

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

SIXTY-THIRD YEAR

THE SIXTIETH

Annual Commencement



MAY THE THIRTIETH

A. D. NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE

AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

FROM THE FEDERAL LAND-GRANT ACT

"...to the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least, one college where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislatures of the states may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life." *Approved July 2, 1862 and August 30, 1890.* WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE IS A LAND GRANT COLLEGE.

Order of Exercises

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Pilgrims Chorus" *Wagner*
Professor T. D. Phillips at the Organ

THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION—

Processional—"Grand March" (Aida) *Verdi*

The Marshal
The Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree
The State Officials and Representatives
The Faculty and Administrative Officers
The President and the Commencement Speaker

HYMN (To be sung by the Audience)—

The National Anthem—

Led by the West Virginia State College Concert Band
L. Everette Thompson, Conductor

(The audience will remain standing until after the Invocation)

THE INVOCATION—

Rev. Lee Shane, Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston

Music—Selections from "Aida" *Verdi*

The A Cappella Choir
Professor Gladys B. Johnson, *Director*

THE RECOGNITION OF STATE OFFICIALS AND HONOR GUESTS—

MUSIC—"My Love Dwelt in a Northern Land" *Elgar*

The A Cappella Choir
Professor Gladys B. Johnson, *Director*

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

BUELL G. GALLAGHER, A.B., B.D., PH.D., D.D.
President of City College, New York City

Order of Exercises

ELECTED TO ALPHA DELTA SIGMA HONORARY SCHOLASTIC SOCIETY

Velma Diane Alexander
Margaret Fox Butler

Lou Willie Holmes
Mae Fonville White

ELECTED TO SIGMA DELTA PI NATIONAL SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Velma Alexander
Nancy Brown
Juanita Loundmon

Florine McCain
Sarah Meade

ELECTED TO DELTA PHI ALPHA NATIONAL GERMAN HONORARY FRATERNITY

Margaret Fox Butler
Denise Conner

Sylvester Hairston
Louise Mathies

ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI HONORARY SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Margaret Fox Butler
Thomas Daniel Carter, Jr.

Denise Adrienne Conner
Sylvester Hairston

ELECTED TO LAMBDA IOTA TAU NATIONAL LITERARY HONORARY SOCIETY

Ogle Burks Duff

AWARD OF HONORS—

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Velma D. Alexander

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Lou Willie Holmes
Margaret Fox Butler

WITH DISTINCTION

Mae F. White

Candidates

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES—

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREES WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Music by Professor Theodore D. Phillips.

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education by Professor Grace I. Woodson.

Candidate for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture by Professor Madison Broadnax.

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration by Professor Richard H. Homburger.

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education by Professor Grace I. Woodson.

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Economics by Professor Mae Belle Jones.

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanic Arts by Professor Frederic J. Lacy.

Candidate for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Technical Science by Professor Frederic J. Lacy.

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts by Dean Harrison H. Ferrell.

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science by Dean Harrison H. Ferrell.

After the conferring of degrees by President William J. L. Wallace, the names of the graduates will be announced by Registrar Daniel P. Lincoln.

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Berry, Ruby Mae
Donaldson, Regina Mae
McClendon, Charles Ruben**

Miller, Juanita Augusta
Randolph, Horace Davye
Rice, Louis Ballard**

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Alexander, Velma Diane
Carrington, Dorothy Mae
Crayton, Audrey
Epps, Gwendolyn Bernice
Freeman, Mary Elizabeth**
Griffith, Maurice Holliday
Hale, Kay Frances
Holmes, Lou Willie
Hutcherson, Bobbie Lou
Jackson, Anna Katherine

Lane, Nellie Belle
Liggins, Gladys Lucille M.
Robinson, Dolores Dollieo
Rowland, Avise Ann
Taylor, Jacqueline Beatrice
Taylor, Laura Rose
Terry, Fannie Elizabeth
White, Louise**
White, Mae Fonville**

**Completed requirements for graduation January 22, 1955

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

Garrison, Melvyn Vaughn

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Freeman, Donald Jones
Grooms, William Minor
Heck, James Riley, III

Jones, Earl Evans
Law, Pauline Anna
McRimmon, Maxie Andrew

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Alston, Willie P.
Biount, Audrey Lillian
Boone, James Lloyd
Bowman, Douglass Chester, Jr.
Bush, Joyce Regina
Cardwell, Jennie Eleanor
Duff, Ogle Eloise Burks
Dunn, Robert Bernard
Graves, Helen Birkes
Jackson, Gloria Warren
Jackson, James Arthur
Jones, William Harrison, II

Kester, Carlos Doyle
Lindsey, William, Jr.
McCain, Florine
Meade, Sarah Ruhanna
Parker, Joseph LeMichael
Powell, John David**
Scott, Marion Stovall
Strickland, Mary Inez
Trigg, Jasper Alphonso
Tynes, Carole Gwendolyn
Waynesboro, Frances N.**

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOME ECONOMICS

Ethridge, Pearl Mae
Ferguson, Sylvia Annette
Grant, Norma Virginia
Gripper, Pearline
Martin, Cornelia Juanita

Mosley, Catherine
Pittard, Ruth Edmonia
Robinson, Ruby Dell
Tucker, Virginia Gladys

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANIC ARTS

Clark, Paul Lawrence
Hicks, Sterling, Jr.

Hooper, Wilbur**
Lawrence, Anderson Cooper

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TECHNICAL SCIENCE

Johnson, Young O'Hara

**Completed requirements for graduation January 22, 1955

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Addison, Gloria Ann	Harrell, James Wilsbur**
Artis, Marvin Earl	Hill, Odell Eloise
Bennett, Shirley Ann	Kelly, Sarah Marie
Booker, Herman Lee	Lee, Aubrey Walter
Brown, Nancy Irene	Loundman, Juanita Lavinia
Cabell, Patricia Ward	Mathies, Louise Mims
Carter, Kirk Reginald, Jr.	McCall, David Cornel**
Delifus, Edward	Meadows, Garland Kenneth**
Dunlap Martha Alberta	Nichols, Hannibal Hendrick
Edmonds, Clyde Emmett**	Ward, Vivian
Goldsby, Barbara Jean	Washington, Russell Claude
Grooms, Lorraine Howell	Wright, Harvey, Philip**

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Armstead, Alfred Lloyd	Conner, Joanne Alice
Austin, Ruth Louise	Crawford, Francis Elmo
Bulter, Margaret Frances Fox	Crawford, Theodore Andrew
Cabell, David Cornell	Hairston, Sylvester
Carter, Thomas Daniel, Jr.	Harold, Wildon Wilson
Clay, Earl Charles, Jr.	Nelson, Donald Albert
Conner, Denise Adrienne	

Commissions of Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery Officers Reserve Corps, will be awarded by Major Robbin E. L. Washington, P.M.S.T. assisted by the following officers from Headquarters, West Virginia Military District, South Charleston, West Virginia:

Lt. Col. James E. Milner	Major Elbert Bias	Major R. W. House
--------------------------	-------------------	-------------------

The following officers from the R.O.T.C. Staff of West Virginia State College:

Major Roscoe C. Cartwright	Captain Neil B. Dunson
Arty. USA, Asst. P.M.S.T.	Arty. USAR, Asst. P.M.S.T.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS COMMISSIONS

Artis, Marvin E.	*Delifus, Edward	Lee, Aubrey W.
Bowman, Douglass C., Jr.	*Freeman, Donald J.	Lindsey, William
Cabell, David C.	*Garrison, Melvyn V.	McRimmon, Max A.
Carter, Kirk R., Jr.	Griffith, Maurice H.	Nelson, Donald A.
Carter, Thomas D.	Hairston, Sylvester	*Trigg, Jasper A.
Clay, Earl C.	Heck, James R., III	Washington, Russell C.
*Crawford, Francis E.	Johnson, Young O'H.	
Crawford, Theodore A.	Jones, Earl E.	

*Commission in Regular Army

**Completed requirements for graduation January 22, 1955

Order of Exercises

THE COMMENCEMENT STATEMENT—

The President

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE—

MR. DRUE E. CULUMNS

President, West Virginia State College Alumni Association

To join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideals of my college, nurturing its growth and promoting its program, to serve with honor in my chosen profession and to make of myself a symbol of the best traditions of my college— this is my commission and my challenge.

GREETINGS —

ATTORNEY JAMES H. ROWLAND

Member, West Virginia Board of Education

MUSIC—ALMA MATER

Led by the West Virginia State College Concert Band

L. Everette Thompson, Conductor

RECESSIONAL—"March in G" *Smart*

Professor T. D. Phillips at the Organ

(The Audience will remain seated during the recessional)



MARSHAL —

Daniel L. Ferguson, '09

ASSISTANT MARSHALS—

Mrs. L. P. Bailey, '27

Dr. P. Ahmed Williams, '28

Mr. Felix T. Warren, '36

Mr. Wesley Lynch, '43

Professor James Wilson, '48

ALMA MATER

Of West Virginia State College

ERNEST WADE '30

MARTHA SPENCER '31

The piano introduction consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a supporting bass line in the left hand.

1. There is a place we love so dear — Its name we'll ever praise and re-vere — 'Tis West Vir-gin - ia

The first line of the song features a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1. There is a place we love so dear — Its name we'll ever praise and re-vere — 'Tis West Vir-gin - ia".

REFRAIN

State we love — Just one more step from there is heav'n a - bove. — West Vir - gin - ia's

The first line of the refrain features a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "State we love — Just one more step from there is heav'n a - bove. — West Vir - gin - ia's".

praise we'll sing — Lift our voices 'til heav-ens ring — As we gal - ly march a-long — We'll

The second line of the refrain features a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "praise we'll sing — Lift our voices 'til heav-ens ring — As we gal - ly march a-long — We'll".

sing a song — for Al-ma Mater How we love her pride of all our loy-al hearts — From her we will

The third line of the refrain features a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "sing a song — for Al-ma Mater How we love her pride of all our loy-al hearts — From her we will".

nev-er part — Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few — Al-ma Ma-ter we love you.

The fourth line of the refrain features a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "nev-er part — Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few — Al-ma Ma-ter 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