



# WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

THE POWER IN PURPOSE™

## **COLUMNS CEREMONY**

The Columns Ceremony is a revered tradition considered by many students and alumni to be one of their fondest memories of Westminster. Students are officially welcomed to the Westminster community when they walk through the Columns on the day of the New Student Convocation Ceremony.

Students do not pass through the Columns again until the day of their Commencement when they recess through the Columns – away from Westminster and out into the world as new graduates to lead lives of success, significance and service.

## **PROCESSIONAL\***

Dr. David Jones  
*Marshal of the College*

## **WELCOME**

Skulls of Seven

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COLUMNS**

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## **INDUCTION CEREMONY**

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## **ATHENIAN OATH**

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*New students repeat as prompted:* We will never bring disgrace to this our City by any act of dishonesty or cowardice nor ever desert our comrades. We will respect and obey the City Laws and do our best to get others to respect and obey them. We will strive to teach others to be loyal and true. Thus in all these ways we may make this city greater, better and more beautiful.

## **RESPONSE FOR THE CLASS OF 2022**

Katherine Bloom- Pullman, WA  
DeAndre White - Salisbury, MO

## **COLUMNS RECESSIONAL**

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Family and friends should follow the bagpiper from the Columns to Champ Auditorium for the 2018 New Student Convocation immediately following the Columns Ceremony. Please go directly to your seats. Students will process in after everyone is seated.



*Recited by the citizens of Athens, Greece more than 2,000 years ago, the Athenian Oath is frequently referenced by civic leaders in modern times as a timeless code of civic responsibility. The students of Westminster College have adopted this oath as an annual tradition for new students to recite before processing through the Columns and becoming a member of the Westminster community. Each member of the College strives to uphold the Athenian Oath for our College and bring honor to our alma mater.*



The Skulls of Seven is an honor society that prides itself on commitment to seven virtues: tradition, history, scholarship, loyalty and friendship, citizenship, service, and honor. The Skulls of Seven are defenders of college tradition and are chosen for their adherence to the seven virtues with the duty of upholding these values.

These six seniors and one junior are selected based on their proven devotion to the College and their positive representation of Westminster. This society has existed for over 100 years and is the oldest group on the Westminster campus. The continuing purpose of the Skulls is always and ever the welfare of the College.