



THE PRESIDENTIAL INVESTITURE OF

TOREY ALSTON

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Welcome to the formal ceremony conferring the authorities and symbols of high office, the investiture of Broward College's eighth president, Torey Alston.

This occasion is a time to reflect on the proud accomplishments of Broward College and imagine the future possibilities in our continued pursuit of knowledge and academic excellence. As in traditions across higher education, symbols of power, prestige, and authority like the mace, medallion, seal, and charter remind us of the history and heritage we carry forward in ceremonies like this.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Trina Robinson, NBC6 News Anchor and Emmy Award-winning Journalist

PROCESSIONAL

Academic Procession of Presidents, Trustees, and Dignitaries

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Institute of Public Safety Honor Guard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Samaya Potts, Institute of Public Safety Honor Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Esther Reyes, Broward College Alumna ('22)

INVOCATION

Frank Kennedy, Jr., Executive Pastor, New Mount Olive Baptist Church

CALL TO ORDER

Alexis Yarbrough, Chair, Broward College District Board of Trustees

WELCOME

Lori Morton, Associate Vice President, Employment Solutions & Strategic Partnerships
and Co-chair, Investiture Planning Committee

Elaina Moran, Director, Institutional Events and Co-chair, Investiture Planning Committee

GREETINGS

Broward College Students
Valeria Guidice, President, Student Government Association, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus

Broward College Faculty and Staff
Dr. Richard Louis, Immediate Past Faculty Senate President

Council of Presidents
Madeline Pumariega, President, Miami Dade College and Prior Chair, Council of Presidents

Government
Mark D. Bogen, Vice Mayor, Broward County

School Board of Broward County
Dr. Howard Hepburn, Superintendent

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“God Bless America” performed by Esther Reyes

REFLECTIONS

Florida Department of Education
Anastasios Kamoutsas, Commissioner

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Chauncy E. Haynes, 11th Province Polemarch

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Marva Johnson, J.D., President

**INVESTITURE OF THE PRESIDENT
PRESENTATION OF THE COLLEGE MACE AND PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION**

Alexis Yarbrough, Chair, and Members of the District Board of Trustees

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Elliott Elizabeth Alston and Torey Louis Alston

INVESTITURE ADDRESS

Torey Alston, President

CLOSING OF THE CEREMONY

RECESSIONAL

PRESIDENT TOREY ALSTON

Mr. Torey Alston became Broward College's eighth permanent president and chief executive officer via a unanimous vote of the District Board of Trustees in January 2025, and began his tenure in February 2025. His professional experiences and personal connection to Broward County have provided him with an understanding of how vibrant and amazing the community is, and this new opportunity brings Mr. Alston back to Broward County, his hometown.



AS A BROWARD COUNTY NATIVE – A “preemie” born at Memorial Hospital, Mr. Alston’s ties to the community are personal and vast. He is the son of parents who both attended state/community college—his mother served nearly 40 years as a social service case manager for Broward Health, and his late father, who graduated from what was then the Broward Community College Criminal Justice Institute, served nearly 25 years with the Broward Sheriff’s Office. From his parents, Mr. Alston learned the value of service and providing opportunities to others. As President, he is using these early experiences to empower faculty, staff and alumni as college ambassadors, helping promote the College and sharing our many achievements to attract and retain the best and brightest as we work to make our College the number one destination for academic excellence.

AS A CEO AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE – Mr. Alston led the Greater Miami Expressway Agency since 2021-2025 (\$2.6 billion in assets; \$268 million in revenue) as its first CEO, helping transition to a new agency while ensuring effective governance, financial sustainability, efficient operations and overall stability. He served as Chief of Staff for the Florida Department of Transportation (\$12 billion budget; more than 6,200 employees), charter officer with the City of Gainesville and Executive Director for two state programs at the Florida Department of Management Services. As President, Mr. Alston is using these prior experiences serving as the College’s Chief Lobbyist to secure opportunities at the local, state and federal levels.

AS A FORMER STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TRUSTEE – For nearly six years, Mr. Alston was a member of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) Board of Trustees, serving as the Board's Chair of Governance and Student/Academic Affairs, overseeing direct support organizations, passage rates, licensure rates and enrollment management. As President, he is using these prior experiences serving as the College's Chief Academic Champion, empowering the Provost and team with appropriate resources to ensure Broward College maintains and enhances all its programs.

AS A FORMER K-12 EDUCATION SENIOR EXECUTIVE – Mr. Alston worked alongside former Superintendent of Schools Alberto Carvalho twice for Miami-Dade County Public Schools as its inaugural Economic Compliance Officer and Executive Director, where he led economic development, contractor prequalification, ADA compliance and small/veteran business contracting efforts. Mr. Alston also led the implementation of a \$1.2 billion General Obligation Bond Program for new construction, renovations, new technology and academic services. As President, he is using these prior experiences serving as the College's Chief Recruiter, providing support and direction to stabilize and increase student enrollment.

AS A PUBLIC SERVANT – Community and civic engagement have always been important to Mr. Alston. He was honored to serve both as a Broward County Commissioner and chair of the School Board of Broward County. In that role, he helped change the district's focus to both student proficiency and becoming an "A" district, while pushing for more accountability and fiscal transparency. Mr. Alston is a member of several organizations and currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Gubernatorial Fellows Board of Directors (2019) and a member of the Department of Education African American History Taskforce. As President, Mr. Alston is using these prior experiences to serve as the College's Chief Advocate to academic and community organizations.

AS A STUDENT OF EDUCATION – Mr. Alston is a proud product of the Broward County public school system, having attended Walker Elementary, Parkway Middle and Blanche Ely High School, where he was elected countywide as the Student Advisor to the School Board. He received his undergraduate degree in business administration, as well as an MBA with a concentration in marketing and management, from FAMU. As President, he is using these prior experiences to serve as the College's Chief People Advocate, working with the Vice President of Talent and Culture to ensure the College provides professional development training opportunities for faculty and staff.

AS A FAMILY MAN – Mr. Alston is a man of faith and a true "family man." He married his college sweetheart, Candice, and they have two wonderful children, Elliott Elizabeth and Torey Louis. His is a fourth-generation family attending New Mount Olive Baptist Church where he and his brother were baptized many years ago. Mr. Alston is a student of history, and as his family's historian, he understands the importance of passing down family tradition to younger generations. As President, he is using these prior experiences to encourage the community to learn about the profound history of Broward College to better understand where it is heading over the next 10-20 years.

AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF BROWARD COLLEGE – Mr. Alston is committed to working with all stakeholders to build upon the strong foundation that has already been established at the College. He knows that, by working together, Broward College can be the **#1 DESTINATION FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.**

BROWARD COLLEGE **MISSION**

Transforming students' lives and **enriching our community** through academic excellence, innovation, and meaningful career opportunities.

ABOUT BROWARD COLLEGE

Created by the Florida Legislature in 1959, Broward College has the **third-largest enrollment** within the Florida College System. Broward College serves **more than 51,000 students** with the support of **more than 3,300 full-time and part-time faculty and staff.**

THE **ACADEMIC MACE**

The Broward College mace, carried by the grand marshal at Commencement and other special academic events, is a symbol of the authority vested in the College President. The Broward Community College Presidential Inaugural Committee of April 2004 commissioned faculty members to design the College's first formal mace. The committee envisioned a design that would be in keeping with the history of the State of Florida, Broward Community College, and higher education. Faculty members were asked to consider a design that could be created using materials that are indigenous to Florida. The Broward College mace is the result of their efforts. The mahogany mace is 42 inches high and features a cast bronze Seahawk, the College's mascot, hovering in flight above a four-by-six-inch oval that holds four three-inch medals of the College seal. The oval rests on a hand-turned and sculpted mace that tops a two-inch diameter fluted staff with a turned bottom finial. It sits on a mahogany vertical mace stand.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

Because the formal installation of Torey Alston as President is an academic ceremony, gowns, hoods, and caps representing the regalia of a college or university are worn to lend color and pageantry. In general, holders of baccalaureate degrees wear unadorned black robes with pointed sleeves; the hood is three feet in length. The master's gown, which is untrimmed, features an oblong sleeve open at the wrist; the hood is three-and-a-half-feet in length. Individuals with specialist degrees may wear a specially-designed hood of intermediate length between a master's and doctor's hood, with a four-inch velvet border. The doctoral gown is faced down the front with black velvet, and three bars of velvet are used on both bell-shaped sleeves; the hood is four feet in length. All hoods are lined with the official color of the college or university that conferred the degree. The trimmings on the doctoral gowns, edging of hoods and the tassels on caps are associated with areas of study.

THE MEDALLION AND CHAIN OF OFFICE

Use of a medallion as part of academic regalia began during the Middle Ages. In contemporary usage, the medallion symbolizes the authority of the president and is worn at official ceremonies, such as Commencement, along with academic regalia.

On the Broward College medallion's face is a reproduction of the College seal, with the open book at the center, engraved with the year the College was founded—1959. A decorative wreath surrounding the medallion completes the design.

The chain of office contains small square plaques engraved with President Alston's name and those of the previous seven presidents of Broward College. Between the engraved plaques are medallions depicting a Seahawk—the College mascot—in flight against a background of the sabal palm, Florida's state tree.





66 YEARS OF **BROWARD COLLEGE**

Broward College's history is a rich legacy of innovation and academic excellence. Here are some highlights from across the years:

1959

Established by the Florida Legislature.

1960s

The Junior College of Broward County opened September 6, 1960, with a first class of 701 students. The first permanent buildings opened at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus in Davie in 1964.

1970s

The College became Broward Community College and expanded quickly with new campuses in Coconut Creek, Fort Lauderdale, and Pembroke Pines.

1980s

The College continued to expand its campuses and academic programs, and enrollment reached 30,000 students in 1989.

1990s

Florida Atlantic University expanded its presence at Central Campus, and the two institutions opened the joint-use University College Library in 1996.

2000s

Broward Community College transformed into Broward College with the addition of baccalaureate programs in 2009.

2010s

The College celebrated its 50th anniversary and hosted its first baccalaureate class graduation.

2020s

Broward College adapted to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic through digital learning.

2025

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Higher education is constantly changing, and so is Broward College. Whether it is harnessing the potential of technologies like AI or utilizing advanced simulators in areas like health care and aviation, Broward College is ready to prepare students for the workplace of tomorrow. We have students who are working to transform their dreams into reality, and we have dedicated faculty and staff who will help them rise to the moment. Under the leadership of President Alston and the guidance of the District Board of Trustees, Broward College will be the **#1 DESTINATION FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.**

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