

MC sets inauguration date for new president

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Mississippi College leaders have set Friday, March 29, as the inauguration date for the university's new president, Dr. Blake Thompson.

Members of the MC family will join with state and national leaders for a week of special events culminating in an inaugural ceremony on the historic Quad that Friday at 4 p.m.

Activities begin Sunday, March 24, with a community-wide worship service, features a scholarly academic symposium, engages the city through service projects, and includes a concert on Olde Towne Clinton's red brick streets.

"Inauguration offers an important time for us to pause for a moment and reflect on the institution's rich history. It also offers us a chance to dream about MC's bright future," President Blake Thompson said.

The community-wide worship service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at First Baptist Church Clinton.

Members of the MC community are invited to a service at Provine Chapel on Tuesday, March 26. It begins at 10:50 a.m. and features an address by President Thompson.

Community service projects are set for MC's hometown in the City of Clinton and in Jackson. Projects touch on topics such as church planting, food insecurity, as well as adoption and foster care.



Dr. Blake Thompson

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Other pieces of inauguration week include an academic symposium at 3 p.m. on March 28 in Swor Auditorium. The symposium is open to the public. A dinner and concert in Olde Towne Clinton will occur later that Thursday at 5 p.m. (and conclude at 9 p.m.)

Other notable public events include the March 29 dedication of the beautiful sculpture "Christ in Gethsemane" crafted by internationally celebrated

artist Sam Gore of Clinton. The Friday event is set for 10 a.m. at the Rhoda Royce Prayer Garden.

The 4 p.m. Friday inauguration ceremony in the Quad is followed by a community reception at the Piazza and Jennings Courtyard. Both events are open to the public.

For additional details on the inauguration of Dr. Blake Thompson, visit mc.edu/inauguration.

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