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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

"Making Higher Education a Part of Your Future"

*Sunday, the Twentieth of December
Two Thousand and Nine
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon*



*Hazo William Carter, Jr.
President*

December Commencement

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

West Virginia State University was founded under the provisions of the Second Morrill Act of 1890 to provide education to black citizens in agriculture and the mechanical arts. Like many other states at that time, West Virginia maintained a segregated education system. On March 17, 1891, the Legislature passed a bill creating the West Virginia Colored Institute to be located in the Kanawha Valley. Federal funds provided \$3,000 for faculty salaries, and the West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to purchase land and to construct a building. We now celebrate that as the official “Founders Day” of West Virginia State College, now University.

In 1915 the West Virginia Collegiate Institute began offering college degrees. Under the leadership of President John W. Davis, the academic programs were expanded, and new buildings were constructed; in 1927 the Institute was accredited by the North Central Association, and in 1929 it became West Virginia State College.

After the 1954 United States Supreme Court historic decision outlawing school segregation, West Virginia State College evolved into a fully accessible, racially integrated, and multi-generational institution. Also at that time, land-grant status was transferred to West Virginia University due to a decision of the West Virginia Board of Education; WVSC was the only 1890 institution to have its status transferred. Following a twelve-year effort by ninth president Hazo W. Carter, Jr., the college’s land-grant status was fully restored in 2001 by an act of Congress.

With reinstatement of its 1890 land-grant status, and accompanying federal funding, WVSC strengthened its mission of teaching, research, and service to the community. The first graduate 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, West Virginia State University has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body. From a small tract of land and one building, the University has developed into a multimillion dollar education complex.

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.

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 four colleges of the University: Arts and Humanities, Business and Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Professional Studies.

WVSU College Banners

West Virginia State University students will proceed to their respective places behind gonfalons. Gonfalons are flags or banners hung from crosspieces on poles, used since medieval times in the republics of Italy as symbols of state or office. Universities and colleges around the world have adopted gonfalons to increase the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises.

This new tradition associated with commencement will symbolize the accomplishments of the graduates whom we honor on this occasion and the University's commitment to their success.

Four gonfalons of old gold with black lettering will be carried by two faculty members from each College. They are: the College of Arts and Humanities; the College of Business and Social Sciences, the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the College of Professional Studies.

Order of Exercises

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

THE PRELUDES—

- Concert Variations* by Claude T. Smith
Conducted by K. W. Morrison
- American Civil War Fantasy* by Jerry Bilik
Conducted by Tyler Mullins
- Galop* by Dmitri Shostakovich/D. Hunsberger
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble
Scott Woodard, M.A., Director

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Pomp and Circumstance Sir Edward Elgar/ James Ployhar

MARCHING ORDER—

Grand Marshal
College Flag Bearers
The Candidates for Degrees
The Faculty
The Platform

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 Wind Ensemble
West Virginia State University Choir

*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)

Order of Exercises

THE INVOCATION Rev. Terry Hogue
Congregational Care Pastor, Maranatha Fellowship
St. Albans, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS..... Mr. Eric Coleman
Chair, 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 Judge Joseph R. Goodwin
• United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia

THE MUSICAL SELECTION
O My Luve's Like a Red, Red Rose..... René Clausen
West Virginia State University Concert Choir
Dirk Johnson, D.M.A., Director

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS
Teacher of the Year
Kanawha County Teacher of the Year..... Mrs. Susan Duernberger

THE PRESENTATION OF A SPECIAL RESOLUTION
IN HONOR OF SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD Anne Barth
State Director for U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd

THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE Judge Joseph R. Goodwin
United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia

U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd

In every corner of West Virginia, the people of the Mountain State know that there is one man on whom they can always depend: U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd. He has always remained true to his faith and his family, while working to build a better future for his state and his country. In the halls of Congress, Robert C. Byrd is best known for his fierce defense of the Constitution and the institution of the Senate.



In the Senate, Robert Byrd works for the people – better jobs; health care that is affordable and close to home; a good future for our children and grandchildren. Each day in the Senate, Robert Byrd is focused on building a brighter future for the Mountain State.

Over the years, thousands of new jobs have been created because of Senator Byrd's initiatives. New industries have taken root – biometrics; aerospace research; advanced manufacturing; computer research; defense innovations. And traditional industries – coal and energy, chemicals, steel – continue to serve as the economic backbone of our communities. He has also worked hard to expand access to health care for tens of thousands of West Virginians.

On June 11, 2006, Byrd became the longest serving U.S. Senator in the history of our Nation and, in November 2006, he was elected to an unprecedented ninth full term in the Senate. But it was on November 18, 2009 that Senator Byrd became the longest serving Member of Congress in the history of our great Republic, now having served more than 20,775 days. Throughout his career, Byrd has cast over 18,500 roll call votes – an amazing 97.9 percent attendance record in his nearly five decades of service in the Senate.

Knowing the importance of education, Senator Byrd has helped thousands of young people earn their own college diploma. Through the Scholastic Recognition Award, which the Senator started in 1969, the valedictorian at each West Virginia public and private high school receives a savings bond and a special congratulations from the Senator. Then, in 1985, Byrd launched the first and only federal merit based scholarship. Since its inception, tens of thousands of students across the country have helped to pay their tuition bills through this unique initiative.

From his humble beginnings to the halls of power, Robert Byrd has never forgotten where he came from or where he is going. He is a statesman, a patriot, a defender of the Constitution, a proud son of West Virginia, and one of the most important leaders in America.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Resolution

Presented to:

Senator Robert C. Byrd

Whereas, Senator Robert C. Byrd has represented the people of West Virginia in the United States Senate for more than five decades and is the longest serving United States Senator;

Whereas, Senator Robert C. Byrd is a stalwart proponent of education in the Mountain State and has supported West Virginia State University through Title III - Part B of the Higher Education Act to strengthen higher education institutions;

Whereas, Senator Robert C. Byrd's actions were key to gaining Federal recognition for West Virginia State University's status as an 1890 land-grant institution thereby restoring its birthright;

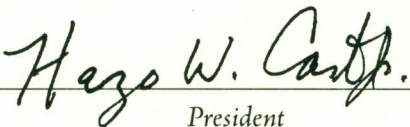
Whereas, West Virginia State University has thrived as an 1890 land-grant institution with funding to carry out the mission of teaching, research and public service throughout the state of West Virginia;

Whereas, due to the efforts of Senator Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia State University has established a National Aeronautics and Space Administration Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy to inspire students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

Whereas, by strengthening programs and securing funding for West Virginia State University projects, Senator Robert C. Byrd has enhanced the economic impact of West Virginia State University to the benefit of the citizens of West Virginia.

Therefore, be it resolved that West Virginia State University officially recognizes the contributions and history of service of Senator Robert C. Byrd.

Resolved this 20th Day of December



President

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

CUM LAUDE

David Alexander Barker
Don Alexander Bertolotti
Paul Kenneth Blevins
Kyle Campbell, II*
Anita Le Clinton
Heather Dawn Drake
Amanda Jo Estep
Keith B. Gilkey
Holly Ann Hamilton

LaCinda Mae Kidd
Dominique LaFaye Logan
Jesse Paul Looper
Ashley Lynn McGraw
Todd Alan McQuiston*
Donna M. Martin
Jennifer Lynn Martin
Valene K. Nichols*

Brian Edward Ord
Brett A. Rampone
Kerri Nicole Ramsey
William Charles Samuel
Meia Beth Shamblin
Staci Leah Shumate
Nathaniel Wayne Simons
Mario Torres

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Laura Lynn Adkins
Marco Campoverde
Kristen Sue Carpenter
Matthew Edward Cleek
Alyson Sue Crouch
William Craig Dutton
Helen Wenonia Gist
Cheryl Renee Good

Denise L. Gould
Jason Ray Hill
Kathy S. Hudson
Matthew Bryan Keaton
Rachel Ann Nye
Tonya Lee Graley Pettry
Sherri Dawn Phillips

Fallon Star Pierson
DeeAnna Lynn Rakes
Thomas Pat Ramey, Jr.
Kristi Marie Schwender
William Craig Smith
Arlage Travis Wines
Jeannie Marie Young

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Amanda Joyce Basham
Kendra Elaine Berkhouse
Sherri L. Cox
Adam Ryan Crawford
Megan Lori Gothard

Amanda G. Harper*
Christopher Shane Hawkins
Marina A. Kelley*
Betsi Lynn Linville
Micah Lee Tiberius Peggs

Edward Lewis Raines, Jr.
Jenna Beth Reed
Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz
Emma Jane Ware
Dawn K. White

WITH DISTINCTION

Susan Rae Ricker

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES David Wohl, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Arts in Humanities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE PRESENTATION OF
GRADUATING OFFICER Timothy U. Phillips
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
Professor of Military Science

Dominique L. Logan, Columbus, Georgia

SALUTE TO GRADUATES.....Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University

THE STUDENT ADDRESS.....Mr. Paul Blevins

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Dr. Gregory Epps, '81
Executive Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff

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 Chelsea Price

THE CLOSING REMARKS..... R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

THE BENEDICTIONBishop Michael Dean Austin
MPG of T Ministries
Charleston, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL
The Raider's March John Williams/Johnny Vinson
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble

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

GRAND MARSHAL
Vice President R. Charles Byers '68

ASSISTANT MARSHALS
Professor Debra M. Anderson-Conliffe '76
Professor Rita Brown '75
Vice President Bryce Casto '81
Professor Daton Dean '99
Professor Patricia King '85
Professor Mehdi Seyedmonir '92
Professor Patricia Shafer '71
Professor Charles E. Smith '87
Professor Walter Stroupe '78
Professor Patricia Wilson '67

Candidates

College of Arts and Humanities

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Laura Lynn Adkins – English
Jonathan Edgar Anthony – Art
Nicholas Ryan Cartmill – English
Jeremy Allan Drake – Art*

Megan Lori Gothard – Art
Melvin Lewis Mosley, II – Art
Michale Majid Tavakoli – Art
Emma Jane Ware – Art

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lori G. Adkins
James R. Bailey
Bhavana Bandi
Tracy Nicole Beaver
George Bossie, III
James Scott Brannon
Trinity Anna Burch*
Christi L. Burford
Sheri Lena Burton
John Dixon Caudill, V
Ernest MacArthur Chafin
Allen Neil Combs*
Sherri L. Cox
Adam Ryan Crawford
Jonathan A. Dadisman

Lawrence L. Gaines*
William Michael Ganim
Helen Wenonia Gist
Cheryl Renee Good
Amanda Gail Harper*
James Nathan Jarrell
Joshua Stuart Kuykendall*
Travis Wayne Legg
Angela Irene Lewis
Jesse Paul Looper
James Vincent Meadows
David Scott Milam*
Melissa Jean Mosley*
Emily Nicole Mottesheard*

James David Mullins
Christopher Allen Overstreet
Rashad L. Price
Edward Lewis Raines, Jr.
Brett A. Rampone
Dustin Bertran Resler
Shelia R. Reynolds
Paul David Riegel*
Chasity Desiree Runion
David Vincent Schoen
Chasitiy Renee Smith*
William Craig Smith
Larry Wayne Stone*
Sandra Jean Whipple

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Pablo J. Arias*
Joshua David Bush
Heather Dawn Drake
William Craig Dutton
Nama Morlu Findley
Dominick Edwards Groves
Holly Ann Hamilton
Jacob Benjamin Haught

Jarrell Lamore Amadeus Jackson
Erin L. Jarrett
Hillary Nicole Kernan
Kuly Teddy Kimba
Charles Steven Kirkpatrick
David W. Miller, III
Devon E. Nuckles
Fallon Star Pierson

Jason Andrew Reese
Kristi Marie Schwender
Timothy L. Taylor
Adam Richard Vickers
Sharniece Nicole Wallace
Joshua Douglas Whisman
Jason D. White

*Denotes August 2009 Graduate

Candidates

College of Business Administration and Social Sciences

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Victoria Page Arnett – Psychology
Kyle Malcolm Campbell, II – History *
Marco R. Campoverde – Economics
Matthew Edward Cleek – Psychology
Iyanuoluwa E. Kusimo – Economics
Ashley Lynn McGraw – Psychology
Amber Michelle Murphy – Economics*
Valene Kay Nichols – Sociology*
Dennis Bradley Pauley, II – History

Teri Lynn Pigman – Sociology
Brock J. Poniatowski – History
Nathaniel Wayne Simons – History
Michael Andrew Snyder – Economics
Brittani Leigh Stevenson – Psychology
Lana Michelle Stoler – Psychology
Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz – Economics
Jeannie Marie Young – Political Science

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Tristen Jade Beckett
Erica S. Campbell
Marco R. Campoverde
Brent Wayne Coakley
Gregory Douglas Funk
Denise L. Gould
Julian Leon Irving
Iyanuoluwa E. Kusimo
Ginger Dawn McLaughlin
Donna M. Martin

Jennifer Lynn Martin
Matthew Luke Meade
Amanda Keener Moore
DeMicheal Lamar Nesbitt
William Michael Peaytt
Sherri Dawn Phillips
DeeAnna Lynn Rakes
Thomas Pat Ramey, Jr.
Kassandra Alicia Robinson

Shanika Janielle Rucker
Samuel James Scroggins
Meia Beth Shamblin
Staci Leah Shumate
Robin Elizabeth Smith
Michael Andrew Snyder
Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz
Mario Torres
Kristen L. Wilfong

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Don Alexander Bertolotti
Paul Kenneth Blevins
Nicole Lyn Clevinger

Michael Grant Jones
Matthew Bryan Keaton
Jazmine Alyce Moss

Rachel Ann Nye
Miranda L. Qayyum
Phillip Eric Williamson, II

*Denotes August 2009 Graduate

Candidates

College of Professional Studies

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Andrew Phillip Baker*	Joshua Rodriguez Garcia	Tina L. Pasquale
David Alexander Barker	Debra Lynn Harris	Micah Lee Tiberius Peggs
Hillary Deanne Brown	Amanda Dawn Hively*	Chasitiy Renee Smith*
Sharee Nichole Campbell	Dominique LaFaye Logan	Michael Todd Steve
Anita Le Clinton	Todd Alan McQuiston*	Arlage Travis Wines
Norris Robert Combs*	Brian Edward Ord	Joseph Edward Wiseman
Alyson Sue Crouch		

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Danielle B. Ashworth	Marsha Karen Fowler	Tonya Lee Graley Pettry
Amanda Joyce Basham	Keith B. Gilkey	Kerri Nicole Ramsey
Kendra Elaine Berkhouse	Christopher Shane Hawkins	Jenna Beth Reed
Heather Rachelle Brown	Jason Ray Hill	Susan Rae Ricker
Dana Nicole Clendenin	Kathy S. Hudson	William Charles Samuel
Michael Anthony Curtiss	LaCinda Mae Kidd	Jonathan Lee Veazey
Frank L. Davis, Jr.	Christina Demetrice Laing	Dawn K. White
Amanda Jo Estep		

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Patricia Ryan Bentley Adkins	Kristen Sue Carpenter	Betsi Lynn Linville
Heather Louise Baldwin*	Ashley Marie Finney	Jessica Leigh Standish*

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Michael Albert DeLeeuw	Brandon Kaleo Gwinn	Tiffany D. Mallion
Amanda Rose Gooch	Cindy J. McGue	Eric Michael Workman

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Stevie F. Campbell	Angela Jewel Myers	Robert W. Stoler*
Marina Angelique Kelley*	Deloris Jena Phillips	Christina Louise Webb

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Candidates

College of Arts and Humanities

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Christian A. Bavle- Media Studies

Project Title: "Lighthouses" (Original Screenplay)

Larry Gene Clark- Media Studies

Project Title: "Paw Paw in the Raw: Social Nudism in West Virginia" (Documentary Video)

Holly Reece- Media Studies

Project Title: "The Farm" (Narrative Film)

Bethany A. Simmons- Media Studies

Project Title: "A Lifetime of Teaching" (Multi-Media Documentary)

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Katherine E. Cappellari* - Biotechnology

Morphology and molecular identification of three new species of *Paraoryzmatobothrium* (Ruhnke 1994) from carcharhiniform sharks

Renee A. Gist* - Biotechnology

DNA methylation in alteration of U.S. watermelon heirloom genetic diversity

Charles Freeman Pomeroy- Biotechnology

The role of mitochondrial function and gene expression in the growth performance and feed efficiency of juvenile rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Leah Marie Wilson- Biotechnology

The genus *Anthobothrium* (van Beneden 1850): molecular systematics and description of six new species

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

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Honor Societies Graduating Seniors

December 20, 2009

ALPHA DELTA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK

ADVISOR-MS. RITA BROWN

Marina Angelique Kelley* Christina Louise Webb

ALPHA KAPPA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ADVISOR-DR. SONYA ARMSTRONG

David Alexander Barker	Kendra Elaine Berkhouse	Matthew Edward Cleek
Sherri L. Cox	Alyson Sue Crouch	Denise L. Gould
Amber Suzanne Harless	Micah Lee Tiberius Peggs	Kristi Marie Schwender
Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz	Leah Marie Wilson	Jeannie Marie Young

ALPHA PHI SIGMA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ADVISOR-SAM SWINDELL

David Alexander Barker	Matthew Edward Cleek	Alyson Sue Crouch
Brian Edward Ord	Tina L. Pasquale	Micah Lee Tiberius Peggs
Arlage Travis Wines		

ALPHA EPSILON RHO - WV NATIONAL BROADCASTING SOCIETY

ADVISOR-SHERRI SHAFER

William Craig Dutton Holly Ann Hamilton Bethany A. Simmons

DELTA MU DELTA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

ADVISORS-MR. JOHN HODGES

Denise L. Gould Sherri Dawn Phillips Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz

KAPPA DELTA PI - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

ADVISORS-DR. SANDRA ORR

Tonya Lee Graley Pettry Dawn K. White

PHI ETA SIGMA - FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ADVISOR-JAMES SPENCER

David Alexander Barker	Megan Lori Gotthard	Rachel Ann Nye
Miranda L. Qayyum	Jeanna Beth Reed	

PSI CHI - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

ADVISOR-DR. JAMES SPENCER

Matthew Edward Cleek

RHO PHI LAMBDA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

ADVISOR-MS. PATRICIA KING

Amanda Rose Gooch Cindy J. McGue

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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 Negroes,
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,
Stonerwall 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
Financial Consultant

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
- 2006**
(May)
Thomas Joyner, Sr.
Thomas Joyner Foundation and REACH Media
- (Mid-Year)
Thomas D. Boston
Georgia Institute of Technology
- 2007**
(May)
Constantine W. Curris, Ed. D.
President, American Association of Colleges and Universities
- (Mid-Year)
Brian Eugene Noland, Ph. D.
Chancellor, Higher Education Policy Commission
- 2008**
(May)
Judge Reggie B. Walton
United States District Judge, District of Columbia
- (Mid-Year)
B. Keith Fulton
President, Verizon West Virginia
- 2009**
(May)
John D. Perdue
West Virginia State Treasurer

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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.

