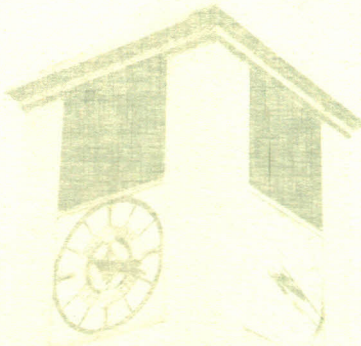


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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 12, 2015

College of Arts and Humanities
College of Business and Social Sciences
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
College of Professional Studies



Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D.
President

D. Stephen & Diane H. Walker Convocation Center
Institute, 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 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, West Virginia State College, 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 University.

In 1915, the West Virginia Collegiate Institute began offering college degrees. Under the leadership of President John W. Davis, academic programs were expanded and new buildings were constructed. In 1927, the Institute received accreditation from 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 became an integrated institution serving a predominately white, adult, commuter student population. At that time, land-grant status was lost due to a decision of the West Virginia Board of Education; West Virginia State College was the only 1890 land-grant institution to lose that status. The College regained land-grant status in 2001, by an act of Congress.

With reinstatement of its 1890 land-grant status, and accompanying federal funding, West Virginia State College strengthened its mission of teaching, research and service to the community. The first graduate degree programs began in fall 2003. With the passage of Senate Bill 448 during the 2004 legislative session, the Institution became 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 system.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

December 12, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT
ORDER OF EXERCISES

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PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance

MARCHING ORDER

- Grand Marshal
- President and Deans
- Platform Party
- College Flag Bearers
- Faculty and Administrators
- Candidates for Degrees

POSTING OF THE COLORS Yellow Jacket Battalion Color Guard
United States Army ROTC

NATIONAL ANTHEM West Virginia State University Concert Choir
Piano Accompaniment by Associate Professor Brenda Vanderford

INVOCATION Reverend John H. Finnell
Blessed Sacrament Church, South Charleston

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS Dr. Ann Brothers Smith
Chair, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Dr. Kumara Jaysuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Kyle Mork
President, Energy Corporation of America

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE Kyle Mork
President, Energy Corporation of America

MUSICAL SELECTION *My Home Among the Hills* WVSU Concert Choir
Dr. Scott Woodard, Director

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT
ORDER OF EXERCISES



CONFERMENT OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts Dr. Scott Woodard
Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Dr. Scott Woodard
Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Dr. David Bejou
Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences

Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts and Sciences Dr. Naveed Zaman
Interim Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Dr. Naveed Zaman
Interim Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Sciences Dr. Paige Carney
Dean, College of Professional Studies

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Sciences Dr. Paige Carney
Dean, College of Professional Studies

Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

*The Director of Registration and Records, Ms. Donna L. Hunter, announces the names of the graduates,
during the conferring of degrees by President Hemphill.*

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT
ORDER OF EXERCISES



REMARKS Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

ALUMNI PLEDGE Dr. Lateef Y. Saffore
First Vice President, WVSU National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER Casey Sharp
Piano Accompaniment by Associate Professor Brenda Vanderford

CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BENEDICTION Reverend John H. Finnell
Blessed Sacrament Church, South Charleston

RECESSIONAL Grand March

Please remain seated while the graduates recess.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER KYLE MORK

Kyle Mork is the President of Energy Corporation of America (ECA) and a Director of the company. He began his career with Halliburton Energy Services as a completions engineer before moving to ECA as a drilling engineer in the company's Houston, Texas office. Since that time he has held various positions throughout the organization focused on operations and management. He has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Cornell University, and a MBA degree from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. In addition, he has taken masters courses at the University of Southern California in petroleum engineering. Mork is chairman of the board of the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences of West Virginia and also serves on the nonprofit ECA Foundation Board of Directors, the USC Mork Family Department Advisory Board and the Cornell Football Association Board. He and his wife, Kirsten, live in Charleston with their daughter and son.

HONORARY DOCTORATE

Honorary degrees at West Virginia State University are conferred upon distinguished alumni and other individuals who have achieved prominence in education, government, business and other professions.

Kyle Mork, President, Energy Corporation of America
Honorary Doctorate of Business

WVSU ALUMNI PLEDGE

To 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.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES

Chinwe Joy Joboson

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Abiodun Patrick Bodunrin *
Johanna Lynn Bosse
Douglas Wayne Bright
Khyra Shādé Fullen
Jessica Lane Hoffman
Santosh Khanal
Michael Drew McClain
K. M. Ahasan Al Tanim *

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

Anita Le Clinton *
Brittany Ann Dangerfield *
Rachel Marie Halstead *
Shawn Maurice Myers *
Carla Jean Shirey *
Danielle Marie Smith *
Heather Nicole Smith
Mikyle Ray White *
Natalie Irene White *

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ART

Kirk Thomas Collins
Michelle Lynn Tompkin
Hannah M. Watters

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

John Mark Arthur *
Christopher Dylan Barton *
Kelsey Riane Crisco *
James Allen Hodges, Jr. *
Tyler Lee Mullins *
Ashley Nichole Penny *

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Kandi Lynn Workman

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Christopher Lee Canada
Reba D. Comer *
Cody Allen Cummings
Colby Gene Dotson
Curtis E. Haskins, Jr.
Maria Michelle Hightower
Steven Foster Hoffman
Candice Shea Holliday
Anita Ruth Hollier
Rendell Keith
Larry Terrence Martin
James Michael Olah
Mushay Charnelle Simms-Davis

REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Michael Le'on Beatty
Ruth Ann Belcher *
Katherine Patricia Burke
Anna Lee Butcher
Tracie Dawn Courtright *
Brittany Elizabeth Crary
Charles Adam Frye, Jr.
Jessica Lynn Halstead
Lauren Nicole Hunt
Julie Ann Jackson *
Cheryl Lynn Jett *
Brittani Ann Kirk
Branden David Ledford
Crystal Mae Lucas
Kristina Marie Lynch
Jeffrey Wayne McCune
Ramadhin Mais
Joshua Allen Michalski
Yunusah Babangida Mohammed *
Melissa Dawn Mullins *
Lee Morgan Painter *
Andrea Denice Perdue *
Rebecca Lynn Perry
Christopher Andrew Pettitt
James Kevin Pickron, II
Elizabeth Pearl Pyszkowski
Jeremy Charles Rollman
Grace Wang Zhen Rose *
Valarie Nicole Ross
Eugenia Francine Scott
Kelly Witters Shannon
Beth Allison Silvestrucci
David Wayne Sisson
David S. Slater *
Ronald Perry Stewart
Marsha Lynn Thornton-Bradbury
Jessica Beth Vance
Jedidiah Drew Walls
Victoria I.C. Waybright
Dina Renee Williams
Jocelyn Kristine Williams *
Kayla Nicole Workman *

* Denotes August 2015 graduate

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

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

Zachary Dale Cooper *
Christina R. Cox
Casey Morgan Knuckles
Isaiah Herl Seandelle White
Kenneth D. White, Jr.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Tyler Dean Allen
Kevin Westley Carpenter
Chelsea Elizabeth Duffey
Tyler Ryan Michael Godbey
Jonathan Scott Kirk
Dakota Brooke Lee
Jay Charles Martin

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Hadra Mohammed Awol
Destani Nichole Casdorph
Nellie Jane Erby
Kevin Allen Konkle
William Lodge
Lindsey Nichole Thaxton
Samantha Nichole Wooten

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Matthew Raymond LaGrange *
Summer Dawn Meadows

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Casey Jo Owens

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Christopher K. Anderson
Amy Renee Bennett
Lee Ann Buck
Christina R. Cox
Whitney Kathryn Dunlap
Jordan Michelle Gosien *
Jordan Arielle Isaacs
Shawn Renee Kiser
Casey Morgan Knuckles
Matthew Curtis Lilly
Christopher David Oldaker
Tevin Warren Scott Owsley
MinMing Wang
Isaiah Herl Seandelle White
Kenneth D. White, Jr.
Donteako Earl'Ontay Wilson

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Erica Danae Bickham
Matthew Russell Bower
Sharon M. George
James Edward White, III

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY

Stephen Lee Heywood

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Jordan Arielle Isaacs
Jonathan Scott Stalnaker



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COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Brandi Lynn Briscoe *
Charles Edward Brown, III
Sharon Lynn Deal
Christopher Wayne Dolin
Sonia Lee Foster
Tammie Len Gibson
Mark Anthony Guerin
Dawn Marie Hall
Kari Ann Hudson
Matthew Houston Lovejoy
Brittany Elizabeth Marsh
John Christopher Morrison, II
Betsy Sue Motto
Kimberly Dawn Pritt
Jordan Tyler Rogers
Amy Renee Shaluta
Chelsey Sierra Wanner
Chyna Sade' Watkins
Robert L. Wright*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Jessyka Maree Andrews
Dawn Annette Arbaugh
Amanda Elaine Bird
Brittney Leann Charcandy *
Megan Danielle Cochran
Courtney Rae Coffman
Taylor Briann Coleman
Laura Kathleen Cummings
Kelly Sue Dearnell
Brittany Ann Downey
Lindsay Jo Dunlap
Emily Cristina Eskew

Chantel Lace Hartwell
Gloria Jean Huff
Samantha Jo Hughes
Michael Scott English, II
Ashley Elizabeth King
Katrina Lynn Kirk
Tayler Catherine Kline
Christin Lynn McLaughlin
Davin Shea Miller
Morgan Blair Miller
Danielle Jo Moles
Lindsie Dion Nelson
Melanie Sue Pyrtle
Kathryn Marie Robertson
Jamie Marie Sparks
Jonathan Scott Stalnaker
Emily Michele Thomas
Sarah K. Weekley
Hannah Beth Young

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

Margit Anna Biro
Jessica Ann Keefer
Zachary A. Szasz *

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Kenneth Wesley Dewayne Booth, Jr.
Casey Nicole Casto *
Frances Lynn Hamilett
Chloe' Nicole Ivy
Hannah Elizabeth Kinsey
Ashley Nichole Moore
Stephanie Lee Woodyard

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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SPORTS STUDIES

Shanin Taylor Bennefield
DeRaughn Christian Brown
Ferlaxanes Breial Carson
Victoria Paige Crawford
Robert Dwayne Dooley
William Scott Fitzsimmons
Greg Eugene Jones, Jr.
Kelsey Chae Martin
Garrett Lee Underwood *



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ACADEMIC HONORS

Cum Laude

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages between 3.25 and 3.49

Magna Cum Laude

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages between 3.50 and 3.74

Summa Cum Laude

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages of 3.75 and above

With Distinction

Candidates, who are graduating with a second bachelor's degree, who have completed at least 30 hours beyond the first degree and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 and above in these additional hours.

Graduating Seniors in Honor Societies

To become a member in a University Honor Society, a student must have earned 30 hours toward his/her degree and must have met the society's specific requirements for eligibility.

Congratulations to the seniors listed for your commitment to academic excellence and thank you for the national and international recognition that you bring to West Virginia State University by your membership in these societies.

Alpha Delta Mu

National Honor Society in Social Work

Professor Rita Brown, advisor

Hannah Elizabeth Kinsey

Ashley Nichole Moore

Stephanie Lee Woodyard

Alpha Epsilon Rho

National Broadcasting Honor Society

Professor Sherri Shafer, advisor

Cody Allen Cummings

Alpha Kappa Delta

National Honor Society in Sociology

Dr. Gail Mosby, advisor

Casey Jo Owens

Alpha Kappa Mu

Junior and Senior National Honor Society

Dr. Sonya Armstrong, advisor

Brandi Lynn Briscoe

Laura Kathleen Cummings

Lindsay Jo Dunlap

Gloria Jean Huff

Matthew Houston Lovejoy

Alpha Phi Sigma

National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Dr. Kerri Steele, co-advisor

Dr. Cassandra B. Whyte, co-advisor

Brittany Ann Dangerfield

Sharon Lynn Deal

Christopher Wayne Dolin

Dawn Marie Hall

Rachel Marie Halstead

Matthew Houston Lovejoy

Kimberly Dawn Pritt

Carla Jean Shirey

Anita Le Smith

Danielle Marie Smith

Heather Nicole Smith

Natalie Irene White

ACADEMIC HONORS



Delta Mu Delta

International Honor Society in Business Administration

Professor John Hodges, advisor

Jordan Arielle Isaacs

Kappa Delta Pi

International Honor Society in Education

Professor Barbara Korn, advisor

Jessyka Maree Andrews
Dawn Annette Arbaugh
Amanda Elaine Bird
Brittney Leann Charcandy
Megan Danielle Cochran
Courtney Rae Coffman
Taylor Briann Coleman
Laura Kathleen Cummings
Kelly Sue Dearnell
Brittany Ann Downey
Lindsay Jo Dunlap
Emily Christina Eskew
Chantel Lace Hartwell
Gloria Jean Huff
Samantha Jo Hughes
Michael Scott English, II
Ashley Elizabeth King
Katrina Lynn Kirk
Tayler Catherine Kline
Christin Lynn McLaughlin
Davin Shae Miller
Morgan Blair Miller
Danielle Jo Moles
Lindsie Dion Nelson
Melanie Sue Pyrtle
Kathryn Marie Robertson
Jamie Marie Sparks
Jonathan Scott Stalnaker
Emily Michele Thomas

Phi Alpha Theta

National Honor Society for History

Professor T. J. Park, advisor

Jonathan Scott Kirk

Michael Scott English, II

Pi Sigma Alpha

Political Science Honorary Society

Dr. Frank Vaughan, advisor

Summer Dawn Meadows

WVSU Honors Program

Dr. Genia Sklute, advisor

Erica Danae Bickham



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 who seats the graduates, faculty and platform guests. Faculty members wear 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 is in reverse order, with the platform guests leaving the dais first, followed by the faculty and the graduates.

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 bachelor's gown is simple and black with long, pointed sleeves. Master's 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. Doctor's 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 bachelor's smallest, master's larger and doctor's quite large and of a different shape. West Virginia State University does not award hoods for bachelors' degrees. 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 bachelor's 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 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 used today was designed by former Art faculty member Dr. Cubert Smith. The 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.

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 symbolizes the accomplishments of the graduates whom we honor on this occasion and the University's commitment to their success.

Four gonfalons of the old gold with black lettering will be carried by two faculty members from each College: 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.

Banner Carriers

Arts and Humanities

Prof. Sherri Shafer

Dr. Ali Ziyati

Business Administration and Social Sciences

Asst. Prof. Matt Carroll

Assoc. Prof. Frehot Hailou

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Mohammad Bhuiyan

Dr. Linwei Niu

Professional Studies

Dr. Mickey Blackwell

Dr. Kerri Steele

Grand Marshal

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya

Faculty Marshals

Dr. Daton Dean-Leonard

Inst. Roger Echols

Stage Marshals

Prof. Josh Martin

Dr. Walter Stroupe

Student Marshals

Prof. Debra Anderson-Conliffe

Prof. Patricia King

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key

*Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through 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?*

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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