worker, Lasell Center for
Community-Based Learning

Judge Fabiola Pierre White '04, Boston Juvenile Court

J. Christian Dumais '02, Mayor, City of Marlborough, Massachusetts

Paul DeBole, Assistant Professor of Justice Studies

Session 3

Bridging Generations: Exploring Intergenerational Connected Learning Experiences

An interactive academic session featuring more than 50 faculty, student, and community members sharing presentations highlighting Lasell University's Connected Learning philosophy.

Topics include:

10 Years of Shoulder-to-Shoulder in Antigua
Artistic Practices on Campus
Celebrating Intergenerational Writing
Ceramics Through the Generations
Collaboration Recognition Program
Diversifying the Teaching Field Through Mentoring
Elections and Engagement
Empowering Ethical Literacy
Empty Bowls: Learning Through Creative Collaboration
Fashion Merchandising & Media
History Tour of Lasell
Knitting Design
Lasell Fashion Thrift
LCTV: From College to Community
Learning Beyond the Classroom
Polished and Tarnished Magazines
Research in Psychology
RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and
Intergenerational Studies
Spanish for Lasers
Stories from the Archives
studio1851: Innovation Lab
The 1851 Chronicle
The Lasell Fashion Collection
The Women Who Led Lasell
Tracking Metrics with Catapult Vests
WLAS: 20 Years of Broadcasting Excellence

About Lasell University

Lasell immerses its 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students in learning opportunities that positions them for fulfilling careers and fosters lifelong intellectual exploration, social responsibility, and professional growth.

Lasell's welcoming environment and student-focused faculty provide students with an ideal setting in which to learn. The location eight miles from downtown Boston offers students myriad opportunities to pursue internships that allow them to apply what they learn in the classroom and lab to the real world.

Since its early days, Lasell blended a liberal arts education with practical aspects of everyday life, a philosophy embodied in today's commitment to Connected Learning. All students are required to complete one internship before they graduate, and many pursue two, three, or more.

Lasell today offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate programs on a 54-acre suburban campus.



Lasell University Today

- Most Lasell faculty work in the fields in which they teach so they can share the latest industry knowledge and their professional connections with students.
- Lasell is home to Lasell Village, a unique, first-in-America senior-living educational community in which all 225 residents agree to sustain their intellectual and physical well-being by participating in a wide range of group and individual activities, averaging nine hours a week (450 hours per year) that promotes intergenerational learning.
- In the last three years, Lasell has been awarded more than \$4 million in funding from the U.S. and Massachusetts departments of education to diversify the teacher pipeline to better meet the needs of today's K-12 learners.
- Lasell recently opened the Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality Lab for students pursuing careers in the health sciences and other fields, thanks to a grant of nearly \$750,000 from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center.
- Lasell received the 2023 and 2024 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine for demonstrating an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- Lasell was included in *Washington Monthly's* 2022 Best Colleges for Student Voting Honor Roll, a testament to the sustained efforts of the student-run Lasell Votes program.
- Lasell and Newton-Wellesley Hospital are collaborating to help diversify the healthcare profession and create a pathway to professional-level jobs in the medical field through a workforce development program for surgical technologists.

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Lasell University Principals and Presidents

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1851 Edward Lasell	1864-74 Charles W. Cushing
1852-60 Josiah Lasell	1874-1908 Charles C. Bragdon
1860-64 George W. Briggs	1908-32 Guy M. Winslow

Presidents

1932-47 Guy M. Winslow	1975-83 Arthur M. Griffin
1947-59 Raymond C. Wass	1983-88 Peter T. Mitchell
1960-65 Blake Tewksbury	1988-2007 Thomas E. J. de Witt H'07
1966-68 Vincent C. DeBaun	2007-23 Michael B. Alexander H'23
1970-75 Kenneth M. Greene	2023-present Eric M. Turner H'13

Exercised the Office of Principal Without the Title

Various times from 1891-95 Caroline A. Carpenter	1899 Charles Wesley Gallagher
1890-91, 1895 Catherine J. Chamberlayne	

Acting Presidents

1959-60 Richard Packard	1965-66, 1968-70 June Babcock
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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the territory on which Lasell University stands is that of the Pawtucket and the Massa-adchu-es-et People. Lasell's campus is a place to honor and respect the history and continued efforts of the Native and Indigenous community leaders who make up Eastern Massachusetts and the surrounding region. Today, Newton and Auburndale are still home to indigenous peoples, including the Nipmuc Nations and the Massachusetts Peoples. As an institution of higher learning, it is important to note that Lasell's research is ongoing. We inhabit this land with gratitude and responsibility for this environment where we live and learn. Anyone interested in supportive action should consider connecting with the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness.

We offer special thanks to Kellie Wallace, associate professor of criminal justice; Meg Kearney, director, Solstice MFA; and Quintin Collins, assistant director, Solstice MFA, for their assistance in developing this acknowledgment.



Note of Gratitude

As we gather for this momentous inauguration, I want to extend my gratitude to the many members of our Lasell community who have come together to make this day truly special.

Thank you to the Inauguration Planning Committee, including inauguration coordinator Anne Gaughen and volunteer committee members Kathy Urner-Jones '83, Kay Sloan, and Richard Juknavorian P'24, for your dedication and vision, and to the countless event volunteers who lent their time and energy. My heartfelt thanks also to the Colloquium Committee, and to all the faculty, staff, students, and alumni involved for their insightful contributions.

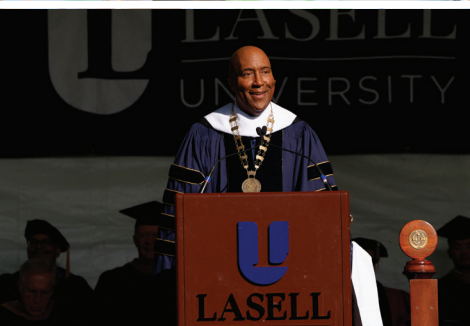
I also want to express my appreciation to the residents and staff of Lasell Village, as well as our remarkable students, faculty, and staff at Lasell University. Your collective efforts have transformed this occasion into a celebration of pride for Lasell and our vibrant community. Together, we have created a day to remember and cherish. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment.

Chelsea Reiff Gwyther
Chair, Inauguration Committee
Vice President of University Advancement

Support the Presidential Strategic Initiatives Fund

Gifts of any size are welcome in support of the Presidential Strategic Initiatives Fund, which gives President Eric M. Turner H'13 the ability to respond to the rapidly evolving world of higher education. President Turner, who has a distinguished record of innovation, can identify programs, partnerships, scholarships, and other initiatives to immediately address Lasell's most urgent needs.







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