The Inauguration of Dr. David J. Chard as the 14th President of Wheelock College
David J. Chard, Ph.D., became Wheelock College’s 14th President on July 1, 2016. He was previously Dean of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development at Southern Methodist University (SMU), where he created a strategic vision focused on undergraduate and graduate programs built on evidence-based practices.

Among his accomplishments at SMU were developing a qualified and diverse faculty, strengthening interdisciplinary collaborations, building new academic programs, and fostering a positive culture. During his 10-year tenure, the Simmons School grew to include five departments with an operating budget of over $25 million, and more than $60 million was raised in support of the school and its mission.
Dr. Chard holds a Ph.D. in special education from the University of Oregon and a B.S. in mathematics and chemistry education from Central Michigan University. He has held faculty positions at Boston University and the University of Texas at Austin and served as Associate Dean in the College of Education at the University of Oregon. At Oregon, he oversaw curriculum and academic programs in the College of Education.

Dr. Chard has published more than 100 articles, monographs, book chapters, and books. He is a member of the International Academy for Research in Learning Disabilities and has served in leadership roles in numerous professional organizations. Prior to his becoming Dean of the Simmons School, Dr. Chard was an active researcher focused on studying instructional practices that are most effective at meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities. He has directed or co-directed grants and contracts totaling more than $15.5 million.

He is the author of numerous instructional programs on early literacy, language arts, and mathematics spanning K-12 education and has been a classroom teacher in California, in Michigan, and in the U.S. Peace Corps in Lesotho in southern Africa.

A frequent presenter at national and international education conferences, Dr. Chard has taught courses on behavior management, special education reading and writing, learning disabilities, and special education law. He has served on more than 30 doctoral dissertation committees in special education, communication disorders and sciences, literacy and language, school psychology, and cognitive psychology.

In October of 2011, Dr. Chard was nominated by then President Barack Obama to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences (NBES). He was confirmed in 2012 by the U.S. Senate and was elected chair of the board in 2013. Dr. Chard is currently serving his second term on the NBES.

Dr. Chard is the father of three adult children.
A Brief History of Wheelock College

Founded in 1888 by Lucy Wheelock as the Kindergarten Training School, Wheelock College has a mission to improve the lives of children and families. A private college with a public mission, Wheelock has been recognized since its inception as a national and local leader in the fields of early childhood education, child life, and social work. Settling on Riverway in 1914, Miss Wheelock helped launch the kindergarten movement and early childhood education nationally. In the early 1940s, the Wheelock School became Wheelock College, expanding its program to four years and revising its curriculum in response to changes in the field of education and the arts and sciences. In the early 1950s, Wheelock established the first of its graduate programs, granting a Master of Science in Teaching, and began admitting male students.

Wheelock’s mission has led to the expansion of both education programs and the campus itself, with programs offered throughout New England and the world. Today, Wheelock offers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Science, and Master of Social Work programs that prepare teachers, social workers, and child life professionals to serve children and families in a variety of social service roles.

From its earliest days, Miss Wheelock began investigating new ways of learning about children, studying the developing field of psychology and its applications to how children learn, and carefully observing children at play and in the classroom. Lucy Wheelock left a legacy of inspired action and a mission that has not wavered in more than a century: to improve the lives of children and families. Generations of Wheelock graduates have kept the promise of that mission.
Wheelock College
Alma Mater

Wheelock! Wheelock! We’re loyal to thee!

Alma Mater, forever you’ll be

Held in our hearts for years to come,

Guiding us ever on.

Colors flying, the white and the gold,

Pledging ever your truths to uphold,

Lifting now our joyful chorus,

Wheelock, we sing to thee!
**Inaugural Ceremony**

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**Former Wheelock College Presidents**

Lucy Wheelock 1888-1939  
Winifred Bain 1940-1955  
Frances Mayfarth 1955-1962  
James E. Connor 1962-1965  
Henry Callard (*Acting President*) 1965-1966  
Margaret H. Merry 1966-1971  
Donald R. Cruickshank 1971-1972  
William L. Irvine (*Acting President*) 1972-1973  
Gerald N. Tirozzi 1991-1993  
Marjorie Bakken 1993-2004  
Jackie Jenkins-Scott 2004-2016
Academic Regalia and Wheelock Medallion

Caps and gowns have characterized academic gatherings since the medieval origins of the university. The doctor’s gown is the fullest and most elaborate of the academic regalia with its long bell sleeves and velvet panels in the front, and the stripes of the same material on the sleeves.

Starting in the 20th century, American colleges began choosing the colors for their academic gowns. Those of Wheelock College are white and gold. Trustees, other college leaders, and dignitaries normally wear the robe of either the college with which they are permanently associated or the one from which they graduated.

Hoods are also different, with the longest and fullest being the doctor’s hood. The inside of the hood is often lined with colors to identify the institution that granted the degree, and a border around the hood indicates the subject in which the degree was taken. The degree in education is characterized by a light blue hood. Some other commonly seen colors on doctoral hoods are purple for law, forest green for medicine, and tan for business.

Continuing a Wheelock College tradition, a Wheelock Presidential Medallion has been commissioned to symbolize a badge of office. The medallion is made to be worn over the academic robe and as part of the presidential ceremonial dress.
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“The world is full of mostly invisible things,” *
and we each live in a world so intricately balanced between the unknown and the physical. There will never be anything more perfect than this: than learning and knowing. And dreaming of knowing those invisibles. What are we if not questions? We are built of wonderings and notions. Born knowing so little, in this unknowing we are huge. Each of us a tremendous potential, we are physical embodiments of energy battering towards self-awareness. Traveling recklessly into the uncharted. The sky was never the limit. We could, and will, fill galaxies with the beautiful unpredictable ambiguities of humanity. And in this odyssey some of us are searchers while others are makers or sellers or graspers or pushers or doers.

But we are all learners. We are all finding passions and causes, filling our own souls with fire both stunning and angry. And we should be. We should be adamant in our fervor, unwavering in our spirit. Only in our monumental support can any cause be truly served, can any wisdom be sincerely obtained. There is a weight to humanity, a wonderful burden to be advocates for convictions so much larger than ourselves. And there is nothing greater than resting that weight on our shoulders and moving forwards, onwards. Life is a wondrous puzzle so brief and lovely, filled with searches for meaning that we cannot be certain we will receive. Watch each sunrise, sunset, minutes in between and breathe with significance, for there is shame only in attempting nothing. Isn’t that the best part? Even the smallest motion can be a movement, and we are all working for greatness and kindness and more. Our causes do not need to match. In truth, our efforts should be vast and encompassing. So let us hold hands and serve.

*quote from To David, About His Education by Howard Nemerov
**Special Thanks**

I would like to extend a special note of gratitude to the many Wheelock staff and faculty members who have worked very hard throughout the year to create today’s festivities and to make this such a memorable day. In particular, I want to thank Ediss Gandelman for her extraordinary effort, leadership, and attention to detail. The strength of Wheelock is in the people who come to our campus every day to serve. I feel very fortunate to be part of this community.

David J. Chard, Ph.D.
“The one thing that makes life worth living is to serve a cause”

Lucy Wheelock