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West Virginia State University

Hazo William Carter, Jr.
President



**West Virginia State Community
and Technical College**

Ron Bartley
Interim President

*“Making Higher Education
A Part of Your Future”*

**December
Commencement**

**Sunday, December the Seventeenth
Two Thousand and Six
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 of the institution 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 Biotechnonology.....	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., first 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

R. Charles Byers, Ph.D., Presiding
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
West Virginia State University

THE PRELUDES—

Brighton Beach William Latham
Die Meistersinger (excerpts).....Richard Wager/Osterling
Sweet Land of Liberty James Sochinski
West Virginia State University Concert Band
Scott Woodard, M. A., Director

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar
The Marshals
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

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 Braxton Broady, D. D.
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS James W. Rowley, Ed.D.
Member, West Virginia State University Board of Directors
and
President, West Virginia State University Foundation

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

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Thomas D. Boston, Ph.D.
Professor of Economics
School of Economics
Ivan Allen College
Georgia Institute of Technology

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

And the Glory of the Lord George F. Handel from Messiah
West Virginia State University Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D., Director
Diana Taylor, Piano

THE EMPLOYEES OF THE

YEAR AWARD Ron Bartley, Ed.D.
Interim President
West Virginia State Community and Technical College

Lee Ann Porterfield – Staff
Martha Sue Forsbrey, Ed.D. – Faculty

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

Teacher of the Year
Kanawha County Martha D. Burke Capital High

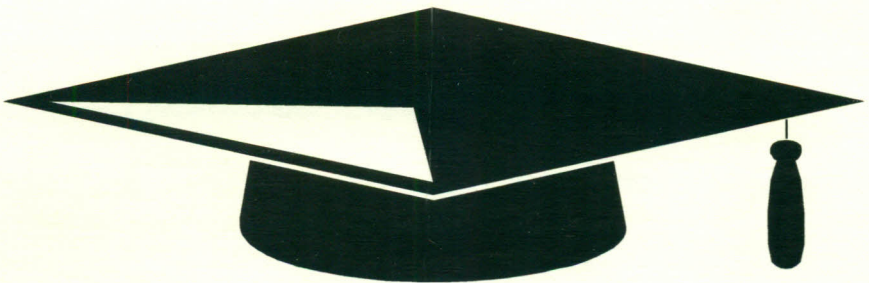
THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE

Andrew N. Aheart Doctor of Laws

THE AWARD OF HONORSEdith Worrells, M.B.A.

Academic Affairs
West Virginia State Community and Technical College
and

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



ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HONORS

Shawn Christopher Adkins*
Tammy Jaye Adkins
Hope Rena Bencho
Jennifer Marie Bragg
Amber Dawn Elkins
Saba Fasil

Michael C. Hartline
Shannon Elaine Joubert*
Brandon R. Price
Lisa Anne Rogers
Renada Ellen Snodgrass
Nicholas C. Walton

HIGH HONORS

Todd Steven Brickell
Kimberlee Louise McCormick*
Amy Michelle Nafchi
Pina Navnit Sangani*

Michelle Koren Smith
Patricia Ann Spaulding
Donna Martin Townsend
Betty Jo Tyler

HIGHEST HONORS

Judy Ann Carnefix
Rebecca Jean McClanahan

Sunshine Amber Stull-Rice

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

CUM LAUDE

Shawn Christopher Adkins
Amanda Gail Ayers
Jennifer Marie Bailey*
Jessica Ann Bright
Jonathan William Brumfield
Shannon Marie Cannon
Kevin E. Cartwright
Sally Annette Chandler
Cleo Renee Chapman
Heather Rae Cooper*
Kristen Nichole Crede
Otilia Monique Davis
Amber Lee Dingess*
Crystal Lynn Elkins*
Jason William Fox*
Grace Lynn Hartz-Thomas
Jennie Ann Hill

Stephen Matthew Hill*
Katie Marie Jewell
Holly Jo Kallmerten
Laura Beth Kelly
Lisa Renee McClung
Adriene Adele Mahaney
Ashley Kay Ownes
Melissia Bailey Pugh
Winifred Mary Quinn
Patricia Anne Halloran Sherman
Joshua Adam Smith
Janet Young Spry
Ashley Gandy Switzer
Aaron Michael Walker
Cody Benjamin Wiseman

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Hillary Sutherland Balding
Meghan Michelle Baldwin
Whitney Nichole Batten
Amy Keith Brown
Ashley Annette Chandler
Lynsey Susanne Hargraves
Freda Faye Haughey

Amy Beth McLaughlin
Linda Louise Nicholas
Betty Jo Smith
David Lawrence Smith
Jodi Lynn Warner
Helen Louise Welch

* Denotes August Graduate

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Jacqueline Sue Barron
Crystal L. Bauer*
Donna Michelle Bryan*
Tara Lynn Gilkey
Jeanette Nichole Gooch
Tina Louise Helton

Sean F. Keating*
Nao Koike
Emily Grace Miller
Amber RaeDawn Nichols
Mikaela Rae Reed*
Sarah May Smith

WITH DISTINCTION

Stephanie Loraine Holstein
Melissa Ann McGlothen

Razia S. Pell
Margaret Burdell Roberts

* Denotes August Graduate

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER

OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES.....David Wohl, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE MASTER

OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY ... Katherine Harper, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

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

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..... Ron Rogillio, M.B.A.
Dean, Science and Technology

Edith Worrells, M.B.A.
Academic Affairs

Ron Bartley, Ed.D.
Interim President
West Virginia State Community and Technical College

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

CANDIDATES FOR THE
DEGREE BACHELOR OF ARTSDavid Wohl, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

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

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

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

THE PRESENTATION OF
GRADUATING OFFICER..... Steve D. Thomas, M.A.
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
Professor of Military Science

James E. Hardin
Second Lieutenant, United States Army, Winfield, West Virginia

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES

Kevin L. Carpenter
Documentary Film
One Earth: Makutano on Kilimanjaro

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Rahamthulla Sharif Shaik
Thesis Project
**Reseveratrol Alters Stretch Induced
Changes in Morphology and Mitogen
Activated Protein Kinase Signaling in
Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells**

Robin Le Turner
Thesis Project
**Sequence Variation in Geographic
Diverse Samples of *Paraorygma-
tobuthrium* Collected from the
Blacktip Shark *Carcharhinus
limbatus***

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Tammy Jaye Adkins
Paula Johnson Beasley
Hope Rena Bencho
Kelia Renea Bennett*
Michael Gene Billups
Joshua Lee Blake
David James Brace*
Jennifer Marie Bragg
Todd Steven Brickell
Bethanie Rutledge Brown
Danika Michelle Brown*
Michael Ward Burton*
Mark M. Cardwell
Daniel Ross Carter*
Matthew L. Cole
Jill Marie Collins
Barry Bradley Crisp
Amber Dawn Elkins
Steven Lloyd Andrel Estep
Richard Allen Fortson
Jared A. Hager
Joseph Daniel Hager
Travis Joshua Halstead
Joshua Lee Hamilton
William L. Hampton
Michael C. Hartline
Gregory Scott Hatfield
William Thomas Holmes
Jason Lloyd Holstein
Mark Alan Johnson
Shannon Elaine Joubert*
Larry Dale Kessell*
John R. Kushner
Robert C. Lewis

Rebecca Jean McClanahan
Kimberlee Louise McCormick*
Stacy Jo Merrifield
Kathryn Marie Morton
Amy Michelle Nafchi
Richard Anthony Novak, II
Tiffany Nicole Parsons
Edward Clay Persinger, Jr. *
John Franklin Phillips
Steven Dean Pridemore
John Howard Raines
Lisa Anne Rogers
Matthew Ashby Runyon
Pina Navit Sangani*
Meia Beth Shamblin
Michelle Koren Smith
Renada Ellen Snodgrass
Mark Allen Staley
Jessica Leigh Standish
Autumn Janae Staup
Sunshine Amber Stull-Rice
Joanna D. Stutler
Adam Bristow Taylor
Todd Stephen Taylor
Donna Martin Townsend
Jeremy David Ullman
Bradley David Walters
Nicholas C. Walton
Christopher Dale White*
Jennifer Jo Whittington
Brenice Ann Williams
Michael David Wingate
Asfaw Markos Zerihum

* Denotes August Graduate

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Shawn Christopher Adkins*
Ybkale G. Essatu*
Saba Fasil
Andrea Jean Hill
Samuel Pierre Moss*
Brandon R. Price

Donald J. Stewart
Matheos Lulu Tekabe
Elsabet Tesfaye
Ronald Rasheed Thomas
Dana Nicole Williams
Kevin Young

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Paula Johnson Beasley

FOR THE DEGREE OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Tiffany Danielle Brashear
Judy Ann Carnefix
Alesha Michelle Elzy*
Deanna Lynn Fertig
Lucille C. Hale
Walter M. Hammack*
Michelle Hill Hightower*
Meredith A. Lucas

Tamie Leamoin Mundy
Elizabeth Ann Neff
Lisa Leeann Satterfield
Patricia Ann Spaulding
Betty Jo Tyler
Tammy S. Walker*
Alfred Shelby Williams

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Hillary Sutherland Balding
Olufumilayo Ireti Barrow
Tiffany Danielle Brashear
Donna Michelle Bryan*
Lawrence Edward Burgess, II
Danielle Lee Christie
Allen Lee Edens, Jr.
Fiyori Habtemariam
Grace Lynn Hartz-Thomas
Jennie Ann Hill
Barbara Jo Jarvis
Elizabeth Kincaid-White
Consandra Denise Leonard
Katie Michelle Newcomb

Winifred Mary Quinn
Christopher J. Reppert
Anthony David Sheppard
Patricia Anne Halloran Sherman
Joshua Adam Smith
Roger Jay Stover
Helen Louise Welch
David William White*
Dana Nicole Williams
Lisa Marie Young

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jo Ann Adkins
Shawn Christopher Adkins
Danny E. Alderman
Brandon Scott Allinder*
Maria Baker
Nicholas Scott Barr
Jimmy W. Beasley*
William C. Bell*
Rebecca Hunter Brooks*
Dermayne Keith Bullock
William David Bumgarner*
Mark M. Cardwell
Kimberli Nicole Carns
James Richard Carter

Kevin E. Cartwright
James Ronald Coffey, II*
Christeen T. Courtney*
Jessica Mimi Crockett
Kimberly Lee Darby
Natasha Lynn Duckwyler*
Cody Garrett Earl*
Robin H. Finney*
Michael Henry Flowers
Angela Dawn Gartin
Ronald Carl Hamm
Anna Hershberger Harper
Sterling L. Haywood, Jr.
Cynthia Anne Hemsworth

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Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS (cont.)

Khara Nicole Hicks*
Todd A. Holliday
Sean F. Keating*
Gary Christopher Kessell*
Lisa Michelle Kinsey*
David Lee Lemmon, II*
Jason Anthony Littlejohn
Lisa Renee McClung
Kimberlee Louise McCormick*
Amy Beth McLaughlin
Stacie Collyn Manns
Guerby Mertil
Trish Renee Miller
Ryan Patrick Morgan
Paul Anthony Morris
Justin Theodore Mullins

Linda Louise Nicholas
Zshawyn Leigh Nine
John William Perks
Donte Marquis Pennington*
Thomas B. Ranson
Amie M. Rowe*
Krystle Antoinette Smith
Vickey Lynn Snow
Janet Young Spry
Matthew Michael Stricker*
Darlena Kay Surbaugh
Ashley Gandy Switzer
Virginia M. Tucker
Christopher Edward Vanselow*
Fatiema J. Wilkerson
Kevin Young

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Meryana Adele Chaber*
Charles Alexander Cook
Traci Lynn Cummings
Jeanette Nicole Gooch
Amy Michelle Hairston
Gerald Shawn Johnson*

Phillip Reich Jones, III
Justin Stuart McCalvin
Tandine Piwai Mpabanga
Wesley Jon Neal
David Lawrence Smith

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Carlotta Frances Allen
Olufumilayo Ireti Barrow
Joshua Lee Blake
Christina Denise Boland*
Johnnie Mae Boytek
Michael Angelo Buonarota
Jason Wallace Burton
Jason Michael Byrnside*
Jessica Lynn Carson
Jennifer Renea Cline
Kandi Ann Crowder
Kelly Ann Davison
Benjamin Lee Ellis
Lacinda Danielle Fresquez
Tara Lynn Gilkey
Fiyori Habtemariam
Donald Timothy Harless, II
Stephen Matthew Hill*
Tamekia Raesean Howze

Amanda Lea Lewis
Shakira Denice Martin
Laura Mae Morgan
Elizabeth Grace Mosteller
Chad Robert Parker
Kevin J. Perry
Robert Lee Price, Jr.
Melissia Bailey Pugh
Jennifer Nicole Randolph
Christopher J. Reppert
Jonathan Owen Schilling
Christopher Ryan Schumaker
Melissa Danielle Sloan
Michelle L. Taylor*
Aaron Michael Walker
Jodi Lynn Warner
Helen Louise Welch
Arvil G. Wiley, Jr.
Cody Benjamin Wiseman

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Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Rodney M. Back
Amber Pearl Beezel
Kellie Lauren Booth
Michael Anthony Brown
Jonathan William Brumfield
Benjamin R. Burdette, IV*
Dawnette Joan Douglas-Watts
Roger Lee France, Jr.
Stephanie Loraine Holstein
Victoria Faith Holstine
Nao Koike
Brandie Rae Koontz
Clint Alfonse Leighton, Jr. *

David Allen McDaniel
Kara Nicole Marino
Katie Jean Pleska
Emily E. Poyet*
Jessica Leigh Ramsey
Brent D. Samples
Keila Lorraine Smith
Jason Nathaniel Vannoy
Michelle L. Williams*

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Katie Michelle Andreou*
Kelli S. Artis
Jennifer Marie Bailey*
Jacqueline Sue Barron
Roblene Cardella Beatty
David James Brace
Willis Jordan Brandenburg
Danika Michelle Brown
Hensley Canute Campbell
Shellie Lynn Clegg*
Heather Rae Cooper*
Joseph W. Daugherty
Otilia Monique Davis

Caine Thomas Dials
Amber Lee Dingess*
Amy Jeannette Easthom
Samantha Ann Fiedler
Sarah Ann Flowers
James Eugene Hardin
Joshua Michael Hargis
Adrienne Adele Mahaney
Kevin Aaron Marshall
Sydney Blaire Nelson*
Corey James Robinson*
Jeremy Lee Pickens

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Jon Patrick Atkins
Jennifer Ryan Bailey
Meghan Michelle Baldwin
Whitney Nicole Batten
Crystal Bauer*
Christopher Coleman Bays*
Jessica Ann Bright
Amy Keith Brown
Shannon Marie Cannon
James Evan Casdorff
Sally Annette Chandler
Kristen Nicole Crede
Crystal Lynn Elkins*
Breanna Lyne Enix
Jason William Fox*
Dolores Jean Halburn
Lynsey Susanne Hargraves
Jason Tyler Hatfield
Freda Faye Haughey

Tina Louise Helton
Holly Jo Kallmerten
Laura Beth Kelly
Larry B. Kirk*
Melissa Ann McGlothen
Emily Grace Miller
Amber RaeDawn Nichols
Ashley Kay Owens
Razia S. Pell
Margaret Burdell Roberts
Daniel Aaron Rule
Brian Curtis Savilla
LeighAnn Hubbard Sheppard*
Betty Jo Smith
Sarah May Smith
Crystal Nester Spence
Mary Elizabeth Stevens
Stephen Michael Walker
Nasha NaShawn Williams-Irving

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Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Amanda Gail Ayers
Taneka Yvonne Brown*
Cleo Renee Chapman

Cara Beth Comer
Kate Maria Jewell
Eric Scott Sayre

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Marcia A. Jones*
Cecil Jerome McNair

Micah Danielle Nichols

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Ashley Gayle Chandler
Elva Marie Hanshaw
Mikaela Rae Reed*

Mary Elizabeth Standish
Ronald Rasheen Thomas

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Order of Exercises

THE STUDENT ADDRESS..... Jeanette Gooch

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Gregory D. Epps, Ed.D.
Special Assistant to the President

Join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideals of West Virginia State University, 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 University—This is my commission and my challenge.

The Alma Mater*Martha Spencer/Ernest Wade*
Led by J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D.

THE CLOSING REMARKSR. Charles Byers, Ph.D.

THE BENEDICTION..... The Reverend William McCoy, D. D.
First Presbyterian Church
Charleston, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL
The Raider's March Williams/Vinson
West Virginia State University Concert Band

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 Donald Anderson '53
Professor Kenneth Blake '74
Professor Rita M. Brown '75
Professor Bryce Casto '81
Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61
Professor Patricia King '85
Professor Gail Mosby '73
Professor Patricia Shafer '71
Professor Charles E. Smith '87
Professor Craig Spaniol '66
Professor Walter Stroupe '78

Honor Societies

ELECTED TO ALPHA DELTA MU—

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK

Ashley Gayle Chandler

Mary Elizabeth Standish

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU—

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Julie Sue Barie

Razia S. Pell

Grace Lynn Hartz-Thomas

Christopher J. Reppert

Tina Louise Helton

Scot Russell Shapero

Amber Rae Dawn Nichols

Aaron Michael Walker

ELECTED TO ALPHA PHI SIGMA—

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jacqueline Sue Barron

Amy Jeannette Easthom

Otilia Monique Davis

Amy M. Nafchi

ELECTED TO DELTA MU DELTA—

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

Tara Lynn Gilkey

Aaron Michael Walker

Christopher J. Reppert

ELECTED TO KAPPA DELTA PI—

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Julie Sue Barie

Amber Rae Dawn Nichols

Kristen Nichole Crede

Daniel Aaron Rule

Holly Jo Kallmerten

Sarah May Smith

Tina Louise Helton

Crystal Nester Spence

Laura Beth Kelly

ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA EPSILON—

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS

Allen Lee Eden, Jr.

Aaron M. Walker

Stephen Matthew Hill

Helen Louise Welch

Christopher J. Reppert

ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA KAPPA—

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOR SOCIETY

Dana Nicole Williams

ELECTED TO PHI ETA SIGMA—

FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Jeanette Nicole Gooch

Sarah May Smith

Joshua Adam Smith

ELECTED TO PHI THETA KAPPA—

HONOR SOCIETY FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENTS

Jennifer Marie Bragg
Todd Steven Brickell
Saba Fasil
Lewis Michael Logan

Rebecca Jean McClanahan
Lisa Anne Rogers
Michelle Koren Smith
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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

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Hillary Sutherland Balding
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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)

Bertrom 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 Auto Workers 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 Sipilä
*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

(Mid-Year)
Joseph Manchin III
Governor, 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**
Floydelh 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
- 1998**
Gus R. Douglass
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
- Joseph Manchin –
Midyear 2005
Doctor of Laws

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Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

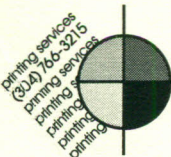
There is a place we love so dear—
Its name we'll ever praise and revere
'Tis West Virginia State we love—
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.

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.



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