



*"Education for the Twenty-First Century"*

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH YEAR  
of

# WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

HAZO WILLIAM CARTER, JR., PRESIDENT

Mid-Year

# Commencement

THE NINETEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER  
A.D. NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE  
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—

- Toccata . . . . . *Girdamo Frescobaldi*  
arr. John Paynter  
Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo . . . . . *Macolm Arnold*  
arr. John Paynter  
Themes from the Nutcracker Suite . . *Peter I. Tchaikowsky*  
arr. Clair W. Johnson

West Virginia State College Concert Band  
Julia Gendrich, 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  
Yellow Jacket Battalion  
Army Reserve Officers Training Corps

## 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 Ronald Schlak  
Pastor, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Charleston, West Virginia

- THE GREETINGS . . . . . Joseph C. Peters  
Chair, Board of Directors, State College System of West Virginia

# Order of Exercises

## THE MUSICAL SELECTION—

The "Old Hundredth" Psalm Tune . . . *R. Vaughan Williams*  
West Virginia State College Concert Choir  
J. Truman Dalton, Director  
Carol Eich, Organ

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER . . . . . Barbara J. Oden  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS . . . . . Hazo W. Carter, Jr.  
Ninth President, West Virginia State College

## THE MUSICAL SELECTION—

"God's Gonna Set This World on Fire" . . . . . Traditional  
arr. Moses and Edwin Hogan  
West Virginia State College Concert Choir

THE STUDENT RESPONSE . . . . . Angela M. Price

## THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

Teachers of the Year

Boone County . . . . . Lisa Beck  
Sherman Jr. High School

Kanawha County . . . . . Ross Harrison  
Saint Albans High School

THE AWARD OF HONORS . . . . . John Teeuwissen  
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

### HONORS

Rebecca E. Boardman	Todd O'Neill Hanson*
Kathy A. Bush	Amanda Lee McKinstry
John C. Clark*	Amy Elaine Perry*
Nathan Wade Daugherty*	Angelia Monique Taylor*
Samaria Dawn French	Chau My Tran
Farah Finley-Maynard*	BrandyLee Watts*

### HIGH HONORS

Carl Edwin Burdette	Roy Lee Sneed
Wesley E. McCoy	Patricia Ann Stover
Angela Ann Potter	Michael Christopher Warren
Robert Fredrick Simmons, II	

\*Denotes August graduates.

# Order of Exercises

## HIGEST HONORS

Nancy L. Alfred  
Charlotte Ann Cullifer  
Nancy Beatrice Jones  
Marcia Dawn Meeks

Peggy Sue Miller  
Patricia A. Pauley  
Margie Lee Rollins

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

### CUM LAUDE

Judith Lynn Bloomfield\*  
Christopher Noel Braley\*  
Steve Christopher Briscoe\*  
Jennifer Renee Casto  
Jenny Sue Craft  
Michelle Dawn Craig  
Holly Lynn Cross  
Shelby L. Crouse  
Bradford Todd Douglas  
Bradley Wayne Estep  
Andrew Keith Gillispie  
Martelia Lorraine Henson  
Tina Marie Kirk  
Stephen Wayne Loftis, Jr.  
Christopher David Mickel  
Amy Lee Milam  
Melissa Dawn Mills

Kara Leigh Morton  
Jennifer Renee Peros  
Tyrone Keith Persinger  
Tonya Renee Reed  
Denise R. Reedy  
Marcie Renee Rucker  
Donna Lynn Shamblin  
Patricia S. Slack  
Matthew Ray Smalley  
Brenda Pritt Smith  
Laura Neill Stinson  
Jennifer Brooke Swanson\*  
Tereasa Ann Tucker-Hager  
Margaret Ann Turley  
Tamaria Lynn Withrow  
Rachael Eads Zerbe

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Carla Jo Beamesderfer  
Jill Renae Criner  
Tracie Lynn Hall\*  
Vicki Ann Hogan  
Michael James Kearns  
Sandra D. McGrath  
Leslie Michael Pritt

Jaimie Lynn Reese  
Sherrial R. Wolford Simmers\*  
Rondia Jo Smith  
Rebecca Dawn Starcher  
Connie O. Tinchler  
Nancy Howard Toney  
Leah Ann Tyler

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Rhonda L. Pauley  
Angela Mae Price  
Roberta Jewell Richmond  
Lisa Ann Shepard

Joseph G. Stanley  
Sarah Marlene Tenkhoff  
Russell David Ward

### THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

*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  
Dean, Division of Natural Sciences 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 APPLIED SCIENCE

Tabatha Sue Allsop*	Donna Darlene Hintz
William Harvey Archibald*	David Paris Holcomb
Charles Clifford Atkinson	Jan Reed Hoover
Donna Lynn Badger	MaryBeth Johnson
Rebecca E. Boardman	Corinna Gail Jones*
Dorrissa Boatwright*	Nancy Beatrice Jones
John Irvin Boggess, III	Sturgill Lee Jones*
Darren Duane Brown	Kimberly C. Kidd
Carl Edwin Burdette	Lisa Kidd-Magsi
Bruce R. Clark*	Sherman Hale Kirk, II
John C. Clark*	Marqkita A. Livingston
James Alexander Cole	Wesley E. McCoy
Lisa Ann Crews	Amanda Lee McKinstry
Terry Lynn Cullen	Marcia Dawn Meeks
Charlotte Ann Cullifer	Joshua Allan Miller
Larry Christopher Damron*	Peggy Sue Miller
Nathan Wade Daugherty*	Christopher K. Mitchell*
John Matthew Dawson	Cindy Ann Monk
Lee Adam Dillon	Leslie H. Morris
Anita Fay Ferguson*	Dean Allen Murray
Kelly Marie Fields*	Rose Marie Payne
Farrah Finley-Maynard*	Amy Elaine Perry*
Samaria Dawn French	Eric Morgan Peterson
Chris Dajuan Gilbert	Lisa D. Pleva
Paula Jane Gillispie	Angela Ann Potter
Matthew Addison Graves	Antione J. Preston
Roger Dale Green, Jr.	Mitzi Suzette Reed
Todd O'Neil Hanson*	Bradford Ryan Riddell*
Kevin Harper	Margie Lee Rollins
Barbara Anne Hensley	Ryan L. Ruth
Steven G. Hensley	Regina Ann Sansom

†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 APPLIED SCIENCE (Continued)

Janene Ann Seacrist	Brandie Renee Starcher
Irene Leonora Shackelford*	April Dawn Stutler*
Jongie Renay Shelton	Angelia Monique Taylor*
Adam Micah Shortt*	Chau My Tran
Robert Fredrick Simmons, II	Tina Reneé Wade
Roy Lee Sneed	Michael Christopher Warren
Jeremy Todd Spence	Brandy Lee Watts*

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Kathy A. Bush	Patricia A. Pauley
Ketta Adrienne Hanson	

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Nancy L. Alfred	William Dale Egnor
Natalie Elizabeth Ashley*	LaTonja Dionne Fulks*
Aaron Lee Bradley	Patricia Ann Stover
Dody Joyce Eary	

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Melissa Ann Adkins	Tracie Lynn Hall*
Sandi Noelle Barton	Lynn Renee Hartley-Milam*
Heather Toni Blankenship	Martelia Lorraine Henson
Bryan Michael Cantrell	Melissa J. McKeny*
John Matthew Casto*	Travis Elaine Mullins
April Dawn Conley	Robert David Myles
Raechelle D. Crooks	Rhonda L. Pauley
Holly Lynn Cross	Jason Scott Quigley
Miranda Nicole Dunlap	Richard Alan Rawlings
Andrew Keith Gillispie	Jennifer Brooke Swanson*
Sheila Lynn Graddy	Sarah Marlene Tenkhoff
Lisa Ann Grigoraci*	Russell David Ward
Cashay Channel Haffoney	

### FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Tracie Lynn Atkinson*	Kevin Bruer
Carol Sue Belcher	Vera LaKesha Carrington
James Whitehurst Berrien	Joseph Micheal Clusky
Fitzgerald Patrick Blackman*	Jenny Sue Craft
Judith Lynn Bloomfield*	Malinda Ann Crothers*



## Candidates

### FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS (Continued)

Dana Leigh D'Agostino	Mark Anthony McLane
Barry Allan Elkins	Jackson Lee Martin*
David B. Fisher*	Lawanda Martin
John Carl Gladys*	Edward Manuel Moore*
Jennifer Lynn Griffith*	Antione J. Preston
Robert J. Haddy*	Denise R. Reedy
Beverly Levanna Hairston	Jonathan D. Rutherford
Atina Shereé Harris	Lisa Ann Shepard
Ryan Lee Henry	Patricia S. Slack
Heath Bryan Hill*	Brenda Pritt Smith
Jacqueline L. Jackson	Paul Alexander Smith
Jill Ann Justice	Nancy Howard Toney
Michael James Kearns	Sharmaine L. Washington
Kimberly Ann Sharon Luber-Byrne	Michael D. Wattie, Jr.
Tiffani Marie Lyons	Viola Sue Woods
Stephen Matthew McConihay	

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bradley Wayne Estep	Sherrial R. Simmers*
Sharr Selena Green	Jody Mae Swenson
Teresa Ann Holbert	Tony Venis Thompson
Stanley Brandon Lewis	Sarah ElizaBeth Walker
April Dawn Rose	Rachael Eads Zerbe

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Tyler William Arkell	Stephen Palmer Glaser
Alan Douglas Bailey	Tamara Danyelle Jackson
Brian Charles Bernard	James Adam Johnstone
Keyon L. Berry	Shelley D. Kostelansky
Korok Mukherjec Biswas	Elisabet Mayora
Steve Christopher Briscoe*	Danielle Lee Newman*
Jeremy Scott Brown	Angela Mae Price
Tina Lynn Crihfield	Kristina Ann Randolph
Shelby L. Crouse	Roberta Jewell Richmond
Cynthia Jane Doss*	Jessica Jordan Robinson
Amy Gail Fisher	Christopher Edward Runyan

# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Trevor Ryan Sansom  
Melanie Lea Slater  
Matthew Ray Smalley  
Dwayne A. Smith  
Gary Lee Surbaugh

Tereasa Ann Tucker-Hager  
Margaret Ann Turley  
Jamal W. Tyree  
Timothy Scott Walker

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Charissa Donielle Atkinson  
Kristopher Thomas Combs\*  
Phillip Lawrence Ealy  
James William Hall, III  
Ketta Adrienne Hanson  
Angela Renee Holstine\*

Larry Dewayne Irving  
Christopher Paul Morris  
Joseph G. Stanley  
William Ashley Blair Walton\*  
James Donald Wood  
Timothy Lamont Worthy\*

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tracey Eugene Adams\*  
William Bryan Annie\*  
Christopher Noel Braley\*  
Zachary Scott Brumfield\*  
Justin Robert Clark  
April Michele Cobb  
James Alexander Cole  
Gregory T. Cummings  
Michelle Lee Dean  
Bradford Calton DeBord\*  
Bradford Todd Douglas  
Dankeith Chermon Flanders  
Justin Ryan Graham

Timothy Jones  
John William Jason Metzger  
Mindy Diana Mitchell  
Jenny Eileen Moore  
Yolinda Ann Moore  
Jason Paul Pratt  
Tonya Renee Reed  
Regina Ann Sansom  
Adam Wilson Scott  
Bryan Michael Shaw  
Adam Micah Shortt\*  
Jaime Allison Snyder

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Brian Joseph Barrett  
Carla Jo Beamesderfer  
Rachelle Lea Bennett  
Jon Matthew Carpenter\*  
Jill Renae Criner  
Sandra K. Francisco  
Justin Lee Frashier

Julie Elizabeth Graley  
Keith P. Grant  
Jason G. Griffith  
Jeffrey Scott Kelley  
Tina Marie Kirk  
Stephen Wayne Loftis, Jr.  
Chantil Lee McKeney McCormick

## Candidates

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (Continued)

Christopher David Mickel	Marcie Renee Rucker
Amy Lee Milam	Donna Lynn Shamblin
Hope Ferrell Miller	Jayne Kay Shamblin
Melissa Dawn Mills	Rondia Jo Smith
Kara Leigh Morton	Sarah Elizabeth Snyder
Kimberly Lynn Nichols	Connie O. Tincher Stone
Shelley Lynan Cowley Nichols	Patreca N. Swanson
Jay O'Neill	Steve R. Sweeney
Jennifer Renee Peros	Leah Ann Tyler
Tyrone Keith Persinger	Tamaria Lynn Withrow
Jaime Lynn Reese	

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Vicki Ann Hogan

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Jennifer Gail Carte*	Michael Scott McGhee
Justa Lee Keeling *	Leslie Michael Pritt
Amy Lynn McDade	Laura Neill Stinson

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Jennifer Renee Casto	Sandra D. McGrath
Lisa Linnea Circle	Rebecca Dawn Starcher
Michelle Dawn Craig	Carrie Marie Watts

# Order of Exercises

THE COMMISSIONING OF GRADUATING OFFICER Robert T. Kleppinger  
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army  
Professor, Military Science  
James Domonick Buskirk, Second Lieutenant, Logan, West Virginia

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE . . . . . Howard L. Wilson '55  
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 CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Barbara J. Oden

THE ALMA MATER . . . . . *Spencer/Wade*

## THE RECESSIONAL:

Themes from "Star Wars" . *John Williams*, arr. Larry Clark  
The Olympic Spirit . . . . . Arr. John Higgins Curnow  
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

Lisa Linnea Circle

Rebecca Dawn Starcher

Sandra Dee McGrath

### ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Matthew Ray Smalley

Sarah Marlene Tenkhoff

Brenda Pritt Smith

Nancy Howard Toney

### ALPHA MU GAMMA—NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

Keyon L. Berry

Rondia Jo Smith

Holly Lynn Cross

Nancy Howard Toney

Michelle Lee Dean

Russell David Ward

### ALPHA PHI SIGMA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bradford Todd Douglas

Jaime Allison Snyder

Mindy Diana Mitchell

### BETA KAPPA CHI—SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY

Stanley Brandon Lewis

Rachael Eads Zerbe

### KAPPA DELTA PI—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Carla Jo Beamesderfer

Jaime Lynn Reese

Jill Renae Criner

Marcie Renee rucker

Stephen Wayne Loftis, Jr.

Donna Renee Shamblin

Christopher David Mickel

Jayne Kay Shamblin

Amy Lee Milam

Rondia Jo Smith

Melissa Dawn Mills

Connie O. Tincher Stone

Kara Leigh Morton

Leah Ann Tyler

Jay O'Neill

Tamaria Lynn Withrow

### LAMBDA IOTA TAU—NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY

Holly Lynn Cross

### OMICRON DELTA EPSILON—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS

Gary Lee Surbaugh

### OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Marcia Dawn Meeks

Jay O'Neill

**PHI ALPHA THETA—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY**

Stephen Wayne Loftis, Jr.

**PHI ETA SIGMA—FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Jill Renae Criner

Margaret Ann Turley

Joseph G. Stanley

**PHI THETA KAPPA—HONOR SOCIETY FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENTS**

Nancy Beatrice Jones

Robert Fredrick Simmons II

Amanda Lee McKinstry

Roy Lee Sneed

Marcia Dawn Meeks

Brandie Renee Starcher

Patricia A. Pauley

Patricia Ann Stover

Margie Lee Rollins

Tina Reneé Wade

**PI SIGMA ALPHA—HONOR SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Martelia Lorraine Henson

**PSI CHI—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY**

Melissa Ann Adkins

Tracie Lynn Hall

Miranda Nicole Dunlap

Rhonda L. Pauley

Andrew Keith Gillispie

Sarah Marlene Tenkhoff

**PINNACLE—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS**

Sherman Hale Kirk II

Roy Lee Sneed

Jay O'Neill

Sarah Elizabeth Snyder

Patricia S. Slack

Tamaria Lynn Withrow

Rondia Jo smith

# Honorary Degrees Conferred by West Virginia State College

**1944**

Roland Hayes  
Doctor of Humanities

**1946**

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt  
Doctor of Humanities

**1947**

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Doctor of Humanities

**May 16, 1948**

**Special Honors Convocation**

Irvin Stewart  
Doctor of Laws

Henry L. Dickason  
Doctor of Laws

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt  
Doctor of Humanities

Percy Julian  
Doctor of Science

**1950**

Walter Philip Reuther  
Doctor of Humanities

Ralph Johnson Bunche  
Doctor of Humanities

Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit  
Doctor of Laws

**1951**

Corma A. Mowrey  
Doctor of Humanities

**1954**

Edward Anderson Boling  
Doctor of Humanities

**1956**

George Camron Grant  
Doctor of Letters

John Warren Davis  
Doctor of Humane Letters

**1961**

William W. Barron  
Doctor of Laws

Cecil H. Underwood  
Doctor of Laws

W.O. Armstrong  
Doctor of Humanities

Henry Edward Schultz  
Doctor of Humanities

L.L. McKenzie  
Doctor of Pedagogy

**1962**

Mary L. Williams  
Doctor of Pedagogy

Alva J. Gibson  
Doctor of Pedagogy

F. Ray Powers  
Doctor of Laws

**1963**

Pearl S. Buck  
Doctor of Humanities

Leon H. Sullivan  
Doctor of Humanities

**1964**

Jennings Randolph  
Doctor of Humanities

Thomas E. Posey  
Doctor of Humanities

William O. Douglas  
Doctor of Humanities

**1965**

P.K. Banerjee  
Doctor of Laws

William Simon Jackson  
Doctor of Laws

Lawrence Neale Jones  
Doctor of Laws

Damon J. Keith  
Doctor of Laws

William J. Thompson  
Doctor of Laws

Herbert W. Richardson  
Doctor of Laws

**1966 Founder's Day**

Adolph Putnam Hamblin  
Doctor of Humanities

William Edwin Chilton III  
Doctor of Humanities

James Madison Nabrit, Jr.  
Doctor of Humanities

**1967 Founder's Day**

Thomas Miller Jenkins  
Doctor of Laws

**1967**

Drue E. Culums  
Doctor of Laws

Miles Clark Stanley  
Doctor of Laws

**1968**

Mae Belle Jones  
Doctor of Pedagogy

Willie P. Russell  
Doctor of Pedagogy

Lawrence V. Jordan  
Doctor of Pedagogy

Herman G. Canady  
Doctor of Pedagogy

Paul J. Moore  
Doctor of Pedagogy

Simon H. Galperin  
Doctor of Humanities

**1969**

Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr.  
Doctor of Humanities

Mildred Mitchell Bateman  
Doctor of Humanities

**1971**

Richard A. Brown  
Doctor of Humanities

Harrison H. Ferrell  
Doctor of Humanities

Arch A. Moore, Jr.  
Doctor of Humanities

**1973**

Robert L. Bradford  
Doctor of Humanities

Jeanette Gordon McPherson Gates  
Doctor of Humanities

**1975**

Joseph J. Smith  
Doctor of Science

**1978**

John F. Matheus  
Doctor of Letters

Vincent Reed  
Doctor of Humanities

Robert C. Byrd  
Doctor of Laws

**1981**

Naomi Garrett  
Doctor of Humane Letters

William James Lord Wallace  
Doctor of Letters

**1983**

David Wayne Smith  
Doctor of Humane Letters

Jeff H. Towles  
Doctor of Humane Letters

James S. Wade  
Doctor of Laws

**1984**

Leonard Troy Anderson  
Doctor of Letters

Thomas J. Anderson  
Doctor of Music

John D. Rockefeller, IV  
Doctor of Laws

**1985**

Sophia Nelson  
Doctor of Laws

**1986**

Leander J. Shaw, Jr.  
Doctor of Laws

**1987**

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.  
Doctor of Laws

**1989**

Norman Fagan  
Doctor of Humane Letters

**1991**

Gaston Caperton  
Doctor of Laws

**1992**

Paul Gilmer  
Doctor of Divinity

Raymond Danner  
Doctor of Laws

Angie Turner King  
Doctor of Laws

Paul B. Marion  
Doctor of Pedagogy

**1993**

Floydell Anderson  
Doctor of Laws

**1994**

Margaret K. Workman  
Doctor of Laws

Benny J. Primm  
Doctor of Science

**1995**

Katharine Graham  
Doctor of Laws

Acie McGhee  
Doctor of Laws

James W. Monroe  
Doctor of Laws

James W. Rowley  
Doctor of Laws

Clifford M. Trump  
Doctor of Laws

**1996**

James W. Holley III  
Doctor of Laws

**1999**

Christine M. Corey  
Doctor of Laws



# 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.



## What is 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

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