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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

"Making Higher Education a Part of Your Future"

*Sunday, the Seventeenth of May
Two Thousand and Nine
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon*



*Hazo William Carter, Jr.
President*

Annual May Commencement

CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA



What is West Virginia State College

What is West Virginia State College? It is all of us who believe in it – who absent or present, work in it and wish it well. Its constituency is the living and dead, and from them the college enjoys an unrestrained loyalty and willing service. It is an exponent of trust which sweeps aside the petty jealousies of men and all propagandic proposals which would minimize or depreciate personality. It is an institution containing faults and defects which challenge the constructive efforts of students, teachers, officers, and graduates. It is incomplete and desires to remain so, to be in an advantageous position for changing life situations.

What is West Virginia State College? It is spirit; it cannot be touched by hand; it is based upon communions between the living and those who though dead yet live in an immortality made practical through enlistment in the college program, which of necessity requires eternity for completion. What is the college? You and those graduates ahead of you are the college.

John W. Davis
Fifth President, WVSC—1932

Historical Sketch of West Virginia State University

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.

The Academic Procession

The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates, and the University Board of Governors. This procession is led by a marshal, a graduate of West Virginia State University, who seats the graduates, faculty, and platform guests. The faculty enter by academic rank, wearing costumes that had their origin in the Medieval English University system. The costumes were devised to distinguish academic persons from lay persons, since everyone wore robes or gowns to ward off the cold. The recession, then, is in reverse order, with the platform guests leaving the dais first, followed by the graduates and the faculty.

The colors of the academic dress have a significance deeply rooted in the tradition of academic life and are specified by a uniformed code maintained by the American Council on Education. Caps are black and are usually mortar boards with tassels. Doctors of Philosophy wear gold tassels, usually of metallic thread; other degrees wear black or discipline colors.

The bachelors' gown is simple and black with long, pointed sleeves. Masters' gowns, also black, are longer than bachelors. Older gowns have sleeves that terminate at the elbow, while those since 1960 have sleeves extended to the wrist. Doctors' gowns are full, with bell-like sleeves. The front is marked by velvet panels, and the sleeves are marked by three velvet bars. While most gowns are black with black velvet, one variation is to replace black velvet with velvet in the discipline color. A second variation is a colored gown, usually of the university's colors.

All hoods specify the level of degree, the discipline studied, and the awarding institution. First, degree level is signified by the size of the hood with bachelors' smallest, masters' larger, and doctors' quite large and of a different shape. West Virginia State University does not award hoods to bachelors. The width of the velvet trim also conveys the degree. Secondly, the discipline is indicated by the color of the trim edging the hood to form the throat over the gown. Finally, the color of the hood's lining specifies the awarding institution. The colors are displayed in combinations that are drawn from heraldry.

The colors of the tassels worn by candidates for baccalaureate degrees represent the fields of study in which the degrees will be conferred. At West Virginia State University, the following colors are used to designate the various degrees.

Bachelor of Arts.....	White
Bachelor of Science.....	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.....	Drab
Bachelor of Science in Communications	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.....	Royal Blue
Bachelor of Science in Education	Light Blue
Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Social Work.....	Citron
Master of Arts in Media Studies	White
Master of Arts/Science in 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 four colleges of the University: Arts and Humanities, Business and Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Professional Studies.

WVSU College Banners

Beginning with the Spring 2009 Commencement, West Virginia State University students will proceed to their respective places behind gonfalons. Gonfalons are flags or banners hung from crosspieces on poles, used since medieval times in the republics of Italy as symbols of state or office. Universities and colleges around the world have adopted gonfalons to increase the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises.

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

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

Order of Exercises

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

THE PRELUDES—

- Awake from Die Meistersinger*.....by Richard Wagner
Conducted by Ben Niday
Blessed Are They from a German Requiem..... by J. Brahms
Conducted by Tyler Mullins
English Folk Song Suite - Movement I by Ralph Vaughn Williams
Conducted by Josh Cole

West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble
Scott Woodward, Director

THE PROCESSIONAL—

- Fanfare – Pomp and Circumstance* Edward Elgar
arr. James Ployhar

Grand Marshals
College Flag Bearers
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 Mr. Phil Washington

West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble
West Virginia State University Choir

*Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we bailed 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 Jackson
Levi First Missionary Baptist Church
Rand, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS.....Mr. Eric Coleman
Chair, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

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

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSMr. John D. Perdue
West Virginia State Treasurer

THE MUSICAL SELECTION
Shangilia Kwa Furah (Swahili for Make a Joyful Noise)
West Virginia State University Concert Choir
Branita Holbrook, M. M., Director

2009 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS.....Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University

AlumniMr. William Lipscomb
President, National "W" Club Association

Community Service.....Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority
Mr. Dennis Dawson

Community Service KISRA
Ms. Michelle Foster

Education Ms. Linda Andresen
Regional Education Service Agency III

THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREEMr. John D. Perdue
West Virginia State Treasurer

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

CUM LAUDE

Charles Brooks Belcher
Kelly Marie Blankenship
Betty Anette Braley
Jill Marie Collins
Charles Wayne Cooper
Michael David Godby
Marva Lucille Gray
Leah Nicole Hale

Theresa Nicandra King
Christopher Blaine Klingler
Leah Ann McCoy
Matthew Lee McKinney
Kathy Jo Morris
Andrew Keith Nunn
Jonathan Thomas O'Dell
Ashley A. Oldaker
Torie Anne Roderick

Joshua Carl Russell
Debra Gay Sams
Kevin Michael Scarbrough
Chad Andrew Starcher
Michael Kenneth Sydenstricker
Laura Alexandra Weaver
Barbara Jean Williams
Amanda Dione Williams

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Allison Leah Agee
William Steven Basham
Jason Allen Cadle
Robert T. Cantrell
Rachel Nichole Epling
Carma L. Goff
Jason Wayne Goode

Heather Dawn Harrison
Dominique Nicole Huffman
Dale Lewis Johnson
Charles Shane Long
Korina Layli Menking-Hoggatt
Rebecca Marie Miller
Amber Dawn Mooney

Miranda L. Russell
Michelle Koren Smith
Abigail Beth Steadman
LaHoma Clarissia Summers
Robert Thomas Tanner
Harley Allen Taylor
Stacy Lynn Thornburg

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Rosemary LeeEllen Atkinson
April Simpson Angell
Anne Marguerite Bostic
Maria Lorena Coleman
Whitney Renea Conaway
Patricia L. Dacus

Timothy Gene Graley
Kerri Jo Kraus
Kortni Lynn Matteson
Sarah Josephine Miller
Chuck Mooney

Austin Cole Moore
Tiffany Dawn Nichols
Lori Ann Puckett
Zebula Michael Reed
Rhonda Lynn Manns Roberts

WITH DISTINCTION

Crystal McKinney Boros
Mary Josephine Cook
Sara Anne Cooper

Amy Elizabeth Fleming
Sarah Ann Keener

Jennifer Nicole Pennington
James Donald Turley

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

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

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

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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

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

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

*After the conferring of degrees by President Carter, the names of the candidates will be announced by the Interim
Director of Registration and Records, Donna L. Hunter, M.A.*

THE PRESENTATION OF
GRADUATING OFFICER Steve D. Thomas, M.A.
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army – Professor of Military Science

Raymond E. Melton, Charleston, West Virginia

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

THE STUDENT ADDRESS Mr. Jason Goode

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Mr. Philip A. Bright, '71

Director West Virginia State University 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 Mr. Phil Washington and Ms. Branita Holbrook

THE CLOSING REMARKS..... R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Dr. Sky Kershner

Executive Director, Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center

Charleston, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL

The Raider's March Williams/Vinson

West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble

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

GRAND MARSHAL

Professor R. Charles Byers '68

ASSISTANT MARSHALS

Professor Debra M. Anderson-Conliffe '76

Professor David Brock '98

Professor Rita Brown '75

Professor Bryce Casto '81

Professor Daton Dean '99

Professor Patricia King '85

Professor Gail Mosby '73

Professor Mehdi Seyedmonir '92

Professor Patricia Shafer '71

Professor Charles E. Smith '87

Professor Walter Stroupe '78

Professor Patricia Wilson '67

Candidates

College of Arts and Humanities

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ART AND ENGLISH

Jonathan Edgar Anthony
Tiffany Joy Brannen

Christina Jill Camidge
Sarah Anne Cooper

Heather Michelle Jarrett
Abigail Beth Steadman

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Adda May Bailey
Rebecca Ann Bannister
Floyd Douglas Beasley, II
Charles Brooks Belcher
Betty Anette Braley
Christina Suzan Brown
Billy Duane Bryant
Ronald James Burger
Kandi Jo Campbell
Hensley E. Charles
Iris Anita Coleman
Angela J. Daugherty
Alexander Ryan Epperly
Anita Fay Ferguson
James Edward Fields

Stephen W. Glover
Carma L. Goff
Crystal R. Gray
Leah Nicole Hale
Jennifer Amanda Helmick
Jeffery Lewis Hubbard
Ian Kyle Ingraham
Meliea Dawn Kirk
Linda Nguyen
Catherine Lynn Nordmeyer
David Mukupya Nyiiri
Jessica Leigh Osborne
Michael Wayne Powell
Ashley Nicole Price

Sandra Kae Riley
David Allen Roberts
Brittany Lee Ruddle
Debra Gay Sams
Theodore Lewis Scott
Donald Andrew Scurlock
Tamar Dontat Sherrod
Jason Warren Slay*
Shayne Adam Smith
Steven C. Stewart
Derek A. Stotts
Jada Terrill Taylor
Angela Williams-Wells
Gregory Stephen Young

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Anthony Stephen Bossie
Kenneth Wayne Carter
Adam Louis Cook
Daniel Edward Hodges
Jessica Homeres
Aran Robert Jenkins
Christopher Blaine Klingler
Matthew Lee McKinney

Christian Angel Malone
Megan Elizabeth Meadows
Anthony Christian Melton
Lindsay Hope Newcomer
Coleman Hall Richardson
Joshua Carl Russell
Miranda L. Russell

Kevin Michael Scarbrough
Aaron Lee Smith
Stephen Javoil Smith*
Patrick Ware Stephens
Richard Leroy Stevens, Jr.
Michael Kenneth Sydenstricker
William Eugene Woodall

*Denotes December 2008 Graduate

Candidates

College of Business and Social Sciences

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ECONOMICS, HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

April Simpson Angell	Adam M. Harris	Laura Chastine Quinnelly
Richard Carroll Burch	Dale Lewis-Austin Johnson	Jamie Lynn Sager
Paul Travis Burdette	Matthew Dale Lambert	Brett Michael Steele
Jason Allen Cadle	Cynthia Alane McCallister	Robert Thomas Tanner
Maria Lorena Coleman	Leah Ann McCoy	Harley Allen Taylor
Charles Wayne Cooper	Raymond Estil Melton, II	Joshua Daniel Thaxton
Michael Dennis Davenport	Rebecca Marie Miller	James Donald Turley
Bobby Derrick Endicott	Austin Cole Moore	Amanda Dione Williams
Herbert M. Farley, III	Jonathan Thomas O'Dell	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Roshanda Ann Akers-Lambert	Tara Beth Harless	Andrew Keith Nunn
Sarah Lynn Anderson	Adam M. Harris	Perrick S. Robinson, Jr.
William Steven Basham	Shane Fox Harris	Torie Anne Roderick
Laura Elizabeth Bennett	Brittany Elaine Hill	Jennifer Marie Setter
Carla S. Boggess	Virginia Gail Hill	Brandi Rene Smith
Jason Allen Cadle	Adam Denver Hodges	Jennifer Dawn Smith*
Andrea Kate Collison	Scott Robert King	LaHoma Clarissia Summers
Brittany Nicole Dean	Theresa Nicandra King	Harley Allen Taylor
Terry Jerome Edwards	Charles Shane Long	Mark Edward Thompson
Ashley Nicole Garnes	Travis Shane McGrath	Calister Jeremy Vallet
Michael David Godby	NaToya Shavon Martin	Shad Allen West
Timothy Gene Graley	Sean Michael Miller	Michael Albert Ziewicki

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Candidates

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Shelly Helene Bright	Ruba Kerdieh	Joshua P. Smith
Robert T. Cantrell	Kortni Lynn Matteson	Tracy A. Tracey
Karim Ahmed Eissa	Korina Layli Menking-Hoggatt	Tiffani Dawn Turley
Heather Dawn Harrison	Zebula Michael Reed	Ricky Ray Vance, II
Dennis Ray Jenkins, Jr.		

Candidates

College of Professional Studies

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Stephanie Michelle Adams	William T. Jackson	Chad Andrew Starcher
April Simpson Angell	Melissa Grace Keyser	Dana Marie Sullivan
Mary Eve Marie Brim	Fredric Shane Kirk	Kimberly A. Sutler
Blaire A. Carney	Joshua Robert Koepsel	Travis Jacob Taylor
Kristyn Sharla Cook	Dorothea Nicole Miller	Aaron Christopher Truitt
Geoffrey Keith Davis	Hedrick Wilber Miller	Brandon Tyler Watson
Rachel Nichole Epling	Tyler Ryan Nunn	Barbara Jean Williams

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Allison Leah Agee	Brittany Beth Fulks	Kathy Jo Morris
Rosemary LeeEllen Atkinson	Jason Wayne Goode	Ashley A. Oldaker
Kelly Marie Blankenship	Dominique Nicole Huffman	Jennifer Nicole Pennington
Crystal McKinney Boros	Sarah Ann Keener	Lori Ann Puckett
Anne Marguerite Bostic	Joseph Michael Kinder	Rhonda Lynn Manns Roberts
Lauren Elizabeth Casto	Kerri Jo Kraus	Stacy Lynn Thornburg
Whitney Renea Conaway	Sarah Josephine Miller	Ryan Jeffrey Waugh
Mary Josephine Cook	Amber Dawn Mooney	Laura Alexandra Weaver
Amy Elizabeth Fleming		

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Candidates

College of Professional Studies

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Jill Marie Collins
Patricia L. Dacus

Marva Lucille Gray
Chuck Mooney

Michelle Koren Smith
Brenice Ann Williams

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Joshua Lee Grueser

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Kristian Sue Ball
Lynn Katherine Barnes
Peggy J. Greene

Emily Rose Midkiff
Tiffany Dawn Nichols
Khadidra LaShaun Taylor

Takeya Wahkuna Triggs

Candidates

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Phillip Reizh Jones - Biotechnology

Thesis Title: "Microarray analysis of gene expression in mechanically stretched vascular smooth muscle cells"

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Honor Societies Graduating Seniors

ALPHA DELTA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK

ADVISOR-MS. RITA BROWN

Lynn Katherine Barnes Tiffany Dawn Nichols

ALPHA KAPPA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ADVISOR-DR. SONYA ARMSTRONG

Maria Lorena Coleman	Charles Wayne Cooper	Sarah Anne Cooper
Patricia L. Dacus	Rachel Nichole Epling	Alexander Ryan Epperly
Amy Elizabeth Fleming	Korina LayliMenking-Hoggatt	Torie Anne Roderick
Kevin Michael Scarbrough	Michelle Koren Smith	LaHoma Clarissia Summers
Harley Allen Taylor		

ALPHA MU GAMMA - NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

ADVISOR, MS. REBECCA CONNER

Ashley Nicole Garnes

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Stephanie Michelle Adams	April Simpson Angell	Rachael Nichole Epling
Brandon Tyler Watson	Barbara Jean Williams	

DELTA MU DELTA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

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William Steven Basham	Timothy Gene Graley	Andrew Keith Nunn
Torie Anne Roderick	Harley Allen Taylor	

KAPPA DELTA PI - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

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Allison Leah Agee	Anne Marguerite Bostic	Lauren Elizabeth Casto
Whitney Renea Conaway	Amy Elizabeth Fleming	Dominique Nicole Huffman
Kerri Jo Kraus	Sarah Josephine Miller	Lori Ann Puckett
Rhonda Lynn Manns Roberts	Stacy Lynn Thornburg	

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ADVISOR-DR. BILLY JOE PEYTON

Austin Cole Moore

James Donald Turley

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Lina Bedru Abrar

Jennifer Atkins

Deborah L. Blake

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Patricia Dacus

Emma Michelle Gilham

Cheryl Ann Lovejoy

Heidi Potts

Susan Talbott

PSI CHI - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

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Sarah Anne Cooper

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Leah Ann McCoy

Charles Edward Mooney

Rebecca Marie Miller

Jamie Lynn Sager

Robert Thomas Tanner

Joshua Daniel Thaxton

Amanda Dione Williams

SIGMA TAU DELTA - INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

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Sarah Anne Cooper

Melissa J. Miller

Ashley Anne Hager

Abigail Beth Steadman

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Scholarships and Awards

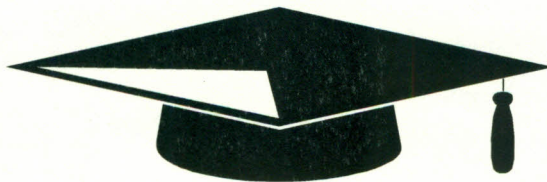
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Ms. Amy N. Champe
Mr. Scott Farmer
Mr. Seghen H. Ghile
Ms. Kaylee Guthrie-Bayes
Ms. Ana Sierra
Ms. Jessica Staley

Presidential Book Scholars

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Mr. Bryan Stover
Ms. Amber Surface
Ms. Sasha F. Underwood
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Foundation Scholarship*

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Ms. Avery Hale

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Mr. Andrew Nunn

Cedric D. Lee Scholarship

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Ms. Madora Roush

Dr. Ida Kramer Scholarship

Ms. Velvet Worstell

Ivin Lee/Dallas Staples Scholarship

Ms. Lace B. Butler

Ms. Rachel Epling

Institute Plants Scholarship

Mr. Ray Dolin

Ms. Kimberly Fowler

James Tilson Scholarship

Mr. Matthew Meade

Dr. James Brimhall Endowed Scholarship

Ms. Jessica Brown

Ms. Avery Hale

Mr. Daniel E. Hodges

Ms. Chenai Rusike

Ms. Jessica Staley

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Mr. Demetrios N. Paparoupas

Ms. Maelissa R. Mosley

Ms. Ashley R. Shelton

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Mr. Matthew D. Porta

Margaret A. Cyrus Mills Scholarship

Ms. Maria Coleman

Marjorie L. Johnson Scholarship

Mr. Michael Sydenstricker

Mary Cornwell Calboun Scholarship

Ms. Lina Abrar-Bedru
Mr. Natnael Alemu

Mary McGhee Hairston Scholarship

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Mr. Oluwafemi Adeusi
Ms. Brandy M. Allen
Ms. Aisha V. Alleyene
Ms. Jennifer Bailey
Ms. Badia Beasley
Ms. Bahihah Beasley
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Mr. Calem W. Bridgette
Ms. Kendra L. Caines
Ms. Dene Iman Carter
Ms. DaVae' N. Churchill
Mr. Ramhazz K. Corley
Ms. Jacqueline J. Davis
Mr. Kevonte D. Edwards
Ms. Tiffany P. Finkton
Mr. Joshua Garcia
Ms. Dontryse A. Greer
Mr. Demetrius Jackson
Mr. Kyle B. Jones
Mr. Brandon Kennedy
Mr. Deonta J. Landis
Ms. Christina Laing

Mr. Kenneth R. Lee
Mr. Raphael W. Lee
Mr. Alon C. McGraw
Ms. Adrienne D. McHam
Mr. Michael Moore
Ms. Crystal D. Parsons
Ms. Kimesha D. Patterson
Mr. Aaric Payne
Mr. Justin Phillips
Ms. Sasha S. Redfern
Mr. Perrick S. Robinson
Mr. Chris R. Saldivar
Ms. Brittanie C. Saunders
Ms. Jaleesha M. Saunders
Mr. Willie J. Senn III
Ms. Ashley Smith
Mr. Ryan M. Smoot
Mr. Brian Spivey
Ms. Sara G. Teklu
Mr. Joshua Terry
Mr. Kenneth E. Tyree
Ms. Jenaye A. Ugbomah
Mr. Corey A. Williams

Mary Wanda King Scholarship

Ms. Rose Feazell

Memorial/General Scholarship

Ms. Vernell B. Geather
Mr. David George
Ms. Kortni L. Matteson
Ms. Brittany Smith
Mr. Matthew Edward Smith
Ms. Tammy D. Walker
Mr. Terence C. Washington

Naomi M. Garrett Scholarship

Ms. Marie Christine Agbanzo
Ms. Chenai Rusike

Dr. Nyana R. Rowley Scholarship

Mr. Keith Gilkey

Osly James Gates Scholarship

Ms. Bahizah Beasley
Ms. Badia Beasley

Prince Ahmed Williams Scholarship

Trace Anderson

R. B. & Constance Welch Scholarship

Mr. Charles Shane Long

Roland Wayne Cline Scholarship

Mr. Todd Lammers

Sarah & Pauline Maier Scholarship

Mr. Jason A. Cadle

Sylvia D. Parker Endowed Scholarship

Ms. Cynthia D. Brisco

Ms. Kendra L. Caines

United Bank Scholarship

Ms. Elizabeth Bolen

United Supreme Council Scholarship

Mr. David Nyiiro

Mr. Grace Nyiiro

Walter D. "Pat" Evans Scholarship

Mr. Charles B. Belcher

William White Endowed Scholarship

Ms. Karen Dyer

Tom Joyner Foundation Scholars

Mr. Joel Bright

Mr. Justin K. Bryant

Mr. William Christian

Ms. Dontryse Greer

Ms. Falinda Jeudy

Ms. Octavia Manigault

Mr. Justin Phillips

Ms. Sara Teklu

Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarship

Mr. David Nyiiro

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-Broadus College*
- 1971**
Arch A. Moore, Jr.
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1972**
Damon J. Keith
Judge, State of Michigan
- 1973**
John W. Davis
*Fifth President,
West Virginia State College
and
William J.L. Wallace
Sixth President,
West Virginia State College*
- 1974**
(May)
Jennings Randolph
U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia
- (Mid Year)
Daniel B. Taylor
*Superintendent of Schools State of West
Virginia*
- 1975**
(May)
James C. Malone
Vice President, Union Carbide
- (Mid Year)
James R. McCartney
*Secretary of State,
State of West Virginia*
- 1976**
(May)
Helvi 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, Higher Education Policy Commission
- 2008**
(May)
Judge Reggie B. Walton
United States District Judge, District of Columbia
- (Mid-Year)
B. Keith Fulton
President, Verizon West Virginia

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Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

There is a place we love so dear—
Its name we'll ever praise and revere
'Tis West Virginia State we love—
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.

REFRAIN

West Virginia's praise we'll sing—
Lift our voices 'til heavens ring—
As we gaily march along—
We'll sing a song—
For Alma Mater
How we love her
Pride of all our loyal hearts—
From her we will never part—
Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few
Alma Mater we love you.

We'll love her more as days go by,
And send her praises to the sky;
To place her over all the rest,
And keep her e'er the dearest and the best.

Shadowed 'neath a deep blue sky;
Is STATE for whom we'll live and we'll die—
Arise! O men of God and sing;
We're loyal, and to her we'll always cling.



