2009 Inauguration Day

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On January 20, 2009 newly elected President Barrack Obama will be sworn in on the steps of the United States Capital as the 44th President. Traditionally the oath of office is administered at noon by the Chief of Justice, using the form mandated in Article II, Section I, of the U.S. Constitution. Immediately following the oath, bands play the four ruffles and flourishes and Hail Columbia, followed by a 21-gun salute from the Old Guard. The president will then deliver an inaugural address, setting the tone for the new administration. More than two-hundred years ago the first inauguration took place April 30, 1789, in New York City for George Washington. From the time of Washington, the U.S. military has participated in Inauguration Day Ceremonies to honor their new commander-in-chief. Since 1901, all inaugural ceremonies at the U.S. Capitol are organized by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. By the late 1820’s what had typically been a small indoor ceremony moved outdoors, allowing more people to witness the event. By the end of the 19th century, the inauguration ceremony evolved into an elaborate day-long event marked by parades, fireworks, luncheons, and a multitude of balls. The inaugural parade includes floats, citizens groups, and bands, marching down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capital and to the White House. Since the first Inaugural Ball at Long’s Hotel in 1809, the Presidential Inaugural Committee is responsible for all balls hosted in honor of the newly elected president. Inauguration Day commences with a morning worship service traditionally attended by the president-elect and his family. Then the procession to the Capitol, where the outgoing president accompanies the president-elect to the swearing in ceremony. The inaugural ceremony is culminated by a luncheon, parade, and ball where Barrack Obama will be honored as the 44th President.

The Dream Realized

“Human progress and change is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Marly Cadavid
“The idea of a minority holding the highest office in the land is empowering. That reality will push me to dream big.”

Samuel Gibelli
“American ideals now feel more concrete and that a larger piece of the dream is in my grasp.”

Moji Ayinde
“A new found awareness is brought to an entire generation. The idea that, if he can achieve his goals, so can I.”

David Dinarte
“Once more a social barrier has been broken, the perception of both America and minorities will change for the better.”

Krystal Horne
“We have our own history making moment that beckons us to step outside our normative comfort zones.”

Shannon Harrshaw
“Obama’s election has introduced a new level of possibility. Below average can no longer be the accepted standard.”
The International Club will continue its 21 year tradition of celebrating UWG’s diverse community by holding its annual International Night, February 5, 2009 in the Z-6 on campus. With approximately 140 international students enrolled at UWG, who represent over 40 countries, the event is sure to hold a lively night of entertainment and enlightenment. The night will include a melting pot of different cultures, exotic cuisine, and unique forms of dance, song, and poetry. Guest will have the opportunity of sampling various types of international dishes from around the world. After the tasting, the entertainment portion of the evening will include performances from UWG students. Each group will present a form of art that best represents their culture, either through dance, poetry, skits, and more. The event will culminate in a fashion show where students will display their traditional garb, showing an array of lively colors and distinct uniforms. The assortment of participating groups will include the African Student Association, the Latino Cultural Society, and the South Asian Student Association. Tickets are $5.00 for UWG students, $7.00 for children and $8.00 for adults. Purchase tickets at the International Student Services & Programs Office in Row Hall or call 678-839-4780 for additional information.

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**Upcoming Event**

| Participate in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade | Make Your Mark Academic Sessions Empowerment Workshop; Careers |
| Monday, January 19th | January 27th in the Campus Ballroom 108.4 @ 6:00 pm. |

**International Night Party**

| January 29th in Lower Level Z-6 @ 7:00 pm. |

**Diversity Training**

| February 3rd in the Campus Ballroom 108.4 @ 10:00 am & 2:00 pm. |

**Medical Minority Panel**

| February 9th in TLC 1301 @ 7:00 pm. |