



"Education for the Twenty-First Century"

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH YEAR

of

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

HAZO WILLIAM CARTER, JR., PRESIDENT

Mid-Year

Commencement

THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER
A.D. NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN
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—

And The Mountains Echoed: Gloria! *Robert Longfield*
Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo *Malcolm Arnold*
Fantasy on a Bell Carol *Edward J. Madden*

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 Daniel Lynch
Saint James Episcopal Church, Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS William McLaughlin
Board of Directors, State College System of West Virginia

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

Order of Exercises

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS James W. Rowley
President Emeritus, College of Graduate Studies

THE MUSICAL SELECTION—*Elijah Rock* arr. Moses Hogan
West Virginia State College Concert Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Director

THE RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENTS

STAFF Cassandra Whyte
Vice President for Administration
Lucy B. Hairston . 36 years Director of Advancement
Howard House . . 5 years Physical Facilities

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

Teachers of the Year Winners from RESA III
Clay County Thomas Meadows
Clay County Middle School
Kanawha County Deborah A. Lore
Staunton & Dunbar Elementary Schools
Putnam County Brenda Young
Lakeside Elementary School

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

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HONORS

Franklin Andrew Dana Burnette	Donna Maria Pauley
Frederick W. Dodrill*	Betty Lou Plantin
Sean Christopher Givens	Deborah Lynn Pontier*
Amy Jo Hodge	Debbie Lynn Rhodes
Jennifer Elaine Lambert*	Crystal Mullins Thomas*
Carrie Ann Neal*	Larry Clayton Young, Jr.

HIGH HONORS

Judith Lynn Bloomfield*	Serena Lynn Mallory
William C. Brooks	Melissa Ann Martin*
Evelyn Louise Dortch	Jodie Christie Petrey
Vicki Ann Hogan	Betty Griffin Stanley
Beth Ann Hunter*	Charles Michael Tipton
Stacey Lynn Juzwik*	Heather Christine Warner
JoAnn Kyle	

HIGHEST HONORS

Susan Hubbard Bumgardner	Rodney Dell Roush*
Judy Kay Persinger	

*Denotes August graduates.

Order of Exercises

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

CUM LAUDE

William Eugene Ashworth
Patricia K. Brown
Stephen J. Burdette*
Julie P. Cook
Amy Carilla Crowder
Christina Gail Davis*
Janelda Rae Duncan
Rosalie Elewick
Cari Jeanne Ferrell-Green
Travis Wayne Foreman*
Nicholas Alexander Jason Harrah*
Kim Nguyen Henderson

Monica Lynn Holden
Robert McCormick Ilderton
April L. Jones-Triplett
Alice May Latorre
Lisa Diane Lawrence
Diane Elizabeth Mitchell
Jaime W. Nichols
Stephanie Ann Scott
Wallace Andrew Smith, IV
Chad Kelly Spencer
Mary Kathryn Stringer
Roy Keith Young

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Amy Christine Britton*
Homer C. Cobb, Jr.
Nancy Lynn Davidson
Peter Benjamin Hogue
Jeremy John Jarrell*
Jessica Marcia Johnson
Doria Lee Lahoda
Sharon McKeney Lord*
Leslie Leanne Mayes
Wendy June Miller*
Shailaja Miryala

Joshua Allen Moffatt
Jessica Emily Morgan*
Brian Keith Mullins
Sarah Elizabeth Murray
Karen West Phares
Mark Alan Pomeroy
Melody Jayne Richardson
Marjorie E. Richey
Dennis Gerald Roebuck, J.
Candace Kay Seckman
Jason Edward Williams

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Frances Burgess
Christopher R. Darr
Barbara Jarrett Holcomb
Donald Ralph Hoyer, II

Shirlett Liston Phoenix
Kimberly Dawn Sayre
Amy Michelle Tillis

THE CONFERMENT OF DEGREES 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

Amy Jo Hodge

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Teddy Alan Atkins, II	Jo Ann Kyle
Alpha Lyn Bailey*	Jennifer Elaine Lambert*
Amy Jo Bailey	Shawn C. Layne*
Mya Ballard	Kama Michelle McClanahan
Amy Kay Balog	Tammy Lynn Mabe
Karen Lynn Begler	Serena Lynn Mallory
Elizabeth Ann Blankenship	Melissa Ann Martin*
Judith Lynn Bloomfield*	Carrie Ann Neal*
James Edward Breeden*	Larry Brian Nelson*
Robert G. Brigman	Christianna Rene Oler*
William C. Brooks	Timothy Don Parsons
George Russell Brown*	Donna Maria Pauley
Zachary Scott Brumfield	Judy Kay Persinger
Susan Hubbard Bumgardner	Betty Lou Plantin
Stephen Edward Burford	Deborah Lynn Pontier*
Franklin Andrew Dana Burnette	Daniel R. Postlewait
Danny Lee Cain, II	Amy Christine Proffit-James*
Darren Jason Carte	Lorraine Michaele Rascon
Lisa Ann Copley*	Lisa Michelle Richardson
Rachel Renea Corfee*	Angela Marie Roberts*
Melissa Dawn Cummings	Rodney Dell Roush*
Amanda Jill Davis*	Sally Marie Saunders*
Nelson L. Davis	Peter David Scheer, Jr.
Wayne Allen Dicken	Jennifer Erin Shamblin*
Frederick W. Dodrill*	Glen Houston Smith, II
Cecil E. Dotson*	Betty Griffin Stanley
Sojuana Gayle Ellis	Thomas K. Steele
Drema Kay Foster	Rodney Eldon Stimpert
Sean Christopher Givens	Gregory Brent Taylor
Woodrow Leroy Haid*	Katheren Fay Taylor
Todd Warren Harrison	Crystal Mullins Thomas*
Vicki Ann Hogan	Charles Michael Tipton
Beth Ann Hunter*	Angela Virginia Tucker
Scott Allen Jack	Tanya Loranne Tyler
David Wayne Johnson	Alisia Babette Walton*
Helen Miranda Johnson	Heather Christine Warner
Stacey Lynn Juzwik*	Joelene Essie Harrah Weaver
Denver D. Kidder	Larry Clayton Young, Jr.

†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

Christopher Jay Cadle
Melissa Renea Crowder
Evelyn Louise Dortch
Kathryn Lynn Hess
Gregory Paul McCammon
Jay Daniel McClanahan

Jodi Christie Petrey
Heather Ann Poe
Debbie Lynn Rhodes
Barbara S. Riddell*
James Paul Vannoy, Jr.
Tara Dawn Ward

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Carl Stephen Baldwin
Shawn Gay Balleydier
Patricia K. Brown
Frances F. Burgess
Brian T. Cottrill
Christina Gail Davis*
Regina C. Davis
Angela Michele Gill
Barbara Jarrett Holcomb
Monica Lynn Holden
Donald Ralph Hoyer, II
Jeremy John Jarrell*
Gina Maria Mityas-Stanley
Jessica Emily Morgan*
Brian Keith Mullins
Sarah Elizabeth Murray
Jaime W. Nichols

Stephen Boyd Pauley*
Bryan Wayne Preece
Jonathon Scott Raider
Jonathan Lee Riggs
Amber Jeanett Rinehart*
Candace Kay Seckman
Patrick Brian Semenie
Jennifer Lynn Seymour*
Darin Elijah Sheppard
Stacy Lynn Stenson*
Racheale Emeka Stringer*
Cher Elswick Szerokman
Amy Michelle Tillis
Jason Edward Williams
Mark Edmond Wilson
Roy Keith Young

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Gloria Gail Adkins
Karim Jamal Anderson
Kipp Gregory Beaver
Jan Allison Blackford-Bailey
Roy Lester Bourne
Pamela Dawn Boyett*
Amy Christine Britton*
Vanessa D. Brunty
Rebecca S. Caines
Larry Gene Carter, Jr.*
Homer C. Cobb, Jr.
Conrad B. Coleman
Betty Ann Cutlip
Shannon Lee Dorsey-Dunlap
Rosalie Elswick
Kristi Lyn Evans*
Cari Jeanne Ferrell-Green
Jarrod Curtis Fletcher

Todd Anthony Fouch
John Patrick Giroir
Myra Young Goble*
Karen Jeanne Lindmark
Mary Kathryn Maggio-Sheets
Darrell Warren Matheny, Jr.*
Anne Clay Matthews
Robin Lee Moss
Delisa Dawn Nelson
Timothy Ray Pauley*
Karen West Phares
Jerome Paul Philpott*
Roger Michael Ramsey
Melody Jayne Richardson
Margorie E. Richey
Dennis Gerald Roebuck, Jr.
Paula Dawn Sansom
Troy Palmer Sexton

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS (Continued)

Brayton Dunkle Stone
Kimberly Marie Vogel
Larry Venton Wallace
Billie Regenia Walls*

Rhonda K. Wheeler
Teresa Renee Wilson-Kemp
Paul Samuel Woodall
Mary Ann Worix

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Stephen Clark Allison
Scott Holdren Bradley
Carl L. Bruer, Jr.*
Janelda Rae Duncan
Kim Nguyen Henderson
Peter Benjamin Hogue
Christy Leigh Lawrence
Scott Douglas MacDiarmid*
Shailaja Miryala

Mark Alan Pomeroy
Jamee Leigh Sanney*
Barry Neal Shelton
Mary Kathryn Stringer
Jason Harl Thomas
Christina Suzanne Wallace*
Erica Dawn Wesley
Nori Nichole Williams

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

William Eugene Ashworth
April Lynn Bartley
Travis Ryan Bogle*
Karla Nicole Bryant
Christopher Jay Cadle, Jr.
John Christopher Cavacini*
James Brandon Clark
Charles Roger Clay, Jr.
Julie Pierson Cook
April Price Crum*
Gregory Lee Curry
Nancy Lynn Davidson
Tamura Lynn Gordon
William Richard Grandstaff, II
Donna Darlene Groves
Curtis Ramon Henderson*
Paula J. Hudson
Lisa Diane Lawrence
Carrie Kerns Looney

Gregory Paul McCammon
Casey Erin Miller
Sarah Elizabeth Miller
Diane Elizabeth Mitchell
Joshua Allen Moffatt
James Michael Moles
Gregory Marshall Price
Aaron Jason Reynolds
Jeffrey Glenn Rollins
Kimberly Dawn Sayre
Lori Michelle Skeens
Wallace Andrew Smith, IV
Chad Patrick Taylor
Edward William Thompson
Charles Edward Vallandingham, III
James Paul Vannoy, Jr.
Bridgett Nicol Walker
Michele Lee Woodall

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Brian Scott Arrington
Howard Raymond Blake, II
Stephen J. Burdette*
James Christopher Coyner
Christopher R. Darr

April L. Jones-Triplett
Kama Michelle McClanahan
Frederick Todd Milam*
Benjamin "Shocker" Miles*
Terra L. Muncy

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

James Eric Abston*
Kimberly Dawn Akers*
Matthew Shane Cavender
Brian Edwin Donohoe
Travis Wayne Foreman*
Nicholas Alexander Jason Harrah*
Barbara Jo Hernandez

Brandi Renee Hill*
Robert McCormick Ilderton
Sharon McKeny Lord*
Sonya E. McGuffin
Mickey Ray Miller
Christopher Shane Smith
Vanessa Dawn Wilson

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

George L. Aulenbacher
Raashad Lamont Fitzpatrick
Floyd Ellsworth Friend, Jr.
Karle Edward Griffith
Jessica Marcia Johnson
Melissa Dawn Jones
Doria Lee Lahoda
Alice May Latorre
Nisha Janelle Lee
John Gordon McCune*
Leslie Leanne Mayes

Lori Kay Milam
Wendy June Miller*
Shirlette Liston Phoenix
Michael Alexander Proklevich-Perry
Stacie Lynn Rawlings
Samantha Lynn Sayre
Clifford Lane Shaw, II
Chad Kelly Spencer
Scott Alan Townsend
Angela Michelle Withrow

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Jodi Marie Adams
Jeffery Paul Martin*

Roderick William Trent

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Paulette Cimone Braxton*
Amy Carilla Crowder
Paméla Anne Scarbro

Stephanie Ann Scott
Diana (Lyn) Strait

Order of Exercises

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

Second Lieutenant Mark A. Pomeroy, Saint Albans, West Virginia

Second Lieutenant Darrell W. Matheny Jr., Charleston, West Virginia

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

THE STUDENT RESPONSE

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Howard L. Wilson '55
President, 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*

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend G. Lind Taylor
Pastor, Saint Paul Baptist Church, Saint Albans, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL:

Third Suite *Robert E. Jager*
"March"

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 Debra M. Anderson '76

Professor Kenneth W. Blake '74

Professor Rita M. Brown '75

Professor Clyde P. Campbell '64

Professor S. Bryce Casto '81

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

Honor Societies

ALPHA DELTA MU— NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK

Faculty Sponsor: Rita Brown

Amy Crowder

Stephanie Scott

ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Faculty Sponsor: Kim Lovinski and Patricia King

Kim Bumgarner

Karen Phares

Barbara Holcomb

Shirlett Phoenix

Dan Hoyer

Mark Pomeroy

Leslie Mayes

Jason Williams

ALPHA MU GAMMA—NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

Faculty Sponsor: Carolyn Halstead

Barbara J. Holcomb

Jay D. McClanahan

Jessica M. Johnson

Heather C. Warner

ALPHA PHI SIGMA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Faculty Sponsor: Ken Blake

Robert M. Iderton

Christopher Shane Smith

BETA KAPPA CHI—SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY

Faculty Sponsor: Sundar Naga

Rae Duncan

Mark Pomeroy

Kim Henderson

DELTA MU DELTA— NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

Faculty Sponsor: John Hodges

Marc S. Melis

Kimberly D. Bumgarner-Sayre

KAPPA DELTA PI— INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Faculty Sponsor: Jeanette Lee and Jerry Levine

Jessica Johnson

Leslie L. Mayes

Doria Lahoda

Shirlett Phoenix

Alice Latorre

Chad K. Spencer

LAMBDA IOTA TAU—NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY

Faculty Sponsor: Anne Vineyard

Sarah E. Murray

PHI ALPHA THETA—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY

Faculty Sponsor: Stuart McGehee

Donald R. Hoyer

Brian K. Mullins

PHI ETA SIGMA—FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Patricia K. Brown
Barbara J. Holcomb
Jessica M. Johnson

Stacey L. Luzwik
Amy M. Tillis

PHI THETA KAPPA—HONOR SOCIETY FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENTS

Judith Bloomfield
William Brooks
Franklin Andrew Burnette
Vicky Hogan

Joan Kyle
Tammy Mabe
Betty Stanley

PI SIGMA ALPHA—HONOR SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

Amy M. Tillis

Jason E. Williams

PSI CHI—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Patricia K. Brown
Frances F. Burgess
Christina G. Davis
Cari J. Ferrell-Green
Angela M. Gill
Barbara J. Holcomb

Monica L. Holden
Jessica E. Morgan
Jaime W. Nicols
Amber J. Rinehart
Candace K. Seekman

PINNACLE—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Amy J. Bailey
Amy Britton
Myra Young Goble
Jessica Morgan

Karen West Phares
Majorie Richey
Betty Stanley
Charles E. Vallandingham, II

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.

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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

West Virginia State College

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