



*"Education for the Twenty-First Century"*

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH YEAR  
of

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

HAZO WILLIAM CARTER, JR., PRESIDENT

Mid-Year

Commencement

THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER  
A.D. TWO THOUSAND  
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER  
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA



# The Academic Procession

The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates and the College Advisory Board. This procession is led by a marshal, a graduate of West Virginia State College, 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 guest 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 College 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 College 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 . . . . .	Velvet Blue



Bachelor of Science in Education . . . . .	Light Blue
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology . . . . .	Orange
Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service . . . . .	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Social Work . . . . .	Citron
Associate Degree . . . . .	White

## 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 West Virginia State College mace has historical significance in that it was designed from a spindle from the staircase of West Hall, the second building erected on this campus. West Hall was built in 1895, and was used for various activities. It was located on the present parking lot adjacent to East Hall and on the West side of Fleming Hall.

The mace was restored by James Huffman when he was Assistant Director of Admissions at West Virginia State College.

## The Medallion

The medallion worn by the President represents the chains of office. These chains are worn by chief presiding officers of colleges and universities. Such chains may be of plain links with a medallion suspended from the lowest point in front. In recent years the chains have been replaced by ribbons of velvet denoting the colleges' colors. Incorporated within the medallion is a reproduction of the seal of the College. It is this seal that is impressed on the diplomas awarded to the graduates of West Virginia State College and other official documents.

The medallion is a single piece of crystal, five inches in diameter, designed and created by Cubert L. Smith, class of 1960, retired Professor of Art, West Virginia State College. The seal of the College is etched with an air eraser on the reverse side. This rear etching processes enhances the optics of the seal and makes it a one-of-a-kind piece.



# Order of Exercises

James Rowley, Presiding  
Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs

## THE PRELUDES—

- The Sorcerer's Apprentice . . . . . *Paul Dukas*  
arr. Richard Saucedo
- The Firebird . . . . . *Igor Stravinsky*  
arr. Richard Saucedo

West Virginia State College Concert Band  
Julia Gendrich, Director

## THE PROCESSIONAL—

- Pomp and Circumstance—March I . . . . . *Edward Elgar*
- The Marshal  
The Candidates for Degrees  
The Faculty  
The Platform Party

- THE POSTING OF THE COLORS . . . . . Color Guard  
Yellow Jacket Battalion  
Army Reserve Officers Training Corps

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM—

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?  
*(The audience will remain standing until after the invocation.)*

- THE INVOCATION . . . . . The Reverend Dean Thompson  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church  
Charleston, West Virginia

- THE GREETINGS . . . . . Lewis N. McManus  
West Virginia Higher Education  
Interim Governing Board

## THE MUSICAL SELECTION—

- Battle Hymn of the Republic . . . . . *William Steffe*  
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
- West Virginia State College Choir  
J. Truman Dalton, Director



THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER . . . . . Hazo W. Carter, Jr.  
Ninth President, West Virginia State College

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS . . . . . David Stewart  
State Superintendent of Schools  
West Virginia Board of Education

THE MUSICAL SELECTION—

The Lily of the Valley . . . . . *Afro American Spiritual*  
arr. Wendell Whalum  
West Virginia State College Choir

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

Teachers of the Year

Boone County . . . . . Nora Dotson  
Sherman Jr. High School

Kanawha County . . . . . Karen Donathan  
George Washington High School

Putnam County . . . . . Louise Goode  
Winfield High School

THE AWARD OF HONORS . . . . . John Teeuwissen  
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HONORS

Melissa Shea Hamilton\*                      Mark S. Truman  
Jonathan Barclay Sapp

HIGH HONORS

Sally Ann McCoy                              Amber Michele Showalter  
Dennis B. Napier\*

HIGEST HONORS

Deborah Lynn Turley

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\*Denotes August graduates.



## BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

### CUM LAUDE

Amy Diane Alvis	Sheila Denise Hall-Harmon
Valerie Kay Board	Anna Jane Johnson
Joshua Patrick Casdorph	Rachel Leah Jordan
Jennifer Dawn Clark	Janice Racheal Luikart
Lynn Marie Davis	Crickett Ann Martin
Stacy Lea Dennis	Clay Frederick Myers
Gregory "Chip" Ellis, II	Kimberly Faith Page
Susan Lynn Garrett	Rose-Ann Prince
Michele Marie Gordon	Allison Michelle Tusing

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jordan James Berry	April Suzanne Romaca
Jennifer Gayle Crowder	Jeffry Allen Shamblin
Alesha Lorraine Deskins	Erin Kells Sikora
Paula Lynn Hill	Gary Alan Simmons*
Erasmi Delpino Larson	Brandon Derek White
Heather Dawn Mellert	Joshua Dean Wiseman*
Sherill Lynn Morris	Nichole Marie Witt
Jana Nicole Olutola	Linda Kim Workman

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Sherril Lynn Hanson	Barbara Jean Sparks
Charles Michael Moore	Leesa Faith Walker
David William Nehr	Benjamin Ryan Warner
Melinda Victoria Marie Ooten	Bobbie Renee Wisniewski
Vicki Lynn Shelton	

### THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

*The Candidates for Degrees will be presented to  
the Vice-President in the following order:*

Candidates for Associate Degrees . . . . Ervin V. Griffin, Sr.  
Provost, Community and Technical College

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degrees . . . . David Wohl  
Dean, Division of Arts and Humanities

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degrees Katherine Harper  
Dean, Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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



## Candidates†

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Jason R. Beckner	Teresa M. McDonough
David Allen Canterbury	Richard Scott McMinn*
Regina Jo Confere	Howard M. McNeil, Jr.
Danielle Renee Cox	Angela Nicole Marshall
Nathaniel Joseph Dailey	Christopher R. Martin*
Fredrick Scott Duffer	Valerie Anne Minger
Tammy Lynn Estep	Antonio Franklin Moss
John Eric Filipek	Melissa Ann Nicely-Held
Sean Terence Fowler	Lucinda Dawn Patchell
Jeremy Ray Grady*	Emily Joy Reed
Sharon R. Green	Jonathan Barclay Sapp
Melissa Shea Hamilton*	Amber Michele Showalter
Tamara Christa Harpold	Mary Elizabeth Standish
Sarah June Harris	Elizabeth A. Thomas*
Jamie Leigh Haught	Jamie Sue Tignor
Craig Dwain Keeney	Barbara A. Tipton
Clifford Scott Kerns	Mark S. Truman
Elizabeth Marie Kerns	Deborah Lynn Turley
Curtis Austin Knuckles	Fredericka T. White*
Joshua E. Lasure	William Grant Williams
Deborah J. Lewis*	Gina Beth Wilson
Sally Ann McCoy	Stephanie D. Wingate

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Lori Ann Mitchell\*

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Marie Michelle James	Dennis B. Napier*
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### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Amy Diane Alvis	Robert Kevin Dunlap
Michael W. Asbury, Jr.	Jennifer Emma Eva*
Jason Samuel Bailey*	Jennifer Shorter Freeman
Jeffery Scott Billings	Christy Lea Harless
Sean DeYance Campbell*	Tiwanna Lynne Holley*
Regina Carol Cavender*	Jonnie Michelle Jennings
Kenya Marie Courts-Burton	Robert A. Johnson, III
Michelle Katrese Cromwell	Ebony Lynsay Lewis
Jennifer Gayle Crowder	Kristal Dawn McClellan
Amanda Jill Davis*	Eric Warren Merrell

†A name on the program does not assure that final degree requirements have been met.

\*Denotes August graduates.



## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS (Continued)

Ameera K. Muhammad  
Jason Bryan Mynes  
Jessica Ann Russell\*  
George Michael Saunders  
Vicki Lynn Shelton  
Nicole Denise Smith

Tammy June Starcher  
Nishan Michael Wade  
Joshua Dean Wiseman\*  
Bobbie Renee Wisniewski  
Nichole Marie Witt  
Robin A. Young\*

## FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Larry Blake Baldwin  
Stephanie Jo Faber Beane  
Antoniette DeSean Bradford  
Annette R. Bradley  
Denise Leigh Brown  
Lisa Marie Burford  
Loretta Lenora Carr  
Richard L. Carter  
Robert Charles Carter\*  
Joshua Patrick Casdorph  
Brian Derrick Chapman\*  
Starrria Cheatham  
Monteia Yvonne Childers  
Bobby J. Cline  
Shawn Allen Colbert  
Karen Elizabeth Dawson  
Matthew Ashley Duncan\*  
William Dale Egnor  
Debra Winter Ferrell  
April Dawn Fields  
Edward Paul Fletcher  
Susan Lynn Garrett  
Thomas Michael Gills  
Roxanne Y. Gist  
Guy Edward Greene  
Carrie Jean Hall  
Trudicia Ann Hamilton  
Jacqueline S. Hatfield\*  
Tammy Lynn Hopkins\*  
James Edward Hull  
Kuluwa Hypes  
Marie Michelle James  
Kelly Elaine Jeffery\*  
Kathreen Hope Johnson  
Sherry Ann Johnson  
Sherri R. Karnes\*  
John Michael Kersey  
Erasmi Delpino Larson  
Tonya Lynn Lee\*

Marycarol Liberatore  
Frank Edward Lovin\*  
Leslie Jeanine Lucas  
Randall Lynn Lykens\*  
Shawn Machel McMaster\*  
Linda Louise McSparin  
Monika Moni Mathur\*  
Patricia Ann Meadows  
Lisa Lynn Linger Miller  
Lori Ann Mitchell  
Steven Wade Monday  
Nicole Christine Muilenburg\*  
Clay Frederick Myers  
Harold William Page\*  
William A. Petko\*  
Marty Ray Phillips  
Rose-Ann Prince  
Philip Benton Robertson, II\*  
Johnnie DeAngelo Ross  
Anthony Michael Sabatini  
Thomas V. Sheppard  
Margaret Murline Sherwood  
Erin Kells Sikora  
Gary Alan Simmons\*  
Jeffrey Lee Smith  
Debra Lynne Snodgrass  
Barbara Jean Sparks  
Craig Stanley  
Traci Lea Strickland  
Gale Angela Teare  
Tonya Louise Vannatter  
Leesa Faith Walker  
Robert Walker  
Janeene Whanger-Foster  
Carolyn Ann Wilkinson\*  
Charlotte Marie Williams  
Richard Steven Williams\*  
Charles Ernest Wilson, II\*



## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jamil S. Allie  
Patrick Dale Bowling  
Kamaria Kesi Brown  
William Franklin Brown, II  
Jody Ryan Eastwood  
Joshua Lee Greenwood  
Charles Clark Hubbard

Janice Racheal Luikart  
Heather Dawn Mellert  
Charles Michael Moore  
Joseph J. Oliver  
Kimberly Faith Page  
Brandon Derek White

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Philip Douglas Curry  
Heather Deweese-Casdorph  
Zhanna Ermekouna Crabtree\*  
Sara T. Helmick  
Anna Jane Johnson  
Christopher William Kennedy  
Matthew Stephen Kerns

Cynthia L. Kincaid  
Tashina Zeniã London  
Swapna Rekha Munagala  
Margaret Ann Robinson  
April Suzanne Romaca  
Amanda Louise Taylor

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew David Blessing  
Jennifer Elaine Eads  
Phillip M. Hickman  
James Steven Hudson, Sr.\*  
Iesha Nicole Jackson  
Royal S. Jones

Maureen Burke McGill  
Shelly L. Murray  
Michael Shawn Richardson  
Heather Lynn Sanders  
Courtney Elizabeth Scott

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jordan James Berry  
Valerie Kaye Board  
Brad Ronald Cantley  
Melissa Faye Carroll  
Gregory "Chip" Ellis, II  
Sheila Denise Hall-Harman  
Julie Diane Hoy

Tamara Kay Hyre  
David Patrick McIntyre, Jr.  
Aaron Richard Martin\*  
David William Nehr  
Lori Ann Ramey  
Todd S. Taylor  
Benjamin Ryan Warner

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Julie Ann Anderson  
Sara Ann Blair  
Joshua David Brumfield  
Harry C. Carder, II  
Thomas Warren Criser  
Lynn Marie Davis

Alesha Lorraine Deskins  
Kathryn Lynn Given  
Carrie Jo Groom  
Sherri Lynn Hanson  
Richard Wayne Harper  
Paula Lynn Hill



FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
(Continued)

Rachel Leah Jordan  
James Michael LeMaster, II  
Bryan A. Larch  
Linda Diane Long  
Crickett Ann Martin  
Sherill Lynn Morris  
Dale Arnold Nichols, Jr.  
Mary C. Okin  
Jana Nicole Olutola  
Melinda Victoria Marie Ooton

Stephen Joseph Roberts  
Jeffry Allen Shamblin  
Jason Clodith Smith  
Kelli Demarus Smith  
Shannon Dale Stephens  
Anthony Joe Tagliente  
Allison Michelle Tusing  
Randy Joe Warner, II  
Sharry Lee Willard  
Linda Kim Workman

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Stacy Lea Dennis  
Roxanne Adele Noe

Traci B. Ray

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Cynthia Lora Brown  
Tara Renee Roatsey

Rebecca Michelle Tompa

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Jennifer Dawn Clark  
Michele Marie Gordon  
Joanne M. Mayhew  
Anitra Sydel Plantin

Leslie Denise Richmond  
Teresa Ann Rogers  
Jill Leean Woodrum\*



# Order of Exercises

THE COMMISSIONING OF GRADUATING OFFICERS . . . . John M. Horn  
Major, United States Army  
Professor, Military Science  
Starria Cheatham, Second Lieutenant, Long Island City, New York  
Jordan James Berry, Second Lieutenant, Parkersburg, West Virginia

THE CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES . . . . . Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

THE STUDENT RESPONSE . . . . . David Nehr

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE . . . . . Howard L. Wilson '55  
To join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideals of my college,  
nurturing its growth and promoting its program, to serve with honor in  
my chosen profession and to make of myself a symbol of the best traditions  
of my college—this is my commission and my challenge.

THE ALMA MATER . . . . . *Spencer/Wade*  
Led by Sharry Willard '00

THE CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . James Rowley

THE BENEDICTION . . . . . The Reverend L. Alan Hill  
Pastor, Liberty Baptist Church  
Charleston, West Virginia

## THE RECESSIONAL:

Themes from "Star Wars" . . . . . *John Williams,*  
Arr. Larry Clark and Anthony Falcone  
*The Olympic Spirit* . . . . . *John Williams*  
. . . . . Arr. John Higgins Curnow and J. J. Jenkins  
West Virginia State College Concert Band

*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 '76  
Professor Kenneth W. Blake '74  
Professor Rita M. Brown '75  
Professor Clyde P. Campbell '64  
Professor S. Bryce Casto '81  
Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61  
Professor Patricia King '85  
Professor Jeanette Lee '74  
Professor Janet Martin '72  
Professor Patricia Shafer '71  
Professor Charles E. Smith '87  
Professor Craig Spaniol '66  
Professor Sandra LaVoie '82



## Honor Societies

### ALPHA DELTA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK

Faculty Sponsor: Rita Brown

Jennifer Dawn Clark

Anitra Sydel Plantin

Michele Marie Gordon

### ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Faculty Sponsor: Kim Lovinski and Patricia King

Amy Diane Alvis

Sherill Lynn Morris

Paula Lynn Hill

Vickie Lynn Shelton

Royal S. Jones

Linda Kim Workman

### ALPHA MU GAMMA—NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

Faculty Sponsor: Carolyn Halstead

Sarah T. Helmick

Jana Nicole Olutola

Charles Michael Moore

Nicole Denise Smith

### ALPHA PHI SIGMA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Faculty Sponsor: Kenneth Blake

Jordan James Berry

Valerie Kaye Board

Gregory Chip Ellis, II

Sheila Denise Hall-Harman

David William Nehr

### ALPHA PSI OMEGA—NATIONAL THEATER HONOR SOCIETY

Faculty Sponsor: David Wohl

Royal S. Jones

### DELTA MU DELTA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

Faculty Sponsor: John Hodges and Michael Lewis

Rachel A. Oglesby

April Suzanne Romaca

### KAPPA DELTA PI—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Faculty Sponsor: Paige Carney

Thomas Warren Criser

Mary C. Okin

Alesha Lorraine Deskins

Jana Nicole Olutola

Sherri Lynn Hanson

Melinda Victoria Marie Ooten

Paula Lynn Hill

Jeffrey Allen Shamblin

Linda Diane Long

Allison Michelle Tusing

Kenneth P. Miller

Linda Kim Workman

Sherill Lynn Morris

### LAMBDA IOTA TAU—NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY

Faculty Sponsor: Anne Vineyard

Bobbie Renee Wisniewski



OMICRON DELTA EPSILON—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN  
ECONOMICS

Faculty Sponsor: Thomas Swanke

Heather Deweese-Casdorph

Robert Kevin Dunlap

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Faculty Sponsor: Joe Oden and Ervin Griffin

Antioniette DeSean Bradford

PHI ALPHA THETA—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY

Faculty Sponsor: Stuart McGehee

Jennifer Gayle Crowder

Nichole Marie Witt

Jason Clodith Smith

PHI ETA SIGMA—FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Faculty Sponsor: James Spencer

Monteia Yvonne Childers

Sherrill L. Morris

Charles Michael Moore

PHI THETA KAPPA—HONOR SOCIETY FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE  
STUDENTS

Faculty Sponsor: Edith Worrells

Sally Ann McCoy

Deborah Lynn Turley

PI SIGMA ALPHA—HONOR SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

Faculty Sponsor: Gerald Beller

Michael W. Asbury, Jr.

George Michael Sanders

Jeffery Scott Billings

Nishan Michael Wade

PSI CHI—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Faculty Sponsor: James Spencer

Amy Diana Alvis

Robert A. Johnson III

Sheila Denise Hall-Harman

Vickie Lynn Shelton

Jonnie Michelle Jennings

Tammy June Starcher

PINNACLE—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL  
STUDENTS

Faculty Sponsor: Jenny Fertig

Royal S. Jones



# Honorary Degrees Conferred by West Virginia State College

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

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

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

Clifford M. Trump

Doctor of Laws

1996

James W. Holley III

Doctor of Laws

1999

Christine M. Corey

Doctor of Laws



# Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

There is a place we love so dear—  
It's 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.

## 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 truth 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 enlistments 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  
West Virginia State College  
1932

