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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

"Making Higher Education a Part of Your Future"

*Sunday, the Sixteenth of May
Two Thousand and Ten
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

West Virginia State University was founded under the provisions of the Second Morrill Act of 1890 to provide education to black citizens in agriculture and the mechanical arts. Like many other states at that time, West Virginia maintained a segregated education system. On March 17, 1891, the Legislature passed a bill creating the West Virginia Colored Institute to be located in the Kanawha Valley. Federal funds provided \$3,000 for faculty salaries, and the West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to purchase land and to construct a building. We now celebrate that as the official "Founders Day" of West Virginia State College, now University.

In 1915 the West Virginia Collegiate Institute began offering college degrees. Under the leadership of President John W. Davis, the academic programs were expanded, and new buildings were constructed; in 1927 the Institute was accredited by the North Central Association, and in 1929 it became West Virginia State College.

After the 1954 United States Supreme Court historic decision outlawing school segregation, West Virginia State College evolved into a fully accessible, racially integrated, and multi-generational institution. Also at that time, land-grant status was transferred to West Virginia University due to a decision of the West Virginia Board of Education; WVSC was the only 1890 institution to have its status transferred. Following a twelve-year effort by ninth president Hazo W. Carter, Jr., the college's land-grant status was fully restored in 2001 by an act of Congress.

With reinstatement of its 1890 land-grant status, and accompanying federal funding, WVSC strengthened its mission of teaching, research, and service to the community. The first graduate 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, West Virginia State University has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body. From a small tract of land and one building, the University has developed into a multimillion dollar education 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

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—

Gaelforce Peter Graham
Conducted by Joshua Cole
The Fate of the Gods..... Steven Reineke
Conducted by Keith Mann
Slavic Farewell..... Vasily Agapkin
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble
Scott Woodard, M.A., Director

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Pomp and Circumstance..... Sir Edward Elgar / James Ployhar

MARCHING ORDER—

The Marshal
The College Flag Bearers
The Candidates for Degrees
The Administrators
The Faculty
The Platform Party

THE POSTING OF THE COLORS Color Guard
Yellow Jacket Battalion
United States Army Reserve Officers Training Corps

THE NATIONAL ANTHEMarr. James McKelvey
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 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 Reverend Randy Lanham
Charleston First Church of the Nazarene
Charleston, West Virginia

Order of Exercises

THE GREETINGS.....Mr. Eric Coleman
Chairperson
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 ADDRESSJudge Joseph R. Goodwin
United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia

THE MUSICAL SELECTION
Shout Glory!.....by Byron J. Smith
West Virginia State University Concert Choir and Concert Band
Dirk Johnson, D.M.A., Director

FACULTY RETIREE..... R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. David Wohl, Professor of Communications
Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

THE PRESENTATION OF A SPECIAL RESOLUTION
IN HONOR OF SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRDHazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University

THE 2009 KANAWHA COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Mrs. Susan Duernberger, DuPont Middle School

THE 2010 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University
Alumni – Mrs. Brenda Howard
Business – Ms. Jeannettia Spencer
Community Service – Mr. D. Stephen Walker
Education – Mr. Stephen Knighton

THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREEJudge Joseph R. Goodwin
United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia

U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd



In every corner of West Virginia, the people of the Mountain State know that there is one man on whom they can always depend: U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd. He has always remained true to his faith and his family, while working to build a better future for his state and his country. In the halls of Congress, Robert C. Byrd is best known for his fierce defense of the Constitution and the institution of the Senate.

In the Senate, Robert Byrd works for the people – better jobs; health care that is affordable and close to home; a good future for our children and grandchildren. Each day in the Senate, Robert Byrd is focused on building a brighter future for the Mountain State.

Over the years, thousands of new jobs have been created because of Senator Byrd's initiatives. New industries have taken root – biometrics; aerospace research; advanced manufacturing; computer research; defense innovations. And traditional industries – coal and energy, chemicals, steel – continue to serve as the economic backbone of our communities. He has also worked hard to expand access to health care for tens of thousands of West Virginians.

On June 11, 2006, Byrd became the longest serving U.S. Senator in the history of our Nation, and in November 2006, he was elected to an unprecedented ninth full term in the Senate. But it was on November 18, 2009 that Senator Byrd became the longest serving Member of Congress in the history of our great Republic, now having served more than 20,775 days. Throughout his career, Byrd has cast over 18,500 roll call votes, an amazing 97.9 percent attendance record in his nearly five decades of service in the Senate.

Knowing the importance of education, Senator Byrd has helped thousands of young people earn their own college diploma. Through the Scholastic Recognition Award, which the Senator started in 1969, the valedictorian at each West Virginia public and private high school receives a savings bond and a special congratulations from the Senator. Then, in 1985, Byrd launched the first and only federal merit based scholarship. Since its inception, tens of thousands of students across the country have helped to pay their tuition bills through this unique initiative.

From his humble beginnings to the halls of power, Robert Byrd has never forgotten where he came from or where he is going. He is a statesman, a patriot, a defender of the Constitution, a proud son of West Virginia, and one of the most important leaders in America.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Resolution

Presented to:

Senator Robert C. Byrd

Whereas, Senator Robert C. Byrd has represented the people of West Virginia in the United States Senate for more than five decades and is the longest serving United States Senator;

Whereas, Senator Robert C. Byrd is a stalwart proponent of education in the Mountain State and has supported West Virginia State University through Title III - Part B of the Higher Education Act to strengthen higher education institutions;

Whereas, Senator Robert C. Byrd's actions were key to gaining Federal recognition for West Virginia State University's status as an 1890 land-grant institution thereby restoring its birthright;

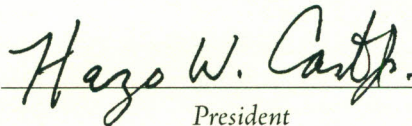
Whereas, West Virginia State University has thrived as an 1890 land-grant institution with funding to carry out the mission of teaching, research and public service throughout the state of West Virginia;

Whereas, due to the efforts of Senator Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia State University has established a National Aeronautics and Space Administration Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy to inspire students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

Whereas, by strengthening programs and securing funding for West Virginia State University projects, Senator Robert C. Byrd has enhanced the economic impact of West Virginia State University to the benefit of the citizens of West Virginia.

Therefore, be it resolved that West Virginia State University officially recognizes the contributions and history of service of Senator Robert C. Byrd.

Resolved this 20th Day of December, 2009



President

Departmental Honorees

DECEMBER 2009 HONOREES

Art..... Emma Ware
Biology..... Paul Blevins
Business Administration..... Tiffany Tietz
Chemistry..... Matt Keaton
Communications..... William Dutton
Criminal Justice..... Alyson Crouch
Economics..... Tiffany Tietz
Education..... Dawn White, Elementary
Jenna Reed, Secondary
English..... Laura Spencer Adkins
Health Science..... Betsi Lynn Linville
Political Science..... Jeannie M. Young
Psychology..... Matthew Cleek
Regents BA..... Sherri Cox
Social Work..... Marina Kelley

MAY 2010 HONOREES

Business Administration . . . Jessica Renee Brooks
Chemistry Katie Poole
Communications Hallie Sampson
Criminal Justice Patty Goff
Economics Jennifer Scott
Education Peggy Sayre, Elementary
Michelle Ferrell, Secondary
English Esther M. Hupp
Health Science Erika A. Wolfe
History Elizabeth Williams
Psychology Tammy Perkins
Recreation Jared T. Davis
Regents BA Florenda Hill
Sociology Amber Surface

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

CUM LAUDE

Theresa Marie Ashworth
Elizabeth Ann Bailey
David Alexander Barker**
Rebecca Ann Berga
Don Alexander Bertolotti**
Paul Kenneth Blevins**
Johanna Lynn Bosse
Kyle Campbell, II*
Elizabeth Ann Carrier-Smith
Johnna Allison Carter
Hollie Renee Castle
Amy Nicole Champe
Allison Michelle Clendenin
Anita Le Clinton**
Heather Dawn Dickerson
Heather Dawn Drake**
Amanda Jo Estep**
Laura Fay Frazier

Keith B. Gilkey**
Holly Ann Hamilton**
Shirley S. Jividen
LaCinda Mae Kidd**
Leah Nicole Knapp
Amy Shonnette Koontz
Magdalena Kowalska
Dominique LaFaye Logan**
Jesse Paul Looper**
Jia Lu
Raymond Scott McBride
Ashley Lynn McGraw**
Todd Alan McQuiston*
Megan Louise Magee
Donna M. Martin**
Jennifer Lynn Martin**
Samantha Alise Masley
Joshua Thomas Miller

Valerie K. Nichols*
Brian Edward Ord**
Jessica Nichole Paynter
Sarah Leigh Porter
Nickole Lynn Pullen
Brett A. Rampone**
Kerri Nicole Ramsey**
William Charles Samuel**
Meia Beth Shamblin**
Staci Leah Shumate**
Nathaniel Wayne Simons
Sarah Catherine Smith
Mario Torres**
Terence Christopher Washington, II
Kristina Nicole White
Kristina K. Whiting
Audra Nicole Willis
Russell Paul Wisser
Justin Alan Wyatt

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Baccalaureate Degree Programs (cont.)

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

James Lewis Adkins
Laura Lynn Adkins**
Crystal Lynn Ballengee
David Lee Beveridge, II
Marco Campoverde**
Kristen Sue Carpenter**
Matthew Edward Cleek**
Alyson Sue Crouch**
Jared Thomas Davis
Lisa Dawn Dunlap
William Craig Dutton**
Kaci JaBeth Ferrell
Helen Wenonia Gist**
Cheryl Renee Good**
Denise L. Gould**
Jessica Lane Graley
Dorothy Anthrea Hall

Sarah Renee Harper
Florenda Russell Hill
Jason Ray Hill**
Kathy S. Hudson**
Carla J. Hunt
Amber Rae Jones
Matthew Bryan Keaton**
Jennifer K. Lester
Amber M. Mason
Matthew Luke Meade**
Travis William Milam
Rebekah Sue Morris-Holcomb
Rachel Ann Nye**
Tammy Lynn Perkins
Tonya Lee Graley Pettry**
Sherri Dawn Phillips**

Fallon Star Pierson**
Matthew David Porta
DeeAnna Lynn Rakes**
Thomas Pat Ramey, Jr.**
Kristi Marie Schwender**
Jessica Renee Silber
Robert Eugene Smith, III
William Craig Smith**
Chelsea Shiloh Staley
Caitlin Lindsey Stout
Arlage Travis Wines**
Erika Ann Wolfe
Tina Susanne Workman
Jeannie Marie Young**

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Amanda Joyce Basham**
Kendra Elaine Berkhouse**
Emily Nicole Bowlin
Jessica Renee Brooks
Ashley Nichole Cobb
Karen A. Cooper
Sherri L. Cox**
Adam Ryan Crawford**
Ray Dolin
Michelle R. Ferrell
Patty Gwynn Goff
Megan Lori Gothard**
Allen Keith Hamrick

Patricia Ann Hastings
Elizabeth Renee Haught
Christopher Shane Hawkins**
Amanda G. Harper*
Tamara H. Holstein
Esther Mari Hupp
Lindsay Dawn Idleman
Allison Elizabeth Judy
Marina Angelique Kelley*
Betsi Lynn Linville**
Stephanie Nicole Morrison
Jennifer Anne Paswaters

Micah Lee Tiberius Peggs**
Kathleen Amanda Poole
Edward Lewis Raines, Jr.**
Jenna Beth Reed**
Hallie Carol Sampson
Peggy Marie Sayre
Jennifer Beth Scott
Amber Michelle Surface
Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz**
Emma Jane Ware**
Dawn K. White**
Elizabeth Anne Williams

WITH DISTINCTION

Candace Dawn Deweese
Tiwanna "Sam" Hicks

Rebecca Jill Mandirola

Susan Rae Ricker**

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**THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND
CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF

MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIESDavid Wohl, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

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

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

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

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF ARTS.....Abainesh Mitiku, D.B.A.
Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.....Robert L. Harrison, Jr., 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 Hunter, M.A.*

THE PRESENTATION OF

GRADUATING OFFICER Timothy U. Phillips
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
Professor of Military Science
Sean Meade, Second Lieutenant, Charleston West Virginia

THE STUDENT ADDRESS..... Ms. Amber Surface
BA Sociology

THE SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES.....Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Dr. Gregory D. Epps, Class of '81
West Virginia State University National Alumni Association

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

THE ALMA MATER..... Martha Spencer/Ernest Wade
Led by Chelsea E. Price
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble

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

THE BENEDICTION Bishop Michael D. Austin
MPG of T Ministries
Charleston, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL
The Raider's March John Williams/Johnny Vinson
West Virginia State University Concert Band
The audience is requested to remain standing until the graduates have recessed.

GRAND MARSHAL
R. Charles Byers '68
Vice President for Academic Affairs

COLLEGE MARSHAL
Donna Hunter '75
Office of Registration and Records
Bryce Casto '81
Vice President for Student Affairs

ASSISTANT MARSHALS
Professor Debra M. Anderson-Conliffe '76
Professor Rita Brown '75
Professor Patricia King '85
Professor Patricia Shafer '71
Professor Walter Stroupe '78
Professor Patricia Wilson '67

Candidates

College of Arts and Humanities

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS Art and English

Laura Lynn Adkins**
Jonathan Edgar Anthony**
Nicholas Ryan Cartmill**
Jonathan Michael Casto
Duane S. Channer
Jeremy Allan Drake**
Lisa Dawn Dunlap
Edna Anokye Frimpong
Megan Lori Gothard**
Nicholas Frederick Hall

Esther Mari Hupp
Sean Ian Levenson
Raymond Scott McBride
Travis William Milam
Melvin Lewis Mosley, II**
Adam Edward Robinson
Jared Darrell Shull
Cindy Ann Shumate
Michale Majid Tavakoli**
Emma Jane Ware**

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lori G. Adkins**
James R. Bailey**
Crystal Lynn Ballengee
Bhavana Bandi**
Tracy Nicole Beaver**
George Bossie, III**
James Scott Brannon**
Trinity Anna Burch*
Christi L. Burford**
Sheri Lena Burton**
John Mark Camenga
Adam L. Canada
Darin Todd Carney
Elizabeth Ann Carrier-Smith
John Dixon Caudill, V**
Ernest MacArthur Chafin**
Rose Marie Coleman
Allen Neil Combs*
Karen A. Cooper
Sheri L. Cox**
Adam Ryan Crawford**
Jonathan A. Dadisman**

Brittany N. Ellis
Dennis Joseph Furs
Lawrence L. Gaines*
William Michael Ganim**
Helen Wenonia Gist**
Cheryl Renee Good**
Allen Keith Hamrick
Amanda Gail Harper*
Patricia Ann Hastings
Elizabeth Renee Haught
Florenda Russell Hill
Tamara H. Holstein
James Nathan Jarrell**
Shirley S. Jividen
Darren Haason Jones
Joshua Stuart Kuykendall*
Yvonne Sherii Lee
Terry S. Legg
Travis Wayne Legg**
Jennifer K. Lester
Angela Irene Lewis**
Jesse Paul Looper**

Kelly Allison Martin
James Vincent Meadows**
Dana Eugene Menello
David Scott Milam*
Stephanie Lauren Monday
Melissa Jean Mosley *
Emily Nicole Mottesheard*
James David Mullins**
Christopher Allen Overstreet**
Teresa Faye Phillips
Rashad L. Price**
Edward Lewis Raines, Jr.**
Brett A. Rampone**
Dustin Bertran Resler**
Sheila R. Reynolds**
Paul David Riegel*
Chasity Desiree Runion**
Roy Michael Seagraves
David Vincent Schoen**
Chasitiy Renee Smith*
James Rex Smith
William Craig Smith**

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FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS (cont.)

Larry Wayne Stone*	Elvina Louise Walker	Daymetrie Dayco Williams
Sarah Elisabeth Thompson	Sandra Jean Whipple**	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Pablo J. Arias**	Jarrell Lamore Amadeus Jackson**	Michael Andrew Rude
Joshua David Bush**	Erin L. Jarrett**	Hallie Carol Sampson
Ramhazz Khaliph-Mustafa Corley	Hillary Nicole Kernen**	Kristi Marie Schwender**
Sarah Lindsey Davis	Kuly Teddy Kimba**	Jessica Renee Silber
Mindi Leigh Dillon	Charles Steven Kirkpatrick**	Caitlin Lindsey Stout
Ray Dolin	Magdalena Kowalska	Brittani Lea Stowers
Heather Dawn Drake**	Raymond Scott McBride	Timothy L. Taylor**
William Craig Dutton**	David W. Miller, III**	Kenneth Isaac Terry
Chad M. Estep	Billy A. Nester	Adam Richard Vickers**
Kaci JaBeth Ferrell	Devon E. Nuckles**	Sharniece Nicole Wallace**
Nama Morlu Findley**	Aaric D. Payne	Cassidy Danielle Webb
Laura Fay Frazier	Fallon Star Pierson**	Christopher Alan Westfall
Dominick Edwards Groves**	Shawn Anthony Price	Joshua Douglas Whisman**
Holly Ann Hamilton**	Nickole Lynn Pullen	Jason D. White**
Jacob Benjamin Haught**	Jason Andrew Reese**	

Candidates

College of Business Administration and Social Sciences

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ECONOMICS, HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

James Lewis Adkins	Heather Dawn Dickerson
Victoria Page Arnett**	Destiny Tabu Edwards**
Rebecca Ann Berga	Sarah Lutricia Elliott
Heather Leighanne Blackhurst	Terri Lynn Gogus
Rachel Diane Brabbin	Jessica Monique Hamilton
Kyle Malcolm Campbell, II*	Amber Rae Jones
Marco R. Campoverde**	Samantha Jo Kinder
Phillip Richardson Caudill	Leah Nicole Knapp
Michael Roger Chapman	Amy Shonnette Koontz
Matthew Edward Cleek**	Hannah E. Koster
Ashley Nichole Cobb	Iyanuoluwa E. Kusimo**

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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS (cont.)

Lesley N. Louthier
Ashley Lynn McGraw**
Jenna Leigh Markham
Samantha Alise Masley
Amber M. Mason
Joshua Thomas Miller
Amber Michelle Murphy*
Valerie Kay Nichols*
Jennifer Anne Paswaters
Dennis Bradley Pauley, II**
Jessica Nichole Paynter
Tammy Lynn Perkins
Teri Lynn Pigman**
Brock J. Poniatowski**
Matthew David Porta
Teddi Lynn Russell

Jennifer Beth Scott
Mina Shafiei
Erkata Muleta Shikur
Jared Darrell Shull
Nathaniel Wayne Simons
Sarah Catherine Smith
Michael Andrew Snyder**
Brittani Leigh Stevenson**
Lana Michelle Stoler**
Sasha Rae Strader
Amber Michelle Surface
Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz**
Elizabeth Anne Williams
Stephanie Dawn Witt
Jeannie Marie Young**

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Shawn Christopher Allen
Kathy Joyce Searls Anderson
Jansen Michael Arnold
Tristen Jade Beckett**
Emily Nicole Bowlin
Rachel Diane Brabbin
Jessica Renee Brooks
Erica S. Campbell**
James Benjamin Campbell
Marco R. Campoverde**
Brent Wayne Coakley**
Gregory Douglas Funk**
Denise L. Gould**
Zelalem Habtewold
Sarah Renee Harper
Michael Dale Hutchinson
Kimberly Jane Ice
Julian Leon Irving**
Kenneth Michael Jones, Jr.
James Edwin Kimberling

Leah Nicole Knapp
Iyanuoluwa E. Kusimo**
Jia Lu
Ginger Dawn McLaughlin**
Megan Louise Magee
Donna M. Martin**
Jennifer Lynn Martin**
Kenneth O. Martin
Matthew Luke Meade**
Joshua Thomas Miller
Ashlee Ann Mishler
Amanda Keener Moore**
DeMicheal Lamar Nesbitt**
William Michael Peayt**
Sherri Dawn Phillips**
Sarah Leigh Porter
Robert Lee Pyle
DeeAnna Lynn Rakes**
Lisa Danelle Ramey
Thomas Pat Ramey, Jr.**

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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (cont.)

Robert Stark Reishman, Jr.
Kassandra Alicia Robinson**
Shanika Janielle Rucker**
Amanda Dawn Scarberry
Jennifer Beth Scott
Samuel James Scroggins**
Meia Beth Shamblin**
Staci Leah Shumate**
Matthew Edward Smith

Robin Elizabeth Smith**
Michael Andrew Snyder**
Angela L. Suppa
Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz**
Mario Torres**
Jennifer I. Warner
Christina Marie Wichrowski
Kristen L. Wilfong

Candidates

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Don Alexander Bertolotti**
Paul Kenneth Blevins**
Johanna Lynn Bosse
Amy Nicole Champe
Nicole Lyn Clevinger**
Griffith Ian Craddock**
Jennifer Lynn Jones
Michael Grant Jones**
Matthew Bryan Keaton**
Zura Kerdieh
Daniel C. Morrison
Jazmine Alyce Moss**

Rachel Ann Nye**
Kathleen Amanda Poole
Brent Andrew Pressman
Miranda L. Qayyum
Sarah Ann Snodgrass
Tawna Shanice Thurston
Lisa Dawn Toler
Kristina K. Whiting
Phillip Eric Williamson, II**
Russell Paul Wisser
Justin Alan Wyatt

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**Denotes December 2009 Graduate

Candidates

College of Professional Studies

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Theresa Marie Ashworth	James Jeffery Estill	Todd Alan McQuiston*
Andrew Phillip Baker*	Joshua Rodriguez Garcia**	Michael Allen Marcum
David Alexander Barker**	Patty Gwynn Goff	Sean Michael Meade
David Lee Beveridge, II	Sherry Annette Hairston	Brian Edward Ord**
Valentine Bon	Shane Albert Hammack	Tina L. Pasquale**
Mikael Seri Bosse	Debra Lynn Harris**	Micah Lee Tiberius Peggs**
Hillary Deanne Brown**	Matthew Aaron Henson	Lee Pennington
Sharee Nichole Campbell**	Derek August Hippchen	Chasitiy Renee Smith*
Michael Roger Chapman	Amanda Dawn Hively* *	Michael Todd Steve**
Anita Le Clinton**	Staci KayLea Light	Audra Nicole Willis
Norris Robert Combs*	Dominique LaFaye Logan	Arlage Travis Wines**
Brandy Danielle Comer	Michael Lloyd McGhee	Joseph Edward Wiseman**
Alyson Sue Crouch**		

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Brittany Lea Adkins	Jessica Lane Graley	Rebekah Sue Morris-Holcomb
Danielle B. Ashworth**	Kristen Marie Hager	Stephanie Nicole Morrison
Amanda Joyce Basham**	Dorothy Anthrea Hall	Tonya Lee Graley Pettry**
Kendra Elaine Berkhouse**	Christopher Shane Hawkins**	Derek Ryan Ragle
Heather Rachelle Brown**	Tiwanna Sam Hicks	Kerri Nicole Ramsey**
Johnna Allison Carter	Jason Ray Hill**	Jenna Beth Reed**
Hollie Renee Castle	Kathy S. Hudson**	Susan Rae Ricker**
Allison Michelle Clendenin	Carla J. Hunt	William Charles Samuel**
Dana Nicole Clendenin**	Lindsay Dawn Idleman	Peggy Marie Sayre
Michael Anthony Curtiss**	Allison Elizabeth Judy	Robert Eugene Smith, III
Frank L. Davis, Jr.	Ashlee Rae Keeney	Chelsea Shiloah Staley
Candace Dawn Deweese	LaCinda Mae Kidd**	Jonathan Lee Veazey**
Amanda Jo Estep**	Amanda Leigh Knight	Dawn K. White**
Michelle R. Ferrell	Christina Demetrice Laing**	Erika Rae Woods
Marsha Karen Fowler**	Nichole Beth Levitt-Casto	Tina Susanne Workman
Keith B. Gilkey**	Rebecca Jill Mandirola	

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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Patrick Ryan Bentley Adkins**	Kristen Sue Carpenter**	Betsi Lynn Linville**
Elizabeth Ann Bailey	Natasha Renee Derrick	Jessica Leigh Standish*
Heather Louise Baldwin*	Ashley Marie Finney**	Erika Ann Wolfe

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

James Douglas Broderick	Amanda Rose Gooch**	Tiffany D. Mallion**
Joseph D. Clark	Brandon Kaleo Gwinn**	Kimberly Ann Rhodes
Jared Thomas Davis	Cindy J. McGue**	Eric Michael Workman**
Michael Albert DeLeeuw**		

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Genel Annmarie Austin	Marina Angelique Kelley*	Robert W. Stoler*
Stevie F. Campbell**	Sharon Lee Lambert	Terence Christopher Washington, II
Dani Lynn Crouch	Dinah Lashay Law	Christina Louise Webb**
Paula Ann Edwards	Angela Jewel Myers**	Kristina Nicole White
Elizabeth Ann Foley	Terri Ann Perry	LaRonda Marie Woods

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Candidates

College of Arts and Humanities

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Marie-Christine Agbanzo – Media Studies

Thesis: “Everyday Heroines in Sembene Ousmane’s films *Black Girl*, *Faat-Kine*, and *Moolaade*”

Christian A. Bavle** – Media Studies

Project Title: “Lighthouses” (Original Screenplay)

Larry Gene Clark** – Media Studies

Project Title: “Paw Paw in the Raw: Social Nudism in West Virginia” (Documentary Video)

Holly Raseshal Reece** – Media Studies

Project Title: “The Farm” (Narrative Film)

Bethany A. Simmons** - Media Studies

Project Title: “A Lifetime of Teaching” (Multi-Media Documentary)

Christina A. Williams – Media Studies

Thesis: “Moving a Minority Newspaper into the 21st Century:
Case of the *West Virginia Beacon Digest*”

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Candidates

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Katherine E. Cappellari* - Biotechnology

Thesis: Morphology and molecular identification of three new species of *Paraoryzmatobothrium* (Ruhnke 1994) from carcharhiniform sharks

Renee A. Gist* - Biotechnology

Thesis: DNA methylation in alteration of U.S. watermelon heirloom genetic diversity

Charles Freeman Pomeroy** - Biotechnology

Thesis: The role of mitochondrial function and gene expression in the growth performance and feed efficiency of juvenile rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Deepak Sharma - Biotechnology

Thesis: Understanding Microbial Community Structure and Performance During the Co-Digestion of Stillage Waste and Poultry Litter by a Thermophilic Anaerobic Digester

Leah Marie Wilson** - Biotechnology

Thesis: The genus *Anthobothrium* (van Beneden 1850): molecular systematics and description of six new species

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Honor Societies Graduating Seniors

December 20, 2009

ALPHA DELTA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK

ADVISOR-PROF. RITA BROWN

Marina Angelique Kelley* Christina Louise Webb

ALPHA KAPPA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ADVISOR-DR. SONYA ARMSTRONG

David Alexander Barker Kendra Elaine Berkhouse Matthew Edward Cleek
Sherri L. Cox Alyson Sue Crouch Denise L. Gould
Micah Lee Tiberius Peggs Kristi Marie Schwender Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz
Leah Marie Wilson Jeannie Marie Young

ALPHA PHI SIGMA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ADVISOR-PROF. SAM SWINDELL

David Alexander Barker Matthew Edward Cleek Alyson Sue Crouch
Brian Edward Ord Tina L. Pasquale Micah Lee Tiberius Peggs
Arlage Travis Wines

ALPHA EPSILON RHO - WV NATIONAL BROADCASTING SOCIETY

ADVISOR-PROF. SHERRI SHAFER

William Craig Dutton Holly Ann Hamilton Bethany A. Simmons

DELTA MU DELTA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

ADVISORS-PROF. JOHN HODGES

Denise L. Gould Sherri Dawn Phillips Tiffany Marie-Ione Tietz

KAPPA DELTA PI - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

ADVISORS-DR. SANDRA ORR

Tonya Lee Graley Pettry Dawn K. White

PHI ETA SIGMA - FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ADVISOR-DR. JAMES SPENCER

David Alexander Barker Megan Lori Gothard Rachel Ann Nye
Jeanna Beth Reed

PSI CHI - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

ADVISOR-DR. JAMES SPENCER

Matthew Edward Cleek

RHO PHI LAMBDA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

ADVISOR-PROF. PATRICIA KING

Amanda Rose Gooch Cindy J. McGue

Honor Societies Graduating Seniors

May 16, 2010

ALPHA DELTA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK

Advisor-PROF. Rita Brown

Terri Ann Perry Terence Christopher Washington, II Kristina Nicole White

ALPHA EPSILON RHO - WV NATIONAL BROADCASTING SOCIETY

Advisor-PROF. Sherri Shafer

Ray Dolin

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA - INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor-Dr. Gail Mosby

Amber Michelle Surface Phillip Richardson Caudill

ALPHA KAPPA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor-Dr. Sonya Armstrong

James Lewis Adkins	Emily Nicole Bowlin	Carla J. Burns
Rose Marie Coleman	Patricia Ann Hastings	Tamara H. Holstein
Florenda Russell Hill	Amber Rae Jones	Megan Louise Magee
Stephanie Nicole Morrison	Jennifer Anne Paswaters	Tammy Lynn Perkins
Matthew David Porta	Hallie Carol Sampson	

ALPHA MU GAMMA - NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor, Rebecca Conner

Esther Mari Hupp Magdalena Kowalska

ALPHA PHI SIGMA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Advisor-Sam Swindell

Theresa Marie Ashworth	David Lee Beveridge, II	Patty Gwynn Goff
Jennifer Anne Paswaters	Audra Nicole Willis	

BETA KAPPA CHI - SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor-Dr. Timothy Ruhnke

Johanna Lynn Bosse Sarah Catherine Smith Russell Paul Wissner

DELTA MU DELTA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

Advisors-PROF. John Hodges, PROF. Michael Lewis

Emily Nicole Bowlin	Leah Nicole Knapp	Joshua Thomas Miller
Jennifer Scott	Jennifer I. Warner	

KAPPA DELTA PI - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Advisor-Dr. Emily Waugh

Hollie Renee Castle

Peggy Marie Sayre

Tina Susanne Workman

Lindsay Dawn Idleman

Robert Eugene Smith, III

Stephanie Nicole Morrison

Chelsea Shiloah Staley

LAMBDA IOTA TAU - NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor-DR. David Wilson

Lisa Dawn Dunlap

Esther Mari Hupp

Michelle R. Ferrell

Sean Ian Levenson

Edna Anokye Frimpong

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS

Advisor-Dr. Suvayan De

Erkata Muleta Shikur

PHI ALPHA THETA - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY

Advisor-Dr. Billy Joe Peyton

James Lewis Adkins

Rebecca Ann Berga

Matthew David Porta

PHI ETA SIGMA - FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor-Dr. James Spencer

James Lewis Adkins

Ray Dolin

Miranda L. Qayyum

Justin Alan Wyatt

Emily Nicole Bowlin

Michelle R. Ferrell

Hallie Carol Sampson

Amy Nicole Champ

Matthew David Porta

Peggy Marie Sayre

PI SIGMA ALPHA - HONOR SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

Advisor-Dr. Frank Vaughan

Rebecca Ann Berga

Amber Michelle Surface

PINNACLE - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Advisor-Ms. Kellie Toledo

Karen A. Cooper

Mindi Leigh Dillon

Patricia Ann Hastings

PSI CHI - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Advisor-Dr. James Spencer

Crystal Lynn Ballengee

Heather Dawn Dickerson

Amy Shonnette Koontz

Jessica Nichole Paynter

Sarah Smith

Phillip Richardson Caudill

Florenda Russell Hill

Samantha Alise Masley

Tammy Lynn Perkins

Ashley Nichole Cobb

Amber Rae Jones

Jennifer Anne Paswaters

Jared Darrell Shull

RHO PHI LAMBDA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Advisor-Dr. David Wilson

Lisa Dawn Dunlap

Esther Mari Hupp

Michelle R. Ferrell

Sean Ian Levenson

Edna Anokye Frimpong

SIGMA TAU DELTA - INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor-Dr. David Wilson, Dr. Anne McConnell

Lisa Dawn Dunlap

Esther Mari Hupp

Michelle R. Ferrell

Jared Darrell Shull

Edna Anokye Frimpong

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 Cardwell 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)
Edna Odaris Farmer, Alumni
AVI Foodsystems, Inc., Business
Michael J. Arbogast, Education
Gus R. Douglas, Community Service
(presented March 15, 2006)

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

2008

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

2009

William Lipscomb, Alumni
Kanawha Valley Regional
Transportation Authority,
Community Service
KISRA, Community Service
Linda Andersen, 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-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
- 2009**
(May)
John D. Perdue
West Virginia State Treasurer

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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

Corma 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

Thomas E. Posey
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)

Herbert W. Richardson
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
Doctor of Laws

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

1971 (continued)

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

Joseph J. Smith
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
Doctor of Laws

1986

Leander J. Shaw, Jr.
Doctor of Laws

1987

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.
Doctor of Laws

1989

Norman Fagan
Doctor of Humane Letters

1991

Gaston Caperton
Doctor of Laws

1992

Paul Gilmer
Doctor of Divinity

Raymond Danner
Doctor of Laws

Angie Turner King
Doctor of Laws

Paul B. Marion
Doctor of Pedagogy

1993

Floydelh Anderson
Doctor of Laws

1994

Margaret K. Workman
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

James W. Rowley
Doctor of Laws

1996

James W. Holley III
Doctor of Laws

1997

Robert H. Thompson
Doctor of Humanities

Virginia Gill Simmons
Doctor of Laws

1998

Gus R. Douglass
Doctor of Laws

1999

Christine M. Corey
Doctor of Laws

2001

David Anthony Stafford
Doctor of Science

2004

Elizabeth Early Chilton
Doctor of Laws

Howard Lee Wilson
Doctor of Laws

2005 Mid Year

Joseph Manchin III
Doctor of Laws

2006 May

Thomas Joyner, Sr.
Doctor of Laws

R. Frank Lee
Doctor of Divinity

2006 Mid Year

Andrew N. Aheart
Doctor of Laws

2007 May

Brian Eugene Noland
Doctor of Laws

2008 Mid Year

James M. Lawson
Black History Convocation

2009 Mid Year

John D. Perdue

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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.

