



QUICK SURVEY RESULTS **Presidential Investitures**

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*A total of 25 colleges/districts responded to ICCTA's Quick Survey on **PRESIDENTIAL INVESTITURES**.*

DOES YOUR COLLEGE PROVIDE AN INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR YOUR NEW PRESIDENT? IF YES, PLEASE SHARE RELEVANT PLANNING DETAILS (i.e., length of ceremony, types of guests invited, who is invited to speak):

Yes – 7

- DuPage: It was 1-2 hours in length, with speeches by the Board Chair and constituency group leadership. ICCB representation also provided a welcome.

- Elgin: My only reference is the file regarding our current president and that was in 2007. A formal installation ceremony was held. Included were Board members, facilitating the proceedings. Staff, faculty and administrators were in attendance. Our K-12 district superintendents or representatives attended. Chamber of Commerce and community partners were present. Legislators for our district were invited. A reception with student musicians was held with receiving line. And, of course the newly installed president spoke. There may have been others invited, such as other community college presidents.

- Harper: Investiture ceremony was two hours. Speakers: other community college leaders, elected officials, faculty senate president, superintendent, student government president, distinguished alumni. Keynote speaker was President and CEO of AtD. We also had music performances. Guests invited: Board of Trustees (hosts), all faculty and staff, foundation board members, student leaders, community college leaders, presidents of universities/colleges, elected officials, family, friends.

Here is a link with highlights from the investiture:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROTiVSWPNig>

There was a reception after the ceremony.

It was hosted in Harper's Performing Arts Center.

Week-long celebration:

- Monday - Employee Lunch
 - Tuesday - Retiree Lunch
 - Wednesday - Student engagement during Fall Fest and dinner with out-of-town guests and family
 - Thursday - Community Breakfast with Investiture at 3:30 pm
 - Friday - Volunteering in the community
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- Illinois Valley: This is our first one...so still trying to figure it out. Right now, it will be about 45 minutes. Target internal employees, external community and prior Presidents and retirees. I have framed this as honoring the past and celebrating the future.

 - Oakton: At Oakton, we had professional development opportunities for employees in the morning, a luncheon for invited guests and then a ceremony that lasted about 90 minutes. Speakers included the Board Chair, faculty colleagues, a mentor and mentee of the president. Guests included the entire college community, fellow presidents, local leaders and personal and professional guests of the President.

- **Prairie State:** Invited guests included local/state elected officials and leaders, Illinois Community College Presidents, family of the President, special guests of the President, college community, selected community and university partners. The ceremony was one-hour in length, and included a reception that followed. The ceremony included a processional, national anthem, black national anthem, remarks from local and state elected officials, union leadership (faculty and staff), College Foundation Board, Board of Trustees, a special guest speaker selected by the President, the oath of office, and remarks by the President.
- **Waubonsee:** It has been 21 years since our last Investiture. In light of that as well as the fact that the new president was not from the district, we decided to host a week-long series of Inauguration events to engage with all college stakeholders including students, alumni, employees, retirees, community members, and elected officials. This also provides for activity on each of our four campuses. It is hoped that some of these events become annual events going forward. Full schedule available at <https://www.waubonsee.edu/inauguration>. The 90-minute Investiture ceremony is designed as both an institutional ceremony and highly personalized event to provide the new president with a unique and meaningful experience. Guests include students, alumni, employees, community members, elected officials, and former colleagues through in-person attendance as well as campus watch parties and a live stream (with live Spanish interpretation). Speakers include a student and faculty representative as well as former colleagues and individuals identified by the president. Family members of the president will participate in various aspects of the program through music, readings, and remarks. Other participants include the board chair and the college's immediate past two presidents representing 41 years of college history and hopefully the college's founding president (still unconfirmed.)

Wondering if there is any standard oath of office utilized.

No – 18

- Danville
- Highland
- Kaskaskia
- Kennedy-King
- Kishwaukee
- Lake County
- Lewis and Clark
- Logan
- Malcolm X
- Parkland
- Richland
- Sandburg
- Sauk Valley
- Shawnee:

We understand the traditional symbolism of Presidential Investiture, especially as it relates to University academic tradition, but question its relevance in an environment where precious (limited) resources are diverted from student learning, support, and success. We know some institutions use this process as a fundraising activity, but wonder about the net margin once all costs (e.g. marketing, personnel, supplies, food, etc.) are considered.

- **South Suburban:** This is a ceremony that will be given consideration in the future.
- **Southwestern**
- **Spoon River:** While Spoon River College does not provide a formal ceremony, it has hosted welcome receptions throughout the district.
- **Triton**

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