SAINT BONIFACIUS, Minn.  
(Nov. 22, 2013) – On Thursday, 
Crown College inaugurated Dr. 
Joel Wiggins as its 16th president. 
Hundreds from the community 
gathered for the event to welcome 
Wiggins and learn the values and 
goals that will define his 
presidency.

More than a dozen speakers 
welcomed Wiggins in person and 
by video, including State Sen. 
Julianne Ortman, U.S. Sen. Amy 
Paulsen. They applauded his unique ability to lead Crown College, as an alumnus and former pastor, university educator and business incubator manager.

“Integrating a Christ-centered mission and a pathway to academic innovation and excellence is challenging and almost, if not, impossible,” former Crown College president Dr. Rick Mann said to Wiggins. “You are one of the few who are equipped to lead this integration with your upbringing, commitment to Christ, experience at Crown, armful of degrees and comprehensive marketplace experience. I believe you’re the leader for such a time as this.”

In his address, Wiggins outlined four interlocking values to his leadership: relevance, service, velocity, purpose. He stressed the importance of being relevant to students by offering them an educational environment that prepares them for a purposeful future and puts service to God above all else.

“Crown is preparing students who will live in the 2020s and beyond, not the 2000s and before,” Wiggins said, adding, “Crown has a great heritage. I am part of it, as are many of you. But we
must not reclaim the past as much as stake our claim to the future – serving God, right here, right now, by faith!”

To help students discover their purpose and reach their potential, Crown College will focus on transformational student experiences. To do so, the college will continue to stimulate spiritual development, and enhance academics through cultural and international programs, experiential learning and Christian service opportunities.

Another goal is to create educational offerings that meet the demands of undergraduate and graduate students. Crown College will develop new majors, expand online offerings to improve its position as a top 10 online Christian college, and become an engaging resource for the community.

For more about Crown College and Wiggins, visit www.crown.edu.

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After nearly 100 years, Crown College remains an exceptional, accredited private Christian college passionate in its preparation of Christians who serve Christ and influence the world in many professions. Located west of Minneapolis, Crown is distinguished by its pledge to deliver a Christ-centered education that is academically outstanding, globally connected and an excellent value. With nationally ranked on-campus and online degree programs, Crown offers the best of both worlds – a vital, energetic campus and a best-in-class online Christian college. Visit www.crown.edu.

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