



THE INSTALLATION OF
Jay Gonzalez
AS FIFTEENTH PRESIDENT OF
CURRY COLLEGE

Friday
April 12, 2024
Milton, Massachusetts

The Board of Trustees of Curry College named Jay Gonzalez as the College's 15th president in May, 2023. He took office on July 31, 2023 as the first Hispanic leader of the College.

Most recently, Gonzalez served as a partner at Hinckley Allen, where his primary practice was representing cities, towns, and other governmental entities in financing and developing capital projects and other governmental programs. His work included providing legal and strategic advice to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority in connection with its financing of projects at the state university and community college campuses and to the City of Salem in connection with the development of its port to serve as a terminal for offshore wind development.

Gonzalez began his career as a public finance lawyer and eventually became a partner at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge (now Locke Lord). After the election of Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, he left the legal profession to work in state government and was appointed to serve as the Secretary of Administration and Finance. In that role, Gonzalez successfully managed a \$32 billion state budget during the Great Recession and oversaw over 3,500 employees in 18 state agencies including the Department of Revenue and agencies responsible for state facilities, human resources, information technology, procurements, and other administrative functions. In this role, he also served on various state boards and commissions.

After his time in state government, Gonzalez served as the president and CEO of Celticare Health Plan of Massachusetts and New Hampshire Healthy Families, which provided health insurance coverage to low-income people in state Medicaid programs. Following his time in health care, Gonzalez was a Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts and was elected to be the Democratic nominee for the 2018 general election. From 2020-2022, he was an adjunct lecturer at Northeastern University School of Law. Gonzalez has been actively engaged in a number of public, civic, and charitable causes, including serving on the boards of various nonprofit organizations. In 2021, he served as a co-chair of the committee overseeing Michelle Wu's transition into the office of mayor of Boston.

Gonzalez was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He earned his bachelor of arts from Dartmouth College in 1993 and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1996. He moved to Boston in 1998. Gonzalez is married to Cyndi Roy Gonzalez, and he has two daughters, Isabel and Abby. Earlier this year, they moved to the Curry College campus together with Curry's first community support dog, Alexander Graham Bell, who was named after the famous Curry College Chancellor and who is known around campus as "Graham."

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Prelude	"Curry College: A Snapshot" Photos Produced by Will Quinlan	Video Interlude	"Curry Connections" Produced by Will Quinlan
	Accompanied by SING! "Together" By Kirk Franklin, Arr., Amy Branahl	Presentation of Medallion	David K. Hemenway '81 Chair of the Board of Trustees Alexander "Graham" Bell Gonzalez accompanied by Kendra Aucion '24, Public Health and Wellness
Processional	"Academic Festival Overture" Brahms: Symphony No. 1	Inaugural Address	Jay Gonzalez, President
Welcome	Lexi Meader '24, Communication	Alma Mater	"Austrian Hymn" By Franz Joseph Haydn Performed by SING!
Video Interlude	"Be Curry!" Produced by Will Quinlan	Benediction	Ian Mevorach, Director of Spiritual Life
Invocation	Ian Mevorach, Director of Spiritual Life	Recessional	"Celebration" By Kool & The Gang Performed by SING!
"The Star-Spangled Banner"	Performed by SING!		
Greetings	Representing the Faculty Dr. Kara Provost Faculty Chair; Professor, Writing & Coordinator, Writing Center Representing the Students Nathan Sinclair '25, Computer Science Representing the Administration Dr. Robert Shea, Provost Representing the Alumni Laurie Lessage '10 Chief Financial Officer, Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City	Members of SING!	Conductor Emily Howe; Ivania Andrade; Jayla Andrade; Shea Bagtaz; Devin Barr; Arlette Bobadilla; Noelle Bryant; Willem Camp; Grayson Cheek; Maxwell Cotton; Ty DeSimone; Margaret Fink; Reilly Ganter; Tyler Gatling; Javary Gilzene; Ryan Green; Joshua Hendrigan; Amalia Jemerin; Lana Lieberman; Di Lucien; Carolina Marius; Josh Martin; Brooke Morales; Margot Oxman; Nichole Pappas; Joan Peralta; Kelly Pineda; Megan Sawatzky; William Scoufaras; Nate Simmonds; Nathan Sinclair; Joshua Torremoro; Annie Vecchi; Roshaine Waite; Serena Wilson

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2nd President, 1921-1922

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10th President, 1963-1965

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11th President, 1965-1978

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12th President, 1978-1992

Catherine W. Ingold
13th President, 1992-1996

Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr.
14th President, 1996-2023

HISTORY OF CURRY COLLEGE

Since its founding in 1879, Curry College has been an innovative institution of higher education that emphasizes individualized education and personal development. The College's rich history, with roots in the intellectual traditions of 19th-century New England, is foundational to its character. Today, Curry maintains a distinctive mission and commitment to student success, while creatively transforming itself over the years to meet new educational challenges.

Curry College originated as the Boston-based School of Elocution and Expression established in 1879 by Anna Baright, a leading scholar in the field of oratory. She married Samuel Silas Curry, a Boston minister, in 1882. Together they founded the College's direct institutional precursor, the School of Expression, established in 1885 and incorporated in 1888. Anna and Samuel founded the School on the philosophy that individuals could reach their true potential by cultivating the art of expression. Coursework focused on such areas including drama, oratory, and speech. Many other prominent New Englanders were involved in the institution's founding and early growth, including the famous inventor Alexander Graham Bell, a close friend of Samuel, who served as the School's chancellor from 1907-1922.

In 1943, the name was changed to Curry College in honor of its founders and in 1952, Curry moved to its present location in Milton and became a traditional four-year liberal arts college with a strong emphasis on communication and self-development that continues today.

Academically, the College is internationally acclaimed for its Program for Advancement of Learning (PAL), established in 1970 as the nation's first college-level program for students with language-based learning differences. Other recognitions of note include Curry's communication program and award-winning radio station, WMLN FM-91.5 and its School of Nursing, which originally absorbed the Children's Hospital nursing school in 1977.

Today, Curry is recognized as a leading college for individualized education with an emphasis on student success, experiential learning, and outcomes. The focus is on the learning needs of each student, with an average class size of 20 students and a student/faculty ratio of 12:1. The College offers 26 majors and 60-plus minors and concentrations leading to undergraduate degrees and offering graduate degrees in accounting, education, criminal justice, business administration and nursing. The College offers 5th year master's programs in accounting, business administration, education, and criminal justice. Approximately 75% of traditional undergraduates reside on the Curry campus, which offers vibrant student life less than 7 miles from downtown Boston, including 17 NCAA Division III teams and over 40 clubs and organizations. Curry also operates an additional instructional location in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

DELEGATES

1636

Jeffrey Liebman
Harvard University

1769

Walter Palmer
Dartmouth College

1831

Geoff Wheeler
Wesleyan University

1840

Frederick Clark
Bridgewater State University

1851

Eric Turner
Lasell University

1867

David Bogen
Berklee College of Music

1873

Brendan O'Bryan
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

1898

Robert DeLeo
Northeastern University

Richard Freeland

Northeastern University

1912

Julia Harmatz
Loyola University New Orleans

1919

Maureen Ashburn
Emmanuel College

1973

Jackie Jenkins-Scott
Roxbury Community College

ALMA MATER

Alma Mater, let us praise thee!
Clothed in beauty, rare art though.
Old traditions cling about thee,
New ideas crown thy brow,
And thine eyes are filled with visions,
Truth and mercy meet in thee,
Alma Mater, let us praise thee.
Ah, that we may worthy be!

“Austrian Hymn”

By Franz Joseph Haydn

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