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ThinkForum

University Welcome and Fall Convocation featuring
the Elaine G. Hadden Distinguished Author

MONDAY,
AUGUST 18, 2025

Ashley Shew

*Against Technoableism: Rethinking
Who Needs Improvement*

Program

University Welcome

Eric W. Kaler

President, Case Western Reserve University

Presentation of the Class of 2029

Robert McCullough

Assistant Vice President for Enrollment

Dean of Undergraduate Admission

Remarks

Joy K. Ward

Provost and Executive Vice President

Zelene Desire

President, Undergraduate Student Government

Address

Ashley Shew

Elaine G. Hadden Distinguished Author

Alma Mater

Orientation Leader Choir

Closing Remarks

Eric W. Kaler

President, Case Western Reserve University



Ashley Shew is an associate professor of science, technology, and society at Virginia Tech and cofounder of the Disability Community Technology (DisCoTec) Center. Her current research sits at the intersection of technology studies, biotech ethics, and disability studies. Her books include *Against Technoableism: Rethinking Who Needs Improvement, Animal Constructions* and *Technological Knowledge and Spaces for the Future* (coedited).



Cleveland philanthropist and civic activist **Elaine G. Hadden's** long record of distinguished service to Case Western Reserve University extended well beyond her role as a valued member of the university's Board of Trustees from 1976 to 2003. She believed Case Western Reserve's breakthroughs and intellectual contributions directly benefit all of Northeast Ohio, and during her life she remained one of the institution's most outspoken advocates.

In 2012, she established the Elaine G. Hadden Distinguished Author Fund to support presentations by the author of the book featured each year as the university's common reading. Her generous gift serves an enduring reminder of her unwavering support of the university and love of creative endeavors.

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Shine on, forever,
Case Western Reserve.
Loyal and true are we (are we).
Your brave sons and daughters,
Your knowledge we use
To make our mark on history.

Our school days we'll cherish
forever more,
A lifetime of friends from the start
(the start).
Shine on, forever,
Case Western Reserve.
You'll be forever in our hearts.

Scott Miller (CWR '90, LAW '93)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 26, 2025

Inamori Ethics Prize Ceremony featuring Oscar Chacón
Amasa Stone Chapel

Inamori Ethics Prize Symposium featuring Oscar Chacón
Tinkham Veale University Center

Thursday, October 9 - Sunday, October 12, 2025

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend
Parent and Family Weekend

Friday, January 23, 2026

MLK Convocation featuring Anthony Jack
Tinkham Veale University Center

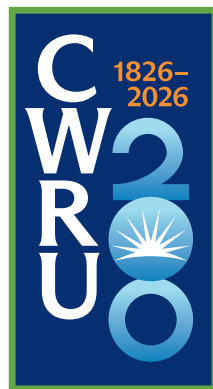
Wednesday, April 8, 2026

The F. Joseph Callahan Distinguished Lecture
Think Forum featuring Colm Tóibín
Maltz Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

The Millis Lecture
Think Forum featuring Claudia de Rham
Maltz Performing Arts Center

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