

Paine College Ideal

*To love truth and seek it above material things;
To ennoble and be ennobled by common fellowship;
To keep the energies of life at full tide;
To cultivate an appreciation of the beautiful;
To work well and play with zest;
To have an open, unprejudiced mind;
To live simply, practicing a reasonable economy;
To find joy in work well done;
To be an earnest disciple in the school of Him who brings the abundant life;
To work diligently for a better understanding of the White and Black races.
Such is the spirit and ideal of Paine College.
To all who share this spirit and are eager for the pursuit of high things, we offer a hearty welcome.*

The Paine College Ideal was originally developed by a faculty committee appointed by President E. C. Peters in 1933 and was revised by the Board of Trustees at the spring meeting in 2003.

The Paine College Hymn

Frank G. Yerby '37 and Mark Fax

*O College of our heart's desire,
Resplendent in our gaze,
Awake in us thy sacred fire
And let us to thy truth aspire
Throughout the coming days.*

*And may the thing that thou hast
sought, Our nation's woeful lack,
True union of the heart be brought
And differences be set at naught
Between the white and black.*

*Paine College, guardian of the way
That each young foot must tread,
Thy gates are open to this day
And our firm, martial strides display Hearts clean and unafraid.*

***PREPARATION FOR
TRANSFORMATION...***



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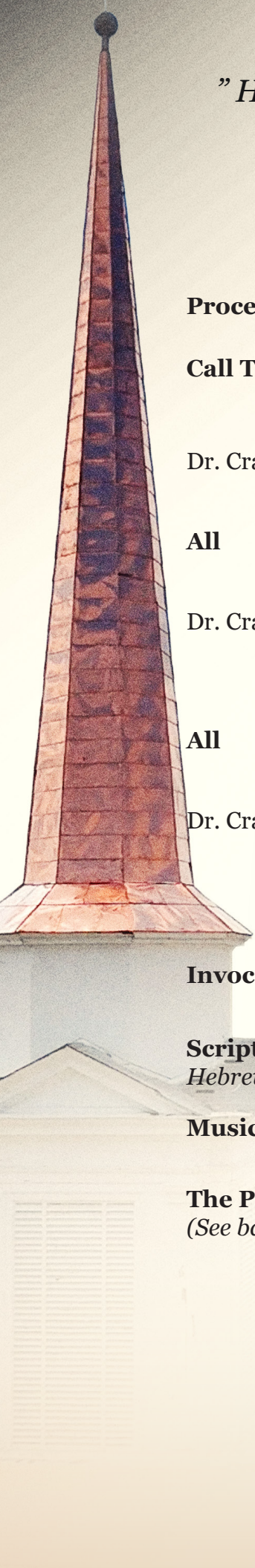
Welcome to the PRIDE

2026 NEW STUDENT INDUCTION CEREMONY AND WORSHIP SERVICE

**THE SECOND OF AUGUST
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING**

**GILBERT-LAMBUTH MEMORIAL CHAPEL
AUGUSTA, GA**

DR. LESTER A. MCCORN, PRESIDENT



Psalms 91:1

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

PROGRAM

Reverend Dr. Luther B. Felder, II, Presiding, Campus Pastor

Processional

Call To Worship

Dr. Ala'Torya V. Cranford '09
Vice President, Student Success

Dr. Cranford

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

All

Come! Let us worship!

Dr. Cranford

So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

All

Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Dr. Cranford

The faculty is honored to receive this new academic class into the Paine College community. Faculty members pledge to prepare all students to become self-sufficient and productive citizens, committed to intellectual pursuits and aesthetic appreciation.

Invocation

Reverend Dr. Luther B. Felder, II
Campus Pastor

Scripture Lesson
Hebrews 12:1-3 MSG

Mr. Martin Martinez '27
Vice President, Student Government Association

Musical Selection

The Paine College Ideal
(See back of the program)

Ms. Uzetta Gresham
President, Staff Association

Miss Rickhia Tarver '28
2025-2026 Miss Paine College

Ms. Monique Worthy '98
*President, Paine College Alumni Association,
Augusta Georgia Chapter*

Dr. Ala'Torya V. Cranford '09
Vice President, Student Success

THE INDUCTION

Dr. Tywana Hemby, Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

Appreciation of Heritage	I will honor myself, my family and my community and seek to understand all that connects me to the human family.
Integrity	In all academic and social matters, I will practice integrity and I will hold all members of the Paine College community to the practice of acting with integrity.
Fiscal Responsibility	I realize that others have sacrificed so that I can spend the next years of my life studying. I will value all human resources and monetary, which have been provided so that I can acquire a quality education.
Service	During my matriculation at Paine College and beyond, I will serve the College, the local community, the state of Georgia, the nation and the world with diligence and grace. As the newest member of the Paine College community, I pledge to uphold the core values that have been outlined to govern all areas of the education enterprise.

Presentation of the Class

Dr. Tywana Hemby
*Provost and Executive Vice President of
Academic Affairs*

Acceptance of the Class

Dr. Lester A. McCorn
President, Paine College

Musical Selection

Introduction of the Speaker

Mrs. Charlene “First Lady” McCorn
First Lady, Paine College

The Message

Dr. Lester A. McCorn
President, Paine College

Pinning Ritual

Community Members

Holy Communion

The Paine College Hymn
(See back of the Program)

Frank G. Yerby ‘37 and Mark Fox

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Luther B. Felder, II
Campus Pastor