

CELEBRATING  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

# **INAUGURAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONVOCATION**

FEATURING  
**REV. NONTOMBI NAOMI TUTU**



WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16, 6 P.M.  
WMC ALUMNI HALL

**MCDANIEL COLLEGE**

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This annual event was founded by McDaniel College's 10th president, Julia Jasken in recognition of Black History Month.

The word "convocation" means assembly or to come together. Our annual Black History Month Convocation provides an opportunity for both the McDaniel and wider communities to gather to hear from prominent individuals working toward social justice and racial equity. Our hope is that we will all learn, grow, and continue the work of making our communities more inclusive and just.

## Program

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### **WELCOME**

Dr. Julia Jasken  
*President*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Dr. Richard M. Smith '00  
*Associate Provost for Equity and Belonging*

### **FEATURED SPEAKER**

Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu  
*Human Rights Activist*

### **CONVERSATION WITH REV. TUTU**

Moderated by Dr. Smith  
*Associate Provost for Equity and Belonging*

# Bio

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## **REV. NONTOMBI NAOMI TUTU**

The Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu knew from early in life that the one thing she would never be is a priest. She has always said, "I have my father's nose, I do not want his job." However, after years spent as a development consultant, educator, and race and gender activist, she accepted her call to ordained ministry while in her 50s. She is an Episcopal priest who most recently was Associate Rector at All Saints', Beverly Hills.

The challenges of growing up Black and female in apartheid South Africa have been the foundation of Rev. Tutu's life as an activist for human rights. Those experiences taught her that our whole human family loses when we accept situations of oppression, and how the teaching and preaching of hate and division injure us all.

Rev. Tutu is the third child of Archbishop Desmond and Nomalizo Leah Tutu. She was born in South Africa and had the opportunity to live in many communities and countries. She was educated in Swaziland, the United States, and England, and has divided her adult life between South Africa and the United States.

Her professional experience ranges from being a development consultant in West Africa, to being program coordinator for programs on Race and Gender and Gender-based Violence in Education at the African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town. In addition, Rev. Tutu has taught at the University of Hartford, University of Connecticut, and Brevard College in North Carolina. She served as Program Coordinator for the historic Race Relations Institute at Fisk University and was a part of the Institute's delegation to the World Conference Against Racism in Durban.

She started her public speaking as a college student at Berea College in Kentucky in the 1970s when she was invited to speak at churches, community groups, and colleges and universities about her experiences growing up in apartheid South Africa. Since that time, she has become a much sought-after speaker to groups as varied as business associations, professional conferences, elected officials, and church and civic organizations.

In addition to speaking and preaching, Rev. Tutu has established Nozizwe Consulting. Nozizwe means Mother of Many Lands in her mother tongue Xhosa, and is the name she was given by her maternal grandmother. The guiding principle of Nozizwe Consulting is to bring different groups together to learn from and celebrate their differences and acknowledge their shared humanity. As part of this work, she has led Truth and Reconciliation Workshops for groups dealing with different types of conflict. She has also offered educational and partnership trips to South Africa for groups as varied as high schools, churches, hospices, K-12 teachers, and women's associations. These trips emphasize the opportunities to share our stories and experiences.

Rev. Tutu is the recipient of four honorary doctorates from universities and colleges in the United States and Nigeria. She has served as a curate at Christ Church Cathedral and as Canon Missioner for Racial and Economic Equity, and Canon Missioner for Kairos West Community Center for the Cathedral of All Souls, in Asheville, North Carolina. She is the single mother of two daughters and a son.

# McDANIEL COLLEGE'S DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT

*Unanimously approved by the McDaniel College Board of Trustees, August 2020*

"We are a community dedicated to excellence in the liberal arts, and as such, we welcome the contributions of divergent perspectives and experiences that strengthen the educational experience. Our community is fully committed to breaking down the walls of division, rejecting acts of exclusion, and challenging injustice, prejudice, and ethnocentrism. We seek to promote the presence and expressions of all groups, including those historically and/or currently marginalized. We recognize that the list is evolving and that creating opportunities for dialogue and mechanisms for actions will create an inclusive, open, and accessible community. Action and accountability lead to creating a better world through social change locally and globally. We strive to cultivate the skills needed to become competent, productive leaders and allies in a pluralistic and diverse world."

Read the full statement at [mcdaniel.edu/dei/statement](https://mcdaniel.edu/dei/statement).

Learn more about McDaniel College's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at [mcdaniel.edu/dei](https://mcdaniel.edu/dei).

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT McDANIEL

Additional Black History Month programming and activities are being coordinated by various student groups and offices across campus, including the Office of Student Engagement, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and various student groups, as well as Human Resources, the Office of Communications and Marketing, and the President's Office.

For more information, visit [mcdaniel.edu/black-history-month](https://mcdaniel.edu/black-history-month).