

WD
Cme.



"Education for the Twenty-First Century"

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH YEAR
of

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

HAZO WILLIAM CARTER, JR., PRESIDENT

Mid-Year

Commencement

THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER
A.D. NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-SIX
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

The Academic Procession

The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates and the College Advisory Board. This procession is led by a marshal, a graduate of West Virginia State College, who seats the graduates, faculty and platform guests. The faculty enter by academic rank wearing costumes that had their origin in the Medieval English University system. The costumes were devised to distinguish academic persons from lay persons, since everyone wore robes or gowns to ward off the cold. The recession, then, is in reverse order with the platform guest leaving the dais first, followed by the graduates and the faculty.

The colors of the academic dress have a significance deeply rooted in the tradition of academic life and are specified by a uniformed code maintained by the American Council on Education. Caps are black and are usually mortar boards with tassels. Doctors of Philosophy wear gold tassels usually of metallic thread; other degrees wear black or discipline colors.

The bachelors' gown is simple and black with long, pointed sleeves. Masters' gowns also black, are longer than bachelors. Older gowns have sleeves that terminate at the elbow while those since 1960 have sleeves extended to the wrist. Doctors' gowns are full, with bell-like sleeves. The front is marked by velvet panels and the sleeves are marked by three velvet bars. While most gowns are black with black velvet, one variation is to replace black velvet with velvet in the discipline color. A second variation is a colored gown usually of the university's colors.

All hoods specify the level of degree, the discipline studied and the awarding institution. First, degree level is signified by the size of the hood with bachelors' smallest, masters' larger, and doctors' quite large and of a different shape. West Virginia State College does not award hoods to bachelors. The width of the velvet trim also conveys the degree. Secondly, the discipline is indicated by the color of the trim edging the hood to form the throat over the gown. Finally, the color of the hood's lining specifies the awarding institution. The colors are displayed in combinations that are drawn from heraldry.

The colors of the tassels worn by candidates for baccalaureate degrees represent the fields of study in which the degrees will be conferred. At West Virginia State College the following colors are used to designate the various degrees.

Bachelor of Arts	White
Bachelor of Science	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	Drab
Bachelor of Science in Communications	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice	Velvet Blue
Bachelor of Science in Education	Light Blue
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology	Orange
Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Social Work	Citron
Associate Degree	White

The Mace

The Academic Mace precedes the entire procession. The grand Marshal carries in his hand this ceremonial staff that is used as a symbol of authority. Its placement and removal from a place of honor signifies the opening and closing of ceremonial sessions. The mace had its origin in the Middle Ages, being used first as a weapon by royal bodyguards to protect their monarchs in processions. Today, the mace is primarily used in academic processions, particularly in English speaking countries.

The West Virginia State College mace has historical significance in that it was designed from a spindle from the staircase of West Hall, the second building erected on this campus. West Hall was built in 1895, and was used for various activities. It was located on the present parking lot adjacent to East Hall and on the West side of Fleming Hall.

The mace was restored by James Huffman when he was Assistant Director of Admissions at West Virginia State College.

The Medallion

The medallion worn by the President represents the chains of office. These chains are worn by chief presiding officers of colleges and universities. Such chains may be of plain links with a medallion suspended from the lowest point in front. In recent years the chains have been replaced by ribbons of velvet denoting the colleges' colors. Incorporated within the medallion is a reproduction of the seal of the College. It is this seal that is impressed on the diplomas awarded to the graduates of West Virginia State College and other official documents.

The medallion is a single piece of crystal, five inches in diameter, designed and created by Cubert L. Smith, class of 1960, retired Professor of Art, West Virginia State College. The seal of the College is etched with an air eraser on the reverse side. This rear etching processes enhances the optics of the seal and makes it a one-of-a-kind piece.

Order of Exercises

Barbara J. Oden, Presiding
Vice-President for Academic Affairs

THE PRELUDES—

Gavorkna Fanfare *Jack Stamp*
Sonus Ventorum *Claude T. Smith*
West Virginia State College Symphonic Band
Christopher Card, Director

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Pomp and Circumstance—March I *Edward Elgar*
The Marshal
The Candidates for Degrees
The Faculty
The Platform Party

THE POSTING OF THE COLORS Color Guard
Army Reserve Officers Training Corps
Yellow Jacket Battalion

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM—

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

(The audience will remain standing until after the invocation.)

THE INVOCATION The Reverend James Johnson
All Saints Episcopal Church, South Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS Philip Reale
Board of Directors, State College System of West Virginia

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER Hazo W. Carter, Jr.
Ninth President, West Virginia State College

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS The Honorable Robert E. Wise, Jr.
Second Congressional District
United States House of Representatives

Order of Exercises

THE MUSICAL SELECTION— *Deposuit Potentes* from the *Magnificat*
Giovanni Battista Pergolese
West Virginia State College Concert Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Conductor

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

Teachers of the Year Winners from RESA III

Boone County Debra L. Harless, Danville Elementary

Clay County Cindy Dawson Willis, Clay County High

Kanawha County Ann W. Stowers, Capital High

Putnam County . . Tene H. Barcroft, West Teays Elementary

THE AWARDS OF HONORS John Teeuwissen
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HONORS

April Marie Bird	Sarah S. Scramlin Kesler
Forrest Ray Wetzels Blevins	Samuel Preston Landis
Ronnie Alan Chambers*	Patricia Cooper Pauley*
Rebecca Mary Gazitano	Douglas Lee Pickens
Billie Jo Hamilton*	Brenda Pritt Smith
April Dawn Howell	Shawn Eric Spencer

HIGH HONORS

Judith B. Arthur	Terry L. Lilly
Lougena Ann Duncan	Cheryl Ann McSparin
Timothy Holstine	Pamela Diane Moore
Asfia Islam	Kathryn Hazel N. Stone

HIGHEST HONORS

Beth Ann Adams*	Deborah L. Savilla Linville*
Sandra C. Ball	Samantha Dawn Meadows
Tammie Gaye Ginn-Andrews	Velma J. Mitchell*
Forrest Sue Harper	Ginger Annette Proctor*
Ronald Scott Jones	Amanda Tucker Weiner

*Denotes August graduates.

Order of Exercises

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

CUM LAUDE

Debra Ferrell Ashby	Elizabeth Henri Stein Marler
Anita Richardson Blackhurst	Leigh Ann Muck
Samuel Jay Burford	Stewart L. Mynes
Frankie J. Camp	Trudi A. Nelson
Michael Franciscan deLopez*	Steven Wayne Pennington
Spencer D. Elliott*	Angela Dawn Sampson
Betty S. Gregory	Angela Ann Samuel
Jillian Lee McCarthy	Tracy Lynn Wolfe

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Joey Lee Adkins	Janie Lynn Hewitt
Carol Lee Brown*	Sandra K. Kee
Dinah Jean Brown	Melissa Renee Keefer
Cynthia Jean Carr	Walter Chrisrian Krankemann
Carolyn Hayes Christian	Christopher Ray Luikart
Roxanne Elizabeth Clay	Elizabeth Ann Nunn
Cheryl Renee Covert	Larry Eugene Pruitt
Rachel Blair Ellison-Cobb	Allison Marie Sigmon
Matthew Owen Ferguson	John Michael Smith
John Edward Fisher	Nancy Ann Sullivan
Gordon Arnold Foltz	

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Carmella Elizabeth Brynside	Jeffrey Alan Green
Angela Dawn Cook	Angela Lynn Harless
Diane M. Counts	Amanda Tucker Weiner

THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES . . . Barbara J. Oden

*The Candidates for Degrees will be presented to
Vice-President Oden in the following order:*

Candidates for Associate Degrees . . . George W. Bilicic, Sr.
Provost, Community and Technical College

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degrees David Wohl
Dean, Division of Arts and Humanities

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degrees
Katherine Harper-Morris
Dean, Division of Natural Science and Mathematics

*After the conferring of the degrees by President Carter, the names of the
candidates will be announced by John L. Fuller, Registrar.*

Candidates†

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Emma Henderson Jackson

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Cynthia Cole Ackley	Sarah Sheree Scramlin Kesler
Beth Ann Adams*	Kimberly Renee Kitchen
Tracy Dwayne Adkins*	Samuel Preston Landis
Judith B. Arthur	Leah Cara Lauchart
Danette Cara Bain	Tracy Nicole Lewis
Sandra C. Ball	Terry L. Lilly
April Marie Bird	Michael Thomas McCollam
Debra S. Blankinship	Cheryl Ann McSparin
Forrest Ray Wetzels Blevins	Chris Brooks Martin*
George Bossie, III	Samantha Dawn Meadows
Jamie Todd Bostic	Robert Allen Miller, Jr.
Kimberly Ann Brown	Velma J. Mitchell*
Loretta Lenora Carr	Pamela Diane Moore
Colby Otis Casto*	Kelli L. Myers
Ronnie Alan Chambers*	Stephen Craig Nolen
William Patrick Coles	William Joseph Page
Wade A. Cruickshank*	Tammie Annette Painter
Nancy A. Dolan*	Patricia Cooper Pauley*
Steven Lee Donato	Anthony Samuel Perdue
Lougena Ann Duncan	Debra Sue Phillips
Kimberly Arlene Ferrell*	Douglas Lee Pickens
Timothy G. Finney	Ginger Annette Proctor*
David Russell Fix	Nickole Rae Prowse
Shemika A. Freeman*	Patsy Martin Reed
Larry Allen Garnes	Timothy Alan Robinson*
Rebecca Mary Gazitano	Brenda Pritt Smith
Gregory A. Giles	Robert Eugene Smith, II
Tammie Gaye Ginn-Andrews	Margaret Faye Snodgrass*
Lashon Monique Gore-Poole	Brandy J. Spaulding
Billie Jo Hamilton*	Shawn Eric Spencer
Forrest Sue Harper	Kathryn Hazel N. Stone
Larry David Holdren*	Stacey Ann Taylor
Timothy L. Holstine	William Lee Thomas*
April Dawn Howell	Tommy Joseph VanBibber
Asfia Islam	Annette Webb Warden
Aisha Zahira Ismail*	Tashawna Ann Williams
Ronald Scott Jones	Mary Odessa Yonts
Kimberly Ann Jordan	Mark Randal Yost*

†A name on the program does not assure that final degree requirements have been met.

*Denotes August graduates.

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Richard Dean Carney*	Marcus Motton
Charles Rodney Hall	Christopher T. Ransome
Deborah L. Savilla Linville*	Mary Ann Worix*
Mark Wayne McClure	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Monique Danielle Anderson	Jamie Carolyn Hawks
Carol Lee Brown*	Marcia Raines Heatherly
Billy S. Browning, III	Kelly Michele Johnson*
Frankie J. Camp	Jeffrey Allen Kearns*
Cynthia Jean Carr	Walter Christian Krankemann
Brenda Miller Carter	Jillian Lee McCarthy
Sherri Lee Casdorff	Elizabeth Henri Stein Marler
Roxanne Elizabeth Clay	Ronnie Joe Ratliff
Diane M. Counts	Kathy Marie Ray
Bridget Marie Cox	Steven R. Rhodes*
Spencer D. Elliott*	Angela Dawn Sampson
Elissa D'Ann Fleming-Goebel	Angela Ann Samuel
Gordon Arnold Foltz	Traci Elena Brown Smith
Mark Alan Ford	Stephen G. Tyson
Betty S. Gregory	Robert Dana Winebrenner
Amy Louise Gross*	

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Eric Allison Alderman	Melvin Everette Kindle
Steven Douglas Atkins*	Linda Kay Lambert
Dwayne Allen Bartley*	Todd Christopher Lee Lambert
Helen Mae Blevins	Brett Eric Lewis
Rebecca R. Bostic	Robin Renae Martin
Kimberly Ann Brown	Angela Carol Mason
James Alan Cadle*	Charles Butch Miles*
Tamyka Makeda Campbell	Earl Leonard Monroe*
Phillip Layne Chatting	Helen E. Montalvo
Melissa LaConya Coleman	Christina Lynn Mynes
Annette Cooper	Stewart L. Mynes
Danny C. Cox	Katharine L. Paxton
Charles Rodney Hall	N. Lou Perry
Robert M. Hardy, Jr.	Elizabeth Ann Purvis
Vermont Scott Harris	Bobbie Jean Sigmon*
Cherri Denise Hatfield	Debra Nicholas Smith*
Imogene Sue Horsfield	John Michael Smith
Joseph Alfred Hubbard	Vickie Sue Steed
Sandra K. Kee	Stephen Paul Stephens

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS (Continued)

Connie Layne Stewart
Martha G. Turley
Samantha Snyder Turner*

Gregory A. Waybright*
James Lee Wellman
Richard Arlen Worner, Jr.*

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Joey Lee Adkins
Mary Catherine Bilicic
Tracy Gail Bossie
Phillip Dwayne Brisco
Angela Dawn Cook
Gary Alan Fields*
Leila May Haikal

Michael Eugene Hanshaw*
Douglas Alan Kee
Melody Jean Lanham
Tina Dawn Long
Elizabeth Ann Nunn
Lateef Yusef Saffore

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Anita Richardson Blackhurst
John G. Blaker
Sara L. Boardman
Samuel Jay Burford
Debbra Dawn Carter
Carolyn Haynes Christian
George David Cox
David Brent Darnold
Melody Ann Duke
Thomas James Evans
Brian Edward Garrett
Amy Louise Gross*
Cynthia Lee Holley
Genean Rena Jones

Kimberly Ann Jordan
Gary Eugene Layne
Michelle Dawn Miller
Helen R. Mullins
Trudi A. Nelson
Janine Marie Niedbalski*
Lisa Patterson
Steven Ray Preston
Larry Eugene Pruitt
Thomas Alan Settle*
Amanda Tucker Weiner
Matthew Clay White
Kenneth Hager Yoakum

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Franciscan deLopez*
Matthew Owen Ferguson
Mark Alan Ford
Kevin Lynn Johns
Krisjonet Javia Johnson
Michael Lee McMaster

N. Lou Perry
Elizabeth Ann Purvis
Jamal C. Moore
Christopher T. Ransome
William Brady Rhodes
Adrian Michelle Shamblin
Christopher B. Triplett*

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Erin Melissa Adkins
Gerald Bush
Charo Noel Chaney
James David Dorsey
Robert Wayne Ellis
Wesley Andrew Gillespie
Jeffrey Scott Goff
Matthew Scott Hanning
Laura Gail Jarvis
Stewart Justice, III
Brandy Jo Kuhn
Brian Jeffrey Lindenmuth

Stacy Ray Loftis
Ovelton DeCarl Malone
Iris Renea Miller
Leigh Anne Muck
Lana Iwalani Robinson
Tausha Lynn Rucker
Shane Madison Shamblin
John Robert Skull, Jr.
Stephanie Dawn Taylor
Timmica Lewis Tolliver
Kwabena O. Tuffour
Heather LeAnn Wehrle

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Cynthiá Rose Allred
Debra Ferrell Ashby
Rasonia Anderson Bailey
Dinah Jean Brown
Carmella Elizabeth Byrnside
Carl Dean Caldwell, II
Deanna Lynne Canterbury-Penn
Cheryl Renee Covert
Nicole Reneé Davis
Rachel Blair Ellison-Cobb
John Edward Fisher
Amy Jo Ginn-Brewer
Jeffrey Alan Green
Angela Falin Harless
Valery Lockett Harper
Janie Lynn Hewitt

Carla Rogers Hughes
Stacey Lynn Hypes
Melissa René Keefer
Faiza N. Khan
Christopher Ray Luikart
Susan Carol O'Brien
Steven Wayne Pennington
Helen Ann Proctor-White
Christia Natasha Saunders
Leslie A. Scites
Allison Marie Sigmon
Nancy Anne Sullivan
Sonya Michelle Sweeney
Christi Renee Tucker
Tracy Lynn Wolfe

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Shaun Lawrence Guinn
Amy Ruth Lavender
Leigh Ann McGhee

Ralph Edward Raybeck
Lea Jaye Spencer

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Angela Yvonne Baker
Christine McKeel
Tracie Marlana Mullins

Dawna Marie Nichols
Deborah LaSean Sterling*
Stephanie Lynn Harrison Woods

Order of Exercises

THE PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING OFFICERS . . . Raphael P. Deegan
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
Professor of Military Science

Second Lieutenant Wesley A. Gillespie, Hurricane, West Virginia
Second Lieutenant Michael L. McMaster, Charleston, West Virginia

THE CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

THE STUDENT RESPONSE Frankie J. Camp

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE John L. Fuller '65
Treasurer, WVSC National Alumni Association

To join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideals of my college,
nurturing its growth and promoting its program, to serve with honor in
my chosen profession and to make of myself a symbol of the best
traditions of my college—this is my commission and my challenge.

THE ALMA MATER *Spencer/Wade*
Led by Scott Murphy '97

THE CLOSING REMARKS Barbara J. Oden

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Rupert H. Evans
Simpson United Methodist Church, Charleston, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL:

“Water Music Suite” *George F. Handel*
Hornpipe arr. Erickson
West Virginia State College Symphonic Band

The audience is requested to remain seated until the graduates have recessed.

GRAND MARSHAL

Professor R. Charles Byers '68

ASSISTANT MARSHALS

- Professor Kenneth W. Blake '74
- Professor Rita M. Brown '75
- Professor Clyde P. Campbell '64
- Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61
- Professor Patricia King '85
- Professor Jeanette Lee '74
- Professor Janet Martin '72
- Professor Patricia Shafer '71
- Professor Charles E. Smith '87
- Professor Craig Spaniol '66
- Professor Steve West '60

Honor Societies

ELECTED TO ALPHA DELTA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK

Angela Yvonne Baker

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Gordon A. Foltz

Angela D. Sampson

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Joey Lee Adkins

Carolyn Haynes Christian

Roxanne Elizabeth Clay

Angela Dawn Cook

Diane M. Counts

Rachel Blair Ellison-Cook

John Edward Fisher

Jerry Alan Green

Angela Lynn Harless

Melissa Rene Keeper

Ginger Annette Proctor

Larry Eugene Pruitt

Deborah L. Savilla Linville

ELECTED TO ALPHA MU GAMMA—NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

Carmella Byrnside

Nancy A. Sullivan

ELECTED TO ALPHA PHI SIGMA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Stewart Justice

Samantha D. Meadows

Pamala Moore

Leigh P. Muck

Tausha L. Rucker

Heather Wehrle

Mary D. Yonts

ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI—NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY

Angela D. Cook

Elizabeth A. Nunn

Doughlas A. Kee

Joey L. Adkins

ELECTED TO DELTA MU DELTA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

Larry Pruitt

Amanda Weiner

ELECTED TO KAPPA DELTA PI—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN
EDUCATION

Debra Ashby
Dinah J. Brown
Rachel Ellison Cobb
John E. Fisher
Jeffrey A. Green
Angela F. Harless
Stacey Hypes

Faiza Khan
Bridget McCollom
Susan O'Brian
Allison Sigman
Nancy A. Sullivan
Tracy Wolfe

ELECTED TO LAMBA IOTA TAU—NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY

Diana M. Counts

John Fisher

ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA EPSILON—INTERNATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS

Larry Pruitt

ELECTED TO PHI ETA SIGMA—FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Cynthia Carr
Roxanne Clay

John Fisher
Christopher Luikart

ELECTED TO PHI THETA KAPPA—HONOR SOCIETY FOR ASSOCIATE
DEGREE STUDENTS

Sandra Ball
Forrest Ray Wetzel Blevins
Lougena Ann Duncan
Tammie Gaye Ginn-Andrews

Ronald Scott Jones
Cherly Ann McSparin
Velma J. Mitchell
Patricia Cooper Pauley

ELECTED TO PI SIGMA ALPHA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Mark Ford

Frankie J. Camp

ELECTED TO PSI CHI—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY

Carol Brown
Cynthia Carr
Roxanne Clay
Betty Gregory
Marcia Heatherly

Walter Krankemann
Jillian McCarthy
Angela Sampson
Angela Samuel
Robert Winebrenner

ELECTED TO PINNACLE—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Cynthia Rose Allred
Dedra Ferrell Ashby
Forrest Ray Wetzel Blevins

Cheryl Renee Covert
Lisa Patterson
Brenda Pritt Smith

Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

There is a place we love so dear—
It's name we'll ever praise and revere
'Tis West Virginia State we love—
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.

REFRAIN

West Virginia's praise we'll sing—
Lift our voices 'til heavens ring—
As we gaily march along—
We'll sing a song—
For Alma Mater
How we love her
Pride of all our loyal hearts—
From her we will never part—
Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few
Alma Mater we love you.

We'll love her more as days go by,
And send her praises to the sky;
To place her over all the rest,
And keep her e'er the dearest and the best.

Shadowed 'neath a deep blue sky;
Is STATE for whom we'll live and we'll die—
Arise! O men of God and sing;
We're loyal, and to her we'll always cling.

West Virginia State College

What is West Virginia State College? It is all of us who believe in it—who, absent or present, work in it and wish it well. Its constituency is the living and dead and from them the college enjoys an unrestrained loyalty and willing service. It is an exponent of truth which sweeps aside the petty jealousies of men and all propagandic proposals which would minimize or depreciate personality. It is an institution containing faults and defects which challenge the constructive efforts of students, teachers, officers and graduates. It is incomplete and desires to remain so, to be in an advantageous position for changing life situations.

What is West Virginia State College? It is spirit; it cannot be touched by hand; it is based upon communions between the living and those who though dead yet live in an immortality made practical through enlistments in the college program which of necessity requires eternity for completion. What is the college? You and those graduates ahead of you are the college.

John W. Davis
Fifth President
West Virginia State College
1932

