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West Virginia State University

Hazo William Carter, Jr.

President

**West Virginia State Community
and Technical College**

Ervin V. Griffin, Sr.

President

*"Making Higher Education
A Part of Your Future"*

Mid-Year

Commencement

**Sunday, December the Nineteenth
Two Thousand and Four
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 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

The Mace

The Academic Mace precedes the entire procession. The Grand Marshal carries in his hand this ceremonial staff that is used as a symbol of authority. Its placement and removal from a place of honor signifies the opening and closing of ceremonial sessions. The mace had its origin in the Middle Ages, being used first as a weapon by royal bodyguards to protect their monarchs in processions. Today, the mace is primarily used in academic processions, particularly in English speaking countries.

The original mace used by West Virginia State University had historical significance in that it was created from a spindle used in the staircase of West Hall, the second building erected on the campus in 1895. This mace was restored by James Huffman when he was the Assistant Director of Admissions at the University.

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

The Academic Mace for West Virginia State Community and Technical College was designed by Terrance Sturant, Professor in the Computer Science Department and Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., President of the College. The circular design of laurel signifies the link to West Virginia State University. The center of the design includes symbols for Knowledge, Opportunity, and Success which embody the overall mission and purpose of the Community College.

Order of Exercises

Arnold Cooper, Ph.D., Presiding

Vice President for Academic Affairs, West Virginia State University

THE PRELUDE—

In Their Honor Carl Stommen

You Raise Me Up arr. Doug Adams

At The Crossroads Robert W. Smith

West Virginia State University Concert Band
James Florkevich, B.A. and James Anderson, B.S., Directors

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Fanfare –Pomp and Circumstance–March I Edward Elgar

arr. James Ployhar

The Marshal

The Candidates for Degrees

The Faculty

The Platform Party

THE POSTING OF THE COLORS Color Guard

Yellow Jacket Battalion

United States Army Reserve Officers Training Corps

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... arr. James McKelvey

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 Douglas Minnerly, M.Div.

Pastor, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS

Elliott G. Hicks, Esquire

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

William B. Goode

Secretary of West Virginia State University Board of Governors

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER..... Ervin V. Griffin Sr., Ed.D.

President, West Virginia State Community and Technical College

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSHazo William Carter, Jr., Ed.D.

President, West Virginia State University

Order of Exercises

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

Bridge Over Troubled Water..... Paul Simon
arr. Kirby Shaw

West Virginia State University Concert Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D., Director

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

The 2004 Teachers of the Year Arnold Cooper

Boone County	Vicki Cottrell	Madison Middle School
Kanawha County	Vicky Carney	Sissonville High School

Employee of the Year President Ervin V. Griffin, Sr.
Jessica Lee
Senior Administrative Secretary

THE AWARDING OF HONORS

Janet Amos, Ed.S.
Dean of Academic Affairs for the Community and Technical College
and

John Teeuwissen, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs
West Virginia State University

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HONORS

Randy Eugene Blake	David Charles Richardson
Delores M. Bush	Judy L. Taylor
Xiomra Judith Keffer	Steven Robert Thompson
William F. Knapp, Jr.	Steven Brent
Candice Brooke Lightner	Anthony Ken Wiley
Michael Blake Miller	

HIGH HONORS

Julie Sue Barrie*	Robin A. Holstein
Amy Keith Brown	Kandy Rae Saunders
Kevin E. Cartwright	Jessica Anna Seabolt*
Sherri L. Cox	Jason Ryan Stewart
Gina Laree Ford	

HIGHEST HONORS

Daniel B. Cooper	Scherri Lynn Napier
Dennie L. Elam	Debbra Lynn Provost*
Tina Lousie Helton*	Kathleen Renee Roach
Treana L. Kinder	Lucy Kara Shamblin
Crystal Dawn Larch	Judith Annette Skidmore

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

CUM LAUDE

Christopher Stephen Atkins
Jesse S. Bailes
Dionne Marcia Bartley
Antionette Yvette Burke
Delores M. Bush
Virginia Christine Carper
Stephanie Jo Comer
Jeff Allen Curry
Micah Lee Ellars
Crystal Lea Falin-Adkins
Eva Jeanette Hamilton
Heather Marie Hanson
Stephanie Shawn Hill
Valerie Nicole Johnson
Tina Lynne Kay
Heather Dawn King
Jessica Dawn Maston

Cyndi M. Nelson
Jerry Scott Norman
Kristen Lynn Olsen
Trudy Marie O'Neill
Casandra Lee Owens
Angela Kay Perdue*
Morgan Courtney Perrine
Steven R. Pickrell
Ashley Nicole Raines
Jodi Nicole Sergent
Bessie Elizabeth Tadlock
Cheryl Ann Welch-Reed
Brienne Nichole White
Chau Tran Williams
Amanda Catherine Young
Janice Annette Young

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Bonnie Sue Barker
Kandace Marie Basham
Matthew Aaron Browning
Emily Frances Cadle
Katrina Yvonne Chase
Jennifer Elizabeth Cummings
William Douglas Currence
Gina Laree Ford
Vicki Ann Goode
Jessica Marie Grandick
Jennifer Nichole Holley

Christina Lynn Miller
Nancy Jean Richardson*
April Lynn Samms*
Jennifer Louise Schoettker
Nicole Noelle Shreve
Elana Renee Slater
Tina Marie Slone
Carolyn Sue Stephenson
Raymond Delmer Stonestreet
Sabrena Antonette Thomas
Chad LaMonte Vickers

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Erika Dale Bain
Alison Renee Brown
Dane O. Campbell
Erin Patricia Cantrell
Stephen Arthur Craig
Shelia Faye Dolin
Emily Taylor Dunn
Dennie L. Elam

Barbara Jean Hopkins
David J. Hoskins
Jonell Marie Kerns
Elizabeth A. Martin
Karen Dawn Minnich
Stacy Gail Mobley
Glen Ray Morris
Debbra Lynn Provost*

DISTINCTION

Julie Ann Hefner

Sharon Kay Shinn

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

AND ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES ..Edith Worrells, M.BA
Chair for the Division of General Education and Transfer Programs

Janet Amos, Ed.S.

Dean of Academic Affairs for

West Virginia State Community and Technical College

Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., Ed.D.

President, West Virginia State Community and Technical College

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

CANDIDATES FOR THE

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREEDavid Wohl, Ph.D.
Dean for the School of Arts and Humanities

CANDIDATES FOR THE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE..... Katherine Harper, Ph.D.
Dean for the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Arnold Cooper, Ph.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hazo William Carter, Jr., Ed.D.

President, West Virginia State University

THE CONFERRMENT OF DEGREES Presidents Ervin V. Griffin, Sr.
and Hazo William Carter, Jr.

After the conferring of degrees by Presidents Griffin and Carter, the names of the candidates will be announced by the Registrar, John L. Fuller, Ph.D.

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Luke Adam Aliff*

Garan Wayne Baisden

Nancy Louise Black

Randy Eugene Blake

Delores M. Bush

Roger Lee Campbell, II

Haneefah Nacora Clinton

Thomas Conner, III

Sherri L. Cox

Orlando Yusef Craighead

Morri Celeste Dabney

Brittany Jo Dickson

Teddy Joe Dixon

Dreconda Lynn Easley

Dennie L. Elam

Janet Charis Ellis

Michael Keith Englert*

Carrie Lynn Ernest

Tracey Denise Funfstuck

Joshua Erik Gabehart

* Denotes August Graduate

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)*

Brent Alexander Gist	Matthew Wesley Medley
Allison K. Glaser	Michael Blake Miller
Godfred K. Gonus	Scherri Lynn Napier
Brandy Lynn Goodwin	Steven Matthew Niedbalski
Fiyori Habtemariam	Eric Todd Nunn
Careasa Michelle Hatcher	Jacob I. Pack
Kimberly Sue Held	Leigh Ann Painter*
Robert Lewis Henry*	Amanda Fae Parrish
Aaron B. Hill	David Charles Richardson
Robin A. Holstein	Jason Thomas Riffle
Melissa Ann Hudson	Ralph William Romanello, Jr.
Brian Hutchison	Kandy Rae Saunders
Terri Dawn Jarvis*	Christopher Ryan Schumaker
Amy Nicole Johnson	Jessica Anna Seabolt*
Bernis Marguerite Johnson	Vicki Lynn Shafer
Richard William Johnson	Judith Annette Skidmore
Courtney Reneé Kidner	Roy Mason Smith, Jr.
Treena L. Kinder	Roy Mason Smith, Sr.
Shelly Lynn Kirk	Jason Ryan Stewart
William F. Knapp, Jr.	Laci Michelle Strickland*
Crystal Dawn Larch	Dewey Lee Taylor, II
Candice Brooke Lightner	Judy L. Taylor
Melanie Ann Linger	Steven Brent Thompson
Robert Dewayne McComas, II	Pamela Meadows Waldorf
Larry Dewight McDonnell, II	Anthony Ken Wiley
Sharon Lucretia Martin-Copley	Collin Zebalon Wright
Mindy Lee Meddings	

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Julie Sue Barie*	Kathleen Renee Roach
Angela D. Bennett	Lucy Kara Shamblin
Xiomara Judith Keffer	

* Denotes August Graduate

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Erica D. Bell	Lois Elaine Moles
Jennifer Lynn Bell	Ibn Yusef Muhammad
Amy Keith Brown	Firezewd F. Namaga
Sonya N. Bryant	Stacy Ann Peal
Kevin E. Cartwright	William Michael Peaytt
Michelle Parsons Cline	Andrea Lee Price
Daniel B. Cooper	Debbra Lynn Provost*
Brintford Franklin Craze, II*	Michelle Lee Seltzer*
Gina LaRee Ford	Pamela Elaine Slate
Travis Joshua Halstead	Dewey Lee Taylor, II
Tina Louise Helton*	Rusty Dawn Thornton
Samantha D. Hill	

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Julius Buster Bishop, Jr.*

FOR THE DEGREE OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Julie Marie Sigmon

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Dionne Marcia Bartley	Elizabeth A. Martin
Diana Lee Bsharah*	Christina Lynn Miller
Joseph Damon Butcher*	Kathleen Anne Niday
Erin Patricia Cantrell	Jason William Page*
Valerie Michelle Chapman*	Joshua Clinton Patrick
Stephanie Jo Comer	Nancy Jean Richardson*
James Edward Dunlap	Mariah Bree Ridgely*
Stephen Brent Franco, Jr.	Rukia Nematn Sesay
Betty Gail Gay	Sadija Aisha Smiley
Jess Allen Hamrick	Christopher Scott Snyder
David J. Hoskins	Bessie Elizabeth Tadlock
Andrew Willis Johnson	Svend Heinrich Thomas*
Heather Dawn Krebs	Stephanie Erin White
Adam Preston Marshall	Janice Annette Young

* Denotes August Graduate

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Angel Marie Adams	Benjamin Ryan Maddox
Reginald Dean Adams	Kavita B. Maheshwari*
Teddy Alan Atkins, II	Antoinette Maxwell
Jesse S. Bailes	Kimberly Dawn Mays
Christopher Joseph Banks*	Scott Charles Melton*
Patricia D. Barker	Larry Charles Mitts*
Sara J. Bell*	Victoria Lyn Moore
Sonya Nicole Bryant	Glen Ray Morris
Delores M. Bush	Charlie L. Oakes*
Virginia Christine Carper	Christopher Adam Parsons
James M. Carter*	Kristen Leigh Pennington
Brian Scott Combs*	Kimberly Annette Porter
Donna Sue Chatman	Chrissy Dawn Richmond
Diana "Dee" Lynn Cox	Megan Lorraine Schultz
Denna Marie Cremeans	Alexander E. Seignious*
John Benton Dolin, Jr.	Jodi Nicole Sergent
Sheila Faye Dolin	Lena Marie Shandor
Dreconda Lynn Easley	Ulla Sholes
Vicki Ann Goode	Clay Singleton
Robin Lori Gothard	David L. Smith
Drema Ann Harless*	Paul William Spradling
Samantha Dawn Hill	Raymond Delmer Stonestreet
Corey Blake Hoffman	Susan L. Thompson
Roger Lee Hudson*	Chad LaMonté Vickers
Florence Seneda Jones	Mark Anthony Wallace
Todd Anthony Keffer	Emily Danielle White*
Stanley Allen Konkle	Christopher Joe White
David Lee LeMaster	Chau Tran Williams
April Rashaun Lynch	Anthony Payton Young*
Patrick William McLane	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Heather Nicole Adams	Debbra Lynn Provost*
Dane O. Campbell	Michelle Dawn Templeton
Erica D. Meadows	Sabrena Antonette Thomas
Kristen Denise Meadows*	Amanda Catherine Young
Carla J. Morris	

* Denotes August Graduate

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jennifer Lee Adams	Godfred K. Gonuh
Joey E. Allagas	Bobbie J. Hayes
Patricia Ann Barbour	Barbara Jean Hopkins
Jason Louis Beller	Kelly Lynn Hunt
Randall J. Campbell	Kimberly Maynard Joyce
Tonya Lynn Canterbury	Tonya Renee Mellinger
Brandon Avir Cotton	Karen Dawn Minnich
Jeff Ryan Covert	Stephanie Michelle Mollohan
Stephen Arthur Craig	Jerry Scott Norman
Dennie L. Elam	Nicole LaChel Robinson
Lori Beth Elliott	Dana L. Samples
Kimberly Faye Fleck	Carolyn Sue Stephenson
Vicky J. Foster	Andrew Jared Ward*

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Synthia Kay Bailey	John Westley Frail
Julius Buster Bishop, Jr. *	Kenneth Ray Hammond, II
Matthew Aaron Browning	Amanda Dawn Rhodes
Amber Jean Cavender	David Grey Scarpelli*
William Douglas Currence	Vicki Lynn Shafer
Jeff Allen Curry	William H. Taylor*
Jeffrey Scott Davidson	Felicia L. Wade
Emily Taylor Dunn	Nécole Marie Washington
Micah Lee Ellars	Christopher LeMarc Wattie
Isis Monet Ezikpe	Craig M. Williams
Gina LaRee Ford	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Brett Austin Chandler	Michelle R. Graham
Sabrina M. Cherry	Jessica Marie Grandick
Barbara Joe Cline	Eva Jeanette Hamilton
Brooke Elaine Conley	Jennifer Nichole Holley
LaRhonda R. Garrett	Tina Lynne Kay
Justin Lee Gibson	Jessica Dawn Maston
Gassan Ghannan*	Angela Kay Perdue*

* Denotes August Graduate

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE *(CONTINUED)*

Morgan Courtney Perrine	Amy Lyn Starks*
Christopher Neil Perry	Dewey Lee Taylor, II
Edward D. Rempel	Angela Maria Thomas
Denise Rebecca Rhines	Alexis Nicholle Wilkins
Travis Wayne Ryan*	Staci Lynn Wilson

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Jaime Te’Nille Adkins	Heather Dawn King
Christopher Stephen Atkins	Crystal Dawn McLaughlin
Erica Dale Bain	Kelly Renee Mathews
Bonnie Sue Barker	Stacy Gail Mobley
Kandace Marie Basham	Christy Michelle Moore*
Shanna Nicole Britt	Maudie Renee Moore
Alison Renee Brown	Cyndi M. Nelson
Lisa Dawn Byrnside	Kristen Lynn Olsen
Emily Frances Cadle	Trudy Marie O’Neill
Katrina Yvonne Chase	Shea W. Osborne*
Jennifer Elizabeth Cummings	Casandrea Lee Owens
Stephanie L. Davis	Steven R. Pickrell
Neal Anthony Defazio	Ashley Nicole Raines
Amy Marie Duffield	Karen Kay Garretson Rollo
Douglas Keith Escue	April Lynn Samms*
Crystal Lea Falin-Adkins	Tara Leslie Sanders
Matthew A. Greene*	Jennifer Louise Schoettker
Heather Marie Hanson	Nicole Noelle Shreve
Julie Ann Hefner	Elana Renee Slater
Stephanie Shawn Hill	Tina Marie Slone
Amanda Renee Jeffries	Rhonda Nicole Smith
Valerie Nicole Johnson	Gerrad Adam Talkington
Jonell Marie Kerns	Walter C. Tucker
Mary Beth Kessinger	Shawn Michael Wheeler
	Brianne Nichole White

* Denotes August Graduate

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Sheleah Taye Walton*

Cheryl Ann Welch-Reed

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Jamie Lee Miller

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

George Henry Anderson, II

Michelle Lee Seltzer*

Eileen D. Bell

Sharon Kay Shinn

Antoinette Yvette Burke

Dennis Michael Vonderau

LaToya Renee Holliday

Krista Dawn Wilkinson

Shelly Lynn Kirk

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Order of Exercises

THE STUDENT ADDRESS David Hoskins

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Ann Brothers Smith, Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University National Alumni Association

To join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideas of my university, 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 university—this is my commission and my challenge.

THE ALMA MATER *Martha Spencer/Ernest Wade*
Led by J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D.

THE CLOSING REMARKS Arnold Cooper

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Douglas Minnerly

THE RECESSIONAL—
The Raider's March John Williams
arr. Jonnie 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 Rita M. Brown '75

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

Professor 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

Antoinette Yvette Burke
Sharon Kay Shinn

Dennis Michael Vonderau

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA— INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

Christina Lynn Miller
Joshua Clinton Patrick

Bessie Elizabeth Tadlock

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Erica Dale Bain
Kandace Marie Basham
Randy Eugene Blake
Alison Renee Brown
Matthew Aaron Browning
Erin Patricia Cantrell
Katrina Yvonne Chase
Stephanie Jo Comer
Stephen Arthur Craig
Jennifer Elizabeth Cummings
William Douglas Currence
Emily Taylor Dunn
Dennie L. Elam
Gina LaRee Ford
John Westley Frail
Jennifer Nichole Holley

Barbara Jean Hopkins
David J. Hoskins
Jonell Marie Kerns
Treena L. Kinder
Elizabeth A. Martin
Christina Lynn Miller
Karen Dawn Minnich
Lois Elaine Moles
Jerry Scott Norman
Kathleen Renee Roach
Lucy Kara Shamblin
Carolyn Sue Stephenson
Sabrena Antonette Thomas
Steven Brent Thompson
Cheryl Ann Welch-Reed
Amanda Catherine Young

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

Dionne Marcia Bartley
Dane O. Campbell

Erin Patricia Cantrell
Sabrena Antonette Thomas

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

Barbara Joe Cline
Gassan Ghannan*
Jessica Marie Grandick
Jessica Dawn Maston

Christina L. Miller
Angela Kay Perdue*
Morgan Courtney Perrine

ELECTED TO ALPHA PSI OMEGA— NATIONAL THEATER HONOR SOCIETY

William H. Taylor*

* Denotes August Graduate

**ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI—
SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY**

Dane O. Campbell
Sabrena Antonette Thomas

Amanda Catherine Young

**ELECTED TO DELTA MU DELTA—
NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS**

Stephen Arthur Craig

Karen Dawn Minnich

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

Ericka Dale Bain
Kandace Marie Basham
Alison Renee Brown
Lisa Dawn Byrnside
Jennifer Elizabeth Cummings
Heather Marie Hanson

Stephanie Shawn Hill
Jonell Marie Kerns
Heather Dawn King
Kristen Lynn Olsen
Jennifer Louise Schoettker
Elana Renee Slater

**ELECTED TO LAMBDA IOTA TAU—
NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY**

Erin Patricia Cantrell

**ELECTED TO OMRICRON DELTA KAPPA—
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOR SOCIETY**

Kandace Marie Basham

Gina LaRee Ford

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

Erin Patricia Cantrell

**ELECTED TO PHI ETA SIGMA—
FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Kandace Marie Basham
Erin Patricia Cantrell
Stephanie Jo Comer

Jennifer Elizabeth Cummings
Elizabeth A. Martin
Kathleen Renee Roach

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

Sherri L. Cox
Tracey Denise Funfstuck
Robert Lewis Henry
Treena L. Kinder
William F. Knapp, Jr.

Matthew Wesley Medley
Lois Elaine Moles
Scherri Lynn Napier
Judith Annette Skidmore
Judy L. Taylor

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

Kandia Barnes

David J. Hoskins

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

Stephanie Jo Comer

Christopher Scott Snyder

Heather Dawn Krebs

**ELECTED TO SIGMA PHI OMEGA—
NATIONAL GERONTOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY**

Judith Annette Skidmore

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, A.M.E. 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)
Bertram 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-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

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*

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.

