University of Richmond Presidential Inauguration

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President Crutcher enters the Robins Center to a crowd of thousands.

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President Crutcher and his wife, Betty Neal Crutcher, sport their blue and red Spider colors on inauguration day.

The inaugural symposium, held in Camp Concert Hall, Booker Hall of Music, focused on equity in higher education. President Crutcher moderated a panel of higher education leaders to discuss this important topic.

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Edward L. Ayers, president emeritus, President Ronald A. Crutcher, and chancellors and past presidents Richard L. Morrill and E. Bruce Heilman share a moment before the inauguration ceremony.

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Dear Richmond Community,

It is my privilege to introduce Dr. Ronald A. Crutch, the 10th president of the University of Richmond. Dr. Crutch is a national leader in higher education, an accomplished administrator, a committed teacher and mentor, and a distinguished danishman.

When looking for the next president of the University of Richmond, the university community was remarkably clear and consistent in its aspirations for the next leader.

We sought:
- A leader for higher education and a rich appreciation for liberal education and our professional schools,
- A commitment to excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and the arts,
- A deep commitment to students and their success,
- A commitment to advancing diversity in all its many forms and in promoting access and affordability in higher education,
- Students who learn through inquiry, intercollegiates and athletes and the academic achievement of student-athletes,
- A dedication to active collaboration with alumni to sustain and strengthen the Richmond identity,
- A desire to engage deeply as a citizen of the Richmond region and to serve as a leader in higher education nationally.

That’s a tall order. Yet we have found all of that in Dr. Crutch.

The Richmond identity is an important component of the liberal education. He is truly passionate about education and intellectual community and providing the most talented young people with opportunities to achieve their potential. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and performed abroad the world while at the same time immersing himself deeply in the local communities of which he has been an active and visible leader as president of Washington College, president of Miami University in Ohio, director of the School of Music at Texas University at Austin, and vice president of academic affairs and dean of the Conservatory at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

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The award-winning Heilman Dining Center is open for the public to browse, and lunch everyday.

Located at 7th and Broad, UR Downtown provides space for academic departments, offices and UR programs to connect with the university community. Its location makes it easy to reach a variety of downtown destinations.

The Richmond School of Business is recognized as one of the nation's best business schools, offering undergraduate, graduate and executive education programs. The curriculum is reinforced by experiential learning outside of the classroom.

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University of Richmond offers a unique educational experience in 17 disciplines, with a wide range of programs outside of the classroom.

The Modlin Center for the Arts on the University of Richmond campus features state-of-the-art performance and exhibition spaces for students and alumni.

The Law School at the University of Richmond is in the top 5 schools for law school applicants.

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