



THE INSTALLATION OF

Dr. Lovell Pugh-Bassett



SIXTH PRESIDENT

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Installation Agenda

Prelude.....	Professor David Mattock
Processional*	Symphonies de Fanfare, Mouret Triumphal March from Aida, Verdi
Presentation of the Mace*.....	Professor Barbara Iuliucci
National Anthem*	Jalia Mincer, Student
Lift Every Voice and Sing*.....	The Breland Family
<i>Lyrics on page 12</i>	
Invocation*	Minister Assata Thomas
Welcome.....	John Hanson Chairperson, Camden County College Board of Trustees
Greetings	Honored Guests Dr. Kelly A. Jackson Professor, Academic Skills Mathematics Chairperson, Faculty Assembly, Camden County College The Honorable Virginia Ruiz Betteridge Camden County Commissioner The Honorable Donald Norcross United States Representative for New Jersey's 1 st Congressional District
Musical Interlude.....	Professor Michael Billingsley and Jalia Mincer, Student
Installation.....	John Hanson
Inaugural Address	Dr. Lovell Pugh-Bassett President, Camden County College
Benediction*	Minister Assata Thomas
Recessional*.....	Trumpet Voluntary, Clark

*The audience is expected to rise if able.

Dr. Lovell Pugh-Bassett



DR. LOVELL PUGH-BASSETT became the sixth president of Camden County College on July 1, 2022. Dr. Pugh-Bassett previously served as the Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness, Advancement, and Strategic Initiatives at the College since 2019. This marked her return to higher education after 20 years with the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), having served in a number of capacities culminating in the role of Camden County Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Pugh-Bassett's professional introduction to education began in higher education where she served as an instructor and program coordinator for the Math/Science Upward Bound Program at Temple University. After years with Temple, she served as the program director for Upward Bound at the Community College of Philadelphia and transitioned to her work in K-12 at the NJDOE.

Her philosophy of leadership and education is the idea of merging education with advocacy. Her mission can be summed up appropriately as "I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy." Dr. Pugh-Bassett believes that her position at Camden County College reflects the essence of her core commitment to community and considers herself fortunate to yet again be given an opportunity to work and serve. She believes that it is, after all, the inherent mission of a community college in its service to its community.

Today's program is dedicated to the memory of Senior Bishop Mark A. Peachey and Mary Peachey, grandparents of Dr. Lovell Pugh-Bassett, whose support, guidance, and vision is manifested in today's celebration.

The Presidents of Camden County College

OTTO R. MAUKE became the first president in 1967 and remained at the helm until his retirement in 1987. Highlights of his tenure included establishing classes at an extension site in the City of Camden and in off-campus locations; a Blackwood Campus expansion that added six new structures; and initiating programs of study – including animal science technology, dental hygiene, laboratory technology, nursing and ophthalmic science – still popular today. The College also began weekend courses, the campus art gallery and the Computer Integrated Manufacturing Center. In 1988, College trustees named Dr. Mauke President Emeritus.

ROBERT W. RAMSAY became the second president in 1987 and continued as chief executive officer through 1993. During his presidency, the College expanded Blackwood Campus facilities and programs with the addition of a day care center, the Criminal Justice Center, the Laser Institute of Technology and Helene Fuld School of Nursing. The College also established its first permanent building in the City of Camden with the opening of College Hall at Broadway and Cooper Street.

PHYLLIS DELLA VECCHIA became the third president in 1993 and retired from the office in 2006. Under her leadership, the College added a third campus location in Cherry Hill; built the Camden City Campus' Camden Technology Center; and began transforming the Blackwood Campus with extensive renovations and the launch of an \$83 million building project. The College also achieved rankings among the top associate degree-producing institutions and fastest-growing community colleges, increased academic programs to more than 140, expanded community, school and higher education partnerships, and implemented a comprehensive technology agenda. In 2006, College trustees named Dr. Della Vecchia President Emerita.

The Presidents of Camden County College

RAYMOND YANNUZZI became the fourth president in 2006 and served until 2016. During his tenure, the Blackwood Transformation Project was completed, adding new roads, new infrastructure and two new buildings to the campus and renovating and re-designing other campus facilities. New academic programs were established for honors students and special needs students, and programs in ABE and GED were revived and expanded. Partnership activities with area school districts and with Rutgers University were increased, and Rutgers baccalaureate degrees in nursing and other fields were offered at Blackwood. The College became a leader in job training and workforce education through its role in consortia in the Philadelphia region and New Jersey. Upon leaving the presidency, Dr. Yannuzzi was named President Emeritus, and he joined the faculty as a Professor of English at the Camden City Campus.

DONALD A. BORDEN became the fifth president of Camden County College in 2016 and led the college until retiring in 2022. As president, he made the College a leader in accessible, inclusive, and affordable educational opportunities. He also strengthened our relationships with our partner institutions, while forging new partnerships with others, to give students greater access to transfer opportunities and bachelor's degree programs. During his tenure, Camden County College joined Rutgers University-Camden and Rowan University to open the Joint Health Sciences Center in Camden City, and the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion was formed to support equity and access across all campuses. In 2022, College trustees named him President Emeritus.

Camden County College

Camden County College is an open and inclusive community that is committed to offering affordable and accessible educational opportunities.

Since its founding in 1967, Camden County College has served a pivotal role in shaping the lives of thousands of students and area residents. Today, the College continues to play a part in giving students an opportunity to prepare for further study at four-year institutions, secure skills for immediate employment or supplement previous education and training. We are also a resource for community members through recreational learning, informative presentations, diverse cultural programming, and use of facilities to support community efforts.

The College has campuses strategically located in the communities we serve. Each campus is equipped with specialized areas of focus that respond to the community with a common commitment to provide accessible, affordable higher education, occupational study and personal development to all who may benefit.

Camden County College offers more than 100 associate degree and certificate programs in math, science, nursing, health sciences, human services, arts, humanities, social sciences, business, computer and professional studies and technical fields. Classes are available on campus, virtually, in neighborhood locations and through customized training opportunities in the workplace. The College also has partnerships with four-year institutions where students can pursue a number of baccalaureate degree programs.

We strive to continue offering a quality education that ranks us amongst the nation's top colleges and universities in associate degree completion. We seek to ensure that we offer opportunities and supports that respond to student needs and create a climate conducive to student success.

Delegates

Antonio Tillis

Chancellor, Rutgers University–Camden, 1766

Kellie LeDet

Government Affairs, Kean University, 1855

Carlos Rodriguez

Vice President, Kean University, 1855

Grecia Montero

Executive Director Admissions and Enrollment Management, The College of New Jersey, 1855

Frank Merckx

VP Enrollment Management & Campus Life, Drew University, 1867

Dr. Marcheta P. Evans

President, Bloomfield College, 1868

Ali Houshmand

President, Rowan University, 1923

Tony Lowman

Professor & Provost, Rowan University, 1923

Dr. Charlene Dukes

President Emerita, Prince George's Community College, MD, 1958

Dr. Robert Schreyer

Vice President of Academic Affairs, Mercer County Community College, 1966

David Stout

President, Brookdale Community College, 1967

Aaron Fichtner

President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges, 1989

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*Thank you to the Camden High School
Drum Line under the direction of
Band Director Jamal Dickerson and Band
Administrator Michelle A. Flack.*

Traditions

A rich history surrounds the traditions of academia. The processions, the garments, the accoutrements and the ceremonies all have their roots in medieval Europe, and a number of these elements are common to installations.

During the Middle Ages, significant civil and religious occasions were marked with processions. Monarchs and other highly ranked officials would assemble attendants and progress with them from one place to another to indicate their power and influence. Processions of organizations such as guilds demonstrated the unity among members of a profession, neighborhood or religious group. Today's procession will show solidarity within the institution and the extended academic community while representing the esteem in which Camden County College's new president is held both on campus and beyond.

The gowns, hoods and caps worn today also hearken back to styles originated several hundred years ago. Academic dress in the United States has been regulated since 1895 by an intercollegiate code, which stipulates many of the same features that indicated rank during medieval times – such as the velvet trimming on the doctoral gowns worn by a number of the delegates and faculty participating today. Sleeve styles vary depending upon level of degree, and robe colors depend upon the institution from which the degree was received. The colors of the hoods indicate the discipline in which the degree was earned, and the size and complexity of their cuts show what level of degree has been achieved. Caps for holders of doctorates typically are velvet tams with gold tassels while caps worn by holders of other degrees typically are traditional mortarboards with tassels of varying colors.

Academic regalia that will play a role in today's event also convey the tradition behind the pomp. An example is the College mace that will be carried at the head of the procession by the most senior faculty member. Like the royal or clerical scepters from which it is derived, the academic mace consists of a staff and a finial and signifies the authority of the institution it represents.

Also a focus will be the Presidential Medallion, which consists of a length of chain and a medal. This neck adornment is the modern version of the "chains of office" worn by officials of various entities centuries ago.

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening 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.

*“When you learn, you teach.
When you get, you give.”*

Maya Angelou