

# Inauguration Reflections

RESULTS FROM  
**2016 Special Topics Survey**

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# What inauguration events did students attend?

<b>Thursday, September 29</b>	
Creating New Futures faculty panel	1%
Feminisms Across Time & Space faculty panel	2%
Outdoor Community Movie Night	7%
<b>Friday, September 30</b>	
Connections Alumnae Panel	5%
Community Lunch	45%
Inauguration Ceremony	70%
Soiree Dance Party	28%
I did not attend any Inauguration events	9%



# Selected comments: “What was your favorite memory from inauguration?”

Dancing with President Johnson.  
She's great at disco.

The energy and positive vibes from  
alumnae and visitors on campus.

Soiree! I had a wonderful time  
dancing, the refreshments were  
delicious, and I made a friend!

Cheering/screaming with other Wellesley  
students and alums as our professors and  
leaders walked down the aisles at the  
beginning of the ceremony.

Getting to hear Elizabeth Warren  
talk in person was pretty amazing.

Seeing all the Wellesley alumnae  
come back and witnessing the  
bonds they still share

Hearing the speeches of intelligent, inspiring  
women like the presidents of Harvard and  
Smith and Elizabeth Warren!

Watching the procession!

# Selected comments: “Do you have any suggestions for improving future events like Inauguration?”

All the speakers were great, but I may have enjoyed their speeches even more if, perhaps, there were an intermission.

I would improve communication to students and alumnae about the schedule of events (time, place, who is invited, etc.) .

Better contingency plans for rain (the soiree became very muddy very quickly).

The food was good but have very limited options. More options would be great.

I think more publicity for the events leading up would have helped. I did not even know about some of the events listed.

While each speech individually was very inspiring, the ceremony was too long overall. Perhaps finding a way to shorten it without compromising the quality?

I thought the soiree was going to be an opportunity to talk to alums and sort of mill about, felt disappointed to find out they had other events.

I would love to see more student voices included in the Inauguration ceremony.

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