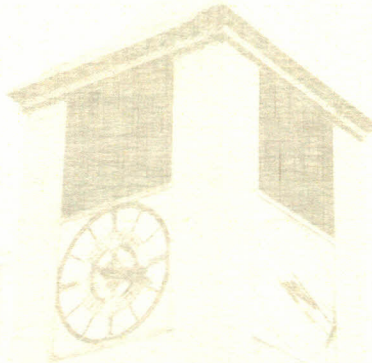


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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 13, 2014

College of Arts and Humanities

College of Business and Social Sciences

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

College of Professional Studies



Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D.
President

D. Stephen & Diane H. Walker Convocation Center
Institute, 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 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, West Virginia State College, 1932

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY



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

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

After the 1954 United States Supreme Court historic decision outlawing school segregation, West Virginia State College became an integrated institution serving a predominately white, adult, commuter student population. At that time, land-grant status was lost due to a decision of the West Virginia Board of Education; West Virginia State College was the only 1890 land-grant institution to lose that status. The College regained land-grant status in 2001, by an act of Congress.

With reinstatement of its 1890 land-grant status, and accompanying federal funding, West Virginia State College strengthened its mission of teaching, research and service to the community. The first graduate degree programs began in fall 2003. With the passage of Senate Bill 448 during the 2004 legislative session, the institution became West Virginia State University.

From a modest beginning, West Virginia State University has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body. From a small tract of land and one building, the University has developed into a multimillion-dollar education system.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

December 13, 2014

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT
DECEMBER 13, 2014 10:00 A.M.
ORDER OF EXERCISES

PRELUDE Classical Selections

PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance

MARCHING ORDER

- Grand Marshal
- President and Deans
- Platform Party
- College Flag Bearers
- Faculty and Administrators
- Candidates for Degrees

POSTING OF THE COLORS Yellow Jacket Battalion Color Guard
United States Army ROTC

NATIONAL ANTHEM West Virginia State University Concert Choir
Piano Accompaniment by Associate Professor Brenda Vanderford

INVOCATION Steve Fox
Minister, Park Avenue Church of Christ

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS Tom Susman
Chair, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Dr. Kumara Jaysuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Senator-Elect, United States Senate

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Senator-Elect, United States Senate

MUSICAL SELECTION *Saints Bound for Heaven* WVSU Concert Choir
Dr. Scott Woodard, Director



CONFERMENT OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts and Sciences Dr. Scott Woodard
Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Dr. David Bejou
Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences

Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

*The Director of Registration and Records, Ms. Donna L. Hunter, announces the names of the graduates,
during the conferring of degrees by President Hemphill.*

U.S. ARMY COMMISSIONING CEREMONY LTC Derrick Spears
Military Science Department

REMARKS Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

ALUMNI PLEDGE Dr. Lateef Y. Saffore
First Vice President, WVSU National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER Brienna Jenkins
Piano Accompaniment by Associate Professor Brenda Vanderford

CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BENEDICTION Steve Fox
Minister, Park Avenue Church of Christ

RECESSIONAL Grand March

Please remain seated while the graduates recess.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Master of Arts in Media Studies

Kweku Agyiri*
Lisa A. Bragg
Tawonna Deqwon Flowers*
Timothy Raju Mahajan
John Michael Meadows
Monica S. Thomas

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Master of Science in Biotechnology

Akintolami Ayomide Adeleye
Alejandra Guadalupe Alvarado
Rodriguez*
Johanna Lynn Bosse
Khyra Shade Fullen
Andrew Robert Haslach
Olasupo Bolaji Okubajo
Supriya Shrestha

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Kelsey B. Stover

Bachelor of Arts in English

Alexander Franklin Naylor
Tabatha Ann Paluso

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Benjamin Joseph Richards

Bachelor of Science in Communications

Daymon Lamon Austin
Dakota Adam Burns
Joshua Aaron Drew
Melissa Dungey
Kayla Breann Ferrell
Angelea Skylar Frame*
Jess D. Godbey
John Calvin Grimm
Curtis E. Haskins, Jr.
Christopher F. Itson
Jesse Ray Jenkins
Jamie Allen Patterson
Andrew Michael Rose
Justin B. Seacrist
Morgan Lee Sontag-Arthur
Rosemary K. Winland

Regents Bachelor of Arts

Michael Chad Ashworth*
Jennifer Marie Bailey*
Rachel Elizabeth Bailey
Gerald E. Bolt*
Lisa Ann Bowen*
Darrell Dwayne Carter*
Siobhan O. Cleek
Matthew Lee Cole
Jonathan Nelson Coleman
Christopher Jason Cook
Steven P. Corbin
Brent Elton Dolin
Jeremy Michael Higginbotham
Tina M. Jones
Tuanya Annette Layton
Amy Linn Lewis*
Pamela Lynn McCauley*
Sean McManus
Keith Alan Mann
Michelle Elizabeth Melton
Kathy Louise Newsome
Heather Allison Pennington
Derek Michael Pugh
Kathryn Marie Robertson*
Verna Gale Schweer
Aaron Martin Simmons*
Barbara Anne Singley
Stephen R. Starks*
Brittany Michelle Thomas
Shannon Nicole Vance
Jocelyn Kristine Williams

* Denotes August 2014 Graduate

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

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Casei Lyn Tackett
Amber Marie Watson

Bachelor of Arts in History

Zachary Ryan Belcher
Michael Alan Burdette
Nathan Earl Bush
Shawn Alexander Cardenas
Alisha D. Duffield-Ennis
Marcus Lee Pressley
Michael R. Showalter*
Chelsee Cam Woolwine

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Rajneekorn Pongsugree

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Debra Kay Booker
Amy Brown
Roger Lee Bryant II
Brittany Paige Campbell
Brooke Kristen Campbell
Julia Kristin Cook
Twin Anthony Fernandes
Rita Haid George
Natasha S. Hurley
Alyssa J. Michelle Morris
Kylea Paige Morris
Courtney Leigh Stamm
Michelle Christine Tate
Lori Ann Wolfe

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Duane William Waller

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Karen Sue Adams*
Jacqueline Ellsworth Hackett

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

AnneElise M. Albrecht
Jeremy Steven Arbogast
Andrew David Bailey
Delilah M. Barker
Leilani Dawn Dailey
Maria Jo Femia*
Tyler Patrick Fisher
Teressa P. Hall
April Lynn Hull
Jared Dakota Joslin
Pawanpreet Kaur
Brett Andrew Knapp
Christina Marie Mayes
Michael Allen Moore
Josh C. Osborne
Janie Lee Priddy*
Rebecca Michelle Robinette
Justin J. Rueckert
Fantasia Ozell Sullivan*
Casei Lyn Tackett
Ashley Ann Thompson
Melissa Jo VanHoose
Amber Marie Watson
Donteako Earl'Ontay Wilson

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Vasilios F. Dianellos*
Jordan Christopher Dillon
Elizabeth Margaret Moyta*
Zachary David Perry*
Rishi Reddy
Jade Mercedes Weinkauff
Eyasu Yirday Yiman*

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Mark Joseph Haberfield

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Talana Nicole Harris*
Vincent Neil Smith*

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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Cassandra Camille Bego
Madison Timora Brunetti
Tasha N. Capper
Amanda Leigh Ehnstrom
Megan Brooke Elmore
Elisabeth Memphis Hale
Jonathon Christopher Harold
James Fredrick Lee
Elisabeth Rachael Letlow
Bethanie Ann Lyons
John D. Moffatt
Tyler Christian Moore
Jimmy Ray Prescott
Stephanie Yvonne Simms
Erica R. Terwilinger
Rashawn Rodriquez Terwilinger

Bachelor of Science in Education

Larissa Michelle Adams
Emily Claire Alford*
Michaela Jean Arthur
Rachel Jane Cole
Jesse Blake Cornwell
Pamela Sue Darnold
Morgan Taylor Davis
Adam Jerome Dingess
Jordan Alexandria Dotson
Amanda Dawn Edmonds
Margaret Louise Edmonds
Ty Jericho Fisher

Helen Wenonia Gist*
Meredith Jill Haynes
Justin David Hersman
Samantha Dawn Hill
Brandy Ann Jarrell
Caleb Allen Keller
Annamaria Shieree King
Rachel Leigh Lancaster
Bethany Faith Layton
Karrie Markezich Lowe
Jessica Leigh Lynch
Lorrie Ann Mottesheard
Benjamin Aaron Parr
Samantha Rae Parsons
Tracy Lynn Robinson
Christian Shane Saunders
Anita Marie Seabolt
Bobby Smith*
Ronald E. Smith
Ashley Niccole Sowers
Matthew Tyler Stonestreet
Rebecca Ann Summers

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Rita Noreen Burford
Brianna Jo Burkhart
Kimberly Hope Cavender
Dina Mashelle Honaker
Deborah Rogers Kinder
Zachary Douglas Lambert
Alexandra Desiree Leibowitz
Alan Louis Pasel
Stevie Brooke Snyder
Amanda S. Sydnor
Michelle Christine Tate

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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Timothy Charles Babick
Linda K. Banisaid
Lisa Renee Campbell*
Katelyn E. Carter*
Marcia Renee Harrison*
Rachel Ann Ledbetter
Corey J. Lilly
Amy Lynne Patton*
Amber Lavonne Ross*
Lori Ann Wolfe

Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies

Mattie Renee Best
Devin Edward Bowles*
Jeffrey Michael Bunch
Turquan Le'Seth Casey
Jamie Leigh Cool
Derek S. Mullins*
Le'Floyd Davon Phillips
Andrew M. Porter*
Tyler Alexander Roberts
Justin Lee Smith *
Joshua Clay Vance
Ronald Christopher Wiggins, Jr.
Jennifer Nicole Wilson

* Denotes August 2014 Graduate

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO



Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito has served the people of West Virginia's Second Congressional District for 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she has represented a diverse constituency stretching from the Ohio River Valley to the state's Eastern Panhandle. She was elected to the United States Senate in November and will be sworn in as the state's first female U.S. Senator in January.

Shelley believes that the challenges of our day demand bipartisan solutions and works with her colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance legislation that benefits West Virginia. She has been a tireless advocate for a range of policies that directly impact West Virginians, including energy independence, quality health care, safe highways, national security and veterans' issues.

She also represents her constituents on two important committees in the House of Representatives. Shelley is a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which will lead the way on a new highway bill during the 113th Congress. She is also a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee, where she is the chairwoman of the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee.

Shelley, a former member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, is committed to being accessible and responsive to the people of the Mountain State. When Congress is not in session, Shelley regularly travels the state to meet with West Virginians.

Born in Glen Dale in the Northern Panhandle, Shelley lives in Charleston with her husband, Charles L. Capito. They have three children: two sons, Charles (wife Laura) and Moore (wife Katie), and one daughter, Shelley (husband Colin Macleod). They have also been blessed with a grandson and a granddaughter.

HONORARY DOCTORATE



Honorary degrees at West Virginia State University are conferred upon distinguished alumni and other individuals who have achieved prominence in education, government, business and other professions.

U.S. Senator-Elect Shelley Moore Capito
Honorary Doctorate of Public Service

WVSU ALUMNI PLEDGE

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

U.S. ARMY COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

During the commencement service, a member of the West Virginia State University ROTC program will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. West Virginia State's ROTC Program has commissioned over 900 officers into the United States Army. Fifteen of these officers have achieved the ranks of General. Cadet Rashawn R. Terwilinger is commissioned in the West Virginia National Guard as a Military Police Officer. He will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Miss. Cadet Terwilinger's 2nd Lieutenant Rank is being pinned on by his Mother, Robin Terwilinger and his Brother, Justin Terwilinger.



ACADEMIC HONORS

Cum Laude

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages between 3.25 and 3.49

Magna Cum Laude

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages between 3.50 and 3.74

Summa Cum Laude

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages of 3.75 and above

With Distinction

Candidates, who are graduating with a second bachelor's degree, who have completed at least 30 hours beyond the first degree and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 and above in these additional hours.

Graduating Seniors in Honor Societies

To become a member in a University Honor Society, a student must have earned 30 hours toward his/her degree and must have met the society's specific requirements for eligibility.

Congratulations to the seniors listed for your commitment to academic excellence and thank you for the national and international recognition that you bring to West Virginia State University by your membership in these societies.

Alpha Delta Mu

National Honor Society in Social Work

Rita Brown, Advisor

Timothy Babick

Rachel Ledbetter

Alpha Kappa Mu

Junior and Senior National Honor Society

Sonya Armstrong, Advisor

Andrew David Bailey

Michael Alan Burdette

Jordon Christopher Dillon

James Fredrick Lee

Christina Marie Mayes

Stevie Brooke Snyder

Casei Lyn Tackett

Alpha Phi Sigma

National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Samuel Swindell, Advisor

Madison Brunetti

Megan Elmore

James F. Lee

Bethanie Lyons

Alpha Psi Omega

National Theatre Honor Society

Susan Marrash-Minnerly, Advisor

Joshua Drew

ACADEMIC HONORS



Kappa Delta Pi

International Honor Society in Education

Paige Carney, Advisor

Adam Dingess

Amanda Edmonds

Brandy Jarrell

Caleb Keller

Rachel Lancaster

Karrie Markezich

Samantha Parsons

Ashley Sowers

Omicron Delta Epsilon

International Economics Honor Society

Suvayan De, Advisor

Casei Lyn Tackett

Psi Chi

International Honor Society in Psychology

Paula McCoy, Advisor

Kristin Cook

Rita George

Kylea Morris

Courtney Stamm

Michelle Tate

WVSU Honors Program

Genia Sklute, Advisor

Jordan Dillon

Rishi Reddy



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. Faculty members wear 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 is in reverse order, with the platform guests leaving the dais first, followed by the faculty and the graduates.

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 bachelor's gown is simple and black with long, pointed sleeves. Master's 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. Doctor's 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 bachelor's smallest, master's larger and doctor's quite large and of a different shape. West Virginia State University does not award hoods for bachelor's degrees. 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 bachelor's degrees represent the fields of study in which the degrees will be conferred. At West Virginia State University, the following colors are used to designate the various degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts - White
- Bachelor of Science - Yellow
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Drab
- Bachelor of Science in Communications - Yellow
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Royal Blue
- Bachelor of Science in Education - Light Blue
- Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service - Yellow
- Bachelor of Science in Social Work - Citron
- Master of Arts in Media Studies - White
- Master of Arts/Science in Biotechnology - Yellow

THE MACE

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

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

The mace used today was designed by former Art faculty member Dr. Cubert Smith. The circular ring design in its center symbolizes the four colleges of the University: Arts and Humanities, Business and Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Professional Studies.

COLLEGE BANNERS

West Virginia State University students will proceed to their respective places behind gonfalons. Gonfalons are flags or banners hung from crosspieces on poles, used since medieval times in the republics of Italy as symbols of state or office. Universities and colleges around the world have adopted gonfalons to increase the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises.

This new tradition associated with commencement symbolizes the accomplishments of the graduates whom we honor on this occasion and the University's commitment to their success.

Four gonfalons of the old gold with black lettering will be carried by two faculty members from each College: the College of Arts and Humanities; the College of Business and Social Sciences; the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the College of Professional Studies.

Banner Carriers

Arts and Humanities

Dr. Ali Ziyati
Prof. Sherri Shafer

Business Administration and Social Sciences

Dr. Frehot Hailou
Dr. Matt Carroll

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Linwei Niu
Dr. Michael Fultz

Professional Studies

Dr. Mickey Blackwell
Dr. Kerri Steele

Grand Marshal

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya

Faculty Marshals

Dr. Daton Dean
Prof. Patricia Wilson

Stage Marshals

Dr. Gail Mosby
Dr. Walter Stroupe

Student Marshals

Prof. Patricia King
Prof. Debra Anderson-Conliffe

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key

*Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through 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?*

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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