Dr. Elizabeth MacLeod Walls  
*President, William Jewell College*

Dr. Elizabeth MacLeod Walls is the fifteenth president of William Jewell College. Prior to being named president, Dr. MacLeod Walls served in academic and senior leadership roles at Nebraska Wesleyan University and Bryan College of Health Sciences in Lincoln, Neb.

Dr. MacLeod Walls earned her Ph.D. in English Literature and Classical Rhetoric (highest distinction) from Texas Christian University and her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History (*Phi Beta Kappa*) at Hiram College. Passionate about the intersections among literature, history, rhetoric and women’s writing, she is the co-author of three books and several refereed articles on women’s writing, British modernism and rhetoric.

Dr. MacLeod Walls is an alumna of numerous higher education leadership programs, including the ACE Women’s Leadership Forum, Harvard Seminars on Leadership and the Presidency and the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. She is an accomplished musician, having performed competitively on the piano and cello throughout her youth, and was therefore delighted to have served as a trustee on Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra Board. Her advocacy for education led her to serve as founding co-chair, along with the retired superintendent, of the Lincoln Public Schools Family Literacy Advisory Committee, and to be an active member of the ICAN Executive Women’s Forum in Omaha, Neb.

Dr. MacLeod Walls is blessed to be the mother of two active sons, Alec and John Walls, and spouse to Rev. Dr. Craig MacLeod Walls. Named 40 under 40 by the *Lincoln Journal Star* in 2012, MacLeod Walls is among the youngest college presidents in the United States and is the first woman to serve as president of William Jewell College.