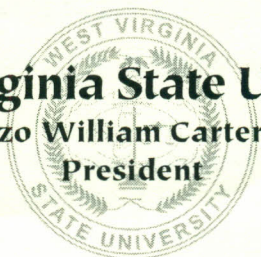


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West Virginia State University

Hazo William Carter, Jr.
President



**West Virginia State Community
and Technical College**

Kathy D'Antoni
Interim President



"Making Higher Education A Part of Your Future"

**Annual
Commencement**

**Sunday, May the Eighteenth
Two Thousand and Eight
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 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 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 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., 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
Vice President for Academic Affairs
West Virginia State University

THE PRELUDES—

Variations on Dona Nobis Pacem James Sudduth
Fanfare and Prelude on 'God of Our Fathers' Claude T. Smith
Americans We Henry Filmore

Scott Woodard, M.A. Director
West Virginia State University Concert Band

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Fanfare –Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar
arr. James Ployhar

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..... arr. James McKelvey
Led by J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D.

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.....The Reverend James E. Robinson, M.Div.
Pastor, Elk Hills Presbyterian Church
Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS..... James W. Rowley, Ed.D.
Member Board of 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 ADDRESSReginald B. Walton, J.D. '71
Judge, United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court

THE MUSICAL SELECTION
Battle Hymn of the Republic Peter Wilkovsky
West Virginia State University Concert Choir and Concert Band
J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D., Director

THE RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENTS
Faculty..... R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.
Andrew N. Aheart (60) years – Department of Mathematics
Kenneth W. Blake (19) years – Department of Criminal Justice
J. Truman Dalton (35) years – Department of Music

THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTNERSHIP
AWARDS.....Kathy D'Antoni, Ed.D.
Interim President
West Virginia State Community and Technical College
Thomas Memorial Hospital
Charleston Area Alliance

THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE
Judge Reginald B. Walton – Doctor of Laws

Order of Exercises

THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University

Alumni – Elias G. Haikal
Business – Frances Foster Brooks
Community Service – Lloyd Allan Hill
Education – Calvin R. McKinney

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

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Nakia Leigh Carter	Angelece Ree Merchant	Rachel D. Smithson
Sherri Lynn Edens	Aspen Lea Miller	Cynthia A. Washington
Shelly Lynn Faber	Joshua Thomas Miller	Dayton Earl Wilson
Ronald James Fullerton	Meredith Elaine Miller	

HIGH HONORS

Stephanie Alisha Cook	Traci Lei Lough	Aaron Prichard
Kathy S. Hudson	Donna Lou Parker	Andrew Eugene Putman
Betsi Lynn Linville	Amanda Sue Potts	Carl Richard Taylor

HIGHEST HONORS

Debra Kay Adkins	Burford David France	Eddie Dean Myers, II
Tamara J. Baxter	Bretton Scott Guthrie	Joyce Darlene Rasmussen
Elizabeth Crystal Bolen	Lindsey Jayne Lewis	Renee Lynn Stewart
Ashley Nichole Cobb	Lisa Parsons Miller	Amber Michelle Surface
Patricia L. Dacus*	Lynda Morningstar	

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Melissa Beezley-Johnson
Raymond John Bevan, Jr.
Jerry Lee Carpenter, II
Makisha Jane Chewning
Patty A. Costa
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Sean Patrick McCracken
Tabetha Nicole Marcum
Courtney J. Mathews

Rebecca Lynn Price
Britni Ann Ramsey
Holley Erin Sanders
Robert Wayne Schoolcraft
Rachel Nicole Scott
Kendra Nichole Small
Shanequa Smith
Shirley Spriggs
Jonathan M. Wesley

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jessica Leigh Clendenin
Sarah Anne Cooper
Scott Rethel Farmer
Sarah Ashley Graham
Addison Thomas Hamilton
Candess Luvue Holley
Rosalie Gail Holley
Nicholas A. Hudson

Tonya Lynn Huffman
Allen Matthew Joseph
Nicholas William Leftwich
Hope Alicia Lucas
Sara Danielle Maxwell
Matthew Wesley Medley
Branigan Elise Moles

Amy Michelle Nafchi
Ashley Marie Owens-Wright
Christopher D. Priestley
Shari Ann Richardson
Shelly Denise Riddle
Sara Meagan Shelton
John Tackett

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Rebecca Ann Bowers
Burford David France
Maria Haffar
Tammy Jean Halstead
Jessica Dawn Hammond
Teresa June Humphreys

Erin Lee Kiser
Barbara Yvonne Lacaria-
Black
Nichole Marie Onda
Victoria Alice Quintrell-Paul
Jeremy Alan Severn

Melanie Kay Thompson
Bethany AeRan Tincher
Kristina Marie Vannoy
Mary Ann Vermillion
Kathy Jean Watson

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Jerriann Maxwell Cochran
Jennifer Lee Dosier
Elisabet Mayora
Tracy Allen Meadows

Teri Meagan Morgan
Samuel Pierre Moss
Jessica Paige Raja

Karen Lynn Ross
Nadezda Dolgova Samples
Michael Andrew Scarbro

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

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Professor of Military Science
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army

Daniel Carpenter, Second Lieutenant, Charleston West Virginia
Alexander Chiang, Second Lieutenant, Charleston West Virginia
Justin R. McIntire, Second Lieutenant, Ronceverte, West Virginia
Stephen Simmons, Second Lieutenant, Ronceverte, West Virginia
Michael J. Webb, Jr. Second Lieutenant, Saint Albans, West Virginia

THE STUDENT ADDRESS..... Jessica Lynn Long

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Philip A. Bright, '71
Director of Alumni Relations

Join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideals of West Virginia State University, nurturing its growth and promoting its programs, to serve with honor in my chosen profession, and to make myself a symbol of the best traditions of West Virginia State University—This is my commission and my challenge.

THE ALMA MATER *Martha Spencer/Ernest Wade*
Led by J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D.
Directed by Jeremy Severn, '08

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

Candidates

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Tamara Baxter	Melissa Dawn Hutchinson	Marlene A. Price
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Elizabeth Crystal Bolen	Felicia Ann Jarvis	Andrew Eugene Putman
Keith LaFon Brandon	Pamela Dawn Johnson	Linda Gale Quintrell
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Shelly Lynn Faber	Joshua Thomas Miller	Jonathan Lewis Stowers
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Kathryn Elizabeth Fenimore	Robert Allan Monk	Kisha Lanece Thompson
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Ronald James Fullerton	Eddie Dean Myers II	Cynthia Ann Washington
Tracey Denise Funfstuck	Stacy Renee Nabors	Roger Preston Wells
Clifton Mason Gordon	Andrew Morgan Neely	Shad Allen West
Ashley Dawn Gunno	Marshall W. Null	Susan Elizabeth Wheeler
Bretton Scott Guthrie	Laura Ann O'Quinn	Nikera Ariele-Rennea White
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Amber Michelle Surface

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Kathy S. Hudson

Crystal Renee Richardson

Buford David France

Amy Beth King

Willie LA Smith

Michael Carpenter Harris

Christopher Thomas McClung

Carl Richard Taylor

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Michael Allen Bledsoe	Dana Shawn Kelly	Azim Smith
Rebecca Ann Bowers	Nancy Blackshire Kemp	Shirley Spriggs
Keith LaFon Brandon	Theresa Lynn Kuenzel	Kathy Lorraine Stepp
Patty A. Costa	Barbara Yvonne Lacaria-Black	Jonathan Ryan Stowers
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Buford David France
Whitney Lynn Gregory
Michael Carpenter Harris

Erin Lee Kiser
Hope Alicia Lucas
Sara Danielle Maxwell
Myisha R. Murphy
Joshua Byron Nibert
Ashley Marie Owens-Wright

Alicia Zoe Petrach
Victoria Alice Quintrell-Paul
Karo Ann Walko
Cortney Alexander Wallace
Christina Dawn Warner
Nicole Marie White

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Jeffrey Scott Fridley
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Nicholas William Leftwich
Ashley Sue Mullins
Amy Michelle Nafchi
Nichole Marie Onda
Joshua David Phillips

Kelly Christine Redd
Kevin Marshawn Sayles
John Tackett
Bethany AeRan Tincher
Eddie Levar Whitehead, Jr.
Amanda Dawn Wiles
Damien Le'Roy Williams

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Jennifer Lee Dosier
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Sarah Ashley Graham
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Nicholas A. Hudson
Chevonne DeAn King
Shelley Rae McCoy
Courtney J. Mathews
Elisabet Mayora
Tracy Allen Meadows
Kristi Doris Moore
Kimberly Jolena Morgan

Samuel Pierre Moss
Rebecca Lynn Price
Britni Ann Ramsey
Ashleigh Michelle Runion
Michael Andrew Scarbro
Jeremy Alan Severn
Misty Dawn Sturgill
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Stacy Jo Davis

Amy Beth King
Tabetha Nicole Marcum

Branigan Elise Moles
Sara Meagan Shelton

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Nicholas Ibrahim

Kaysha Tatiana Moreno

Donald Jeffrey Stewart

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

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Daniel Menychil Mengesha

Angela Dawn Rippetoe

Nicole Linette Bridges

Kimberly June Miller

Misty Lynnette Rollins

Rosalie Gail Holley

Kristina Dawn Nelson

Karen Lynn Ross

Matthew Buren Jones

Okey Lee Newsome, III

Salem M. Zekariyas

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES

K. C. Bragg

Susan Janette Yeager

Thesis/Project: "Pink Slip"

Thesis/Project:

"The Unfabulous Life of Bryan Short"

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Jeremy Michael Sisson

Thesis/Project:

"BIOMINING OF P, K, Mg AND THE METALS Al AND Cu FROM THERMOPHILIC ANAEROBICALLY DIGESTED POULTRY LITTER USING *Agroclybe aegerita* AND *Pleurotus ostreatus*"

Order of Exercises

THE BENEDICTION..... The Reverend Ronald W. English, M.Div.
Adjunct Professor, Wheeling Jesuit University
Wheeling, 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 W. Blake '74

Professor Rita 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 Medhi Seyedmonir '92

Professor Patricia Shafer '71

Professor Charles E. Smith '87

Professor Craig Spaniol '66

Professor Walter Stroupe '78

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Tiffany R. Barnette
Jessica Clendenin
Anthony Courts
Brittany Crowder
Megan Egnor
Scott Farmer
Jeremy Fisher
Marie Haffer
Amber Harding
Amber Harless
Maggie Holstein
Annette Jividen
Ryan Kinder
Erin Kiser
John Kiser

James Laner
Brittani Lynch
Briana Mayhem
Joshua Miller
Aspen Miller
Alixandra Olitzky
Madison Ragalyi
Zebula M. Reed
Amber Shirkey
Charlie Small
Bryan Stover
Amber Surface
Ashley Taylor
Ashley Thompson
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Rachel Workman
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Brian Duncan

Shannon Edwards

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Aaric Payne
Christopher Saldivar
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Ashley Smith
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Osly James Gates Scholarship

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Alyson S. Crouch

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Scholarship**

Pamelon Coleman
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Shanequa Smith
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Sara Danielle Maxwell

Amy Michelle Nafchi

Nicole Marie Onda

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Victoria Alice Quintrell-Paul

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Bethany AeRan Ticher

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Nicholas Leftwich

Amy Michelle Nafchi

Nicole Marie Onda

Bethany AeRan Tincher

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Advisor-Mr. David Wilson

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INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS**

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**ELECTED TO PHI ALPHA THETA—
INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY**

Advisor-Dr. Stuart McGehee

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Jessica Leigh Clendenin

Erin Lee Kiser

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Walker Freeman Pauley, Jr.

Shelly Denise Riddle

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Amanda Sue Potts

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Valerie G. Ray

Alicia Renee Reynolds

Shelley Kathleen Whittington

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY**

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Nikki Renee Allen

Sarah Anne Cooper

Brittany Nicole Crews

KeAnna Michelle Johnson

Nichole Marie Onda

Robert Wayne Schoolcraft

Kendra Nichole Small

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The Hazo W. Carter, Jr. 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)

2007

John Lewis Fuller, Sr. Ph. D., Alumni

TLTEK, LLC, Business

Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha

County, Community Service

Taylor J. Perry, Jr., Ph. D., 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 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,

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 Sipilä

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

(Mid Year)

Vincent E. Reed

Superintendent of Schools

The District of Columbia

1977

(May)

Ben L. Morton

Chancellor,

West Virginia Board of Regents

(Mid Year)

Henry B. Wehrle, Jr.

President, The McJunkin Corporation

1978

(May)

Robert C. Byrd

U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Harold Delaney

Associate Executive Director

American Association of Colleges and

Universities

1979

(May)

Harold L. Hodgkinson

Executive Director, Professional

Institute of American Management

Association

(Mid Year)

John D. Rockefeller, IV

Governor, State of West Virginia

1980

(May)

Donald M. Knox

(Mid Year)

Robert R. Ramsey

Chancellor,

West Virginia Board of Regents

- 1981**
(May)
Allen Ostar
President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- (Mid Year)
Leon H. Ginsberg
Commissioner, West Virginia Department of Welfare
- 1982**
(May)
Thomas W. Cole, Jr.
Eighth President, West Virginia State College
- (Mid Year)
Margaret L. Workman
Judge, Circuit Court Charleston, West Virginia
- 1983**
(May)
Russell Lowell Isaacs
President, Hecks Inc., Charleston, West Virginia
- (Mid Year)
Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, IV
First Lady of West Virginia
- 1984**
(May)
Samuel Proctor
Pastor, Abyssian Baptist Church, NY
- (Mid Year)
John D. Rockefeller, IV
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1985**
(May)
Julian Bond
Senator, Atlanta, Georgia
- (Mid Year)
D. Wayne Smith
President, Friendship Force
- 1986**
(May)
John F. McGee
President, Charleston Daily Mail
- (Mid Year)
Ken Hechler
Secretary of State West Virginia
- 1987**
(May)
Leon H. Sullivan
Chair, Board of OIC, Philadelphia, PA
- (Mid Year)
Thomas W. Cole, Jr.
Chancellor, West Virginia Board of Regents
- 1988**
(May)
Hazo W. Carter, Jr.
Ninth President, West Virginia State College
- (Mid Year)
Ralph E. Kirkman
Professor of Education, George Peabody College Vanderbilt University
- 1989**
(May)
Grover A. DuBose
Visiting Professor, Business, West Virginia State College
- (Mid Year)
Harrison B. Wilson
President, Norfolk State University
- 1990**
(May)
Mary Sarah Weddington
Senior Lecturer, History and Government, University of Texas
- (Mid Year)
Lauro F. Cavazos
Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
- 1991**
(May)
Gaston Caperton
Thirty-first Governor, State of West Virginia
- (Mid Year)
Laura Pederson
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, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

Honorary Degrees Conferred by West Virginia State University

1941

Carter G. Woodson
Doctor of Laws

1944

Roland Hayes
Doctor of Humanities

1946

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt
Doctor of Humanities

1947

Mary McLeod Bethune
Doctor of Humanities

May 16, 1948

Special Honors Convocation
Irvin Stewart
Doctor of Laws

Henry L. Dickason
Doctor of Laws

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt
Doctor of Humanities

Percy Julian
Doctor of Science

1950

Walter Philip Reuther
Doctor of Humanities

Ralph Johnson Bunche
Doctor of Humanities

Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
Doctor of Laws

1951

Corna A. Mowrey
Doctor of Humanities

1954

Edward Anderson Boling
Doctor of Humanities

1956

George Camron Grant
Doctor of Letters

John Warren Davis
Doctor of Humane Letters

1961

William W. Barron
Doctor of Laws

Cecil H. Underwood
Doctor of Laws

W.O. Armstrong
Doctor of Humanities

Henry Edward Schultz
Doctor of Humanities

L.L. McKenzie
Doctor of Pedagogy

1962

Mary L. Williams
Doctor of Pedagogy

Alva J. Gibson
Doctor of Pedagogy

F. Ray Powers
Doctor of Laws

1963

Pearl S. Buck
Doctor of Humanities

Leon H. Sullivan
Doctor of Humanities

1964

Jennings Randolph
Doctor of Humanities

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Doctor of Humanities

William O. Douglas
Doctor of Humanities

1965

P.K. Banerjee
Doctor of Laws

William Simon Jackson
Doctor of Laws

Lawrence Neale Jones
Doctor of Laws

Damon J. Keith
Doctor of Laws

William J. Thompson
Doctor of Laws

1965 (continued)

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Doctor of Laws

1966 Founder's Day

Adolph Putnam Hamblin
Doctor of Humanities

William Edwin Chilton III
Doctor of Humanities

James Madison Nabrit, Jr.
Doctor of Humanities

1967 Founder's Day

Thomas Miller Jenkins
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1967

Drue E. Culums,
Doctor of Laws

Miles Clark Stanley
Doctor of Laws

1968

Mae Belle Jones
Doctor of Pedagogy

Willie P. Russell
Doctor of Pedagogy

Lawrence V. Jordan
Doctor of Pedagogy

Herman G. Canady
Doctor of Pedagogy

Paul J. Moore
Doctor of Pedagogy

Simon H. Galperin
Doctor of Humanities

1969

Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr.
Doctor of Humanities

Mildred Mitchell Bateman
Doctor of Humanities

1971

Richard A. Brown
Doctor of Humanities

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Harrison H. Ferrell
Doctor of Humanities

Arch A. Moore, Jr.
Doctor of Humanities

1973

Robert L. Bradford
Doctor of Humanities

Jeanette Gordon McPherson Gates
Doctor of Humanities

1975

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Doctor of Science

1978

John F. Matheus
Doctor of Letters

Vincent Reed
Doctor of Humanities

Robert C. Byrd
Doctor of Laws

1981

Naomi Garrett
Doctor of Humane Letters

William James Lord Wallace
Doctor of Letters

1983

David Wayne Smith
Doctor of Humane Letters

Jeff H. Towles
Doctor of Humane Letters

James S. Wade
Doctor of Laws

1984

Leonard Troy Anderson
Doctor of Letters

Thomas J. Anderson
Doctor of Music

John D. Rockefeller, IV
Doctor of Laws

1985

Sophia Nelson
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Doctor of Laws

1987

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1989

Norman Fagan
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1991

Gaston Caperton
Doctor of Laws

1992

Paul Gilmer
Doctor of Divinity

Raymond Danner
Doctor of Laws

Angie Turner King
Doctor of Laws

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Doctor of Pedagogy

1993

Floydelh Anderson
Doctor of Laws

1994

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Doctor of Laws

Benny J. Primm
Doctor of Science

1995

Katharine Graham
Doctor of Laws

Acie McGhee
Doctor of Laws

James W. Monroe
Doctor of Laws

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Doctor of Laws

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Doctor of Laws

1998

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Doctor of Laws

1999

Christine M. Corey
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2001

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2004

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Doctor of Laws

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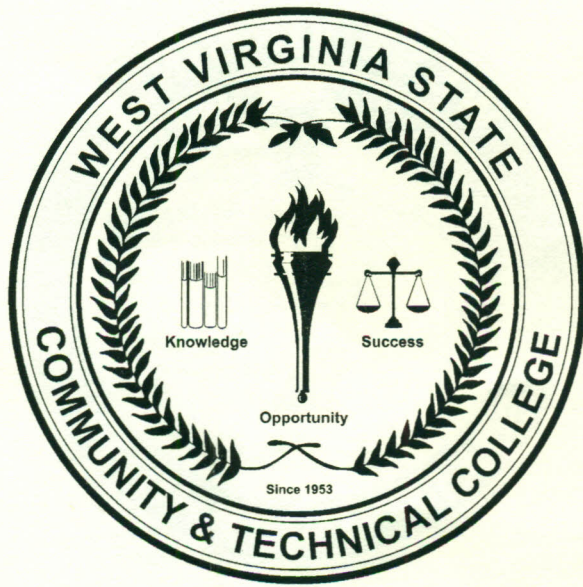
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Alma Mater

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.

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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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