

## **Greeting**

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The Inauguration of Thomas R. Rochon

April 17, 2009

Good afternoon to our esteemed board of trustees, the Ithaca College administration; the deans for each of our five schools and our Division of Interdisciplinary and International Studies; members of our student body, faculty, and staff; and all of our guests who have traveled near and far to be with us today. On the behalf of the student body, it is an honor to welcome Thomas Rochon as Ithaca College's eighth president.

At Convocation, earlier this year, I said that every new beginning signifies a new chapter in our lives. Today, Ithaca College officially begins a new chapter of its own—a new presidency in its almost 117 years of history. This place we all call home, like in the past, has some challenges in our midst. However, Ithaca College has a long history of standing strong and rising to these challenges. I strongly believe that our history of strength will certainly repeat itself.

To continue our culture of community, the Ithaca College Student Government Association passed a resolution on April 7, which I'd like to read to you now. President Rochon, would you please join me?

Whereas Ithaca College is committed to excellence,

Whereas the Ithaca College president is committed to the excellence of every student,

Whereas Dr. Thomas R. Rochon has been selected as the eighth president of Ithaca College,

Whereas President Thomas R. Rochon has demonstrated his commitment to the success of Ithaca College,

Whereas the student body recognizes and appreciates true commitment to the success of Ithaca College and the campus community,

Therefore let it be resolved that on the 17th day of April, 2009, the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, officially welcomes Dr. Thomas R. Rochon to the Ithaca College campus community.

President Rochon, as a current student and a future alumnus, I know that this community will stand with you and support you to ensure that Ithaca College remains ever-growing and everlasting. Welcome to the family!