

# Tufts Presidential Inauguration 2023

LIGHTING THE WAY

## University Chaplaincy Celebration

INAUGURATION WEEK

October 4, 2023 • 7:00 p.m. • Goddard Chapel

Dear friend,

Next week we welcome Dr. Sunil Kumar as the fourteenth president of Tufts University. The week will be full of festivities, showcases, and celebrations, and it is a unique time in the life of our institution. You can [find more information about Inauguration Week here](#). The University Chaplaincy is thrilled to host one of these events!

As a member of our community - past and present - you are invited to our celebration on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Goddard Chapel. This multifaith gathering will welcome President Kumar through music, spoken reflections, and a collaborative art installation. Ladies of Essence and Shir Appeal a cappella groups, student leaders from Tufts' religious and philosophical student organizations, and chaplains will lift up our shared values of hospitality and welcome as we celebrate the legacy of religious and philosophical life at Tufts, rooted in our Universalist heritage and alive across our diverse and vibrant communities.

During the gathering, we will invite attendees to write their words of welcome or blessing for our new president on a paper oak leaf, which will be added to a special art installation created at this event which is inspired by the historic, stained glass oak leaves on one of the primary windows at Goddard Chapel (pictured below). If you can't attend in person, but would like to contribute to the installation, please submit through the link below.

[Submit to the Installation](#)

If you are able, your presence would make this celebration special as a community member, alum, or guest, and we would love to host you for this special moment for Tufts.

Pax et lux,  
Elyse Nelson Winger  
University Chaplain



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