

lowed by two years at another school, in this case the Heinz School. After completing Messiah's general education curriculum and major courses in the politics department, students who choose this accelerated option will go on to fulfill their requirements at the Heinz School of Public Policy. Students participating in this Messiah–Carnegie Mellon program will receive both a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management in five years.

Another new arrangement, this one with Arcadia University, will make graduate studies in physical therapy even more accessible for Messiah students completing either a major in sport and exercise science with a concentration in pre-physical therapy or a major in biology. In an agreement initiated by Arcadia, up to five Messiah students will receive guaranteed admission into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program after graduating from Messiah.

Both institutions sought out Messiah College as a partner, serving as a testament to the caliber of Messiah's graduates. These new programs are expected to attract even more quality students to Messiah, and have been recognized as some of the best programs of their kinds in the nation

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## Presidential inauguration scheduled for October 14

*Planning well underway for campuswide celebration*

“An opportunity to celebrate the history of Messiah College and reaffirm our commitment to the College”—that’s how Kim Phipps characterizes the October event being planned to mark her official installation as Messiah’s eighth president. Led by inauguration chairperson Carla Gross, director



of public relations and special assistant to the president for communications, a team of subcommittees made up of educators, staff, and students,

has been hard at work since March to ensure the celebration will be memorable for everyone and reflect its theme, Created and Called for Community.

Although details for various aspects of the celebration are still being ironed out, the installation ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday morning, October 14—the day before Homecoming. A luncheon will follow the ceremony. Many other special inaugural activities are being planned, including an inaugural chapel serv-

ice, a student-centered semi-formal ball, a keynote lecture by author Anna Quindlen, and an improvisational comedy event entitled, An Evening with Colin Mochri and Brad Sherwood, featuring the stars of the TV show, “Whose Line Is It Anyway?”

*An inaugural website will be launched in mid-August to provide up-to-the-minute information about the celebration and complete post-event details at [www.messiah.edu/inauguration](http://www.messiah.edu/inauguration).*



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## Genesis team perseveres after heartbreaking obstacle

Messiah College’s Genesis solar racing team entered this year’s Solar Splash in Buffalo, N.Y., with an innovative design and high expectations. After long hours of preparation, they felt confident that their unique solar array and custom-built parts would give them the competitive edge needed to contend for the championship.

That all changed, however, when the team suddenly faced an unlikely obstacle. After a day of qualifying heats, the boat’s propeller struck a concrete block in the shallow lake, which cracked a main component that powers the boat. The team managed to run part of the endurance race the next day, but as they competed with Cedarville for first place, the cracked component failed completely and the boat drifted to a stop.

The damage was so extensive that the team agreed they couldn’t finish. But they still had reasons for celebration. They received two design awards and finished in the top 10 (out of 19), despite missing an entire day of competition. Afterward, even though they could only watch on Sunday as other teams passed them in the rankings, they decided to stay until the end of the events, cheering on other schools.

“The team realized that we were all in this together,” says team leader Steve Osborn ’06. “We all stuck together and supported each other. And we’re looking forward to trying again next year.”

*For more information about Genesis, visit [www.messiah.edu/the\\_bridge](http://www.messiah.edu/the_bridge).*

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