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KING JR.**
MEMORIAL LECTURE

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023 | CHRIST CHAPEL
GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

PROGRAM

PRELUDE

The Gustavs Jazztet

Sister Sadie by Horace Silver

Witch Hunt by Wayne Shorter

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing
ELW #841 (cranberry colored hymnal)

PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Grady St. Dennis '92
Chaplain

Gracious God, you teach us that all people are beloved, all skin colors are beautiful, and all identities are worthy of respect. Let us see how it is that we are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny. Call us into your ongoing movement of justice, peace, and love in our communities and in the world. Help us delight in our diversities and transform any despair into hope-filled action. United in this time of learning and reflection, may we find rest and strength, renewal and inspiration. We ask this today as we remember the prophets, activists, visionaries, and reformers of the civil rights era. **Amen.**

WELCOME

Rebecca M. Bergman
President

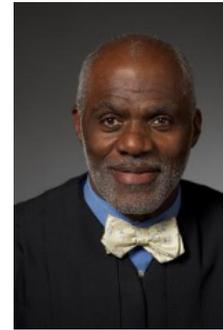
INTRODUCTION

Angel Obiorah '24

CONVERSATION WITH JUSTICE ALAN PAGE

Facilitated by Professor Phil Bryant '73
English Department

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



ALAN C. PAGE was born August 7, 1945, in Canton, Ohio. He graduated from Canton Central Catholic High School in 1963, and he received his BA in political science from the University of Notre Dame in 1967 and his JD from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978.

After graduating from law school, Page worked as an attorney for a law firm in Minneapolis, then served seven years as an attorney in the office of the Minnesota Attorney General.

He sought election to the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1992 and won, becoming the first African American on the court and one of the few associate justices ever to join the court initially through election, rather than appointment by the governor. When Justice Page was reelected in 1998, he became the biggest vote-getter in Minnesota history. He was reelected in 2004 and 2010 and served until he reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 in 2015. In 2018, Alan Page was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Law was Alan Page's second career; he was first known for his skills in football in college and in the NFL. At Notre Dame, Page led the school's storied football program to the 1966 national championship, and in 1993 he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Page was a first-round draft choice of the Minnesota Vikings in 1967 and played for the Vikings until 1978. The last three years of his football career were with the Chicago Bears from 1978–1981. During his career, Page played in 218 consecutive games, earning All-Pro honors six times, and was voted to nine consecutive Pro Bowls. In 1971 he was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player, becoming only the second defensive player in history to be named MVP. In 1988 he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Also in 1988, Justice Page and his wife, Diane, founded the Page Education Foundation, which assists Minnesota students of color in their pursuit of post-secondary education. To date, the foundation has awarded \$16 million in grants to 8,000 students.

Justice Page and his daughter, Kamie Page, have written four children's picture books, *Bee Love (Can Be Hard)* (2020), *Grandpa Alan's Sugar Shack* (2017), *The Invisible You* (2014) and *Alan and His Perfectly Pointy Impossibly Perpendicular Pinky* (2013).

MUSICAL LEADERS

Dr. Chad Winterfeldt, Cantor of Christ Chapel

The Gustavus Jazztet

Moriah Jensen, *alto saxophone*

Lucas Hartfiel, *tenor saxophone*

Aaron Johnson, *trumpet*

Lauren Buss, *trombone*

Conor Jolly, *guitar*

Calvin Gehring, *piano*

Will Sorg, *bass*

Nathan Swanson, *drums*

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