Inauguration

of

AJAY NAIR, Ph.D.

22nd President of Arcadia University

SATURDAY, THE THIRTEENTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN
AT THREE–THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON

HABER GREEN
ARCADIA UNIVERSITY
The Program

Alison Aaron Madsen, Esq. ’85, Presiding
Chair, Arcadia University Board of Trustees

Outdoor Processional .................................................. Hamilton Celtic Pipes and Drums

Announcement of Academic Procession ................................ Doreen Loury, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice

National Anthem .......................................................... Arcadia University Choir, joined by Bucks-Mont Camerata Chorus
and led by William J. Naydan, Director of University Choir

Convening of the Event

Opening ........................................................................ Alison Aaron Madsen, Esq. ’85

Invocation ...................................................................... Reverend Rebecca Crate ’09
Pastor, Springfield Presbyterian Church

“Make Them Hear You” .................................................. Combined Choirs

Welcome ...................................................................... Joycellen Young Auritt, Ph.D. ’71
Vice Chair, Arcadia University Board of Trustees

Salutations & Greetings

Administration .............................................................. Lorna Stern, MALD
Vice President, Arcadia University
Executive Director, The College of Global Studies

Student Government Organization ................................ Alexandra Heilbron ’20
President, Student Government Organization

Alumni Association Representative .............................. Kerry Ann Costello Leraris ’92, ’94M.Ed.
President, Alumni Association

Montgomery County ..................................................... Valerie Arkoosh, M.D.
Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

City of Philadelphia ..................................................... Helen Gym
Councilmember At-Large, Philadelphia City Council

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ................................. The Honorable Art Haywood
Senator, 4th District

Higher Education ............................................................ Thomas A. Parham, Ph.D.
President, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Global Education ............................................................ Alan Jansen, Ph.D.
Resident Director, South Africa, The College of Global Studies, Arcadia Universit

“Imagine” ...................................................................... Aashika Suseendran ’15
Alumna

Faculty ........................................................................ Ana Maria García, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Women’s Studies; President, Faculty Senate

Staff ............................................................................ Breann Donnelly ’04
Assistant Dean of Students; Chair, Staff Council

Installation

Charge to the President ................................................ Alison Aaron Madsen, Esq. ’85

Charter ........................................................................ Jerry M. Greiner, Ph.D.
Former President

Chain of Office ............................................................. Bette E. Landman, Ph.D. ’04H
President Emerita

“Utopia” ...................................................................... Krishna Nair
Son of President Ajay Nair and Mrs. Paayal Nair

Introduction of the President ....................................... Rani Nair
Daughter of President Ajay Nair and Mrs. Paayal Nair

Inaugural Address ......................................................... Ajay Nair, Ph.D.
President, Arcadia University

Closing ......................................................................... James Wagner, Ph.D.
President Emeritus, Emory University
Member, Arcadia University Board of Trustees

“Alma Mater” ................................................................. Arcadia Alumni Group

Recessional ................................................................. Festive Arts Ensemble

All are welcome to attend a celebration hosted by the Arcadia University Board of Trustees.
About President Nair

Dr. Ajay Nair, a nationally recognized expert in student affairs issues and an accomplished social justice, race, and ethnicity scholar, assumed his role as Arcadia University’s 22nd President on April 2, 2018. Dr. Nair is the first person of color to be appointed president at Arcadia, and is among the first college or university presidents of Indian-American descent in the United States. Prior to leading Arcadia, Dr. Nair served as senior vice president and dean of Campus Life at Emory University. He has served on a wide range of university and civic boards and organizations, including as director of the Division for Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice for NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education).

Dr. Nair also held executive leadership positions at the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, and the University of Virginia. During his distinguished career in higher education, Dr. Nair has held faculty positions at each of the aforementioned universities and at the World Language Institute in Kwangju, South Korea.

Dr. Nair’s current book project focuses on the state of multiculturalism in higher education and aims to present a new model for diversity and inclusion. His co-edited book, Desi Rap: Hip Hop and South Asian America, focuses on the complexities of second-generation South Asian American identity.

A native of the Philadelphia region, Dr. Nair earned his Doctor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Science from the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Nair is married to Paayal Nair, a school psychologist and graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. They have a son, Krishna Nair, and a daughter, Rani Nair.

Presidential Chain of Office

The Arcadia University Presidential Chain of Office was commissioned to commemorate the change in name from Beaver College to Arcadia University. The chair of the Board at that time, Hugh G. Moulton, placed the chain on President Bette E. Landman ’04H to celebrate the moment of that change.

The presidential chain, like the academic robes and caps, is an American interpretation of old European patterns of dress and adornment. Chains of office are still worn by mayors of some European cities.

The Arcadia University chain contains the seal of the University, which was also the seal of Beaver College. In the center of the medallion is the Roman goddess of knowledge and wisdom, Minerva, seated in front of rays of sunlight. Minerva was the daughter of Jupiter and Juno and is parallel to Athena in the Greek tradition. In addition to knowledge, Minerva ruled over the useful and ornamental arts of men and women—agriculture, medicine, navigation, commerce, learning, music, spinning, weaving, and needlework—and she gave the world the olive.

The rectangular bars in the chain contain the name Arcadia University.

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Alumnus

1740 University of Pennsylvania
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Alumna and Trustee Emerita

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Alumnus

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Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs

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Michelle Cohen, Ph.D.
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Dirk Rodricks, M.Ed.
Assistant Dean of Residence Life

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Janet Martin
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Dean of Advising and Academic Success

1899 College of Saint Elizabeth
Amanda Blake
Alumna

1918 Seton Hill University
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1919 Babson College
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1919 Salus University
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President

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Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
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1925  Gannon University
      Keith Taylor, Ph.D.
      President

1929  Westminster Theological Seminary
      George R. Cottenden, M.Div.
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1947  Manor College
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1948  Gywnedd Mercy University
      Justin McClain ‘03, Ph.D.
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1950  California State University, Dominguez Hills
      Thomas A. Parham, Ph.D.
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1960  Montgomery County Community College
      Aaron Shatzman, Ph.D.
      Dean of Social Sciences

1964  Apeejay Stya University
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This list of delegates represents those responding before October 5, 2018.
Institutions are listed in order of founding year.

Celebration Performers

Art In Motion, Philadelphia-based Latin Dance Troupe

The Daggered Hearts, Irish folk music with staff member Dan Brumbach

Kyo Daiko, Philadelphia-based Japanese drummers

Lindsay Deal ‘17, Katrina Naxera ’15, Sidney Shaulis ’17, Alexa Simone ’15, and Grace Szczepkowski ’15, musical performance from Arcadia Theater Alumni

John McNeil, vocalist and Arcadia Facilities staff member

Scarlet Steppers, Arcadia University student dance group

Aashika Suseendran ’15 and Ashwin Suseendran, jazz duet
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About Arcadia University

Founded in 1853, Arcadia University (formerly Beaver College) is a top-ranked private university in Greater Philadelphia and a national leader in study abroad and international education. The University’s pioneering spirit serves as an inspiration to lead courageously in higher education. Arcadia helped change the higher education landscape by offering a liberal arts education to young women in 1853. Its next transformation as an incubator for global, social entrepreneurs will reimagine higher education once again, just as it did 165 years ago.

Arcadia promises a distinctively global, integrative, and personal learning experience that prepares students to contribute and lead in a diverse and dynamic world. The University offers more than 65 fields of study in baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral programs to its 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Arcadia prepares students for post-graduate success with individual career plans that cultivate skills sought by employers.

Results from the Class of 2017 survey indicate that 96.5 percent of respondents secured post-graduate opportunities within six months of graduation. Arcadia graduates are employed at a wide range of organizations, including the U.S. Department of State, Google, Apple, and Albert Einstein Healthcare Network.

In 2017, the University’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program was ranked second in Pennsylvania and 20th in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, which also included Arcadia’s Physician Assistant program in its top national rankings. In addition, U.S. News named Arcadia as a Best Value School, among the Most Innovative Schools, and among the Best Undergraduate Teaching Schools. The Institute of International Education has named Arcadia #1 in the nation for study abroad participation for eight consecutive years (2010-17).

The College of Global Studies is the first college in the nation to integrate global engagement within the formal structure of the academy. It builds upon a foundation of more than 70 years of experience in the field of international education, during which The College has offered educational opportunities to more than 70,000 students representing more than 1,000 colleges and universities. The College currently offers 120 programs in 12 countries, employing strategic institutional partnerships and innovative academic, experiential, and co-curricular programming expressed in diverse and challenging global contexts. Arcadia’s global programs encourage students to think critically, observe skillfully, reflect thoughtfully, and participate meaningfully in the communities where they live and work.

Alma Mater

Alma Mater dear,
The years have o’er thee swept
But stainless still through time and tide
Thy splendour thou has kept.

So hail Arcadia; hail, we say!
Fling high the scarlet and the grey.

To the finest in the land
We lay down our heart and hand.

Alma Mater dear,
The years have o’er thee swept
But stainless still through time and tide
Thy splendour thou has kept.

Mother tried and true,
We pledge our life to thee.

So hail Arcadia; hail, we say!
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