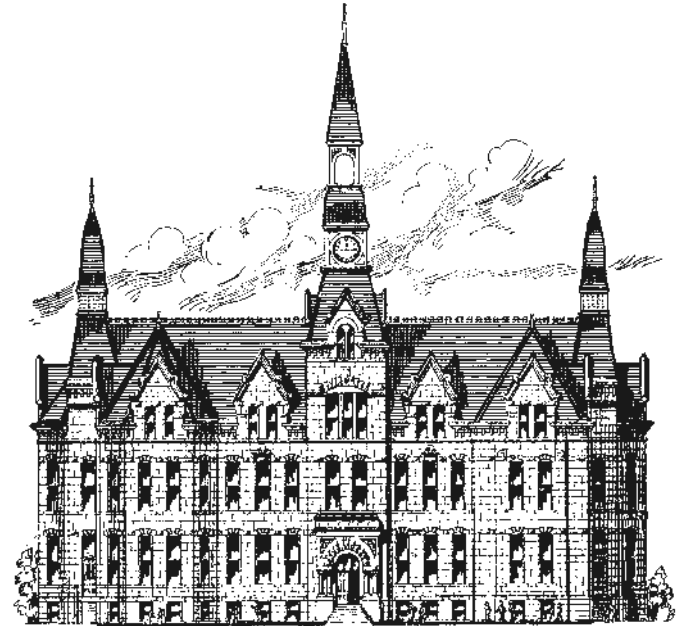




# PARK UNIVERSITY THE 2008-2009 OPENING CONVOCATION



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BRECKON SPORTS CENTER  
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## PARK'S VISION

Park University will be a renowned international leader in providing innovative educational opportunities for learners within the global society.

## PARK'S MISSION

The mission of Park University, an entrepreneurial institution of learning, is to provide access to academic excellence which will prepare learners to think critically, communicate effectively and engage in lifelong learning while serving a global community.

## CORE VALUES

Commitment to commonalities and differences  
Commitment to community among all peoples of the world  
Commitment to lifelong learning

# OPENING CONVOCATION

## ALMA MATER

Arranged by Virginia Bruch

Moderato ♩ = 108

Piano

Hail Alma Mater We sing to thee  
Thy name forever a guiding light shall be. Strong as an  
oak tree, thy name shall never fail. To thee Alma Mater  
Hail, Park, Hail!

### PRELUDE

Performed by John Schaefer, S.M.M.

### PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Performed by Mr. Schaefer

### FLAG BEARERS

Chris Wallace,  
Vice President, Park Student Government Association  
Emily Crook,  
Secretary, Park Student Government Association

### INVOCATION

Rev. Brian D. Ellison,  
Pastor, Parkville Presbyterian Church

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Droge, Ph.D.  
Provost and Senior Vice President

### GREETINGS FROM THE CITY OF PARKVILLE, MISSOURI

The Hon. Gerry Richardson, Mayor of Parkville, Missouri

### GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Donald P. Arndtsen, '50  
Secretary, Park University Board of Trustees

### GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENTS

Javier Centonzio,  
President, Park Student Government Association

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

*"Park University's Heritage: The Leadership Imperative"*

Beverly Byers-Pevitts, Ph.D.  
President, Park University

### ALMA MATER

*Please stand and join in singing. Words and music appear on page six.*

Led by Jennifer Peterson and Quinn Bixler

### RECESSIONAL

Performed by Mr. Schaefer



**PARK UNIVERSITY CAMPUS CENTERS**