

# Messenger

## A New Era Begins at Malone

### GREG MILLER BEGINS WORK AS 14th PRESIDENT

On July 1, **Gregory Miller, Ph.D.**, stepped into leadership as Malone's 14th president. With more than 22 years of Malone experience under his belt, Miller quickly got to work, actively listening to the aspirations and concerns of employees, as well as connecting with Evangelical Friends Church - Eastern Region (EFC-ER) partners at their annual meeting.

Throughout the remainder of the summer and into the fall, Miller preached at churches all over northeast Ohio. He and his wife Darla also made a routine practice of hosting student groups, employees, and donors in their home throughout the semester.

The academic year opened with the Pendle Hill Pledge ceremony, Miller's first opportunity to welcome the new class of students as a group, followed immediately by Academic Convocation. He encouraged students to pursue God's calling for their lives and to take hope in the work of the Holy Spirit as they grow academically, spiritually, and personally, learning to be a light in the world.

Miller's inauguration and the annual Homecoming festivities in October brought with them a celebration of Malone's history and legacy that honored the Institution's new season and garnered excitement for its future. Highlights included:

- A morning show broadcast by 95.5 The Fish in the Great Court
- More than 60 pastors and their spouses in attendance at the Pastors Breakfast
- The installment ceremony included honored guests from around the country and Chorale alumni returned to perform with the University Chorale

- More than 600 in attendance at the inaugural gala, held on the VIP level of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Stadium
- A robust crowd for the inaugural concert, featuring Gable Price and Friends

*Photos and a link to hear Miller's inauguration address are found in the center spread of this piece.*

The second half of the semester came to a close with Malone's time-honored Christmas tradition: **Christmas at Malone**. The program, "Savior of the Nations, Come," celebrated Christ's birth with a rich tapestry of Christmas music from many nations, and the Millers embraced two opportunities to welcome friends of Malone, donors, pastors, and school administrators as honored guests with pre-concert festivities.

"It's with a heart full of gratitude that we prepare for the spring semester," said Miller. "I am humbled and filled with joy at the outpouring of support we have received in the early season of my presidency, and I am constantly reminded that Malone is such a special place. As we get down to business and move forward into Malone's future, I do so with thanks to God for all the ways He continues to care for, protect, and bless our community."



*(top) Dr. Miller addresses the student body at Fall Convocation.*

*(bottom) The Millers host honors students at their home.*

*See more about the inaugural celebration on pages 4-5.*



## TO THE MALONE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY



So many aspects of this university make me proud to be a graduate. I fervently believe that Malone educates students in a manner that is uniquely preparing them for life and work in a complex and rapidly-changing environment. My confidence in our educational product is unrelenting.

I'm also very proud of the ways the university community is genuine and authentic in its efforts to serve as a resource to many constituent groups throughout the region. Malone personnel have immense talents and seek to share those skills with those who benefit most.



Since becoming president in July, **Greg Miller** has preached at a variety of churches, both within the Evangelical Friends Church – Eastern Region family and at churches of different denominations. If you have an interest in Dr. Miller delivering a message at your church, I encourage you to reach out to his office through **Teresa Pittinger** at [tpittinger@malone.edu](mailto:tpittinger@malone.edu). Additionally, Malone's student praise team is eager to perform at your church or school. The five-person team can be secured for performance by emailing **Tim Bryan** at [tbryan@malone.edu](mailto:tbryan@malone.edu).

One of the main ways Malone serves K-12 students and their teachers is by tailoring programs for specific learning opportunities. Many groups have come to campus for hands-on learning programs, toured our facilities, and met with faculty and students. We'd love to partner with you to create an experience to compliment your classroom teaching. If interested, email [tbryan@malone.edu](mailto:tbryan@malone.edu).

Our belief in the value of partnerships with organizations and businesses is highlighted by our recent appointment of **Jason Moyer** as executive director of strategic partnerships and innovation. He stands ready to talk with you about your organization's needs and how Malone can partner with you to provide additional learning — and certification, in some instances — in a manner that enhances your business model. You can email Jason at [jmoyer@malone.edu](mailto:jmoyer@malone.edu).

These are just a few examples of the way Malone works to serve the community, Church, and our world. I invite you to think about ways Malone can be a resource for you. We're ready to help you.

Sincerely,

*Shari N. Hansen*

**Shari N. Hansen '99**  
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# New *at* Malone

## BRIAN HOLLINGSWORTH NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT



**Brian Hollingsworth '02, '14** is a two-time graduate of Malone University and brings to this role more than 20 years of fundraising experience at Akron Children's Hospital.

Hollingsworth was hired at Akron Children's shortly after his first graduation from Malone. Since that time, he has been promoted on six occasions, each time acquiring more responsibility in the organization's highly successful fundraising operation. His most recent role there was Senior Major Gifts Officer, and he served as the point person on several multi-million dollar gifts for hospital priorities. His experience also includes planned giving, capital campaign development, donor relations, grants, corporate sponsorships, annual fund, event planning, and volunteer coordination.

In addition to his bachelor's degree, Hollingsworth earned his master's degree from Malone in Organizational Leadership in 2014. He and his wife, **Ryan '03**, have one daughter, attend the Chapel in Green, and reside in Uniontown.

## MALONE JOINS IN A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH EVANA NETWORK

The Indiana-based collective of pastors and churches is committed, as Malone is, to advancing the wider Kingdom of God.

"I am excited about our new partnership with Evana because I know we can provide support to their membership that is unique to Malone," said **Greg Miller**.

The Evana Network invites people to faithful living in Jesus Christ by offering a wide range of resources and support to help churches effectively engage with their local community, thereby equipping congregations to be effective Gospel witnesses and conduits of God's grace.

"We're committed to work together for Christ's Kingdom as Malone educates students from their churches and serves as a resource for their organization in support of their mission," said Miller.

To learn more about the Evana Network, visit [www.evananetwork.org](http://www.evananetwork.org)



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*Greg Miller*



## HEAD COACH NAMED FOR NEW WOMEN'S LACROSSE PROGRAM

**Michael Jewell** was recently named head coach of Malone's new women's lacrosse program. Jewell served as the interim head coach at Ashland University during the 2021 season.

"His passion and enthusiasm is energizing. I have confidence Michael will recruit strong academic-focused student-athletes, and build a program on the field that models the values of Pioneer athletics," said Director of Athletics **Tanya Hockman '94, '99**.

"I am very excited to be selected as head coach for the inaugural women's lacrosse team," Jewell stated. "I am honored to be part of this historic moment at Malone University."

## WOMEN'S STUNT PREPARED TO LAUNCH

STUNT, one of the fastest growing women's sports in the country, incorporates technical and athletic components of cheer. Teams create short routines to compete against opponents from other schools.



In April 2020, the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) recommended the addition of STUNT as an emerging NCAA sport.

"STUNT enables us to expand programming for our female student-athletes with competition against other Great Midwest Athletic Conference institutions," **Hockman** stated.

In October the G-MAC announced that it would begin sponsoring STUNT as a championship sport during the 2022-23 season.

October 14 – 15, 2022

# INAUGURATION

“Malone is at a crossroads moment ... Thankfully, the Lord gives us guidance through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘stand at the crossroads and look, ask for the ancient paths, ask where the GOOD WAY is and walk in it.’”  
(Jeremiah 6:16)



## IMPRESSIONS OF DR. MILLER

**JACCI STUCKEY '77, PH.D.,** *professor of history*

"Dr. Miller is committed to Malone, its students, its alumni, and the larger regional communities. He was an outstanding professor, much beloved by his students, and will be an exceptional president."

**TIM BRYAN,** *vice president for communication and marketing*

"Dr. Miller is the person for Malone at this time in its history. He will lead with grace, humility, and skill toward a bright future for our worthy institution."

**DEBBIE NOBLE '92, J.D.,** *trustee*

"Dr. Miller has the expertise, initiative, and discernment to lead us through challenging times. He has a deep love for our most vital resource—our staff and faculty—and he's passionate and intentional about having a tangible impact on all students."

**REV. WALTER ARRINGTON, D.MIN.,** *trustee*

"Our times are in such desperate need to hear and see those who are committed to the Word of the Lord. Dr. Miller's commitment is clear! Only God's Word can heal our land!"

# INAUGURATION Celebration



Highlights of the weekend included a pastors' breakfast, the installation ceremony, and a formal gala at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

**REBEKAH STRANGER '23**, *integrated social studies and integrated language arts*

"As a student, attending inauguration events helped me gain a better understanding of the wider Malone community. I enjoyed seeing the community come together to celebrate our new president and the future of Malone."

**ELIZABETH DYKE '23**, *middle childhood education*

"Attending the inauguration definitely impacted my experience at Malone. It was a really unique celebration to participate in, and I truly believe that it brought a sense of hope and liveliness to the Malone community."

**SHARI HANSEN '99**, *chair, Board of Trustees*

"Dr. Miller steps into the presidency with deep knowledge of leadership in higher education, a deep love for Jesus, and a proven track record of decisive leadership through innovation and by being nimble. He has demonstrated that he is the right person for our institution in this season."

[malone.edu/inaugurationhighlights](https://malone.edu/inaugurationhighlights)

*Did you miss Dr. Miller's inaugural address? Listen to the recording – full of stories of God's faithful care for Malone – and view more images from inauguration weekend online.*



# DONOR Profiles

## CHARLOTTE '65 AND JIM BOYER

Malone was on **Charlotte Boyer's** radar from the moment it arrived in Canton. A graduate of Canton Lincoln High School, Boyer '65 was thrilled about the new local university because it meant she could afford to go to college while still living at home. While she was a student at Malone, she studied education and enjoyed being involved in music.



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*Charlotte Boyer '65*

She and her husband, **Jim**, met at First Christian Church after he moved to the area to teach math for North Canton Schools.

The Boyers faithfully support the University by contributing to The Malone Fund. In fact, they currently hold the record for being the longest-running monthly givers.

"Malone was so good for me as a college student, and we still believe Malone's mission as a Christian institution is vitally important to the Canton area," she said.

Over the years, Boyer has been involved in the Women's Alumni Club, the Alumni Executive Board, and now the Malone Associates, who provide Bibles for every incoming Malone student during Welcome Week.

"We don't live in the North Canton area anymore, but are still involved in the Malone community because it's a tie I never want to break. I believe that being present and supporting Malone financially are both important. Giving on a monthly basis is easy with automatic bank withdrawal, and when we're on campus we are excited to see the students who benefit from our gift. I hope I can be an example to them for how to stay engaged with Malone after they graduate."

## CHUCK HOOVER

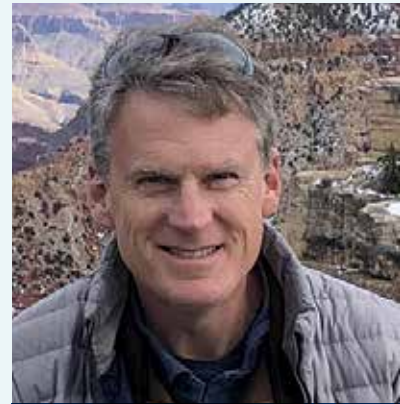
After a rewarding career as an investment manager and leader in Stark County, **Chuck Hoover** now serves as the Pendle Hill Executive in Residence at Malone and is the director of the Student Managed Investment Fund Club.

The idea for the club came from his own experience as a student at the College of Wooster.

"Students were required to attend chapel services in the years before I enrolled and if you didn't attend, you'd receive a fine," said Hoover. "Through the years, this pot of money grew but there wasn't any designated use for it. One of the economics professors suggested that the College allow students to manage those funds for a purpose, so leadership decided that the money from investments would go to scholarships. That student aid fund was in place when I enrolled and the investment club met weekly and discussed presentations on what stocks we should buy. This was largely what led to my interest in investment management. It is how my career began."

Hoover managed investments for two firms in the Canton market for more than 30 years before retiring. Now his role allows him to serve as a mentor to Malone students and connect Malone with the region's business community.

"Working with Chuck has been an invaluable experience. He has helped us to build this club from the ground up and his



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*Daniel Morber '24*

encouragement drives us toward progress," said **Daniel Morber '24**. "He sees the world in a way that we might not, which is helpful when trying to determine the validity of a company. Chuck has helped to shape the way we think about finances, the stock market, and our faith."

"The way I work is that I just let God lead me," said Hoover. "I had other interests I wanted to pursue in retirement, but now I couldn't be more pleased to see how this role at Malone has come together."



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# ENDOWED

# Scholarships

**Endowed scholarships provide you with an opportunity to customize a scholarship in support of experiences or passions that are important to you. We will work individually with you to establish your gift, and it will be used in perpetuity exactly as you intend.**

## ROSE BIANCHI SAMS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

A Malone education can have an impact. **Michael Sams '72, D.O.** knows personally that impact. "My brother and I come from humble beginnings and in fact are the only members of our family to have undergraduate college and postgraduate education," said Dr. Sams.

He credits much of his growth and pursuit of education, and that of his brother **George P. Sams '67**, to the love and support of his late mother, Rose Bianchi Sams. "Without my mother's attention our lives would have been very different," said Dr. Sams.

In addition to his mother's support, Dr. Sams recognizes his Christian upbringing, as well as the Christian foundation of Malone, as being of supreme importance to his success and the success of current, and future, Malone students.

"It is refreshing in the age of disbelief that we find students who believe that ultimate truth comes from Jesus Christ," said Dr. Sams. "I owe all of my success to the providence of God, and feel honored that my humble story is of significance."

The **Rose Bianchi Sams Memorial Endowed Scholarship** will provide financial aid to a deserving student pursuing a career in one (or more) of the following areas of study: journalism, English/English literature, or pre-medicine studies.

"We are honored to help aspiring Malone University students," said Dr. Sams. "And we are grateful that God has given us the opportunity to be a change in a student's life."

## TIERNEY A. BRECKENRIDGE MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The **Tierney A. Breckenridge Memorial Endowed Scholarship** was recently established through a generous gift from **Tom Breckenridge '02**.

The scholarship, in honor of **Tierney "Ty" Breckenridge**, was created to provide financial aid to deserving students (those with demonstrated financial need who have a GPA of at least 3.0) pursuing nursing or pre-medicine.

"Tierney was insistent that the money go somewhere in the medical field because of the care provided for her, as a way to say thank you to the many healthcare professionals she interacted with," said Breckenridge. "At Malone we know that the gift is going to students who intend to make a difference in the field of healthcare."

Tierney Breckenridge passed away in January 2022 at the age of 64 after a long fight against pancreatic cancer. A large part of her continued quality of life was due to the "whipple" procedure, a major surgery.

"The doctor who performed the procedure sat and talked with us like someone sitting next to you at a ballgame," said Breckenridge. "He was an expert in high demand, but his bedside manner made a huge impact on us."

For many patients and families, this type of care is paramount. "I can't overstate the importance of genuine compassion and listening to the patient and their family," said Breckenridge. "Patients can tell if a healthcare provider is genuine. In addition to the medical training that one receives, they must have compassion as well."



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