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of academic excellence
and social impact

Ceremony
and Inauguration
of President
Edward C.
Wingenbach, PhD



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A century and a half.

Of courage, perseverance, and resilience.

From its founding vision in Smyrna to its flourishing presence in Greece today, ACG has endured hardship, adapted to change, and emerged stronger—always guided by its mission to serve through education.

A century and a half.

Of purpose and inspiration.

Rooted in the timeless motto “Non ministrari sed ministrare”—not to be served, but to serve—ACG has stood as a beacon of learning, shaping leaders who go on to shape the world. Its influence extends beyond the classroom, enriching society through knowledge, service, and innovation.

A century and a half.

Of growth, innovation, and pioneering spirit.

Through bold initiatives and forward-thinking leadership, ACG has expanded opportunities for students, embracing progress while staying true to its values. Its story is one of constant renewal and transformative impact. Today, ACG continues to empower generations, looking ahead with confidence, ready to write the next chapter of excellence.

A century and a half.

Of leadership and vision.

From its bold founders to its current leaders, ACG has been shaped by those who dared to see beyond their time. Their vision continues to inspire a future where education transforms lives, knowledge sparks progress, and leadership serves the greater good. As we celebrate this milestone, we honor their legacy—and embrace the journey ahead with hope, purpose, and resolve.

MILESTONES IN THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GREECE



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PRESIDENT

EDWARD C. WINGENBACH

Edward Wingenbach became the eighth president of The American College of Greece in 2025, bringing more than 30 years of experience leading institutions of higher education that combine academic innovation with social responsibility.

Before joining ACG, he was president of Hampshire College in Massachusetts, a pioneering liberal arts institution and member of the renowned Five Colleges Consortium with Amherst, Mount Holyoke, Smith, and the University of Massachusetts. At Hampshire, he oversaw a period of renewal: student enrollment rose dramatically, fundraising reached record levels, and the College adopted a bold new curriculum focused on student and faculty addressing the world's pressing challenges. Under his leadership, Hampshire also became one of the only higher education campuses in the world to achieve full carbon neutrality.



Earlier in his career, Dr. Wingenbach served in senior leadership roles at Ripon College in Wisconsin and the University of Redlands in California, where he advanced academic programs, financial sustainability, and international partnerships. A scholar of democratic theory, he is the author of *Institutionalizing Agonistic Democracy* and has published widely in political science and philosophy.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Lake Forest College and his doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. He now lives in Athens with his spouse, Susan Rice, and their son Thelan, and is honored to join the ACG community during its 150th anniversary year.

EVENT PROGRAM

20:30

**Marching Band Entrance
Academic Processional**

20:40

Welcome Act

Global highlights 1875-2025
Welcome by Pierce students

20:50

Main Act*
*Special appearance: **Katia Dandoulaki**

A journey through 150 years
of history of The American
College of Greece

21:20

**Inauguration
of President
Edward C. Wingenbach**

Investiture and Inaugural Address

Statement on behalf
of the Board of Trustees
and the Presidential Search Committee
(Lena Triantogiannis)

Administration of Oath of Office
(Alexander Aldous)

Presentation of Academic Apparel
and President's Medallion
(Board of Trustees Members;
Dr. David G. Horner)

Inaugural Address
(Dr. Edward C. Wingenbach)

21:45

Closing performance

Alma mater by Pierce Choir

22:00

**The Recessional
Cocktail Reception**



ORDER OF PROCESSION



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Susan Rice

Presidential Spouse

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1. Harvard University, 1636, Dr. Deborah Jewell-Sherman, Alumna and Professor Emerita
2. Princeton University, 1746, Ms. Ismini Inglessis, Alumna
3. Columbia University, 1754, Dr. Tobias Myers, Alumnus
4. Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey, 1766, Dr. Eleni Patra, Alumna
5. University of Michigan, 1817, Dr. Konstantinos Axarloglou, Alumnus
6. New York University, 1831, Dr. Eleni Drakaki, Alumna
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11. Tufts University, 1852, Ms. Karen Basil Mavrides, Trustee Emerita
12. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1861, Dr. Georgios Kokosalakis, Alumnus
13. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1863, Ms. Kelly Morra, Alumna
14. Cornell University, 1865, Dr. Ioannis Vetsikas, Alumnus
15. Towson University, 1866, Dr. Spyros Protopsaltis, Alumnus
16. Temple University, 1884, Dr. Lilian Pelios, Alumna
17. Stanford University, 1885, Dr. David Horner, Alumnus
18. The Catholic University of America, 1887, Dr. Nikiforos Laopodis, Alumnus
19. University of Reading, 1892, Dr. Nikolaos Lampas, Alumnus
20. Northeastern University, 1898, Dr. Panayiotis-Peter Contis, Alumnus
21. Imperial College London, 1907, Dr. Vassilios Lazarou, Alumnus
22. Agricultural University of Athens, 1920, Dr. Spyridon Kintzios, Rector
23. University of Patras, 1964, Dr. Dionissios Mantzavinos, Vice Rector
24. Case Western Reserve University, 1967, Dr. Charalampos Mainemelis, Alumnus
25. University of Stirling, 1967, Dr. Anna Constantatos, Alumna
26. The Open University, 1969, Ms. Catherine Bland, Head - Validation Partnerships and Operations
27. The Open University, 1969, Ms. Robyn Corcoran, Director Partnerships, Vocational Qualifications and Quality
28. University of Thessaly, 1984, Dr. Charalambos Billinis, Rector
29. American University of Central Asia, 1993, Dr. Chynarkul Ryskulova, VP Academic Affairs
30. Effat University, 1999, Dr. Haifa Reda Jamal Al-Lail, President

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Paraskevi Papadopoulou

Professor, Head, Department of Science and Mathematics & Director,
Biomedical Sciences Program

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Late in the 19th century, American Colleges and universities revived the traditional practices of medieval academic attire. Since that time some standardization in designing academic regalia has been accepted.

The bachelor's gown has arm-length sleeves and is always closed in front. The master's gown has pointed sleeves that are slit at the elbows. The doctor's gown has wide lapels of velvet, in either black or the color of the scholar's specialization. The sleeves of the doctoral gown are full and bell-shaped, with three velvet chevrons in either black or colored like the lapels. Gowns are usually black, although some universities have designed their own bearing the color of the institution. The hood, which drapes over the back of the gown, carries the greatest symbolism of all the components of the academic costume. Its length, width, color of trim and color or colors of the lining denote the wearer's highest academic achievement. The color of the hood's border indicates the scholar's major field of study; the lining color or colors identifies the institution that conferred the degree. The traditional cap is a mortarboard, although the tam and the Elizabethan are seen on some of the faculty. The tassel is often black, although it is frequently gold for the doctorate.

At the start of the inauguration ceremony, President Edward C. Wingenbach will be wearing the doctoral regalia of University of Notre Dame, his alma mater. He will don the presidential regalia of The American College of Greece following the administration of the oath of office.

THE MACE

The mace has been used by colleges and universities as a traditional symbol of authority since the 17th century, when the custom was established at Oxford and Cambridge universities in England. Traditionally, the mace bearer precedes the president of an institution and the platform party upon entering and departing from a ceremony. As the inauguration of President Edward C. Wingenbach is an academic gathering, the honor of bearing the mace of The American College of Greece is offered to a senior faculty member.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

In the Middle Ages, medallions made of gold, silver or bronze became an element of civil and academic ceremonial garb, symbolizing high office. The American College of Greece medallion is an Ilias Lalaounis creation designed for the inauguration of President David G. Horner. The circular oxidated silver medallion bears the name of The American College of Greece's founding (1875) and the two cities in which it has operated: Smyrna (1875-1922) and Athens (1923-present). In the center of the medallion is the open book with the Greek letters Α and Ω on its opposing pages, symbolizing the breadth of knowledge offered at ACG as well as the College's deep roots in Greece and the Hellenic civilization. Underneath the open book is ACG's motto—the biblical "Non ministrari sed ministrare," meaning "Not to be served but to serve"—which was chosen by ACG's founders and reflects the College's continuing mission.

SPECIAL THANKS

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SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE

KATIA DANDOULAKI, PIERCE ALUMNA (1965), ACTOR AND PRODUCER

SCRIPT AND ARTISTIC DIRECTION

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CREATIVE PRODUCTION SUPERVISION **NASSIA NTINOPOULOU, DC '22**

MUSIC DIRECTION **NASSOS SOPILIS, DC '96**

CREATIVE DESIGN **ALEXIOS TSIRONIS**

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