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West Virginia State University

**Hazo William Carter, Jr.
President**

West Virginia State Community and Technical College

**Ervin V. Griffin, Sr.
President**

*"Making Higher Education
A Part of Your Future"*

Mid-Year

Commencement

**Sunday, December the Eighteenth
Two Thousand and Five
at Two O'Clock in the Afternoon**

**Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, West Virginia**

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 trust 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 enlistment 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, WVSC—1932

Historical Sketch of West Virginia State University

The second Morrill Act of 1890 was intended to make training in agriculture and mechanical arts available to black citizens. Like other states that maintained segregated educational systems, West Virginia responded on March 17, 1891 by enacting legislation to create a special land-grant institution for blacks. To this end, federal funds provided \$3,000 for faculty salaries, and the West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to purchase a farm and build a school building upon it. The institution was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute. In 1915, the name was changed to the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and changed again to West Virginia State College in 1929.

From its beginnings until 1915, the institution offered the equivalent of a high school education, with a curriculum devoted primarily to agriculture, trades, and teacher education. In 1915, the school was given the authority to award college degrees that included instruction in mathematics, chemistry, French, and English. The first college degrees were awarded in 1919.

In 1919, the College turned increasingly to the development of a strong academic curriculum, with emphasis upon academic excellence. First of America's Negro land-grant colleges to earn accreditation, it has the distinction of having the longest continuous accreditation in the North Central Association of the public four-year institutions in West Virginia.

The 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* United States Supreme Court decision had an immediate and dramatic impact on West Virginia State. Within two years, the institution was transformed from a small black college to a racially integrated one. Since that time, program offerings have expanded and new ones developed as the College keeps pace with the demands of students and the needs of the larger community.

With reinstatement of its 1890 land-grant status, which was transferred in 1955, and accompanying Federal funding, WVSU strengthened its mission of teaching research and service to the community. The first masters degree programs began in the Fall 2003 semester. With the passage of Senate Bill 448 during the 2004 legislative session, the name was changed to West Virginia State University.

From a modest beginning with forty students, West Virginia State University has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body. From a small tract of land and a building, the University has developed into a multimillion dollar educational complex.

Brief History

West Virginia State Community and Technical College

West Virginia State Community and Technical College (WVSCTC) is imbedded in the history of West Virginia State College (WVSC, now University). Historical records indicate that the Community College was developed in 1953 by the sixth president, William J. L. Wallace. Clermoth E. Prewitt was appointed Dean of the Community College and charged with developing community college programs in southern West Virginia counties. The land-grant mission was the impetus for this outreach to these heavily populated minority mining communities.

WVSC listed an Associate of Arts Degree in Commerce in the 1952-53 catalogue, with the first degrees awarded in 1957. The community college concept of developing academic programs and services in response to the needs of business and industry in the service region continued unabated. Associate Degree programs in various career technical areas and a variety of training programs were instituted for those who wanted training in specific areas of expertise but not a degree.

The community college component of WVSC became operational in January 1978, with the first regular courses offered in the fall of 1978. The origin of the community college component can be traced to the West Virginia Legislature, which in March 1971 directed the Board of Regents to develop a state plan for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a state system of comprehensive community colleges.

Senate Bill 653, passed in March of 2000 by the West Virginia Legislature, mandated that all community colleges (including components) had to meet the essential conditions for community college education to address the academic and workforce needs of the state. This mandate included an independent accreditation, which was achieved in October 2004, by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

West Virginia State Community and Technical College is a member of the Advantage Valley Community College Network and has a primary service region of Kanawha, Putnam, and Clay Counties. Through its "open door" policy for community and technical education, the institution continually strives to meet the expressed needs of its service area through innovative academic and workforce training programs.

The Academic Procession

The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates, and the University Board of Governors. This procession is led by a marshal, a graduate of West Virginia State University, 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 guests 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 University 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 University, the following colors are used to designate the various degrees.

Associate Degree.....	White
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	Royal Blue
Bachelor of Science in Education	Light Blue
Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Social Work.....	Citron
Master of Arts in Media Studies.....	White
Master of Arts/Science in Biotechnology.....	Yellow

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 original mace used by West Virginia State University had historical significance in that it was created from a spindle used in the staircase of West Hall, the second building erected on the campus in 1895. This mace was restored by James Huffman when he was the Assistant Director of Admissions at the University.

The mace we use today was designed by former Art Faculty member, Dr. Cubert Smith. This circular ring design in its center symbolizes the five schools of the University: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Natural Science and Mathematics, Professional Studies, and Social Sciences.

The Academic Mace for West Virginia State Community and Technical College was designed by Terrance Stuart, Instructor in Computer Science, and Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., President of the College. The circular design of laurel signifies the link to West Virginia State University. The center of the design includes symbols for Knowledge, Opportunity, and Success which embody the overall mission and purpose of the Community College.

Order of Exercises

Arnold Cooper, Ph.D., Presiding
Vice President for Academic Affairs
West Virginia State University

THE PRELUDES—

In Their Honor Carl Stommen
West Virginia State University Concert Band
James Florkevick, B.A. and James Anderson, B.S., Directors

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Fanfare –Pomp and Circumstance–March I Edward Elgar
arr. James Ployhar

The Marshal
The Candidates for Degrees
The Faculty
The Platform Party

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... arr. James McKelvey
West Virginia State University Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D., Director

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, through 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 D. Ealy
Pastor, New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church
Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGSWilliam B. Goode
Secretary, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER..... Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Honorable Joseph Manchin III
Thirty-fourth Governor, State of West Virginia

Order of Exercises

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

Wade In The Water Traditional Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

Angela Bryant, Mezzo Soprano Soloist
West Virginia State University Concert Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D., Director

THE CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF LAWS Joseph Manchin III

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

The 2005 Teachers of the Year..... Arnold Cooper, Ph.D.

Clay County Katherine Claytor Clay Middle School
Putnam County Brenda McBrayer Conner Street Elementary

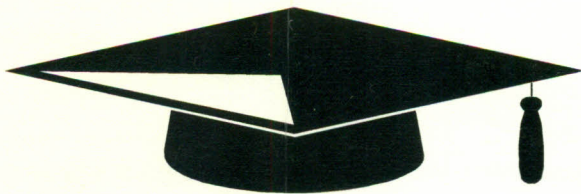
Employees of the Year Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State Community and Technical College

Edith Worrells Program Director

Terrence R. Stuart Department of Computer Science

THE RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT Cassandra B. Whyte, Ed.D.
Vice President for Administrative Services

Jessica Lee 30 years, West Virginia State



Order of Exercises

THE AWARDING OF HONORS Ron Bartley, Ed.D.
Dean of Academic Affairs for the Community and Technical College

and

John Teeuwissen, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs
West Virginia State University

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HONORS

James Elvin Bryant
Brittany Dayle Kemper
Stephanie Jane Kinzer
Tammy Kay Peck

Robin Denise Roberts
Deborah Lynn Shipp
Haley F. West

HIGH HONORS

Deborah Ellen Adkins
M. Francesca Amigo
Johnna Belinda Bowles*
Tina Marie Browne
Noreen Patience DeWeese
Barbara E. Dorsey
Crystal Brooke Gaylor

Bethany I. Harper
Katie Madiero Hunter
Connie Westfall Miller*
Debra A. Seacrist
Robin Denise Roberts
Hallie L. Tannous
Aaron M. Walker*

HIGHEST HONORS

Linda K. Goff*
Sean F. Keating
Katy J. Keeton

Barbara Yvonne Lacaria-Black
William Brent Rickert

* Denotes August Graduate

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

CUM LAUDE

Ashlea B. Bassham*
Emily Ann Brown
Lacy Summer Chapman
Brittany Lynne Cohen
Billy Joe Collins, Jr.
Richard Lee Cummings
Barbara Nicole Dailey
Kristan Ann Eggleton
Laura K. Ellis*
Angie F. Haynes
Mohammed Ibrahim
David W. Lamont*

Robert Scott McCormack
Katherine Lou Peal
Lori R. Roberts
Amy Michelle Saunders
Paul Joel Shamblin
Jennifer Lynn Sines
April Marie Smith
Thomasa Lynn Vance
Brienne Michelle White
Marisa Ann Winfree
Brandy Michelle Wooten

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Carrie Ann Adkins
M. Francesca Amigo
Anna L. Bailey*
Theresa D. Durrett
Sunny C. Enoch
William Lee Jewett
Melissa Dawn Lawrence
Jayme Marie Levy
Dianne Lynn Long*
Leigh Ann Maxwell

Susan Mendez-Hovis
Michael Brian Pauley
Carrie Snyder Settle*
Trina Annette Shaffer
Angela Jo Stevens
Christina Renea Taylor
Kristina Lynn Walker
Tiffany Chantelle Wiseman
Alicia Morgan Wolford

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Jennifer LuVaughn Barido
Sarah Anne Bragg
Pamela L. Bush
Kimbra Jareen Clinton
Kimberly Lynn Collins
Janet Lynn Craddock
Mary E. Graley
Irene Catherine Hoffman

Stacy Rene Landis
Amber Nicole Osborne
Herbie Lee Pauley
Suzanne Marie Powell
Nicky Jo Richard
Elizabeth Diane Rowsey
Amanda Jolene Stull
Leah Gean Whittington

WITH DISTINCTION

Kimberly Lea Lawrence
Tabatha Dawn Loftus
Natasha Pauline Lowe

Linda Ann Steele
Lori Ann Ward
Diana Lynn Wright

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THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, THE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE, THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE, AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE Leanna Preston, M.S.
Chair, General Education and Transfer Programs

Ron Bartley, Ed.D.
Dean of Academic Affairs for
West Virginia State Community and Technical College

Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State Community and Technical College

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

CANDIDATES FOR THE
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE David Wohl, Ph.D.
Dean for the School of Arts and Humanities

CANDIDATES FOR THE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE..... Katherine Harper, Ph.D.
Dean for the School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Arnold Cooper, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hazo William Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS AND MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY Katherine Harper, Ph.D.

CANDIDATES FOR THE
MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES David Wohl, Ph.D.

Arnold Cooper, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hazo William Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University

After the conferring of degrees by Presidents Griffin and Carter, the names of the candidates will be announced by the Registrar, John L. Fuller, Ph.D.

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

John Randall Adams
Travis Richard Anderson
Linda Lynn Harrison Boggess
Tara Dawn Booth
Johnna B. Bowles*
Tina Marie Browne
James Elvin Bryant
Jennette Lisa Butler
William Clinton Childs
Steven Arlo Cook
Shirley June Cutlip
Noreen Patience DeWeese
Barbara E. Dorsey
Jeghaw G. Essatu
Crystal Brooke Gaylor
Tracy Jo Hanshaw
Owen Linville Hawk, II
David A. Haynes
Katie Madiero Hunter

Nicole Marie Jones
Sean F. Keating
Katy J. Keeton
Brittany Dayle Kemper
Stephanie Jane Kinzer
Barbara Yvonne Lacaria-Black
Scott Alan McClure
Michelle Marie McCune
Andy Franklin Martin
Tammy Kay Peck
Bryan Allen Plotkin
Cathi Renee Richards
Deborah Lynn Shipp
Jennifer Lynn Shuler
Jennifer Lynn Suderman
Yonas Tadesse
Haley F. West
Stephanie Erin White

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Ty Emery Clark
Linda K. Goff*
Jeffrey Alan Haynes

Connie Westfall Miller*
Kimberly Ruth Murphy

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Deborah Ellen Adkins
Jimmy W. Beasley*
Toni Rae Brown
Helen Haile Chemere
Megan Leigh Chester
Arch Kevin Cline*
Daniel Cosgrove, Jr. *
Erin Elean Covan
Julye Beth Dillard
Sheryl Rose Harmon
Holly Lee McDaniel

Tasha Moore-Tenney
Carl G. Nipps, Jr.
Andrew Justin Norman
William Brent Rickert
Emily Beth Rymer
Todd Allen Sharp
Robert Bryan Stollings
Hallie L. Tannous
Elsabet Tesfaye
Aaron Michael Walker*

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

M. Francesca Amigo
Lindsay Renee Kiser

Joseph Wayne Vannoy

* Denotes August Graduate

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

David Jeffery Buckland
Jody Gene Cavender
Anthony Davis, Sr.
Ronald Carl Hamm
Bethany I. Harper
John R. Hayes

Shayla Diane Hess*
Charlene M. Hickman*
Dale Elaine Litton*
Robin Denise Roberts
Debra A. Seacrist
Stacy Dawn Wright*

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Amy Leann Arey
Curtis Matthew Auletta
Mary Ellen Baughman
David Brown
Timothy Andrew Butcher
Jason E. Canterbury
Erin Elean Covan
Jonathan Walton Crider
Eric Melvin Cunningham*
Eric Lamont Jackson
Dianne Marie Lewis
James Russell McCormick

Holly Lee McDaniel
Kimberly Anne Meadows
Adamson Welch Nooney*
Andrew Justin Norman
Katherine Lou Peal
Amanda Gayle Reed*
Jatue Richardson
Eric Benjamin Roberts
Monica Kay Seals
Kristina Lynn Walker
Brianna Michelle White
Tiffany Chantelle Wiseman

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Patti Joy Adkin*
Lana Kay Andrian
Beverly A. Dean Bowles
Dawn Michele Bozic
Zakiya Dorothy Brown*
Gregory Alan Carpenter
Kedion A. Carter
Karen Lynnette Chandler
Larry Gene Clark
Brittany Lynne Cohen
Janet Lynn Craddock
Orlando Yusef Craighead*
George E. Daniels, II
Paul Jeffrey Davis*
Robert Lee Dotson
Cathy Davidson Fuller
Daniel Dean Goodwin*
Adam DeWayne Greathouse
Marilyn Leigh Hall
Jody Keith Harless*
Angie F. Haynes
Keshia Tyeice Johnson
Benjamin Alan Jones*
Audrey Leann Lake
David William Lamont*

Robin Renee Litton
Dianne Lynn Long*
Beverly Kay McClanahan
Scott Alan McClure
Brooke Ann McKeny
Jennifer Nicole Musgrave*
Michael Brian Pauley
Harrison William Payne, Jr.
Jeremiah Lee Pettry
Steven Glenn Poe
William Adrain Ratcliffe*
Angel Marie Roos
Susan Denise Russell
Todd Allen Sharp
Steven W. Smallridge
Richard Leroy Stevens, Jr.
Jeffrey Allen Stinnett*
Holly Raye Tarr
Travis Wayne Tarr*
Ronald David Vest, Jr.
Harold Stephen Walker
Annette Webb Warden*
George Phillip Watkins
Melissa Ann Watkins
Marisa Ann Winfree

* Denotes August Graduate

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Carrie Ann Adkins	Stacy René Landis
Noah Joseph Carroll	Nachette Rhondalee Montgomery*
Jessie Marie Cottrell*	Herbie Lee Pauley
Hugh Lee Dalton, II	Sherree Monique Shamblin*
Richard Clinton Erlewine	Christina Renea Taylor
Mohammed Ibrahim	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Stacy Nicole Bailey*	Melanie A. Linger
Ryan David Bauer	Andrew Franklin Maught
Nicolas George Bitar	Paul Randall Owens*
Jason E. Canterbury	Hannah D. Peterson
Richard Joseph Cavender	Jennifer Suzanne Priddy
Natalie Kay Daniels	Joseph Edward Rizzo
Jeri Yvonne Dickerson	Hillary Renée Roberts
Benjamin J. Ferguson	Elizabeth Diane Rowsey
Jessica Lynn Johnston	Eric Hossianali Saidi
Christopher Lee Jones	Jason Patrick Staats
Matthew Edwin Kennedy	Richard Eugene Whisner, Jr.

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

M. Francesca Amigo	Larry V. Penn
Deidra M. Bannister	Nicky Jo Richard
Ashlea Brooke Bassham*	Wesley R. Ryan
Karm Jacqueline Blakey	Amy Michelle Saunders
Erin Rebecca Burdette	Carrie L. Settle*
Monica Lynette Irving	Jennifer Lynn Sines
Latricia Rene Johnson	Sheena Rosann Smithers
Courtney Renee Kessinger	James Alan Spradling
David S. Leonard*	Joseph Wayne Vannoy
Shawana K. McShan*	Felicia Nicole Wallace*
Debra E. Nash	Warren Mitchell Winston*
Kevin Michael Nunley	

* Denotes August Graduate

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tabitha Lynn Abbott
Angela Nichole Bailey
Timothy Andrew Bargeloh
Jennifer LuVaughn Barido
Emily Ann Brown
Joshua Clay Brown
Jessica R. Chrisman
Haneefah Nacora Clinton
Kenneth Joseph Davis

Alfego Volcoa Dean
Justin Patrick Gray
Jonathan Keith Halstead
Justin Wayne Johnson
Michelle Denise Jones
Robert Scott McCormack
Michelle Marie McCune
Leigh Ann Maxwell
Matthew David Plantz*

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Kristan Ann Eggleton
Laura Kathleen Ellis*
Nicholas Ray Godbey*

Mary Elizabeth Jordan
Jayme Marie Levy
Lorie R. Roberts

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Sara Beth Bass
Sarah Anne Bragg
Pamela L. Bush
Christy Dawn Campbell
Derek Matthew Casdorff
Jessica Gail Chapman
Lacy Summer Chapman
Kimbra Jareen Clinton
Billy Joe Collins, Jr.
Kimberly Lynn Collins
Richard Lee Cummings
Barbara Nicole Dailey
Leslie Rae Downey
Theresa D. Durrett
Heather Lynn Elkins
Sunny C. Enoch
June Marie Ferrell
Amanda Cathryn Freeman
Anita Gayle Gillespie
Mary E. Graley
Wendy Renea Hall
Trina Leigh Hartley
Irene Catherine Hoffman
William Lee Jewett

Kimberly Lea Lawrence
Melissa Dawn Lawrence
Tabatha Dawn Loftus
Natasha Pauline Lowe
Anessa Leigh Lyons
Susan Mendez-Hovis
Amber Nicole Osborne
Michelle Dawn Park
Kimberly Dawn Persinger
Suzanne Marie Powell
Joshua Clinton Robinson
Trina Annette Shaffer
Paul Joel Shamblin
April Marie Smith
Jamie K. Snyder
Angela Jo Stevens
Rusty Dawn Thornton
Thomasa Lynn Vance
Lori Ann Ward
Lemuel Ray Williams, Jr.
Diana Lynn Wright
Alicia Morgan Wolford
Brandy Michelle Wooten

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Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Jennifer Lee Perry
Amanda Jolene Stull

Leah Gean Whittington
Derrien Jerome Williams

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Anna Louise Bailey*
Jack Orbie Chandler
Julye Beth Dillard
Faatali P. Gaydosz

Tasha Moore-Tenney
Luciana Antoinette Myers
Linda Ann Steele

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Parmindejit Kaur

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Steven Wade Monday

Thesis

The Fate of 17 β -Estradiol in a Thermophilic Anaerobic Digester System

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES

Richard Severine Mayessa Ndunguru

Thesis

Fire and Water (full-length dramatic film script)

Abigail Christina Pierce

Thesis

The Tell-Tale Heart (animated short feature)

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Order of Exercises

THE STUDENT ADDRESS Steven Monday

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Gregory D. Epps, Ed.D.
Special Assistant to the President, West Virginia State University

Join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideals of West Virginia State, nurturing its growth and promoting its programs, to serve with honor in my chosen profession, and to make myself a symbol of the best traditions of West Virginia State—This is my commission and my challenge.

THE ALMA MATER *Martha Spencer/ Ernest Wade*
Led by J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D.

THE CLOSING REMARKS Arnold Cooper, Ph.D.

THE BENEDICTION Imam Jamal Daoudi
Islamic Center of West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL
The Raider's March Williams/Vinson
The audience is requested to remain seated until the graduates have recessed.

GRAND MARSHAL
Professor R. Charles Byers '68

COLLEGE MARSHAL
Professor John Gaskins '03

ASSISTANT MARSHALS
Professor Debra M. Anderson-Conliffe '76
Professor Kenneth W. Blake '74
Professor Rita M. Brown '75
Professor Bryce Casto '81
Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61
Professor Patricia King '85
Professor Sandra K. LaVoie '82
Professor Patricia Shafer '71
Professor Charles E. Smith '87
Professor Craig Spaniol '66
Professor Patricia Wilson '67

Members of the Classified Staff Council and Student Leadership Program serving as ushers

Honor Societies

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

Faatali P. Gaydosz

Tasha Moore-Tenney

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA— INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

Amanda Gayle Reed

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Carrie Ann Adkins

Jayme Marie Levy

Deborah Ellen Adkins

Leigh Ann Maxwell

M. Francesca Amigo

Susan Mendez-Hovis

Lana Kay Andread

Amber Nicole Osborne

Jennifer LuVaughn Barido

Herbie Lee Pauley

Pamela L. Bush

Katherine Lou Peal

Kimbra Jareen Clinton

Suzanne Marie Powell

Kimberly Lynn Collins

Nicky Jo Richard

Jamie Leigh Dempsey

Elizabeth Diane Rowsey

Theresa D. Durrett

Trina Annette Shaffer

Kristan Ann Eggleton

Amanda Jolene Stull

Mary E. Graley

Holly Raye Tarr

Irene Catherine Hoffman

Christina Renea Taylor

Katie Madiero Hunter

Kristina Lynn Walker

Mohammed Ibrahim

Christopher Lee Webb

William Lee Jewett

Bernice Williams

Jessica Lynn Johnston

Tiffany Chantelle Wiseman

Sean F. Keating

Brandy Michelle Wooten

Stacy René Landis

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

Jennifer LuVaughn Barido

Robert Scott McCormack

Tina Peters Browne

ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI— SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY

Sheree Monique Shamblin

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

Sarah Anne Bragg

Pam L. Bush

Kimbra Jareen Clinton

Kimberly Lynn Collins

Irene Catherine Hoffman

Melissa Dawn Lawrence

Susan Mendez-Hovis

Amber Nicole Osborne

Suzanne Marie Powell

Angela Jo Stevens

Alicia Morgan Wolford

Brandy Michelle Wooten

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

Sara Anne Bragg

W. Brent Rickert

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

M. Francisca Amigo

Noreen Patience DeWeese

Barbara Yvonne Lacaria-Black

Linda K. Goff

Katie Madiero Hunter

Kimberlee L. McCormick

Debra A. Seacrist

Michelle K. Smith

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

Katherine Lou Peal

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

W. Brent Rickert

Kristina Lynn Walker

Brianne Michelle White

**ELECTED TO RHO PHI LAMBDA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES**

Amanda Jolene Stull

Jennifer Lee Perry

Darrien Jerome Williams

**ELECTED TO SIGMA PHI OMEGA—
FOR NATIONAL GERONTOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY**

Shirley June Cutlip

Commencement Speakers

- 1898**
Booker T. Washington
- 1909**
William E. Glasscock
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1919**
Waitman Barbe
*Professor of Literature,
West Virginia University*
- 1923**
Charles Victor Roman
Nashville, Tennessee
- 1925**
Carter G. Woodson
Editor, Negro Life & History
- 1926**
Eugene Kinckle Jones
*Executive Secretary,
National Urban League*
- 1927**
James Adlai Cobb
*Judge, Municipal Court,
Washington, D.C.*
- 1928**
Harry J. Capehart
*Associate District Attorney
of Southern WV*
- 1929**
(May)
Charles Wesley
*Professor of History, Howard
University*
- (Summer)
Mark Miles Fisher
*Pastor, 16th Street Baptist Church,
Huntington, WV*
- 1930**
(May)
Henry D. Hatfield
U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia
- (Summer)
John W. Davis
*Fifth President,
West Virginia State College*
- 1931**
(May)
W.W. Sanders
*Supervisor, Negro Schools,
State of West Virginia*
- (Summer)
John W. Davis
*Fifth President,
West Virginia State College*
- 1932**
(May)
Thomas Gillis Nutter
Attorney, Charleston, West Virginia
- (Summer)
James C. Evans
*Professor, Mechanical Industries, West
Virginia State College*
- 1933**
(May)
J.B. McLaughlin
*Commissioner of Agriculture,
State of West Virginia*
- (Summer)
George D. Brock
*Professor of Education,
West Virginia State College*
- 1934**
(May)
Homer A. Holt
West Virginia Attorney General
- (Summer)
Daniel P. Lincoln
*Registrar and Professor of
History, West Virginia State College*
- 1935**
(May)
Harry H. Pace
*President, Supreme Liberty Life
Insurance Co., Chicago*
- (Summer)
Richard Hurst Hill
*Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Charleston, West Virginia*
- 1936**
(May)
John Andrew Gregg
Bishop, AME Church, Kansas City
- (Summer)
David Kirby
*Secretary, West Virginia Board of
Education*
- 1937**
(May)
Julian H. Lewis
*Associate Professor Pathology,
University of Chicago*
- (Summer)
David Alphonso Lane, Jr.
Dean, West Virginia State College
- 1938**
(May)
Ambrose Caliver
*Senior Specialist in Education of
Negros, U.S. Office of Education, D.C.*
- (Summer)
Harry W. Greene
*Director, Teacher Training, West
Virginia State College*
- 1939**
(May)
Frederick Douglas Patterson
President, Tuskegee Institute
- (Summer)
William J.L. Wallace
*Associate Professor of Chemistry,
WVSC*
- 1940**
(May)
Mordecai Johnson
*President, Howard University,
Washington, D.C.*
- (Summer)
Lorena E. Kemp
*Professor of English,
West Virginia State College*
- 1941**
(May)
Charles Hamilton Houston
Attorney, Washington, D.C.
- (Summer)
Herman G. Canady
*Professor of Psychiatry and
Philosophy,
West Virginia State College*
- 1942**
(May)
Mary McLeod Bethune
*Director,
U.S. Department of Negro Affairs*
- (Summer)
Grace I. Woodson,
*Associate Professor of Education,
WVSC*
- 1943**
(May)
Channing H. Tobias
National Secretary, YMCA
- (Summer)
Henry Lake Dickason
President, Bluefield State College
- 1944**
(May)
Roland Hayes
Concert Singer
- (Summer)
Bertram L. Woodruff
Associate Professor of English, WVSC
- 1945**
(May)
Theodore F. Green
U.S. Senator, Rhode Island
- (Summer)
W.O. Armstrong
*Principal, Dunbar High School,
Fairmont, WV*
- 1946**
(May)
Anne Eleanor Roosevelt
*U.S. Representative,
New United Nations*
- (Summer)
D.T. Murray
*President,
Negro State Board of Education*
- 1947**
(May)
Ethel J. Alpenfels
*Anthropologist,
U.S. Bureau Intercultural Education*

- (Summer)
Moses Newsome
*First Baptist Church,
Charleston, West Virginia*
- 1948**
(May)
Percy Julian
*Division of Research & Manager of
Fine Chemicals, The Glidden Company*
- (Summer)
H.D. Hazelwood
*Principal, Douglas High, Huntington,
West Virginia*
- 1949**
(May)
Harley M. Kilgore
U.S. Senator, West Virginia
- (Summer)
Vernon Johns
*College Minister, West Virginia State
College*
- 1950**
(May)
Walter Philip Reuther
*President,
United AutoWorkers of America*
- (Summer)
Charles S. Johnson
*President,
Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee*
- 1951**
(May)
Ira De A. Reid
*Professor of Sociology,
Haverford College, Pennsylvania*
- (Summer)
Corma A. Mowrey
*Past President,
National Education Association*
- 1952**
(May)
Mordecai Johnson
*President, Howard University,
Washington, D.C.*
- (Summer)
James C. Evans
*Civilian Assistant,
Secretary of Defense*
- 1953**
(May)
Rufus B. Clement
*President, Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia*
- (Summer)
James W. Robinson
*State Superintendent of Negro Schools,
West Virginia*
- 1954**
(May)
Edward Anderson Bolling
*Superintendent,
Institute School for Deaf & Blind*
- (Summer)
James H. Rowland
*Attorney, West Virginia
Department of Education*
- 1955**
(May)
Buell G. Gallagher
President, City College, NY
- (Summer)
Charles A. Williamson
President, Advertising Corporation
- 1956**
(May)
John Warren Davis
*Fifth President,
West Virginia State College*
- (Summer)
Moses Newsome
*Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Charleston, West Virginia*
- 1957**
(May)
Virgil L. Flynn
*Assistant Superintendent in Charge of
Research, Kanawha County Schools*
- (Summer)
Ruth C. Norman
*English Instructor,
Stonewall Jackson High School*
- 1958**
(May)
Frank M. Snowden, Jr.
*Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Howard
University, Washington, D.C.*
- (Summer)
S.J. Baskerville, DDS
West Virginia Board of Education
- 1959**
Cecil Underwood
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1960**
Justice Wise Polier
Judge, Domestic Relations Court, NY
- 1961**
William W. Barron
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1962**
A.J. Gibson
*Executive Secretary,
North Central Association*
- 1963**
Pearl S. Buck
Anthropologist
- 1964**
William Orville Douglas
*Associate Justice,
U.S. Supreme Court*
- 1965**
P.K. Banerjee
Minister, Embassy of India
- 1966**
Hulett C. Smith
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1967**
Miles Clark Stanley
*President, AFL/CIO, Charleston,
West Virginia*
- 1968**
William W. Jellema
*Executive Associate, Association of
American Colleges*
- 1969**
Mildred Mitchell Bateman
*Director, Department of Mental Health,
State of West Virginia*
- 1970**
Richard Eugene Shearer
*President,
Alderson-Broadus College*
- 1971**
Arch A. Moore, Jr.
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1972**
Damon J. Keith
Judge, State of Michigan
- 1973**
John W. Davis
*Fifth President,
West Virginia State College
and
William J.L. Wallace
Sixth President,
West Virginia State College*
- 1974**
(May)
Jennings Randolph
U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia
- (Mid Year)
Daniel B. Taylor
*Superintendent of Schools State of West
Virginia*
- 1975**
(May)
James C. Malone
Vice President, Union Carbide
- (Mid Year)
James R. McCartney
*Secretary of State,
State of West Virginia*
- 1976**
(May)
Helvi Sipila
*Associate Secretary General, Social
Development & Humanitarian Affairs,
United Nations*
- (Mid Year)
Vincent E. Reed
*Superintendent of Schools
The District of Columbia*
- 1977**
(May)
Ben L. Morton
*Chancellor,
West Virginia Board of Regents*
- (Mid Year)
Henry B. Wehrle, Jr.
President, The McJunkin Corporation
- 1978**
(May)
Robert C. Byrd
U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Harold Delaney

Associate Executive Director American Association of Colleges and Universities

1979

(May)

Harold L. Hodgkinson

Executive Director, Professional Institute of American Management Association

(Mid Year)

John D. Rockefeller, IV

Governor, State of West Virginia

1980

(May)

Donald M. Knox

(Mid Year)

Robert R. Ramsey

Chancellor,

West Virginia Board of Regents

1981

(May)

Allen Ostar

President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities

(Mid Year)

Leon H. Ginsberg

Commissioner, West Virginia Department of Welfare

1982

(May)

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.

Eighth President, West Virginia State College

(Mid Year)

Margaret L. Workman

Judge, Circuit Court Charleston, West Virginia

1983

(May)

Russell Lowell Isaacs

President, Hecks Inc., Charleston, West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, IV

First Lady of West Virginia

1984

(May)

Samuel Proctor

Pastor, Abyssian Baptist Church, NY

(Mid Year)

John D. Rockefeller, IV

Governor, State of West Virginia

1985

(May)

Julian Bond

Senator, Atlanta, Georgia

(Mid Year)

D. Wayne Smith

President, Friendship Force

1986

(May)

John F. McGee

President, Charleston Daily Mail

(Mid Year)

Ken Hechler

Secretary of State West Virginia

1987

(May)

Leon H. Sullivan

Chair, Board of OIC, Philadelphia, PA

(Mid Year)

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.

Chancellor, West Virginia Board of Regents

1988

(May)

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

Ninth President, West Virginia State College

(Mid Year)

Ralph E. Kirkman

Professor of Education, George Peabody College Vanderbilt University

1989

(May)

Grover A. DuBose

Visiting Professor, Business, West Virginia State College

(Mid Year)

Harrison B. Wilson

President, Norfolk State University

1990

(May)

Mary Sarah Weddington

Senior Lecturer, History and Government, University of Texas

(Mid Year)

Lauro F. Cavazos

Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

1991

(May)

Gaston Caperton

Thirty-first Governor, State of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Laura Pederson

1992

(May)

Paul B. Marion

Chancellor, State College System of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Phyllis Harden Carter

Director of State-Federal Relations, Governor's Office, State of West Virginia

1993

(May)

Bettina Gregory

Senior General Assignment Correspondent, American Broadcasting Company

(Mid Year)

Barbara Harmon-Schamberger

Secretary, Department of Education and the Arts State of West Virginia

1994

(May)

Margaret L. Workman

Judge, Supreme Court of Appeals, State of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Booker T. Stephens

Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District, Welch, West Virginia

1995

(May)

James W. Monroe

Major General, United States Army

(Mid Year)

Clifford M. Trump

Chancellor, State College System of West Virginia

1996

(May)

Rodney E. Slater

Federal Highway Administration

(Mid Year)

Robert E. Wise, Jr.

United States House of Representatives

1997

(May)

Hazel R. O'Leary

Former Secretary of Energy

(Mid Year)

James W. Rowley

President Emeritus, College of Graduate Studies

1998

(May)

Shirley R. Watkins

Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture

(Mid Year)

Gus R. Douglass

West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture

1999

(May)

Christine M. Corey

Senior Program Officer, Office of International Education and Graduate Programs, United States Department of Education

(Mid Year)

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

Ninth President, West Virginia State College

2000

(May)

Cecil H. Underwood

Governor, State of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

David Stewart

State Superintendent of Schools, West Virginia Board of Education

2001

(May)

Marie C. Johns

President, Verizon

(Mid Year)

J. Michael Mullen

*Chancellor, West Virginia Higher
Education Policy Commission*

2002

(May)

Miles C. Cary

*President, West Virginia State College
Advisory Board*

(Mid Year)

Kaye Goodwin

Secretary, Education and Arts

2003

(May)

J. T. (Ted) Childs, Jr.

*Vice President,
Global Workforce Diversity
IBM Corporation*

(Mid-Year)

Richard L. Ferguson

*Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of
the Board
ACT, Inc.*

2004

(May)

Boyce Courtney Williams

*Vice President,
National Council for
Accreditation of Education*

(Mid-Year)

Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.

*President, West Virginia State
University*

2005

(May)

Senator Jay Rockefeller

US Senator, State of West Virginia

Honorary Degrees Conferred by West Virginia State University

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

Mph 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

1996

James W. Holley III
Doctor of Laws

1997

Robert H. Thompson
Doctor of Humanities

Virginia Gill Simmons
Doctor of Laws

1999

Christine M. Corey
Doctor of Laws

2001

David Anthony Stafford
Doctor of Science

2004

Elizabeth Early Chilton
Doctor of Laws

Howard Lee Wilson
Doctor of Laws

Commencement programs are maintained in the University Archives of the Drain-Jordan Library. For many years, the University held graduation exercises three times a year—in May, August, and a mid-year commencement at the end of the first semester in January. Mid-year graduation exercises were dropped in 1954 and re-established in 1974, while summer exercises were discontinued after 1958.

Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

There is a place we love so dear—
Its 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.

Della Louise Brown Taylor Hardman

1922 - 2005

As we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates today, it is appropriate to honor a distinguished alumna and former professor of West Virginia State University, Dr. Della Brown Taylor Hardman, who passed away on December 13, 2005 in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Dr. Taylor Hardman was born in Charleston, WV, attended Garnet High School, and earned a B.S. degree in education from West Virginia State in 1943. She earned a master's degree in 1945 from Boston University. As a strong believer in life long learning, she earned a Ph.D. from Kent State University at the age of 72.

Following her graduation from "State" she took a position with the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University. From there she began teaching in the Boston public schools. In 1956, she became an associate professor of art at her alma mater, West Virginia State College (now University). She continued in that post for 30 years. During that time she lectured at a number of universities and art galleries. She also served as the arts critic for the *Charleston Gazette* and the *Vineyard Gazette*.

Among her many honors, she was named: Outstanding Alumnus of the Year at West Virginia State in 2000; Outstanding Art Educator by the National Art Education Association; Distinguished West Virginian by Governor Rockefeller in 1979 and Commissioner of the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council also by Governor Rockefeller. She was elected to the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame in Atlanta, GA, in 1998 and was also a life member of the National Art Education Association.

Travel was an important part of her life. She went all over the world including Europe, Korea, Carribean, Latin America, West Africa, often for art and cultural related activities. These travels provided a source of inspiration for many of her lectures.

In February 2005, Dr. Taylor Hardman visited Charleston to attend an awards ceremony at the Charleston Job Corps Center, following which she was honored at a reception at West Virginia State. It would be her last visit to the campus.

Visitors to West Virginia State can enjoy exhibitions in the Della Brown Taylor Art Gallery in the Davis Fine Arts Building. The gallery was named in her honor in 1984. Plans are underway by the University for a tribute to Dr. Taylor Hardman during the spring semester.



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