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**West Virginia State University**

Hazo William Carter, Jr.  
President



**West Virginia State Community  
and Technical College**

Ron Bartley  
Interim President

*“Making Higher Education  
A Part of Your Future”*

**December  
Commencement**

**Sunday, December the Sixteenth  
Two Thousand and Seven  
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 trust which sweeps aside the petty jealousies of men and all propagandic proposals which would minimize or depreciate personality. It is an institution containing faults and defects which challenge the constructive efforts of students, teachers, officers, and graduates. It is incomplete and desires to remain so, to be in an advantageous position for changing life situations.

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

John W. Davis  
Fifth President, WVSC—1932

# Historical Sketch of West Virginia State University

The second Morrill Act of 1890 was intended to make training in agriculture and mechanical arts available to black citizens. Like other states that maintained segregated educational systems, West Virginia responded on March 17, 1891 by enacting legislation to create a special land-grant institution for blacks. To this end, federal funds provided \$3,000 for faculty salaries, and the West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to purchase a farm and build a school building upon it. The institution was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute. In 1915, the name was changed to the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and changed again to West Virginia State College in 1929.

From its beginnings until 1915, the institution offered the equivalent of a high school education, with a curriculum devoted primarily to agriculture, trades, and teacher education. In 1915, the school was given the authority to award college degrees that included instruction in mathematics, chemistry, French, and English. The first college degrees were awarded in 1919.

In 1919, the College turned increasingly to the development of a strong academic curriculum, with emphasis upon academic excellence. First of America's Negro land-grant colleges to earn accreditation, it has the distinction of having the longest continuous accreditation in the North Central Association of the public four-year institutions in West Virginia.

The 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* United States Supreme Court decision had an immediate and dramatic impact on West Virginia State. Within two years, the institution was transformed from a small black college to a racially integrated one. Since that time, program offerings have expanded and new ones developed as the College keeps pace with the demands of students and the needs of the larger community.

With reinstatement of its 1890 land-grant status, which was transferred in 1955, and accompanying Federal funding, WVSU strengthened its mission of teaching research and service to the community. The first master's degree programs began in the Fall 2003 semester. With the passage of Senate Bill 448 during the 2004 legislative session, the name of the institution was changed to West Virginia State University.

From a modest beginning with forty students, West Virginia State University has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body. From a small tract of land and a building, the University has developed into a multimillion dollar educational complex.

# **Brief History**

## **West Virginia State Community and Technical College**

West Virginia State Community and Technical College (WVSCTC) is embedded in the history of West Virginia State College (WVSC, now University). Historical records indicate that the Community College was developed in 1953 by the sixth president, William J. L. Wallace. Clermoth E. Prewitt was appointed Dean of the Community College and charged with developing community college programs in southern West Virginia counties. The land-grant mission was the impetus for this outreach to these heavily populated minority mining communities.

WVSC listed an Associate of Arts Degree in Commerce in the 1952-53 catalogue, with the first degrees awarded in 1957. The community college concept of developing academic programs and services in response to the needs of business and industry in the service region continued unabated. Associate Degree programs in various career technical areas and a variety of training programs were instituted for those who wanted training in specific areas of expertise but not a degree.

The community college component of WVSC became operational in January 1978, with the first regular courses offered in the fall of 1978. The origin of the community college component can be traced to the West Virginia Legislature, which in March 1971 directed the Board of Regents to develop a state plan for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a state system of comprehensive community colleges.

Senate Bill 653, passed in March of 2000 by the West Virginia Legislature, mandated that all community colleges (including components) had to meet the essential conditions for community college education to address the academic and workforce needs of the state. This mandate included an independent accreditation, which was achieved in October 2004, by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

West Virginia State Community and Technical College is a member of the Advantage Valley Community College Network and has a primary service region of Kanawha, Putnam, and Clay Counties. Through its "open door" policy for community and technical education, the institution continually strives to meet the expressed needs of its service area through innovative academic and workforce training programs.

# 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.

Associate Degree.....	White
Bachelor of Arts .....	White
Bachelor of Science.....	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration .....	Drab
Bachelor of Science in Communications .....	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice .....	Royal Blue
Bachelor of Science in Education .....	Light Blue
Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service .....	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Social Work.....	Citron
Master of Arts in Media Studies.....	White
Master of Arts/Science in Biotechnonology.....	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 Stuart, Instructor in Computer Science, and Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., first 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

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

## THE PRELUDES—

- The Third Vortex ..... Roland Barrett  
Christen Dillon, Student Conductor
- Dedicatory Overture ..... Clifton Williams  
Bejamin Niday, '07 Student Conductor
- Procession of the Nobles ..... Rimsky Korsakov  
Scott Woodard, M. A., Director  
West Virginia State University Concert Band

## THE PROCESSIONAL—

- Pomp and Circumstance ..... *Edward Elgar*  
arr. James Ployhar
- The Marshals  
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

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 Pastor Wayne R. Crozier  
Abundant Life Ministries  
Charleston, West Virginia

- The Greetings ..... James W. Rowley, Ed.D.  
Member, West Virginia State University Board of Governors  
and  
President, West Virginia State University Foundation

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

- THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Brian Eugene Noland, Ph.D.  
Chancellor, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

Nimrod.....*Edward Elgar*  
*from Engima Variations* arr. Caillet

Jeremy Severn, Student Conductor  
West Virginia State University Concert Band

THE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD..... Ron Bartley, Ed.D.  
Interim President

West Virginia State Community and Technical College  
Catherine Renee Stringfellow - Faculty

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Boone County Cynthia Allred Scott High School

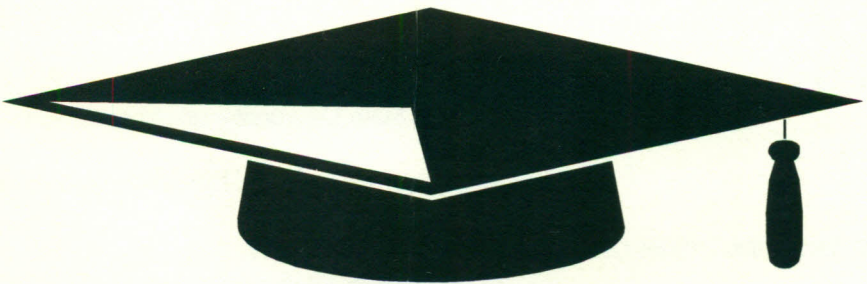
THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE

Brian Eugene Noland Doctor of Laws

THE AWARD OF HONORS.....Edith Worrells, M.B.A.  
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

West Virginia State Community and Technical College  
and

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





## ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

### HONORS

James Ray Adkins  
Tiffany Dawn Ballard\*  
Harold Ray Campbell\*  
Tinie N. Hosey  
Nina May Hutson

Jia Lu  
Martin B. Mayes  
Tonya Lee Pettry

### HIGH HONORS

Lina Bedru Abrar  
Elizabeth Ann Bailey  
Jack Randall Bossie, II\*  
Terry Lee Buck  
Robynn Ann Burton  
Aimee Renee Cobb  
Steven Ray Collins

Robert Patrick Dodd  
William Craig Dutton  
Janet Lynn Ferreebe  
Eric L. Godish  
April Dawn Sigman  
Eyerusalem Tatek Tegene

### HIGHEST HONORS

Bessie Ann Babick  
Paula Lyn Belcher  
Patricia L. Dacus  
Sharon Nichole Downs

Timothy Gene Graley  
Angela Jean Hopkins  
Chuck Mooney\*  
Laurie L. Ralston

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

### CUM LAUDE

Janna Kate Bailey  
Ashley Morgan Buckner  
Rodney Cecil  
Anthony Tyler Courts  
Ashley Lynn Cundiff  
Mavery Lovell Davis  
Jennifer Dawn Duty  
Mary Ford  
Ashley Mara George  
Leslie Ann Goff  
Gregory Blaine Hannan  
Jamie Elizabeth Hays  
Carlos David Hively\*  
Nina May Hutson

Traci Elizabeth Linville\*  
Joshua Mark Miller  
Shayla Diane Hess Mynes  
Jennifer Elizabeth Parsons\*  
Tiffany Marie Patterson\*  
Amber Beth Pritt  
Lindsay Dawn Quesenberry  
Sara Dawn Raines  
Christopher S. Shores  
Chaddrick David Starr  
Kathy Renee Thompson  
Kimberley Anne Thompson  
David Keith VanBibber  
Elizabeth Kae Vance

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Deborah Ellen Adkins  
Edward G. Adkins, II  
Doretta Danielle Bell  
Renae Marie Bonnett  
Cristofer Niklus Botkin  
Robin Angelique Gragg  
Emily Victoria Hall  
Shelly Denise Hardy  
Stephanie Dawn Harper  
Virginia Elizabeth Hunter  
Johnna Marie Jacobs\*  
Samantha Jean Jones  
Sandra Leigh McClure

Priscilla Faye Milam  
Jessica Nicole Moore  
Amanda Nicole Nicholas  
Donna M. Pauley  
Angela Marie Petry  
Hailee Beth Pritchard  
Jonah Benaiah Richardson  
Sara Kathleen Roedersheimer  
Carolyn Jean Smith  
Leah Elise White  
Linda Ann Williams  
Kimberly Dawn Wilson  
Diana Christine Wright

\* Denotes August Graduate

**SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

Sharon Nichole Downs  
Taryn Olivia Haas\*  
Brittany Green Javins  
Sally Rae Kessell

Megan Elisabeth Norman  
Shannon Nichole Parsons  
Brandy Nicole Schwender  
Miranda Dione Shamblin

**WITH DISTINCTION**

Denise Louise Johnson\*  
Laura Leigh Oshel  
Deborah Ann Sink

Barbara Jean Sparks  
Meghan Jo Seibrts Stevens  
Deborah L. Summerville

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# THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

## WEST VIRGINIA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, THE ASSOCIATE OF  
SCIENCE, THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE,  
AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ASSOCIATE OF  
APPLIED SCIENCE.....Judith Whipkey, M.B.A.  
Dean, Business Studies

Edith Worrells, M.B.A.  
Interim, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ron Bartley, Ed.D.  
Interim President  
West Virginia State Community and Technical College

## WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

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

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

## WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER  
OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES.....David Wohl, Ph.D.  
Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

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

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

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

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

# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

James Ray Adkins	Adrianna M. Joyce
Bessie Ann Babick	Rebecca J. Kelly
Elizabeth Ann Bailey	Beth Ann King
Nancy Carol Baire *	Jia Lu
Tiffany Dawn Ballard*	Jesse Lee Mace
Paula Lyn Belcher	Charles Nicholes Martin
Brent Adam Bibbee	Autumn Michelle Meadows
Christopher Lee Blackshire	Elizabeth Carol Miller
Jacques Pierre Bridges*	Matthew Gregory Moles
Mary Eve Marie Brim	Candace Morgan
James Edward Brogan	Adam Robert Morris
Linzy Tanae Brown*	Steven A. Obermeyer*
Terry Lee Buck	Shannon Lynn Pack
Robynn Ann Burton	Dallas Keith Pauline, II
Kristi Michelle Casto *	Nicole Danielle Perry
Danette B. Clark	Tonya Lee Pettry
Aimee Renee Cobb	Michelle Ann Pfister
Matthew L. Cole *	Davie Christine Price
Steven Ray Collins	Jamie Lee Prowse
Deanna Michelle Conley	Laurie L. Ralston
Angela Cox	Ashley Dawn Ramsey*
Patricia L. Dacus	Brandon Scott Rhodes
Tina Louise Davis	Lindsay Nichole Roberts
Robert Patrick Dodd	Kevin Marshawn Sayles
William Craig Dutton	Eric Sean Seckman*
Janet Lynn Ferree	Calvin Edward Shelton, Jr.
Lonnie James Frye, Jr.*	April Dawn Sigman
Eric L. Godish	Tara Michelle Skidmore
Timothy Gene Graley	Christina Lee Smith
Sheila G. Greene	Kelly Cavender Snyder*
Robel Hailu	Mark Aaron Staley
Lauren Marie Henson	Angela Sue Starcher
Oliver W. Herdman	Stephen Andrew Stover*
Nathan Wayne Hescht	Joshua Ryan Terry*
Christopher Shane Hipshire	Monica S. Thomas
Melanie Ann Hirst	Stephanie Ann Thomas
Angela Jean Hopkins	Andrea Jean Totten
Tinie N. Hosey	Christopher Dale White
Nina May Hutson	Teena Marie Whitesel
Carla Renee Isble	Tami Renae Williams
Rachel Rebecca Jackson	Trina Gayle Young
Richard Lloyd Jarrett	

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Nebil Mohammed Ahmed	Sarah Elizabeth McDougall
Dionne Beverly	Chuck Mooney*
Jack Randall Bossie II *	Daniel C. Morrison
Harold Ray Cambell*	Shena Lynn Payne
Mary Suzanne Ellis	Alicia Sue Taylor*
Tonya Michelle Harper-Faucett*	Salem M. Zekariyas*
Ruba Kerdieh	

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# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Lina Bedru Abrar	David Shawn Moore*
John Charles Atkins*	Oscar Yancey Moore*
Beth Anne Benson	Keith Otto Peoples
Trinity Anna Burch*	Lisa A. Peyatte
Daniel James Caldwell	Daniel Arthur Provost*
James Allen DeBolt	Garry E. Shoaf
Andrae D'Monte Ellerbe	Jennifer Mae Taylor*
Justin Daniel Johnson	Eyerusalem Tatek Tegene
Daniel Clifford Jones	Charles Walding Thompson
Martin B. Mayes	Carol Sue Withrow

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Sharon Nichole Downs

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Janna Kate Bailey	Sarah Elizabeth McDougall
Renaë Marie Bonnett	Joshua Mark Miller
Cristofer Niklus Botkin	Shannon Nichole Parsons
Jeremy Ryan Branham	Christopher Michael Postalwait
Savannah Sue Edens	Stephen Matthew Potter*
Leslie Ann Goff	Christina Angelica Reed*
Nicole Jayne Hanson *	Vaughn Aaron Summers
Stephanie Dawn Harper	Ashley Nichole Vance
Candace Hope Harrison	Leah Elise White
Anthony L. Johnson, II	Carlos LaRay Wilson*
Sally Rae Kessell	Diana Christine Wright

## FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Karen L. Blankenship	John R. Kushner
George Eldridge Booker, Jr.	Traci Elizabeth Linville*
Jocelyn Gail Briggs	Brenda Gail Manns
Kendra Dale Carrier	John Douglas Morrison, II
Rosalyn Irena Milan Cary	Jeremy Allen Napier*
Rodney Cecil	Benjamin Miles Niday
Betsy Laverne Chapman*	Jennifer Elizabeth Parsons*
William Robert Coles	Donna M. Pauley
John Robert Conner	Andrew T. Payne
Elissia Ann Devitt	Keith Otto Peoples
Andrae D'Monte Ellerbe	Betty J. Porter
Mary Ruth Ford	Penny Ann Rayhill
Kathryn Lynn Francis*	Monica Carroll Rogers
Robin Angelique Gragg	Alison Lynn Rutledge*
Terri Lynn Harris*	Kara Leigh Santrock-Smith
Melanie Ann Hirst	Patrick Harrison Skeen
Nina May Hutson	Donald McKeen Smith, IV
Veronica Dawn Jarvis	Jennifer L. Starr-Workman
Timothy Maurice Johnson	Terra Lindsey Stowers
Kyle Patrick Jones	Christopher John Tawney
Jonathan P. Karsos	Douglas Lee Tench, Jr.

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# Candidates

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

Jonathan Wayne Thomas  
Kathy Renee Thompson  
Valetia Selene Tyree  
Erin Elizabeth Vriendt  
Sarah Dawn Waldron

Rose Marie Walker  
Harold Kevan Williams\*  
Jason Ramon Willis  
Lavonne E. Withrow\*  
Erica Suzanne Yates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Todd James Bryant  
Kamran Farshidmehr  
Shelly Denise Hardy  
Virginia Elizabeth Hunter  
Yashica Danielle Page

Neci D. Pickens\*  
Melissa Debra Heitmeyer Riggs  
Barbara Jean Sparks  
Kathryn Clarke Terrell\*  
David Keith VanBibber

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

Mary Annette Bonenberger  
Steven Lee Boyer  
Anthony Tyler Courts  
Mavery Lovell Davis  
Ronald E. Donaldson, Jr.  
Savannah Sue Edens  
Roger Dale Green, Jr.  
Charles Zachary Hanson  
Demetria Lakabra Jernagin  
Tiffany M. Jones\*  
Mara Lynn Kestner  
Cory Benjamin Kidder  
Jerry Joshua Lindsey  
James Alan Lucas, II\*  
Anthony Jason McMurray

Martin Robert Maret  
Erin Jaye Matthews  
Jessica Jo Miller\*  
Lois Elaine Moles  
Monica Carroll Rogers  
Kimberly Dawn Blake Romeo  
James Edward Roush  
Brandon Paul Schmader  
Alena Nicole Schoolcraft  
Christopher S. Shores  
Christopher William Shumate  
Tia Michelle Stiltner  
Michael J. Taylor\*  
Jamal Washington  
Priscilla D. White\*

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Edward Page Arnett  
Paula Johnson Beasley  
Francis Xavier "Tad" Boyle, III  
John Bugg  
Michelle Nicole Carroll\*  
Sharon Nichole Downs  
Kyla Jane Gibson  
Emily Victoria Hall  
Bobby Joe Hanson  
Patrick Augustus Jones

Harry Brent McVey  
Nicholas Alan Nau\*  
Megan Elisabeth Norman  
Dorian Michelle Prier\*  
Jessica Nicole Reed  
Emiley Joan Roberts  
Stephen Javoil Smith, Jr.  
Evita Dawn Spencer  
Edwin L. Weddle, Jr

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# Candidates

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

Thomas Dustin Boggs, Jr.  
Daniel Allen Boso  
Patrick Aaron Campbell  
Danielle A. Depta  
Myia Flemmings  
Ryan Patrick Gardner  
Leslie Ann Goff  
Raymond Alonzo Haigood, Jr.  
Amanda Sue Hescht  
Aruna I. Kamara  
Sherese Tereena Lewis

Tiffany Nickole Little  
Joseph Aaron Morgan  
Jason Lee Napier  
Noelle Serena Payton  
Angela Marie Petry  
Daniel L. Powell  
Jacklyn Kay Pritt  
Susan Rebecca Rawlings  
Nakpongi Reeder\*  
Thomas Christopher Tucker

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Deborah Ellen Adkins  
Edward G. Adkins, II  
Lauren Kimberly Albers  
Doretta Danielle Bell  
Gary Allan Bennett  
Brittany Elaine Bragg  
Jamie Lynn Breedlove\*  
Marlene Grace Brisendine  
Ashley Morgan Buckner  
Kimberly Nicole Burnett  
Ashley Lynn Cundiff  
David Adam Dunlap  
Jennifer Dawn Duty  
Ashley Mara George  
Amanda Leigh Glancy  
Taryn Olivia Haas\*  
Shea Adger Hale  
Jamie Elizabeth Hays  
Carlos David Hively\*  
Johnna Marie Jacobs\*  
Brittany Green Javins  
Denise Louise Johnson\*  
Samantha Jean Jones  
Nancy Lynn Kennedy  
Stacia Nicole Lamb  
Sandra Leigh McClure

Danielle Michon Milam  
Priscilla Faye Milam  
Jessica Nicole Moore  
Amanda Nicole Nicholas  
Laura Leigh Oshel  
Hailee Beth Pritchard  
Amber Beth Pritt  
Lindsay Dawn Quesenberry  
Sara Dawn Raines  
Jared Andrew Raynes  
Ashley Marie Roberts  
Sara Kathleen Roedersheimer  
Brandy Nicole Schwender  
Miranda Dione Shamblin  
Deborah Ann Sink  
Christina Lee Smith  
Paul David Sowards  
Chaddrick David Starr  
Meghan Jo Seibrts Stevens  
Ciara Janielle Teel  
Kimberley Anne Thompson  
Elizabeth Kae Vance  
Linda Ann Williams  
Kimberly Dawn Wilson  
Lindsey Dianne Wolfe

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Joella Michelle Allen\*  
Karri Anne Jones  
Shayla Diane Hess Mynes

Tiffany Marie Patterson\*  
Jonah Benaiah Richardson  
Carolyn Jean Smith

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# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Rachel Edith Dionne - Therapeutic

Dava Lee Kaltenecker - Therapeutic

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Ciara Nicole Anderson\*

Jillian Amanda Fraley

Natalie Nichole Blevins

Gregory Blaine Hannan

Priscilla Charlene Boggs

Martha Louise Slate\*

Linda Sue Essman

Deborah L. Summerville

## FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES

Sherice Nichole Jacob, M.A. in Media Studies

Thesis Title: "Get Niche Quick!

The Definitive Guide to Niche Marketing on the Internet"

Thesis Director: Dr. Tee Ford-Ahmed

Amy Dawn Trent, M.A. in Media Studies

Project Title: "The Bells of Prague" (Animated short feature digital film)

Project Director: Professor Daniel Boyd

## FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Renee Antoinette West

## FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Srinivasa Rao Asturi, M.S. in Biotechnology

Thesis Title: "Co-localization of fruit yield-related Quantitative Trait Loci to understand domestication footprints in cultivated *Capsicum* complexes"

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Umesh Reddy

Stacie Lynne Franson, M.S. in Biotechnology

Thesis Title: "Differential actin isoform involvement in cytoskeletal remodeling in smooth muscle cells"

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robert Harris

Joshua Lee Greenwood, M.S. in Biotechnology

Thesis Title: "Systematics of selected phyllobothriid species utilizing the entire large ribosomal subunit"

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Tim Ruhnke

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# Order of Exercises

THE STUDENT ADDRESS..... D. Christie Wright

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE ..... Philip A. Bright '71  
Director, West Virginia University Alumni Relations

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

THE ALMA MATER .....*Martha Spencer/Ernest Wade*  
Led by Miranda Shamblin '07

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

THE BENEDICTION..... The Reverend David A. Bush '70  
McKinnon Presbyterian Church  
Charleston, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL  
*The Raider's March* .....*Williams/Vinson*  
West Virginia State University Concert Band

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

GRAND MARSHAL  
Professor R. Charles Byers '68

COLLEGE MARSHAL  
Professor John Gaskins '86

ASSISTANT MARSHALS  
Professor Debra M. Anderson-Conliffe '76  
Professor Kenneth Blake '74  
Professor Rita M. Brown '75  
Professor Bryce Casto '81  
Professor Sandra LaVoie '82  
Professor Gail Mosby '73  
Professor Patricia Shafer '71  
Professor Charles E. Smith '87  
Professor Craig Spaniol '66  
Professor Walter Stroupe '78  
Professor Patricia Wilson '67

## **Honor Societies**

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

Deborah L. Summerville

### **ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA— INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY**

Diana Christine Wright

### **ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU— NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Cristofer Niklus Botkin

Carolyn Jean Smith

Angela Marie Petry

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

Brittany Green Javins

Miranda Dione Shamblin

Veronica Dawn Jarvis

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

Leslie Ann Goff

Angela Marie Petry

Amanda Sue Hescht

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

Mavery Lovell Davis

### **ELECTED TO KAPPA DELTA PI— INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION**

Deborah Ellen Adkins

Hailee Beth Pritchard

Doretta Danielle Bell

Amber Beth Pritt

Jennifer Dawn Duty

Sara Dawn Raines

Ashley Mara George

Brandy Nicole Schwender

Brittany Green Javins

Miranda Dione Shamblin

Sandra Leigh McClure

Chaddrick David Starr

Priscilla Faye Milam

Kimberley Anne Thompson

Jessica Nicole Moore

Linda Ann Williams

Elizabeth Mullins

Kimberly Dawn Wilson

Amanda Nicole Nicholas

### **ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA KAPPA— NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOR SOCIETY**

Paula Johnson Beasley

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

Janna Kate Bailey

Sally Rae Kessel

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

Joshua Mark Miller

Kimberly Dawn Wilson

Megan Elisabeth Norman

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

Carol Davis Cline

Shena Lynn Payne

Patricia L. Dacus

Tami Renae Williams

William Craig Dutton

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

Paula Johnson Beasley

Carolyn Jean Smith

Lois Elaine Moles

Diana Christine Wright

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

Stephanie Dawn Harper

Carolyn Jean Smith

Sarah Elizabeth McDougall

Ashley Nichole Vance

Joshua Mark Miller

Leah Elise White

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

Rachel Edith Dionne

# Commencement Speakers

**1898**

Booker T. Washington

**1909**

William E. Glasscock  
Governor, State of West  
Virginia

**1919**

Waitman Barbe  
Professor of Literature,  
West Virginia University

**1923**

Charles Victor Roman  
Nashville, Tennessee

**1925**

Carter G. Woodson  
Editor, *Negro Life & History*

**1926**

Eugene Kinckle Jones  
Executive Secretary,  
National Urban League

**1927**

James Adlai Cobb  
Judge, Municipal Court,  
Washington, D.C.

**1928**

Harry J. Capehart  
Associate District Attorney  
of Southern WV

**1929**

(May)  
Charles Wesley  
Professor of History, Howard  
University

(Summer)

Mark Miles Fisher  
Pastor, 16th Street Baptist  
Church, Huntington, WV

**1930**

(May)  
Henry D. Hatfield  
U.S. Senator, State of West  
Virginia

(Summer)

John W. Davis  
Fifth President,  
West Virginia State College

**1931**

(May)  
W.W. Sanders  
Supervisor, Negro Schools,  
State of West Virginia

(Summer)

John W. Davis  
Fifth President,  
West Virginia State College

**1932**

(May)  
Thomas Gillis Nutter  
Attorney, Charleston, West  
Virginia

(Summer)

James C. Evans  
Professor, Mechanical  
Industries, West Virginia State  
College

**1933**

(May)  
J.B. McLaughlin  
Commissioner of Agriculture,  
State of West Virginia

(Summer)

George D. Brock  
Professor of Education,  
West Virginia State College

**1934**

(May)  
Homer A. Holt  
West Virginia Attorney  
General

(Summer)

Daniel P. Lincoln  
Registrar and Professor of  
History, West Virginia State  
College

**1935**

(May)  
Harry H. Pace  
President, Supreme Liberty  
Life Insurance Co., Chicago

(Summer)

Richard Hurst Hill  
Pastor, First Baptist Church,  
Charleston, West Virginia

**1936**

(May)  
John Andrew Gregg  
Bishop, AME Church, Kansas  
City

(Summer)

David Kirby  
Secretary, West Virginia  
Board of Education

**1937**

(May)  
Julian H. Lewis  
Associate Professor Pathology,  
University of Chicago

(Summer)

David Alphonso Lane, Jr.  
Dean, West Virginia State  
College

**1938**

(May)  
Ambrose Caliver  
Senior Specialist in Education  
of Negroes, U.S. Office of  
Education, D.C.

(Summer)

Harry W. Greene  
Director, Teacher Training,  
West Virginia State College

**1939**

(May)  
Frederick Douglas Patterson  
President, Tuskegee Institute

(Summer)

William J.L. Wallace  
Associate Professor of  
Chemistry, WVSC

**1940**

(May)  
Mordecai Johnson  
President, Howard University,  
Washington, D.C.

(Summer)

Lorena E. Kemp  
Professor of English,  
West Virginia State College

**1941**

(May)  
Charles Hamilton Houston  
Attorney, Washington, D.C.

(Summer)

Herman G. Canady  
Professor of Psychiatry and  
Philosophy,  
West Virginia State College

**1942**

(May)  
Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director,  
U.S. Department of Negro  
Affairs

(Summer)

Grace I. Woodson,  
Associate Professor of  
Education, WVSC

**1943**

(May)  
Channing H. Tobias  
National Secretary, YMCA

(Summer)

Henry Lake Dickason  
President, Bluefield State  
College

- 1944**  
(May)  
Roland Hayes  
*Concert Singer*
- (Summer)  
Bertrom L. Woodruff  
*Associate Professor of English, WVSC*
- 1945**  
(May)  
Theodore F. Green  
*U.S. Senator, Rhode Island*
- (Summer)  
W.O. Armstrong  
*Principal, Dunbar High School, Fairmont, WV*
- 1946**  
(May)  
Anne Eleanor Roosevelt  
*U.S. Representative, New United Nations*
- (Summer)  
D.T. Murray  
*President, Negro State Board of Education*
- 1947**  
(May)  
Ethel J. Alpenfels  
*Anthropologist, U.S. Bureau Intercultural Education*
- (Summer)  
Moses Newsome  
*First Baptist Church, Charleston, West Virginia*
- 1948**  
(May)  
Percy Julian  
*Division of Research & Manager of Fine Chemicals, The Glidden Company*
- (Summer)  
H.D. Hazelwood  
*Principal, Douglas High, Huntington, West Virginia*
- 1949**  
(May)  
Harley M. Kilgore  
*U.S. Senator, West Virginia*
- (Summer)  
Vernon Johns  
*College Minister, West Virginia State College*
- 1950**  
(May)  
Walter Philip Reuther  
*President, United Auto Workers of America*
- (Summer)  
Charles S. Johnson  
*President, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee*
- 1951**  
(May)  
Ira De A. Reid  
*Professor of Sociology, Haverford College, Pennsylvania*
- (Summer)  
Corma A. Mowrey  
*Past President, National Education Association*
- 1952**  
(May)  
Mordecai Johnson  
*President, Howard University, Washington, D.C.*
- (Summer)  
James C. Evans  
*Civilian Assistant, Secretary of Defense*
- 1953**  
(May)  
Rufus B. Clement  
*President, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia*
- (Summer)  
James W. Robinson  
*State Superintendent of Negro Schools, West Virginia*
- 1954**  
(May)  
Edward Anderson Bolling  
*Superintendent, Institute School for Deaf & Blind*
- (Summer)  
James H. Rowland  
*Attorney, West Virginia Department of Education*
- 1955**  
(May)  
Buell G. Gallagher  
*President, City College, NY*
- (Summer)  
Charles A. Williamson  
*President, Advertising Corporation*
- 1956**  
(May)  
John Warren Davis  
*Fifth President, West Virginia State College*
- (Summer)  
Moses Newsome  
*Pastor, First Baptist Church, Charleston, West Virginia*
- 1957**  
(May)  
Virgil L. Flynn  
*Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Research, Kanawha County Schools*
- (Summer)  
Ruth C. Norman  
*English Instructor, Stonewall Jackson High School*
- 1958**  
(May)  
Frank M. Snowden, Jr.  
*Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Howard University, Washington, D.C.*
- (Summer)  
S.J. Baskerville, DDS  
*West Virginia Board of Education*
- 1959**  
Cecil Underwood  
*Governor, State of West Virginia*
- 1960**  
Justice Wise Polier  
*Judge, Domestic Relations Court, NY*
- 1961**  
William W. Barron  
*Governor, State of West Virginia*
- 1962**  
A.J. Gibson  
*Executive Secretary, North Central Association*
- 1963**  
Pearl S. Buck  
*Anthropologist*
- 1964**  
William Orville Douglas  
*Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court*
- 1965**  
P.K. Banerjee  
*Minister, Embassy of India*
- 1966**  
Hulett C. Smith  
*Governor, State of West Virginia*
- 1967**  
Miles Clark Stanley  
*President, AFL/CIO, Charleston,*

*West Virginia*

**1968**

William W. Jellema  
*Executive Associate,  
Association of American  
Colleges*

**1969**

Mildred Mitchell Bateman  
*Director, Department of  
Mental Health, State of West  
Virginia*

**1970**

Richard Eugene Shearer  
*President,  
Alderson-Broadus College*

**1971**

Arch A. Moore, Jr.  
*Governor, State of West  
Virginia*

**1972**

Damon J. Keith  
*Judge, State of Michigan*

**1973**

John W. Davis  
*Fifth President,  
West Virginia State College  
and  
William J.L. Wallace  
Sixth President,  
West Virginia State College*

**1974**

(May)  
Jennings Randolph  
*U.S. Senator, State of West  
Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Daniel B. Taylor  
*Superintendent of Schools  
State of West Virginia*

**1975**

(May)  
James C. Malone  
*Vice President, Union Carbide*

(Mid Year)

James R. McCartney  
*Secretary of State,  
State of West Virginia*

**1976**

(May)  
Helvi 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*
- (Mid-Year)  
Richard L. Ferguson  
*Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board ACT, Inc.*
- 2004**  
(May)  
Boyce Courtney Williams  
*Vice President, National Council for Accreditation of Education*
- (Mid-Year)  
Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.  
*President, West Virginia State University*
- 2005**  
(May)  
Senator Jay Rockefeller  
*US Senator, State of West Virginia*
- (Mid-Year)  
Joseph Manchin III  
*Governor, State of West Virginia*
- 2006**  
(May)  
Thomas Joyner, Sr.  
*Thomas Joyner Foundation and REACH Media*
- (Mid-Year)  
Thomas D. Boston  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*
- 2007**  
(May)  
Constantine W. Curris  
*President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities*

# Honorary Degrees Conferred by West Virginia State University

**1941**

Carter G. Woodson  
*Doctor of Laws*

**1944**

Roland Hayes  
*Doctor of Humanities*

**1946**

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt  
*Doctor of Humanities*

**1947**

Mary McLeod Bethune  
*Doctor of Humanities*

**May 16, 1948**

Special Honors  
Convocation

Irvin Stewart  
*Doctor of Laws*

Henry L. Dickason  
*Doctor of Laws*

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt  
*Doctor of Humanities*

Percy Julian  
*Doctor of Science*

**1950**

Walter Philip Reuther  
*Doctor of Humanities*

Mph 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**  
Floydell Anderson  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 1994**  
Margaret K. Workman  
*Doctor of Laws*
- Benny J. Primm  
*Doctor of Science*
- 1995**  
Katharine Graham  
*Doctor of Laws*
- Acie McGhee  
*Doctor of Laws*
- James W. Monroe  
*Doctor of Laws*
- James W. Rowley  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 1996**  
James W. Holley III  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 1997**  
Robert H. Thompson  
*Doctor of Humanities*
- Virginia Gill Simmons  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 1998**  
Gus R. Douglass  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 1999**  
Christine M. Corey  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 2001**  
David Anthony Stafford  
*Doctor of Science*
- 2004**  
Elizabeth Early Chilton  
*Doctor of Laws*
- Howard Lee Wilson  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 2005 Mid Year**  
Joseph Manchin III  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 2006 May**  
Thomas Joyner, Sr.  
*Doctor of Laws*
- R. Frank Lee  
*Doctor of Divinity*
- 2006 Mid Year**  
Andrew N. Aheart  
*Doctor of Laws*

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## Alma Mater

*Ernest Wade '30*

*Martha Spencer '31*

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

### REFRAIN

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

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

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





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