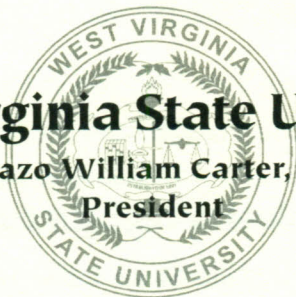


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Hazo William Carter, Jr.
President



West Virginia State Community and Technical College

Ron Bartley
Interim President



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

Annual Commencement

**Sunday, May the Twentieth
Two Thousand and Seven
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—

Ringling Brothers Grand Entry MarchAl Sweet
America..... Arr. John Cacavas
Coro Dei Gitani..... G. Verdi/John Casarini
Amparito Roca Jamie Texidor
West Virginia State University Concert Band
Scott Woodard, M. M., Director

THE PROCESSIONAL—

“War March of the Priests” F. Mendelssohn
from Athalia arr. M. L. Lake

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 Darren Freeman, M.A.
Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church
Charleston, West Virginia

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

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Constantine W. Curris, Ed.D.
President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

Sing and Rejoice (1949)..... Will James
West Virginia State University Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D., Director

THE AWARDING OF SPECIAL HONORS Ron Bartley, Ed.D.
Interim President
West Virginia State Community and Technical College

The Community and Technical College
Presidential Partnership Awards

Dow Chemical
NGK Spark Plugs, Inc.

THE RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENTS

Charles T. Ledbetter – 28 years West Virginia State University
John Lewis Fuller, Sr. – 41 years West Virginia State University

THE 2007 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed. D.
President, West Virginia State University

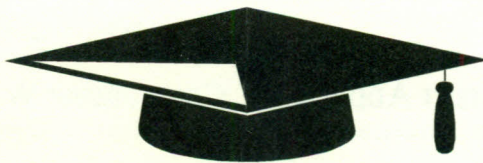
Alumni John Lewis Fuller, Sr., Ph.D.
Business TLTEK, LLC
Community Service Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha County
Education Taylor J. Perry, Jr., Ph.D.

THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION

THE AWARD OF HONORS Edith Worrells, M.B.A.
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
West Virginia State Community and Technical College
and

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

The Presentation of Candidates and the Conferring of Degrees



ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HONORS

Marlina Jane Adams	Dominick Edwards Groves	Jacqueline Paige Russell
Justin Matthew Anderson	Nicholas Warner Harden	Nathaniel Wayne Simons
Andrea Nicole Ashworth	Gina Suzanne Kronk	Kimberly Sue Starcher
Jennifer Marie Bailey	Tsion Solomon Mamo	Jennifer Ann Thornton
Angela Marie Bryant	Meagan Louise Magee	Shelley Kathleen Whittington
Vanessa Renee Dekeyzer	Stephanie Dawn Owsley	Justin Randal Witt
Cheryl Lynn Elliott	Regina Mae Portillo	
Sirgew Getachew	Christopher Joe Rafferty	

HIGH HONORS

Edward Amen Beard	Stephanie M. Harless	Walker F. Pauley
Janelle R. Bolland	Timo Jacob	Angela Kathryn Prowse
Jessica Tiffany Bumgardner	Tiffany Lee Kelly	Michelle Lynn Robinson
Jessica Lynn Cobb	Bertha Jean Meadows	Catherine Mae Tucker
Nicole Yvonne Gates	Stephanie Marie Murnahan	

HIGHEST HONORS

Benjamin Adam Barido	Cindy D. Elkins	Victoria Alice Quintrell-Paul
Jacqueline Burford	Patricia Ann Hastings	James Allen Richards
Karen Ann Cooper	Bradley Guy Plantin	Vickie Lynn Wood
Timothy Calvin Edmonds	Peggy Nanette Quesenberry	

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

CUM LAUDE

Jeanette Lea Ahangardezfooli	Jennifer L. Holstein	Andrea Jaye Sirianni
Summer Dawn Carpenter	Daniel W. Hughes	Misty Judith Spencer
Kimberley Ann Carroll	Staci LeeAnn Kinder	Jessica Ellen Stanley
Matthew Ryan Carroll	Joshua Stephen Lawrence	Kimberly Sue Starcher
Brenda Kay Collins	Erica Raeann Lockhart	Jessie Lynn Stratton
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Heather Rae Foster	George M. Priestley, II	Ryan B. Taylor
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Brandon Scott Halstead	Pennie Arlene Roueche	Michael Robert Webb
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MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Julie Sue Barie	Nicole Yvonne Gates	Pamela Ann Malone
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Jessica Lee Flores	Lindsay Alayne Lauzau	Jodi Lee Stickley
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SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Ashley Dawn Baldwin	Stephanie Lynn Dunn	Katy J. Keeton
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Jennifer Sue Belcher	Tabitha Michelle Hamrick	John Michael Patrick
Peter Andrew Bess	Hillary Sturm Hardman	Brittany Jo Shell
Phillip Howard Boze	Kerstin Gudrun Howard	Bethany Ann Simmons
Anna Marie Brewer	Cathy Ann Hunter	Adele Elizabeth Thumm
Jennifer Elaine Cartmill	Michelle Nicole Idleman	Vickie Lynn Wood
Samantha D. Cruickshank	Peggy Jo Keefer	

WITH DISTINCTION

Ryan Joseph Aaron	Kathleen Marie Lloyd	Linda Gail Wollaber
Jonna Danielle Ferretti-Doherty		

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS

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

CANDIDATES FOR THE

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE 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.
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

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

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President, West Virginia State University

THE PRESENTATION OF

GRADUATING OFFICERS Steve D. Thomas, M.A.
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
Professor of Military Science

Edward A. Beard, Second Lieutenant, South Charleston, West Virginia
Darnell E. Wiggins, Second Lieutenant, Willingboro, New Jersey

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

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES

Abdullah Hamza Mohammed, M.A., Media Studies.

Thesis/Project: "Vimkandala – Video Huts"

Monique Renee Nunley, M.A., Media Studies.

Thesis/Project: "Scott High School Website"

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Brenda MaShawn Hill - Biotechnology

Transient Phosphorylation Events Mediate Contractile Tension Maintenance
During Inhibition of Ca²⁺-Dependent and
Ca²⁺-Independent Contractile Pathways in Rat Aorta

JooHa Jeong - Biotechnology

A First Linkage Map of *Sesamum* (*Sesamum indicum* L.)
Using AFLP and SSR Markers

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Marlina Jane Adams

Shawn C. Allen

Justin Scott Anastasio

Justin Matthew Anderson

Andrea Nicole Ashworth

Jennifer Marie Bailey

Traci Denise Bailey

Tina Louise Baldwin

Benjamin Adam Barido

Meggan Elaine Beckner

Mark Andrew Bess

Janelle R. Bolland

Melissa Lynn Bossie

Jennifer Lynn Bradley

Jacques Pierre Bridges

Jessica Tiffany Bumgardner

Jacqueline Burford

Andrea Renee Christ

Jessica Lynn Cobb

Matthew Lee Cole

Karen Ann Cooper

Marsha Lynn Cooper

Diana "Dee" Lynn Cox

Kia Marie Davidson

Kristen Nikia Davis

Vanessa Renee Dekeyzer

Clay Preston Dempsey

Zondra Dee Dillard

Adam Christopher Douglas

Lois Ann Eagle-Joslin

Timothy Calvin Edmonds

John Eric Filipek

Jamie Rene Finney

Heather Lea Galloway

Stephanie Brooke Gillespie

Marva Lucille Gray

Dominick Edwards Groves

William L. Hampton

Nicholas Warner Harden

Jennifer Renee Hardman

Stephanie M. Harless

Sarah Renee Harper

Jessica Lynn Harris

Wanda D. Harris

Patricia Ann Hastings

Cynthia A. Hess

Shana Lynn Higginbotham

Timo Jacob

Aruna I. Kamara

Tiffany Lee Kelly

Ryan Adam Kinder

Treena L. Kinder

Fredric Shane Kirk

Amy Carole Knight

Gina Suzanne Kronk

Alicia Dawn Lewis

Gladys Faye Lovejoy

Destiny Lynn McCallister

Christine Dawn McKown

Candy Elaine McVay

Meagan Louise Magee

Philip Wayne Mallett

Tabetha Nicole Marcum

Lisa Rene Maurer

Matthew Luke Meade

Bertha Jean Meadows

Herschel Driscoll Moultrie

Stephanie Marie Murnahan

Stephanie Dawn Owsley

Erica Dawn Parrish

Nicole Renee Parsons

Stephanie L. Peters

Bradley Guy Plantin

Regina Mae Portillo

Angela Kathryn Prowse

Peggy Nanette Quesenberry

Larry Curtis Quigley, Jr.

Victoria Alice Quintrell-Paul

Christopher Joe Rafferty

Traci Michelle Raynes

Rolisa Dawn Redman

Tammy Marie Redmon

Jessica Nicole Reed

Miles Mark Langly Reed

James Allen Richards

James Kelly Richards, Jr

Michelle Lynn Robinson

Jacqueline Paige Russell

Rachel Marie Salmons

Elizabeth A. Schirtzinger

Debbie A. Seacrist

Sara Elizabeth Shaffer

Angela Martin Shearer

Kenneth Wayne Sherman

Heather Allyssa Shockey

Nathaniel Wayne Simons

Cherrie Lynn Sizemore

Elizabeth H. Smith

Helen P. Sturdivant

Jacqueline Lynn Summers

Elizabeth Ann Thomas

Francina Jo Thomas

Jennifer Ann Thornton

Cynthia Ellen Tidd

Catherine Mae Tucker

Robin Denise White

William Maxwell Whiting

Shelley Kathleen Whittington

Benjamin Thomas Wilkes

Justin Randal Witt

Justin Wade Wyatt

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Nicole Yvonne Gates

Daniel Menychil Mengesha

Kimberly Sue Starcher

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Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Edward Amen Beard
Dermayne Keith Bullock
Carolyn Kay Clark
Andrew Blair Cox
H. Ann Cunningham
Cheryl Lynn Elliott
Terri Rene Ellis
Evelyn Carol Essex

Kathryn Lynn Francis
Robel Hailu
William Paul Hicks
Matthew Alan Morris
Samantha Renee Perna
Betty Jean Randolph
Shannon Antoine Robinson

Carla Inez Scott
Martha Louise Slate
Melissa Dawn Smith
Laura Christine Walker
William Maxwell Whiting
Vickie Lynn Wood
Tina Susanne Workman

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Selamawit E. Belda
Angela Marie Bryant
Carol Marie Butler
Larry L. Duncan, II
Cindy D. Elkins

Rondalyn Kristia English
Richard Lloyd Jarrett
Tonya Jones
Earnest Howard Kuhn
Tsion Solomon Mamo

Lloyd Lee Meador
Walker F. Pauley, Jr.
Joshua James Price
Jammi Alexis Tabb

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Aesha Amirah Campbell
Sirgew Getachew

Tawanna Elizabeth Honeycutt

Ashley Renee Roberts

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jeanette Lea Ahangardezfooli
Ray W. Bennett
Peter Andrew Bess
Phillip Howard Boze
Janice Carol Brown
Matthew Ryan Carroll
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Andrew Scott Davis
Darryl Dermont Dean
Terri Rene Ellis
Heather Rae Foster
Fiyori Habtemariam*

Julie Britton Haden
Jason Adam Hal
Andrew M. Haston
Robert Justin Hively
Chelsea Necole Johnson
Lindsey Renee Kitchen
Casey Adam Levy
Amy Michelle Lewis
Melanie Kanish McNeely
Ayrista A. Miller
Mary Annette Miller
Abdolreza Nafchi Mirzakhani
Luke Russell Mitchell

Candice P. Murphy
Chad Gene Pauley
Amy Dawn Petry
Jonathan Michael Reese
Brandon Shad Ridgely
Emily Kathryn Smith
Leslie Ann Smith
Adrienne Beth Sommerville
Jessica Rae Sowards
Judith Lyons Taylor
Justin R. Waybright
Darnell E. Wiggins

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Dermayne Keith Bullock
Amanda Leigh Cash
Daniel Cosgrove, Jr.
Elisha F. Dolin-Rawlings
Willard Robert Donner, Jr.
Monte William Dyer
Heather Irene Faber
Johnny Lee Roy Fernatt
Jessica Lee Flores
Michael David Flowers

Jerry W. Gladwell
Belinda Diana Gray
Lisa Dawn Hall
Brandon Scott Halstead
Kerstin Gudrun Howard
Corey Antione Jackson
Ida M. Jones
Tonya Jones
Brett Samuel McClain
Amanda Ruth McGowan
Mary Lou McKinney
Sally C. Marcus
Samantha Dawn Meadows

Dara Denise Mollohan
Kimberly Elaine Osborne
Carolyn Bailey Paschal
Mark Charvelle Revere
Shannon Antoine Robinson
Maurice Jerome Samuel
Helen P. Sturdivant
Mark Edward Sumpter
Scott A. Tinsley
Laura Christine Walker
Joseph A. Wallace
Herman Matthew Warner

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Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ryan Joseph Aaron	Renee Amoy Gist	Suzanne Marie Smith
Gary Christopher Atkins	Christina Renee Kessel	Jamie Dawn Snodgrass
Andrew Deric Bryant	Patrick R. Matthiae	Cynthia E. Walker
Katherine Elizabeth Cappellari	James Michael Mileto	Leah Marie Wilson
Summer Dawn Carpenter	Charles Freeman Pomeroy	Collette Rachel Witkowski
Crystal Brooke Gaylor	Scot Russell Shapero	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

LaSha L. Anderson	Chad Aaron Jones	Lora G. Pierce
Christina Marie Carden	Treena L. Kinder	Chester Clinton Popham
Anthony Lee Carpenter	Charlotte Emily Lacy	Kelli Jo Poster
Michael S. Carpenter	Sonya Jo Lawson	Pennie Arlene Roueche
Matthew Ryan Carroll	Deanna K. Lyons	Brittany Jo Shell
Kelly Pettet-Hilken Cunningham	Justin Sean Miller	Amber Lynn Shirkey
Brittany Jo Dickson	Abdolreza Nafchi Mirzakhani	Heather Allyssa Shockey
Amanda Rae Donahue	Lisa Dawn Moore	Aaron Lee Silber
Jeffrey Allen Facemire	Herschel Driscoll Moultrie	Jennifer Leann Snow
Jaime Leigh Farley	Patrick Francis Muldoon	Misty Judith Spencer
Kristen Nicole Frampton	Candice P. Murphy	Kurtis Tyrone St. John
Joshua Erik Gabehart	Nicholas Allen Parkins	Ashlee Natasha Stevens
Fiyori Habetmariam*	Randy Joe Pauley, II	Jacqueline Michelle Taylor
Jason Adam Hall	Heather Elizabeth Peer	William David Webb
John Robert Harris, II	Angela Renee Phillips	Helen Cecile Wiley
Katie Madiero Hunter	Kyra Mae Phillips	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Joseph Donnell Benjamin	Saleena Rachell Gilliard	Misty Dawn Peck
Phillip Howard Boze	Tabitha Michelle Hamrick	Bethany Ann Simmons
Jeremy Aaron Brannon	Sarah Maria Janey	Alyson Ann Skidmore
Meghan Leigh Chester	Wayne Patrick Johnson	Jodi Lee Stickley
Tony Dwight Cornett, Jr.	Zachary John Leskanic	Ryan B. Taylor
Lindsay Christine Cox	Candice Brooke Lightner	Matthew Ryan Wickert
Heather Marie Estep	Christina Marie McCune	Shari Hanan Willis

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ashley Dawn Baldwin	Robert Asher Hamilton	Kasey Nichole Null
Shamia Jonee Blanks	Amanda Marie Hill	Andrea Jaye Sirianni
Mark Eric Cleek	Shawn Joseph Lane	Jessica Ellen Stanley
Brenda Kay Collins	Christine Dawn McKown	Tiffany Jonnell Thompson
Dail Shareka Gant	Pamela Ann Malone	Michael Robert Webb.
John Wesley Gwinn	Stephen Anthony Maone, Jr	

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Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Amanda Nicole Arthur
Jennifer Ryan Bailey*
Julie Sue Barie
Tiffany Ryan Barnette
Edward Amen Beard
Jennifer Sue Belcher
Katrina L. Bennett
Anna Marie Brewer
Kimberly Ann Carroll
Shelia Jane Coleman
Stephanie Lynn Dunn
Savannah Michelle Farmer
Jonna Danielle Ferretti-Doherty
Rhonda Renee Fields

Thomas J. Garcia
Gerald Byron Hager, II
Hillary Sturm Hardman
Tammy L. Hensley
Cathy Ann Hunter
Michelle Nicole Idleman
Mark E. Javins
Peggy Jo Keefer
Staci LeeAnn Kinder
Lindsay Alayne Lauzau
Joshua Stephen Lawrence
Kathleen Marie Lloyd
Erica Raeann Lockhart

Phoebe Ann McCloud
Kara Beth McFarland
Katrina Jane Minney
Kelley Dawn Norman
John Michael Patrick
Teresa L. Pickens
George M. Priestley, II
Kelly Jill Salmons
Christopher William Snow
Kara L. Stover
Adele Elizabeth Thumm
David W. Wandling
Linda Gail Wollaber

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Samantha D. Cruikshank
Daniel W. Hughes

Sandra C. Jeter
Katy J. Keeton

Steven Frederick Polen
Amanda Lee Simms

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Sarah Ann-Marie Brown
Tammy Lynn Clark
Nicole Yvonne Gates
Amy Jean Mellert

Nancy Ruth Oliver
Brandon R. Price
E. Frances Roop
Kimberly Sue Starcher

Jessie Lynn Stratton
Patrick Eugene Williams
Vickie Lynn Wood

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Order of Exercises

THE STUDENT ADDRESS..... Bradley Plantin

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Gregory D. Epps, Ed. D. '81
Special Assistant to the President, West Virginia State University

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
Angela Bryant, Savannah Farmer, Jim Laurentz,
Susanna Lilly, John Morrison, and Bethany Simmons
Class of 2007

THE CLOSING REMARKSR. Charles Byers, Ph.D.

THE BENEDICTION..... The Reverend Douglas Minnerly, D. Div.
Pastor of New Covenant 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 Sandra K. LaVoie '82

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

West Virginia State University Foundation, Inc.

**2006 - 2007
Scholarships and Awards**

Presidential Scholars

Mavery Davis	Gerald Hager II
Timothy Edmonds	James Laner
Scott Farmer	Adam Sypolt
Kaylee Guthrie	

Presidential Book Scholars

Jennifer Bailey	Ryan Kinder
Tiffany R. Barnette	Erin Kiser
Jessica Clendenin	Joshua Miller
Anthony Courts	Aspen Miller
Brittany Crowder	Christopher Priestley
Seghen Habtemarian	Amber Shirkey
Marie Haffar	Charli Small
Amber Harding	Bryan Stover
Amber Harless	Ashley Thompson
Maggie Holstine	Kelly Whitlock
Hillary Kernen	

Other Foundation Scholars

Adolph P. Hamblin Scholarship

Robert Cantrell

Anna Harpold Scholarship

Zebula Reed

Arnett & Foster Scholarship

Rebecca Smith
Helen Welch

Beta Beta Omega Chapter/Aka Sorority

Brandon Price

C. H. James, II Scholarship

Tara Gilkey

Cedric D. Lee Scholarship

Ahmad Lediju
Sean Murphy

Classified Council Book Scholarship

Demetrious Papparoupas

Earl F. Lloyd Scholarship

Derwayne K. Bullock

Epps Family Scholarship

Joshua Abbott

Ervin V. Griffin, Sr. Scholarship

Brandon Price

Gary Swingle Accounting Scholarship

Amber Shirkey

Harrison H. Ferrell Scholarship

Jennifer Massey

Ivin Lee/Dallas Staples Scholarship

Stephanie Adams

Institute Plants Scholarship

Saundra Jeter
Elizabeth Williams

James Tilson Scholarship

Chester Popham

John F. Haskin Scholarship

Matthew Keaton

John L. Bess Scholarship

Megan Gothard
Amarri D. Jackson
Tiffany Little
Tomas McCoy
Mark Stolle

Lark & Thomas Hutto Scholarship

Amanda Estep

Lloyd H. Hart Scholarship

Michael Ziewicki

Lucy B. Hairston Scholarship

Bethany Simmons

Lulu Johnson Scholarship

Jessica Brown

Margaret A. Cyrus Mills Scholarship

Hailee Pritchard
Brenda Smith

Marjorie L. Johnson Scholarship

Julie Britton

Marvin & Eunice Mills Scholarship

Nicole Young

Mary Cornwell Calhoun Scholarship

Hillary Hardman

Mary McGhee Hairston Scholarship

Jalil Allen
Anthony Ambriz
Shontrella Belcher
Selamawit Belda
Jacques Bridges
Mike Brown
Jameka Bryan
John Bugg
Leila Cardoso
Randi Cary
Rosalyn M. Cary
Joseph Clark
William Council
Derrick Davis
Levon Davis
Niko Edwards
Shannon Edwards
Terry Edwards
Quinna Forte
Edward Fruit
Donald Gilchrist
Seghen Habtemariam
Fiyori Habtemariam
Derrick Harris
Jerin Hendricks
Antonio Hines
Tenna Jackson
Corey Jackson
Casey James
Kavon Johnson
Quintin Jones
Bryan Jones
Jason Kidd
Dakota King
Tiffany Little
Sherise Malone

**Mary McGhee Hairston
Scholarship (continued)**

Lance Marshall
Candace Miner
Nicole Mullins
Ajia Munn
Jason Napier
Brooks Radcliffe
Anthony Roberts
Christopher Saldivar
Korey Sayles
Curtis Siggers
Ashley Smith
Curtis Spencer
Brian Spivey
Justin Straughter
Terrence Turner
Shatidra White
Aloris Wilkens
Shari Willis
Carlos Wilson
Billie Woods

Mary T. Patterson Scholarship

Aruna Kamara
Kari Kraus

Mary Wanda King Scholarship

Nasha Williams
Dionne E. Beverly

Memorial/General Scholarship

Emily R. Austin
Ashley Ramsey
Tammy Walker

Naomi M. Garrett Scholarship

Kevin Cartwright
Nao Koike

Osly James Gates Scholarship

Adrienne D. Mcham
Nicole Mears
Tandie Mpabanga

**R. B. & Constance Welch
Scholarship**

Evelyn Caro

Richard & Becky Smith Scholarship

Joshua Huggins
Jennifer Thompson

Roland Wayne Cline Scholarship

Devon Nuckles

**Ronald Coleman Memorial
Scholarship**

Amy Nafchi

Sarah & Pauline Maier Scholarship

Savannah Farmer
Joseph Kinder

United Bank Scholarship

Arvil Wiley

United Supreme Council Scholarship

Stephen E. Smith

Walter D "Pat" Evans Scholarship

Rosalie Holley

William White Scholarship

Tammy Clark

Tom Joyner Foundation Scholars

Shayna Aaron
Valerie Benjamin
Krystal English
Joshua Garcia
Ramel Shaw
Cory Townsend
Edwin Weddle

Honor Societies

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

Nicole Yvonne Gates
Nancy Oliver
Brandon R. Price
E. Francis Roop

Kimberly Sue Starcher
Jessie Lynn Stratton
Vickie Lynn Wood

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA— INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

Julie Britton Haden

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU— NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Julie Sue Barie
Samantha D. Cruikshank
Hillary Sturm Hardman
Kathy J. Keeton
Erica Raeann Lockhart
Stephanie Marie Murnahan
Angela Renee Phillips

E. Frances Roop
Jannifer Leann Snow
Jodi Lee Stickley
Jennifer Ann Thornton
Catherine Mae Tucker
Matthew Ryan Wickert
Leah Marie Wilson

ELECTED TO ALPHA MU GAMMA— NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

Hillary Sturm Hardman
Amanda Marie Hill

Mary Annette Miller

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

Amanda S. Hescht
Amanda Marie Hill

Pamela Ann Malone

ELECTED TO DELTA MU DELTA— NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

Matthew Ryan Carroll
John Robert Harris, II
Trenna Lynn Kinder
Candice P. Murphy
Heather Elizabeth Peer
Angela Renee Phillips

Chester Clinton Popham
Pennie Arlene Roueche
Brittany Jo Shell
Amber Lynn Shirkey
Jennifer Leann Snow

ELECTED TO KAPPA DELTA PI— INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Julie Sue Barie
Jennifer Sue Belcher
Katrina L. Bennett
Anna Marie Brewer
Kimberly Ann Carroll
Rhonda Renee Fields
Thomas J. Garcia
Taryn Olivia Haas
Hillary Sturm Hardman
Cathy Ann Hunter

Mark E. Javins
Susanna Lilly
Erica Raeann Lockhart
Phoebe Ann McCloud
Katrina Jane Minney
Kelley Dawn Norman
John Michael Patrick
Kara L. Stover
Adele Elizabeth Thumm

**ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA EPSILON—
INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS**

Matthew Ryan Carroll
Andrew Scott Davis

Chester Clinton Popham

**ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA KAPPA—
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOR SOCIETY**

Paula Johnson Beasley
Keri Ann Clark

John Douglas Morrison, II
Matthew Ryan Wickert

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

Tiffany Ryan Barnette
Phillip Howard Boze
Taryn Olivia Haas
Hillary Sturm Hardman
Amanda Marie Hill
Pamela Ann Malone

Candice P. Murphy
Walker F. Pauley, Jr.
Misty Dawn Peck
Amber Lynn Shirkey
Bethany Ann Simmons

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

Jennifer Marie Bailey
Janelle R Bollard
Angela Marie Bryant
Jennifer Cartmill
Jessica Lynn Cobb
Tabitha Craft
Karen Ann Cooper
Vanessa Renee Dekeyzer
William Dutton
Dominick Edward Groves
Angela Hackworth
Leigh Ann Hannas
Patricia Ann Hastings

Tiffany Lee Kelly
Matthew Luke Meade
Stephanie L. Peters
Bradley Guy Plantin
Christopher Joe Rafferty
Victoria Alice Quintrell-Paul
Sharon Strickland
Helen P. Sturdivant
Jennifer Ann Thornton
Catherine Mae Tucker
Susan Elizabeth Weaver
Shelley Kathleen Whittington

**ELECTED TO PINNACLE—
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL
STUDENTS**

Sandra C. Jeter
Chester Clinton Popham

Victoria Alice Quintrell-Paul
Jennifer Ann Thornton

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

Ray W. Bennett
Jennifer Elaine Cartmill
Samantha D. Cruikshank
Heather Rae Foster
Jennifer L. Holstein
Kerstin G. Howard

Chelsea Necole Johnson
Ida M. Jones
Lindsey Renee Kitchen
Philip Wayne Mallett
Mary Annette Miller
Vickie Lynn Wood

ELECTED TO SIGMA TAU DELTA—

Phillip Howard Boze
Peter Andrew Bess

Hillary Sturm Hardman
Jennelea Christian

The Hazo W. Carter Presidential Awards

1987 (Mid-Year)

Thomas W. Cole Jr., Education

1988

Prince Ahmed Williams, Alumni

Thomas E. Potter, Business

Grazia B. Ferrell, Community Service

Norma Lee Winter, Education

1989

Mary McGhee Hairston, Alumni

Grover A. DuBose, Business

The Sarah & Pauline Maier Foundation,
Community Service

Joyce Good-Pitchford, Education

1990 (Mid-Year)

Thomas R. Cabbell, Alumni

Charles H. James II, Business

Charles H. James III, Business

WV Rehabilitation Center,

Community Service

Judith G. Reed, Education

1990

Acie McGhee, Alumni

Frank P. Justice, Jr., Business

Eric Conn, Community Service

Vincent Reed, Education

1991

Georgia Floyd Morris, Alumni

Thomas Burns, Business

Tom Susman, Education

Stephen T. Williams, Education

1992

Jerri Tyson-Rollins, Alumni

Francis S. Guess, Business

Manna Meals, Inc., Community Service

Donald Gatewood, Education

1993

Howard L. Wilson, Alumni

John A. Chapman, Business

Charlie O. Erickson (posthumously),

Community Service

Jorea M. Marple, Education

1994

John T. Chiles, Jr., Alumni

William R. Russell, Business

Frank and Lera Bailey,

Community Education

James W. Rowley, Education

1995

C. Edward Gaunch, Alumni

Brooks F. McCabe, Business

Mildred T. Holt, Community Service

Philip Reale, Education

1996

Elizabeth Jane McIntyre, Alumni

Michael H. Hudnall, Business

Rodney E. Slater, Community Service

Priscilla M. Haden, Education

1997

Mary McGhee Hairston, Alumni

Walter D. Evans, Business

Paul J. Gilmer, Jr. Community Service

Campbell C. Sellers, Education

1998

Leon Vincent Williams, Alumni

Edna J. Cash, Business

Jack Spainhour, Community Service

Samuel Perry Sentelle, Education

1999

Milton C. Kates, Alumni Affairs

William Henry Harmon, Business

Ethel O. Davie, Education

Naomi M. Garrett, Education

Leon H. Sullivan, Alumni

2000

Ferguson B. Meadows, Alumni Affairs

William B. Goode, Business

Margaret Taylor, Community Service

Ronald E. Duerring, Education

2001

Herbert H. Henderson, Alumni Affairs

Richard A. Kennedy, Business

Marie C. Johns, Business

Larry L. Rowe, Community Service

Betty Caldwell Spencer, Education

2002

Miles C. Cary, Alumni Affairs

L. Newton Thomas, Jr., Business

Daisy Anderson Alston, Education

Robert T. Anderson, Sr.,

Community Service

2003

Reginald S. Lee, D.D.S., Alumni Affairs

Andy Johnson, Business

Charleston Job Corps Center,

Community Service

Barbara L. Canady, Education

2004

Jeff Woods, Alumni

The Dow Chemical Company, Business

Paul Morris, Education

Bayer Crop Science, Community Service

2005

Wilson V. Eagleson, Alumni

Benjamin Perkins, Alumni

George Roberts, Alumni

Gary L. Swingle, Alumni

2006

Gus R. Douglass, Community Service
(Honors Week)

Odaris Farmer – Alumni

AVI Food Systems – Business

Michael Arbogast – Education

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-Broaddus College*

1971
Arch A. Moore, Jr.
*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

1972
Damon J. Keith
Judge, State of Michigan

1973
John W. Davis
*Fifth President,
West Virginia State College
and
William J.L. Wallace
Sixth President,
West Virginia State College*

1974
(May)
Jennings Randolph
*U.S. Senator, State of West
Virginia*

(Mid Year)
Daniel B. Taylor
*Superintendent of Schools State
of West Virginia*

1975
(May)
James C. Malone
Vice President, Union Carbide

(Mid Year)
James R. McCartney
*Secretary of State,
State of West Virginia*

1976

(May)

Helvi Sipila

*Associate Secretary General,
Social Development &
Humanitarian Affairs, United
Nations*

(Mid Year)

Vincent E. Reed

*Superintendent of Schools
The District of Columbia*

1977

(May)

Ben L. Morton

*Chancellor,
West Virginia Board of
Regents*

(Mid Year)

Henry B. Wehrle, Jr.

*President, The McJunkin
Corporation*

1978

(May)

Robert C. Byrd

*U.S. Senator, State of West
Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Harold Delaney

*Associate Executive Director
American Association of
Colleges and Universities*

1979

(May)

Harold L. Hodgkinson

*Executive Director,
Professional Institute of
American Management
Association*

(Mid Year)

John D. Rockefeller, IV

*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

1980

(May)

Donald M. Knox

(Mid Year)

Robert R. Ramsey

*Chancellor,
West Virginia Board of
Regents*

1981

(May)

Allen Ostar

*President, American
Association of State Colleges
and Universities*

(Mid Year)

Leon H. Ginsberg

*Commissioner, West Virginia
Department of Welfare*

1982

(May)

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.

*Eighth President ,
West Virginia State College*

(Mid Year)

Margaret L. Workman

*Judge, Circuit Court
Charleston, West Virginia*

1983

(May)

Russell Lowell Isaacs

*President, Hecks Inc.,
Charleston, West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, IV

First Lady of West Virginia

1984

(May)

Samuel Proctor

*Pastor, Abyssian Baptist
Church, NY*

(Mid Year)

John D. Rockefeller, IV

*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

1985

(May)

Julian Bond

Senator, Atlanta, Georgia

(Mid Year)

D. Wayne Smith

President, Friendship Force

1986

(May)

John F. McGee

*President, Charleston Daily
Mail*

(Mid Year)

Ken Hechler

*Secretary of State West
Virginia*

1987

(May)

Leon H. Sullivan

*Chair, Board of OIC,
Philadelphia, PA*

(Mid Year)

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.

*Chancellor,
West Virginia Board of
Regents*

1988

(May)

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

*Ninth President,
West Virginia State College*

(Mid Year)

Ralph E. Kirkman

*Professor of Education,
George Peabody College
Vanderbilt University*

1989

(May)

Grover A. DuBose

**Visiting Professor,
Business,
West Virginia State
College**

(Mid Year)

Harrison B. Wilson

*President, Norfolk State
University*

1990

(May)

Mary Sarah Weddington

*Senior Lecturer, History and
Government, University of
Texas*

(Mid Year)

Lauro F. Cavazos

*Secretary, U.S. Department of
Education*

1991

(May)

Gaston Caperton

*Thirty-first Governor,
State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Laura Pederson

1992

(May)

Paul B. Marion

*Chancellor, State College
System of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Phyllis Harden Carter

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

1993

(May)

Bettina Gregory

*Senior General Assignment
Correspondent, American
Broadcasting Company*

(Mid Year)

Barbara Harmon-

Schamberger

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

1994

(May)

Margaret L. Workman

*Judge, Supreme Court of
Appeals, State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Booker T. Stephens

*Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial
District, Welch, West Virginia*

1995

(May)

James W. Monroe

*Major General, United States
Army*

(Mid Year)
Clifford M. Trump
*Chancellor, State College
System of West Virginia*

1996

(May)
Rodney E. Slater
*Federal Highway
Administration*

(Mid Year)
Robert E. Wise, Jr.
*United States House of
Representatives*

1997

(May)
Hazel R. O'Leary
Former Secretary of Energy

(Mid Year)
James W. Rowley
*President Emeritus, College of
Graduate Studies*

1998

(May)
Shirley R. Watkins
*Secretary, U.S. Department of
Agriculture*

(Mid Year)
Gus R. Douglass
*West Virginia Commissioner
of Agriculture*

1999

(May)
Christine M. Corey
*Senior Program Officer, Office
of International Education
and Graduate Programs,
United States Department of
Education*

(Mid Year)
Hazo W. Carter, Jr.
*Ninth President, West
Virginia State College*

2000

(May)
Cecil H. Underwood
*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

(Mid Year)
David Stewart
*State Superintendent of
Schools,
West Virginia Board of
Education*

2001

(May)
Marie C. Johns
President, Verizon

(Mid Year)
J. Michael Mullen
*Chancellor, West Virginia
Higher Education Policy
Commission*

2002

(May)
Miles C. Cary
*President, West Virginia State
College Advisory Board*

(Mid Year)
Kaye Goodwin
Secretary, Education and Arts

2003

(May)
J. T. (Ted) Childs, Jr.
*Vice President,
Global Workforce Diversity
IBM Corporation*

(Mid-Year)
Richard L. Ferguson
*Chief Executive Officer and
Chairman of the Board
ACT, Inc.*

2004

(May)
Boyce Courtney Williams
*Vice President,
National Council for
Accreditation of Education*

(Mid-Year)
Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
*President, West Virginia State
University*

2005

(May)
Senator Jay Rockefeller
*US Senator, State of West
Virginia*

(Mid-Year)
Joseph Manchin III
*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

2006

(May)
Thomas Joyner Sr.
*Chair, Thomas Joyner
Foundation*

(Mid-Year)
Thomas D. Boston
*Professor of Economics
Georgia Institute of Technology*

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

Notes

Alma Mater

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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.

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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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