



OAKWOOD
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2021 COLLOQUIUM

MAPPING *for* *The* FUTURE



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Welcome to University Colloquium 2021: “MAPPING FOR THE FUTURE”



Colloquium 2021 marks the start of the 2021-2022 school year and occurs in the midst of a global pandemic. Institutions across America, Canada, Mexico, and other places beyond the North American continent, are preparing to face our “new normal” as it is being labeled. Oakwood University is using this opportunity to do similarly. Thus, our theme for Colloquium 2021 is “Mapping for the Future.”

This year, we will focus on our strategic planning process as we are contemplating the post-pandemic Oakwood University. In this 2021 Colloquium, we will take a deep look into how we will successfully navigate a world that we did not choose and cannot control. We will set goals and plot our paths into an uncertain future. From the health and safety of our campus, to our teaching methods and modalities, to old and new resources designed to launch us into our service orbits, to our patterns of cross-cultural socialization—these and many more must be revisited, reviewed, and revised in light of the new conditions facing the industry of higher education. And with God’s guidance, we will deliver His mission to families.

To center us spiritually, Pastor Debleaire Snell, Senior Pastor of Huntsville’s First SDA Church, will deliver our daily devotionals. Notwithstanding the challenges of this new environment, we choose to claim the power of His love and the inspiration of His Holy Spirit. David said, “I will bless the Lord at ALL times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth” (Psalm 34:1). God will be praised in the midst of this pandemic, because He is worthy of all praise, in the good times as well as in the bad. I invite you to enjoy the inspiration, motivation and fellowship that our Colloquium team has planned with you in mind. Again, welcome to Oakwood University Colloquium 2021, and thank you for your excellent service to Oakwood. May God bless you, and may God bless Oakwood University!



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leslie M. Pollard".

Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., MBA
President, Oakwood University



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2021 COLLOQUIUM

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 – *Continental Breakfast*

8:30 - 8:45 – Songs of Praise

Lewis Jones, Director of Recruitment & Admissions

8:45 - 9:30 – Receiving God's Word

**Debleaire Snell, Senior Pastor
First Seventh-day Adventist Church**

9:30 - 9:45 – Welcome/Prayer Session

Leslie N. Pollard, President

9:45 - 10:00 – New Faces, New Places

James Mbyirukira, Provost

10:00 - 10:30 – Vision 2025 - 2030: Strategic Plan - Key Themes

Leslie N. Pollard, President

10:30 - 10:45 – 125 Year Celebration Overview

Raymond King III, Director of Student Activities & Conference Services

Strategic Planning Priorities' Presentation

10:45 - 11:00 – Priority 1: Student Enrollment & Retention

Karen Benn Marshall, Vice President

11:00 - 11:30 – Priority 2: Educational Excellence

James Mbyirukira, Provost

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Priority 3: Student Life & Mission

David Richardson, Vice President

12:00 - 1:00 – *LUNCH*

1:00 - 1:15 – Drawing of Prizes

Raymond King III, Director of Student Activities & Conference Services

1:15 - 1:45 – Priority 4: Quality Assurance, Faculty Development, & Research

Prudence Pollard, Vice President

1:45 - 2:15 – Priority 5: Business Development, Finance, & University Advancement

Sabrina Cotton, Vice President

2:15 - 3:30 – Strategic Plan Feedback: Group Sessions

3:30 - 3:45 – Closing Remarks and Closing Prayer



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2021 COLLOQUIUM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 – *Continental Breakfast*

8:30 - 8:45 – Songs of Praise
Lewis Jones, Director of Recruitment & Admissions

8:45 - 9:30 – Receiving God's Word
Debleaire Snell, Senior Pastor
First Seventh-day Adventist Church

9:30 - 9:45 – Welcome and Faculty/Staff Dedication Service
Leslie N. Pollard, President
David Richardson, Vice President

9:45 - 10:15 – Mapping for the Future: Program Feasibility Assessment
James Mbyrukira, Provost

10:15 - 11:30 – Institutional Readiness for Fall 2021 Semester
Provost's Office/Academic Operations
Quality Assurance, Research, & Faculty Development
Business Development, Finance, & University Advancement
Enrollment & Retention Services
Student Life & Mission

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Presentation of Oakwood Resources
Leslie Pollard, President
Prudence Pollard, Vice President for QARFD
Howard Weems, Special Assistant to the President for Biblical Foundations

12:00 - 1:00 – *LUNCH*

1:00 - 1:15 – Drawing of Prizes
Raymond King III, Director of Student Activities & Conference Services

1:15 - 1:30 – Closing Remarks and Prayer – Staff Dismissed
Leslie Pollard, President

1:30 - 3:45 – Schools Planning Sessions