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"Where Excellence is a Tradition"

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH YEAR

OF

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

HAZO WILLIAM CARTER, JR.

PRESIDENT

Mid-Year

Commencement

THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER

A.D. TWO THOUSAND AND THREE

AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

What is West Virginia State College

What is West Virginia State College? It is all of us who believe in it—who absent or present, work in it and wish it well. Its constituency is the living and dead, and from them the college enjoys an unrestrained loyalty and willing service. It is an exponent of 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 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

The Academic Procession

The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates and the College Board of Governors. 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 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 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 original mace used by West Virginia State College 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 College.

The mace we use today was designed by former Art Faculty member, Dr. Cubert Smith. This circular ring design in its center symbolizes the five schools of the College: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Natural Science and Mathematics, Professional Studies, and Social Sciences.

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 college's 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 Dr. Cubert 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 process enhances the optics of the seal and makes it a one-of-a-kind piece.

Order of Exercises

Arnold Cooper, Presiding
Vice President for Academic Affairs
West Virginia State College

THE PRELUDE—

Rudolph in Wonderland arr. Paul Jennings
West Virginia State Concert Band
James Florkevich and James Anderson, Conductors

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Fanfare –Pomp and Circumstance March I Edward Elgar
arr. James Ployhar

The Marshal
The Candidates for Graduation
The Faculty
The Platform Party

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM arr. James McKelvey

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

(The audience will remain standing until after the Invocation)

THE INVOCATION The Reverend Rodgers T. Wood, Pastor
Saint James Episcopal Church
Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS Elliott G. Hicks, Esq.
Member, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

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

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Richard L. Ferguson
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board
ACT, Inc.

Order of Exercises

THE MUSICAL SELECTIONS

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee Jean Berger
West Virginia State College Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Director

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

Teachers of the Year

Kanawha County—Coleen Vannoy Board of Education
Kanawha County Schools
Putnam County—Rachael Hull Buffalo Elementary

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

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HONORS

Lora Beth Johnson
Jessica Ruth Nisbet

Russell A. Snow
Mary Ann Svodoba*

HIGH HONORS

Kathy Rae Barnett
Nola G. Mason Burns*
Maria Bishop Chaffin
Tenna Lynn Gray*

Sarah Renee Harper
Tonya Sue Johnson
Leigh Ann Maxwell
Jason Ryan Stewart

HIGHEST HONORS

Jennifer Elaine Cartmill
Kimbra Jareen Clinton
Amanda Gayle Douglas

Loretta Mae James
Kathleen Kelly Persinger
Aimee Beth Whittington

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

CUM LAUDE

Johnny C. Branch
Jennifer Dawn Cochran
Chad Joseph Cooper
Nancy Elizabeth Dickens
Cheryl Ann Dighton
Samantha Gene Dotson
Jason Andrew Dunbar
Jeremiah Lee Ege*
Andrew L. Click*
Kelly Jo Griffith
Erin Christine Hart
Lisa Jean Haynes
Geraldine Holton
Brian Douglas Humphreys
Jeffrey Allen King
Ronald Bernhart McAllister
Brandy Kaye McClanahan

Cindy Marie Matheney
David Jacob Miller
Matthew Maurice Mitchell
Jeffrey Lynn Mullins
James Owens*
James Robert Parsons
Sonya Marie Porter
Angelyn Trese Reed
Marvin Rodney Rucker
Antwaniece Lee Seidu
Michelle R. Shaffer
Amber Lynn Shock
Sariah Amy Thomas
Norma Jo Truluck
Deanna Sue Vance
Christopher Michael Yeager

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jody Dawn Balog
Melissa Gail Bird-O'dell
Jessica Lee Brown
Forrest Sue Carter
Maria Bishop Chaffin
Michelle Lee Cook
Kristi Michelle French
Barbara Lea Hughes

Jessica Nicole Johnston
Paul Elmo Keenan
Angela Dawn Kirk
Debra A. Lee
Jerry L. McCallister
Erin Meredith Mullins
Kim Sovine

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Justin Richard Ballard
Vanessa MaryRuth Cooke
Anita Marie Davis
Amanda Gayle Douglas
Tenna Lynn Gray
Rachel Marie Hill

Angela Marie Jones
Melissa A. Liptrap*
Sara Christeen McClelland
Laura Faith McDerment
Michelle Ann Morris
Stephanie Nicole Stewart

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Ervin V. Griffin, Sr.
Provost for the Community and Technical College

and
Arnold Cooper
Vice President for Academic Affairs, West Virginia State College

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE Janet Amos
Dean for Community and Technical College

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE David Wohl
Dean for School of Arts and Humanities

CANDIDATES FOR
THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE Katherine Harper
Dean for School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

THE CONFERMENT OF DEGREES Hazo William Carter, Jr.
President, West Virginia State College

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

Candidates*

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Scotty E. Bailey	Raymond F. Hardy*
Jeremy Eugene Barnett*	Sarah Renee Harper
Kathy R. Barnett	Brian Keith Howery*
Nola G. Mason Burns*	Jennifer Lee Huffman
Mary Lee Byrd*	Loretta Mae James
LeAnne Michele Call	Jeffery Charles Jividen*
Travis Wayne Cogar*	Lora Beth Johnson
Rochelle Lee Coleman	Michelle Denise Jones
Sarah Lynn Collins*	Clyde S. Likens*
Steven Martin Comer	Mary Beth Mather
Robert Joseph Crowley	Antionette Maxwell*
Doris Marie Cunningham*	Leigh Ann Maxwell
Charles R. Dale, Jr.	Jeremy Wade Mitchell
Willard Robert Donner, Jr. *	Nachette Rhondaleé Montgomery
Carl Wayne Douglas	Teresa Lynn Nelson
Kimberly R. Duff	Jeannean Luree Newhouse
Jonathan M. Evans*	Jessica Ruth Nisbet
Lewis Joe Fouts*	Michelle Lee Norvell
William Paul Fowler, IV*	Stephen Duane Parsons
Wendy Renea Hall	Kathleen Kelly Persinger
Douglas O. J. Hanna, II	Stefanie Louise Petry

* August 2003 Graduates

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

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE *(Continued)*

Jennifer Suzanne Priddy
Miranda Elizabeth Reed
Stephanie Lynn Rogers
Jeremy Jason Roncaglione
Ryan Walter Russell
Candice Shrewsbury
Phillip Lee Siemiaczko
Barbara Paige Smith
Kelly Elizabeth Smith*
Russell A. Snow
Charlene F. Sotak

Jason Ryan Stewart
Traci Carper Strickland*
Mary Ann Svoboda*
Betty Frances Taylor
John Richard Vaughan
Helen Louise Welch*
Virgil Christopher White
Aimee Beth Whittington
Dondre A. Williams
Michael Thomas Wolford

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Jennifer Elaine Cartmill
Maria Bishop Chaffin

Tonya Sue Johnson
Jason Green Perez

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Reginald D. Adams
Micah Beth Ashley
Jessica Lynn Brandon
Jason Russell Brouse*
Doye Anne Byrd*
Kimbra Jareen Clinton
Christeen T. Courtney*
Orlando Yusef Craighead
Jeremy Richard Dosier*
Amanda Gayle Douglas
Tenna L. Gray*
James O. Johnson*

Douglas Paul Kincaid*
Jason Michael Lamb
Monica Gene Lawrence
Andre Alexander Metlock
Christy Michelle Moore*
Crystal L. Moore*
Annette Marie Prowse
Marilyn Fowlkes Sanford
Alexander Enanfo Seignious
Darnell E. Wiggins
Patrick D. Word*

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Justin Paul Conner

Lindsey Brooke Currey*

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Rachel Yvette Carpenter	Debra A. Lee
Rochelle Lee Coleman	Mitchell Ryan Lemle
Michelle Lee Cook	Sara Christeen McClelland
Anita Marie Davis	Joseph Clyde Mays*
Samantha Gene Dotson	Erin Meredith Mullins
Jeremiah Lee Ege*	James Paul Owens*
Beth Ann Fultz*	Michael Lee Pierce*
Shawn Allen Hamilton*	Angelyn Trese Reed
Nelson L. Hudson, II	Jeffrey Warren Stevenson, II*
Brian Douglas Humphreys	Marissa Gale Stewart
Tracy E. Jones	Robert Whitney Vanater*
Paul Elmo Keenan	Toshika Nevorah Washington
Angela Dawn Kirk	Rebecca Joan Wendell

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Charles F. Absten	Brian Scott Middleton
Justin Richard Ballard	Charles Clayton Moss
Christian A. Bavle*	Amie Neely
Jill Annette Brace	Teresa Lynn Nelson
Christopher C. Branham*	Robyn Hope Ooten
Felicia Lynn Bush	James Robert Parsons
Forrest Sue Carter	Sonya Marie Porter
Maria Bishop Chaffin	Haleii M. Poullard
Brian K. Ellis*	Gregory Edward Sigman*
Laura D. Ellis	Charlene F. Sotak
Valerie Meredith Flowers*	Lisa D. Steele
Charles Nicholas Gurski	Shari Dawn Stilgenbauer*
Michael Hicks	John Stiltner
Geraldine Holton	Paul Donovan Strohl
Barbara Lea Hughes	Roy Edward Terry
Alicia Juncosa*	Yvonnie Rochelle Tharp
Jeffrey Allen King	Lorna Denese Truman
Adron Leroy Knighton*	Glen Edward Walker
Jennifer Anne Lacy	Keith Dwayne Walker
Timothy Joe "Tucker" Lambert*	Delia Ann Waller*
Jason Rodney Lathey*	Alta Leanne Weaver
Sarah Elizabeth McDougall	Georgia F. White
Billy James McPhail	Christine Marie Williams
Raghuram Mekala*	Noel Leighton Wilson
Michael Craig Metzger*	Jacqueline Lynn Young

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Chad J. Cooper

Anna Nicole Dent

Chris J. Dorminey

Jody Wayne Fisher*

Cheryl Yvedney Grant

Hollie Christine Hebb

Joshua Neil Lindley*

David Jacob Miller

David Lee Nichols

M. Shawn Peterson

Matthew Ryan Smith*

Stephanie Nicole Stewart

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Aaron Travis Armstrong

Christopher B. Bean

Melissa Kay Peterman Bishop

Tamara Annette Bowling

Anthony Lamar Brown

John Kevin Caruthers

Robert Joseph Crowley

Lindsay Renée Cunningham

LeAnn Renee Dailey

Paul A. Davis, Jr.

Kizmet Elaine Chandler Gardner

Jamie Lenore Gilbert

Jennifer Lori Grindstaff

Angela Gale Hess

Crystal Gay Hodge

Lori Anne Hudson

Ashley Diane Ice

John Foster Johnson, III*

Benjamin Kayurapun

Laura Lynn Kincaid

Lyndon Teiko Kwei-Tagoe*

Kevin Christopher Lane

Mitchell Ryan Lemle

Dale Lamont Lowery

Patricia Lynn Moss

Polina Símona Page

Kelli M. Ruebush

Jennifer René Samples

Courtney Forte Shannon

Tabitha Dawn Smith

David Jason Snodgrass

Jonathan Robert Stream

Sariah Amy Thomas

Norma Jo Truluck

Cynthia Leigh Tyree

Layhle M. Tyree

Deanna Sue Vance

John Erik Whitley

Gina B. Wilson

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Samuel Bryant
Mamie Elizabeth Buoy
Marlette Elaine Carter
Jason Andrew Dunbar
Samuel Luke Gerkin
Ashley Owen Harper
Erin Christine Hart

Melissa Ann Liptrap*
Angela Marie Neal
Annette Marie Prowse
Benjamin Howard Shew*
Mary Nicole Williams
Christopher Michael Yeager

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Pamela Kay Anderson
Kimberli Dianne Brady
Jennifer Lynn Fisher Branham
Jessica Brown
Leonard Michael Clark
Jennifer Dawn Cochran
Sarah Kaye Dennis
Jason Phillip Drake
Raymond Frank Hardy*
Stephen George Hoffman, Jr.
Elizabeth Ann Kennedy
Jerry L. McCallister

Tara Beth McKown
Jessica Nicole Miller
Jeremy Wade Mitchell
Amanda Elaine Moore
Stefanie Louise Petry
Robert Edward Richardson*
Marvin Rodney Rucker, II
Wesley Allen Runyan*
Michelle R. Shaffer
Samuel Elvin Thomas, III*
Patrick D. Word*
Heidi Faith Young

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Jody Dawn Balog
Melissa Gail Bird-O'Dell
Johnny C. Branch
Pamela Dawn Burdette
LeAnne Michele Call
Sheree Denise Franklin Carter
Vanessa MaryRuth Cooke
Melissa Ann Dickens*
Nancy Elizabeth Dickens
Cheryl Ann Dighton
Amanda Gayle Douglas
Jerrie Danielle Dyer
Kristi Michelle French
Tenna L. Gray
Kelly Jo Griffith
Christopher Curtis Harper
Lisa Jean Haynes

Rachel Marie Hill
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Angela Marie Jones
Ronald Bernhart McAllister
Brandy Kaye McClanahan
Cindy Marie Matheney
Matthew Maurice Mitchell
Crystal L. Moore*
Jeffrey Lynn Mullins
Richard Dale Parsons, Jr.
Antwaniece Lee Seidu
Amber Lynn Shock
Jacqueline Carol Snyder-Greene
Kim Sovine
Lisa Renée Summerfield
Sarah Robin Tomblyn
Sheila Renee Witt

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH EDUCATION

Laura Faith McDerment
Michelle Ann Morris

Victoria Lynn Smallridge
Kimberly Jean Taylor*

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Kathryn Michelle Boggs
Andrew Leapold Click*

Jason Michael Lamb
Nicole Reyes

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Rita Faye Bailey
Beth Rose Banonis-Elkins*
Jessica Lynn Brandon
Andre Alexander Metlock

Tamara Darnese Rush
Amanda Lynn Sholes
Kerri Lane Turley*

Order of Exercises

THE PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING OFFICERS George A. Nelson
Colonel, United States Army and Professor, Military Science

WAYNE A. KLOTZBACH Second Lieutenant
Bickmore, West Virginia

MICHAEL A. V. HICKS Second Lieutenant
Los Angeles, California

THE SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES Hazo William Carter, Jr.

THE STUDENT RESPONSE Paul Keenan

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Howard L. Wilson '55
President, National Alumni Association

To join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideas of my college, nurturing its growth and promoting its program, to serve with honor in my chosen profession and to make myself a symbol of the best traditions of my college—this is my commission and my challenge.

THE ALMA MATER Spencer/Wade

THE CLOSING REMARKS Arnold Cooper

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Rodgers T. Wood

THE RECESSIONAL—

The Raider's March John Williams
arr. J. Vinson

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 Kenneth W. Blake '74

Professor Clyde P. Campbell '64

Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61

Professor Patricia King '85

Professor Sandra K. LaVoie '82

Professor John Richards '78

Professor Patricia Shafer '71

Professor Charles E. Smith '87

Professor Craig Spaniol '66

Ms. Patricia Wilson '67

Members of the Classified Staff Council and Student Leadership Program
are serving as ushers.

Honor Societies

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

Rita Faye Bailey

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Melissa Gail Bird-O'Dell
Jennifer Dawn Cochran
Amanda Gayle
Tenna L. Gray
Angela Marie Jones

Angela Dawn Kirk
Sara Christeen McClelland
Michelle Ann Morris
Stephanie Nicole Stewart

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

Paul Elmo Keenan

Antwaniece Lee Seidu

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

Kimberli Dianne Brady
Jennifer Lynn Fisher Branhan
Jessica Brown
Leonard Michael Clark
Jennifer Dawn Cochran
Loretta James

Jerry L. McCallister
Jessica Nicole Miller
Stefanie Louise Petry
Marvin Rodney Rucker, II
Michelle R. Shaffer

ELECTED TO ALPHA PSI OMEGA— NATIONAL THEATER HONOR SOCIETY

Marlette Elaine Carter

KAPPA DELTA PI—

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Jody Dawn Balog

Rhonda Brown

Vanessa MaryRuth Cooke

Cheryl Ann Dighton

Amanda Gayle Douglas

Kristi Michelle French

Tenna L. Gray

Kelly Jo Griffith

Jessica Nicole Johnston

Angela Marie Jones

Cindy Marie Matheny

Matthew Maurice Mitchell

Melissa Gail Bird-O'Dell

Amber Lynn Shock

Kim Sovine

ELECTED TO OMRICRON DELTA EPSILON—

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS

Ashley Diane Ice

ELECTED TO OMRICRON DELTA KAPPA—

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOR SOCIETY

Jessica Lynn Brandon

Tenna L. Gray

Russell A. Snow

Melissa Gail Bird-O'Dell

ELECTED TO PHI ALPHA THETA—

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY

Nelson L. Hudson, II

ELECTED TO PHI ETA SIGMA—

FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Michelle Lee Cook

Amande Gayle Douglas

Jerry L. McCallister

Sara Christeen McClelland

Tabitha Dawn Smith

ELECTED TO SIGMA PHI OMEGA—

NATIONAL GERONTOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

Kathy R. Barnett

Jessica Ruth Nesbit

Michele Ann Morris

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

Jennifer Elaine Cartmill
Kimbra Jareen Clinton
Sarah Renee Harper

Loretta Mae James
Kathleen Kelly Persinger
Russell A. Snow

**ELECTED TO PI SIGMA ALPHA—
HONOR SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Angela Dawn Kirk

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

Rita Faye Bailey
Jessie Johnson
Paul Elmo Keenan

Melissa Gail Bird-O'Dell
Russell A. Snow

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

Rochelle Lee Coleman
Michelle Lee Cook

Anita Marie Davis
Erin Meredith Mullins

**ELECTED TO RHO PHI LAMBDA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR
RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES**

Kathryn Michelle Boggs

Andrew Leopold Click

Commencement Speakers

1898

Booker T. Washington

1909

William E. Glasscock

Governor, State of West Virginia

1919

Waitman Barbe

Professor of Literature,

West Virginia University

1923

Charles Victor Roman

Nashville, Tennessee

1925

Carter G. Woodson

Editor, Negro Life & History

1926

Eugene Kinckle Jones

Executive Secretary,

National Urban League

1927

James Adlai Cobb

Judge, Municipal Court,

Washington, D.C.

1928

Harry J. Capehart

Associate District Attorney

of Southern WV

1929

(May)

Charles Wesley

Professor of History, Howard

University

(Summer)

Mark Miles Fisher

Pastor, 16th Street Baptist Church,

Huntington, WV

1930

(May)

Henry D. Hatfield

U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia

(Summer)

John W. Davis

Fifth President,

West Virginia State College

1931

(May)

W.W. Sanders

Supervisor, Negro Schools,

State of West Virginia

(Summer)

John W. Davis

Fifth President,

West Virginia State College

1932

(May)

Thomas Gillis Nutter

Attorney, Charleston, West Virginia

(Summer)

James C. Evans

Professor, Mechanical Industries,

West Virginia State College

1933

(May)

J.B. McLaughlin

Commissioner of Agriculture,

State of West Virginia

(Summer)

George D. Brock

Professor of Education,

West Virginia State College

1934

(May)

Homer A. Holt

West Virginia Attorney General

(Summer)

Daniel P. Lincoln

Registrar and Professor of

History, West Virginia State College

1935

(May)

Harry H. Pace

President, Supreme Liberty Life

Insurance Co., Chicago

(Summer)

Richard Hurst Hill

Pastor, First Baptist Church,

Charleston, West Virginia

1936

(May)

John Andrew Gregg

Bishop, AME Church, Kansas City

(Summer)

David Kirby

Secretary, West Virginia Board of

Education

1937

(May)

Julian H. Lewis

Associate Professor Pathology,

University of Chicago

(Summer)

David Alphonso Lane, Jr.

Dean, West Virginia State College

1938

(May)

Ambrose Caliver

Senior Specialist in Education of

Negros, U.S. Office of Education,

D.C.

(Summer)

Harry W. Greene

Director, Teacher Training, West

Virginia State College

1939

(May)

Frederick Douglas Patterson

President, Tuskegee Institute

(Summer)

William J.L. Wallace

Associate Professor of Chemistry,

WVSC

1940

(May)

Mordecai Johnson

President, Howard University,

Washington, D.C.

(Summer)

Lorena E. Kemp

Professor of English,

West Virginia State College

1941

(May)

Charles Hamilton Houston

Attorney, Washington, D.C.

(Summer)

Herman G. Canady

Professor of Psychiatry and

Philosophy,

West Virginia State College

1942

(May)

Mary McLeod Bethune

Director,

U.S. Department of Negro Affairs

(Summer)

Grace I. Woodson,

Associate Professor of Education,

WVSC

1943

(May)

Channing H. Tobias

National Secretary, YMCA

(Summer)

Henry Lake Dickason

President, Bluefield State College

1944

(May)

Roland Hayes

Concert Singer

(Summer)

Bertrom L. Woodruff

Associate Professor of English, WVSC

- 1945**
(May)
Theodore F. Green
U.S. Senator, Rhode Island
- (Summer)
W.O. Armstrong
*Principal, Dunbar High School,
Fairmont, WV*
- 1946**
(May)
Anne Eleanor Roosevelt
*U.S. Representative,
New United Nations*
- (Summer)
D.T. Murray
*President,
Negro State Board of Education*
- 1947**
(May)
Ethel J. Alpenfels
*Anthropologist,
U.S. Bureau Intercultural Education*
- (Summer)
Moses Newsome
*First Baptist Church,
Charleston, West Virginia*
- 1948**
(May)
Percy Julian
*Division of Research & Manager of
Fine Chemicals, The Glidden
Company*
- (Summer)
H.D. Hazelwood
*Principal, Douglas High, Huntington,
West Virginia*
- 1949**
(May)
Harley M. Kilgore
U.S. Senator, West Virginia
- (Summer)
Vernon Johns
*College Minister, West Virginia State
College*
- 1950**
(May)
Walter Philip Reuther
*President,
United AutoWorkers of America*
- (Summer)
Charles S. Johnson
*President,
Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee*
- 1951**
(May)
Ira De A. Reid
*Professor of Sociology,
Haverford College, Pennsylvania*
- (Summer)
Corma A. Mowrey
*Past President,
National Education Association*
- 1952**
(May)
Mordecai Johnson
*President, Howard University,
Washington, D.C.*
- (Summer)
James C. Evans
*Civilian Assistant,
Secretary of Defense*
- 1953**
(May)
Rufus B. Clement
*President, Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia*
- (Summer)
James W. Robinson
*State Superintendent of Negro
Schools, West Virginia*
- 1954**
(May)
Edward Anderson Bolling
*Superintendent,
Institute School for Deaf & Blind*
- (Summer)
James H. Rowland
*Attorney, West Virginia
Department of Education*
- 1955**
(May)
Buell G. Gallagher
President, City College, NY
- (Summer)
Charles A. Williamson
President, Advertising Corporation
- 1956**
(May)
John Warren Davis
*Fifth President,
West Virginia State College*
- (Summer)
Moses Newsome
*Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Charleston, West Virginia*
- 1957**
(May)
Virgil L. Flynn
*Assistant Superintendent in Charge of
Research, Kanawha County Schools*
- (Summer)
Ruth C. Norman
*English Instructor,
Stonewall Jackson High School*
- 1958**
(May)
Frank M. Snowden, Jr.
*Dean, College of Liberal Arts,
Howard University, Washington, D.C.*
- (Summer)
S.J. Baskerville, DDS
West Virginia Board of Education
- 1959**
Cecil Underwood
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1960**
Justice Wise Polier
Judge, Domestic Relations Court, NY
- 1961**
William W. Barron
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1962**
A.J. Gibson
*Executive Secretary,
North Central Association*
- 1963**
Pearl S. Buck
Anthropologist
- 1964**
William Orville Douglas
*Associate Justice,
U.S. Supreme Court*
- 1965**
P.K. Banerjee
Minister, Embassy of India
- 1966**
Hulett C. Smith
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1967**
Miles Clark Stanley
*President, AFL/CIO, Charleston,
West Virginia*
- 1968**
William W. Jellema
*Executive Associate, Association of
American Colleges*
- 1969**
Mildred Mitchell Bateman
*Director, Department of Mental
Health, State of West Virginia*
- 1970**
Richard Eugene Shearer
*President,
Alderson-Broaddus College*
- 1971**
Arch A. Moore, Jr.
Governor, State of West Virginia
- 1972**
Damon J. Keith
Judge, State of Michigan

1973

John W. Davis

Fifth President,

West Virginia State College

and

William J.L. Wallace

Sixth President,

West Virginia State College

1974

(May)

Jennings Randolph

U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Daniel B. Taylor

Superintendent of Schools State of

West Virginia

1975

(May)

James C. Malone

Vice President, Union Carbide

(Mid Year)

James R. McCartney

Secretary of State,

State of West Virginia

1976

(May)

Helvi Sipila

Associate Secretary General, Social

Development & Humanitarian Affairs,

United Nations

(Mid Year)

Vincent E. Reed

Superintendent of Schools

The District of Columbia

1977

(May)

Ben L. Morton

Chancellor,

West Virginia Board of Regents

(Mid Year)

Henry B. Wehrle, Jr.

President, The McJunkin Corporation

1978

(May)

Robert C. Byrd

U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Harold Delaney

Associate Executive Director

American Association of Colleges and

Universities

1979

(May)

Harold L. Hodgkinson

Executive Director, Professional

Institute of American Management

Association

(Mid Year)

John D. Rockefeller, IV

Governor, State of West Virginia

1980

(May)

Donald M. Knox

(Mid Year)

Robert R. Ramsey

Chancellor,

West Virginia Board of Regents

1981

(May)

Allen Ostar

President, American Association of

State Colleges and Universities

(Mid Year)

Leon H. Ginsberg

Commissioner, West Virginia

Department of Welfare

1982

(May)

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.

Eighth President,

West Virginia State College

(Mid Year)

Margaret L. Workman

Judge, Circuit Court

Charleston, West Virginia

1983

(May)

Russell Lowell Isaacs

President, Hecks Inc.,

Charleston, West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, IV

First Lady of West Virginia

1984

(May)

Samuel Proctor

Pastor, Abyssian Baptist Church, NY

(Mid Year)

John D. Rockefeller, IV

Governor, State of West Virginia

1985

(May)

Julian Bond

Senator, Atlanta, Georgia

(Mid Year)

D. Wayne Smith

President, Friendship Force

1986

(May)

John F. McGee

President, Charleston Daily Mail

(Mid Year)

Ken Hechler

Secretary of State West Virginia

1987

(May)

Leon H. Sullivan

Chair, Board of OIC,

Philadelphia, PA

(Mid Year)

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.

Chancellor,

West Virginia Board of Regents

1988

(May)

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

Ninth President,

West Virginia State College

(Mid Year)

Ralph E. Kirkman

Professor of Education,

George Peabody College

Vanderbilt University

1989

(May)

Grover A. DuBose

Visiting Professor, Business,

West Virginia State College

(Mid Year)

Harrison B. Wilson

President, Norfolk State University

1990

(May)

Mary Sarah Weddington

Senior Lecturer, History and

Government, University of Texas

(Mid Year)

Lauro F. Cavazos

Secretary,

U.S. Department of Education

1991

(May)

Gaston Caperton

Thirty-first Governor,

State of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Laura Pederson

1992

(May)

Paul B. Marion

Chancellor,

State College System of West Virginia

(Mid Year)

Phyllis Harden Carter

Director of State-Federal Relations,

Governor's Office, State of

West Virginia

1993

(May)

Bettina Gregory*Senior General Assignment
Correspondent, American
Broadcasting Company*

(Mid Year)

**Barbara Harmon-
Schamberger***Secretary, Department of Education
and the Arts State of West Virginia***1994**

(May)

Margaret L. Workman*Judge, Supreme Court of Appeals,
State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Booker T. Stephens*Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District,
Welch, West Virginia***1995**

(May)

James W. Monroe*Major General, United States Army*

(Mid Year)

Clifford M. Trump*Chancellor, State College System of
West Virginia***1996**

(May)

Rodney E. Slater*Federal Highway Administration*

(Mid Year)

Robert E. Wise, Jr.*United States House of
Representatives***1997**

(May)

Hazel R. O'Leary*Former Secretary of Energy*

(Mid Year)

James W. Rowley*President Emeritus, College of
Graduate Studies***1998**

(May)

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

(Mid Year)

Gus R. Douglass*West Virginia Commissioner of
Agriculture***1999**

(May)

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

(Mid Year)

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.*Ninth President, West Virginia State
College***2000**

(May)

Cecil H. Underwood*Governor, State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

David Stewart*State Superintendent of Schools,
West Virginia Board of Education***2001**

(May)

Marie C. Johns*President, Verizon*

(Mid Year)

J. Michael Mullen*Chancellor, West Virginia Higher
Education Policy Commission***2002**

(May)

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

(Mid Year)

Kaye Goodwin*Secretary, Education and Arts***2003**

(May)

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

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Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer

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.



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