INAUGURATION DAY

Rozanski officially sworn in as Rider’s 6th pres.

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The Bart Luedeke Center Cavalla Room was filled with nearly 600 students, faculty, staff and invited guests, including Governor of New Jersey James E. McGreevey, to witness the inauguration of Dr. Mordechai Rozanski as Rider’s sixth president.

The event marked the beginning of the annual University Day celebration. This year’s celebration was a special one in that it marked the 10th anniversary of Rider achieving university status.

For Rozanski, the celebration was to be in honor of the University rather than him. He began his speech by saying, “Welcome to the celebration of Rider’s 10th anniversary as a university and to my inauguration.”

Rozanski was very personal in the early part of his speech. “Permit me to convey my heartfelt appreciation to the Board of Trustees and the University community for bestowing upon me the immense honor of becoming Rider University’s sixth president,” Rozanski said. “I accept the position with humility and a profound understanding of the great responsibilities and boundless opportunities it carries. I pledge myself to serve the University enthusiastically and to work tirelessly, intelligently and collegially to enhance the legacy you have entrusted to me.”

In attendance were R. Barbara Gitenstein, president of The College of New Jersey, the Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J., the president of Loyola College in Maryland, and Rozanski’s successor as president of The University of Guelph, Alastair Summerlee. Members of the audience were decked out in their official academic regalia bearing symbols for their individual degrees and their school colors.

Gov. McGreevey, who gave one of the formal greetings after Rozanski spoke, said that Rider is an example of the progressive nature of education in America in that Rider blends the business world with “the world of academia.”

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