Investiture Preview

View from the Hill

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In one week a very special ceremony will take place at WKU celebrating the first year of President Tim Caboni’s tenure.

It’s called an Investiture and Amy Bingham explains what it is in this week’s View from the Hill.

***It’s a ceremonial tradition that officially marks the beginning of a new presidency.  The Investiture typically takes place during a president's first year in office. Dr. Timothy C. Caboni took over as WKU’s tenth president on July first, 2017.***

“In some ways it goes back to the middle ages. The royal family in Great Britain has periodic investitures during the year.”

Provost David Lee, who is also the university historian, explains the term Investiture.

“It’s simple it works well with the spirit of our times more so than a more elaborate kind of inauguration might.”

On Friday April 27th, a celebration of Dr. Timothy C. Caboni’s presidency will be held here outside the Downing Student Union.

Twenty years ago, in 1998, an inauguration ceremony was held at the Fine Arts Center Amphitheater for former president Gary Ransdell.

“I remember it being a bit of an overcast day and we were nervous about rain but the rain held off.”

Dr. Randy has been teaching at WKU since 1962. He has been a mentor to Dr. Caboni and remembers when he applied for graduate school here in 1993.

“He was an excellent student, he worked very hard, he became a graduate assistant and taught some public speaking classes.

Capps says as the two stayed in touch through the years, Caboni told him he felt he had the skill set to one day lead a university.

“It’s really exciting to know that one of our graduates out of the communications program is becoming president.”

Dr. Capps will introduce Dr. Caboni at the Investiture ceremony where he will share his vision for the future of WKU and be recognized on this historic occasion.

“It’s part of a celebration of who we are as a university and who we are as a WKU community. “

**The Investiture ceremony and surrounding activities will take place Friday, April 27th at 2 pm on the lawn behind the Downing Student Union. For more information log onto wku.edu slash investiture.**

A generous sponsorship from Graves Gilbert Clinic is covering the expenses for the event.

**With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.**

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