

## Inauguration

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The College expects a large number of delegates to participate in the Installation Ceremony from colleges and universities across the country. Gowned in academic regalia, delegates will march to the tune of bagpipes in a colorful procession.

A student carnival on the green beginning at 2:00 p.m. and an evening Mardi Gras dance and light show, Saturday, April 19, will conclude the celebration.

In conjunction with the inauguration, an archival exhibit will be on display during the week in the antiquities room of Whitaker Library. Hours will be scheduled around other events.

Lott comes to Chowan after sixteen years as vice president for academic affairs at Louisiana College in Pineville, La., where he also served as acting president on two occasions. Prior to his arrival at Louisiana, he completed thirteen years as professor of sociology and religion at Tift College in Forsyth, Ga.

A graduate of Louisiana College with a bachelor's degree in sociology, Lott later received the B.D. and Th.D. in systematic theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned his doctorate in education from the University of Georgia, has completed graduate work in sociology at the University of Georgia, and participated in the College Management Program of Carnegie-Mellon University.

Lott and his wife, the former Johnnye Jo Foshee, are the parents of three children, Philip of Stockbridge, Ga., Jo Lynn Chesser of Pineville, La., and Brantley of Norcross, Ga. They also have three grandchildren, Amber, Ashley and Jake.

"We've tried to provide events with significant variety to appeal to all in our campus and extended community and plan the week-long celebration with the greater community in mind," says Evans.

All events are open to the public and most are free. However, because many events require a reservation response, the Inaugural Steering Committee requests that inquiries and responses be directed to the College switchboard at (919) 398-4101.

Representatives  
from many  
colleges and  
universities to  
participate in  
installation  
ceremony



Bubbles Quarles '97, from Bowie, Maryland, assists with the assembly of inaugural invitations.

## A Letter from the President

The twenty-first presidential inauguration of Chowan College is rapidly approaching and I sincerely hope that you are making plans to attend. Some of you may be wondering why the installation is taking place nine months after I became president. Actually, it is not very unusual. Among my colleagues attending the Harvard Summer Seminar for New Presidents, at least one will be inaugurated later, one will be inaugurated the same week, and a number will be installed around the same time frame. A "friend" of mine recently suggested, with tongue in cheek, that the purpose for the delay was to see if I was going to work out before planning such a celebration.

I believe that many activities scheduled during the inaugural week will reflect our heritage and our hope for Chowan. Some events, such as the Ella Ann Holding Community Concert and the Hobson Lecture, were already scheduled and have simply been incorporated into the week-long schedule. The prayer breakfast with area ministers Tuesday morning and the worship service for area churches Wednesday, are intended to reflect our core identity as a church-related institution. Our "Ethics Across the Curriculum" colloquium Tuesday will launch the recently approved curricular reform.

I welcome and encourage you to attend as many activities as you can schedule. As we rejoice together, I hope that you will keep in mind that the purpose of the inauguration is not to focus on the individual, but rather to celebrate a significant event and milestone in the life of Chowan College. Please make plans to join us. I look forward to seeing you on the campus during inaugural week.



Dr. Stanley G. Lott

Stan Lott  
President

## Dr. Lott presented '97 Distinguished Alumni Award by Louisiana College

Selected to receive a 1997 Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, Louisiana College, Dr. Stanley G. Lott recently accepted the well-deserved recognition during February Homecoming activities in Pineville, La.

His descriptive tribute begins, "Dr. Stanley G. Lott is a familiar and well-loved personality on the Louisiana College campus. Having served Louisiana College for 16 years as vice president for academic affairs, he recently assumed the presidency of Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N.C."

The Louisiana College Alumni Association Executive Committee voted last fall to bestow the honor on Lott, another educator, a nursing administrator and a preacher. "We couldn't have asked for a group that better exemplifies the standards established for this award," said Byron McGee, director of alumni affairs and special events. "These are people who made the most of their education and who have been friends of their alma mater. We are proud to recognize these alumni," he continued.

The tribute continues, "Known on the LC campus for his strong relationship with faculty members, Lott was a facilitator and catalyst who enabled others to do what needed to be done. He laid the groundwork for the addition of the current nursing program, hired almost two-thirds of the current faculty and is greatly respected by faculty members for his dedication to preserving their academic freedom."

"Lott has been active in the American Association of Higher Education and the Council of Independent Colleges. He chaired the Conference of Academic Deans of Southern States, served as president of the Dean's Group of the Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools and was also vice president of that association."

"A longtime member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Alexandria, Lott served as a deacon, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, chair of the Finance Committee, chair of the Budget Planning Committee, Sunday School teacher and as a member of the Sanctuary Choir."

He was a member of the Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, coordinator of the Education Section of the United Way Annual Campaign, vice president and board member of the Alexandria Museum of Art and past director of the Alexandria Downtown Lions Club.

Lott attended LC from 1953-1957 and served as vice president for academic affairs 1980-1996.

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