

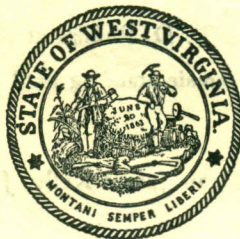
WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

SIXTY-FOURTH YEAR

THE SIXTY-FIRST

Annual Commencement



MAY THE TWENTY-EIGHTH

A. D. NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX

AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

FROM THE FEDERAL LAND-GRANT ACT

"....to the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least, one college where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislatures of the states may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life." *Approved July 2, 1862 and August 30, 1890.* WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE IS A LAND GRANT COLLEGE.

Order of Exercises

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Trumpet Tune" *Purcell*
Professor T. D. Phillips at the Organ

THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION—

Processional—"Coronation March" (from "Le Prophet") *Meyerbeer*
The Marshal
The Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree
The State Officials and Representatives
The Faculty and Administrative Officers
The President and the Commencement Speaker

HYMN (To be sung by the Audience)—

The National Anthem—
Professor T. D. Phillips at the Organ
(The audience will remain standing until after the Invocation)

THE INVOCATION—

Dean James Kelly, Jr.

MUSIC—"Hail, Bright Abode" (from "Tannhauser") . . *Wagner*
The A Cappella Choir
Professor Gladys Byrd Johnson, *Director*

THE RECOGNITION OF STATE OFFICIALS AND HONOR GUESTS—

GREETINGS—

DR. W. W. TRENT
State Superintendent of Free Schools

MUSIC—"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" *Ringwald*
The A Cappella Choir
Professor Gladys Byrd Johnson, *Director*

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS—

JOHN WARREN DAVIS, LITT.D., L.L.D.
President Emeritus of West Virginia State College; Special Director, Department
of Teacher Information and Security, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational
Fund., New York, New York

Candidates

AWARD OF HONORS—

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Willia Mae Lipscomb
Elayne Crozier Abnathy
James Solomon Lewis
Nannie Bell Wright
Charles Clinton Hawkins, III

CUM LAUDE

Florence Beatrice Baltimore
Barbara Vertelle White
Thomas E. Carter
Joyce Marlene Stewart
John Wendell Freeman
Margaret Kathryn Davis

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES—

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREES WILL BE PRESENTED TO DEAN HARRISON H. FERRELL IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts by Professor F. S. Belcher, Jr.
Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science by Professor Frederick A. Clement.
Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Music by Professor Theodore D. Phillips.
Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education by Professor Grace I. Woodson.
Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture by Professor Madison Broadnax.
Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration by Professor Richard H. Homburger.
Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education by Professor Grace I. Woodson
Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Economics by Professor Mae Belle Jones.
Candidate for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanic Arts by Professor Frederic J. Lacy.
Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Technical Science by Professor Frederic J. Lacy.

After the Conferring of the Degrees by President William J. L. Wallace, the names of graduates will be announced by Registrar Daniel P. Lincoln.

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Beavers, Edwin Leo	Porter, Doris Mae
Bess, Edwin Earle	Pringle, Dolores Virginia
*Brown, George Nelson	Stovall, Marvin
Carter, Carol Yvonne	Thompson, William Melton
Clark, Earline	Tompkins, Ann Wilhelmina
Davis, Margaret Kathryn	Vinson, Joseph Forest
Dunn, Harriette James	Walker, Jessie Polk
*Hawkins, Charles Clinton III	Washington, Noble Everett
Haynes, Carroll Edwin	Williams, Aaron
*Hooper, Edna Greenlee	Williams, Lionel Anthony
Lipscomb, Willia Mae	Woods, Jesse Willard
McDaniels, Thomas Carlton	Worthington, David Leon

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bass, Robert Thomas	*Paige, Charles Chester
Bowman, Elmer Leon	Reeves, Ernest Eugene
Carter, Thomas Edward	Richter, Annette Lane Harrison
Cason, James Pervis	Snead, Irene Delorse
Haynes, Jesse Lorenza	White, Barbara Vertelle
Hughes, Goldwin Windell	Younger, George Eugene
Law, Melvin Douglas	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

DuVaul, Thomas Hines	Mosby, Barbara Earline
Greene, Rolland Winstead	Saunders, Carlton Marcellus
Johnson, Harvey Calvin	Walker, William
*McCoy, Leon Orville	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

*Abnathy, Elayne Crozier	Morris, Ann Louise Bryant
Baltimore, Florence Beatrice	*Perkins, JoAnne Elizabeth
Brennan, Helen Marie	Randolph, Edith LaPerle
Carmichael, Billie Jean	Reed, Neutrice Mattie
Davis, Gloria Ann	Robinson, Rita Jeanne
Davis, Ruth Celestine	Stewart, Joyce Marlene
Dean, Yvonne	Strader, Albert George
Ellison, Jeanette	Sutton, Pauline Ruth
Floyd, Ernestine Lee	White, Hortense Neola
Gates, Emma Louise	Whitted, Thelma Edith
Gilmer, Noah Hunter	Williams, Eleanor Dolores
Hawkins, Gladys Mae	Williams, Gertha Mae
*Hlusko, Betsy Susan	Winston, Genevieve Maxine
Jones, Jean Cameron	

*Completed requirements for graduation January 21, 1956

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

*Gladden, James Otis
Redd, Charles Howard

*Vaughter, Dennis Lee

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Cooper, Alvin Leon
Ferguson, Arthur Bertram
Hale, Lydia Ann
Hembrick, Ollier Clementine

Jackson, Phyllis Jean
*Jones, Hubert Stockton
McGill, Ronald Hubert
Thomas, James

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Allen, Martha Rosa
Belcher, Arline
Cheers, Linton Gale
Chrysler, Jo Bernice
Dubard, Robbie Alice
Eggleston, Augustus Lee
*Foster, Charles Lionel
Freeman, John Wendell
Green, Cynthia Annreba
Hoggard, Jeremiah David Jr.
*Hopkins, Virdell
Johnson, Shirley Ann
Lewis, Elsie Virginia
*Lewis, Eugene Alfred
Lewis, James Solomon

McGwinn, Deborah Louise
Mills, George Earl
Rabb, Vivian Thelma
Scipio, Vernon Tyrone
*Slade, Sylvester
Snelling, Helen Anita
Sypolt, Anna Mae
Taylor, Vallianti Leon
Thomas, Vivian Jean
Townsend, Bertha
Washington, Elizabeth Josephine
White, Paul Edward
Williams, Daniel Thomas
Wright, Nannie Bell

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOME ECONOMICS

Clay, Shirley Jean
Irving, Jean
Jordan, Ruth Alma

Lipscomb, Ruth Ransome
Mosley, Ruth Delloras
Woodruff, Mary Jessie

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANIC ARTS

Singley, Ramon

*Completed requirements for graduation January 21, 1956

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TECHNICAL SCIENCE

Easley, Paul Howard
Edwards, Randolph Thomas

Pearis, Alvin Arnold

Commissions of Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery Officers Reserve Corps, will be awarded by Lt. Col. John Y. Woodruff, P.M.S.T., assisted by the following officers from the R.O.T.C. Staff of West Virginia State College.

Major Robbin E. L. Washington
Arty. USAR, Asst. P.M.S.T.

Captain Neil B. Dunson
Arty. USAR, Asst. P.M.S.T.

Captain Paul J. Dickerson
Arty. RA, Asst. P.M.S.T.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS COMMISSIONS

Bass, Robert T.
Bowman, Elmer L.
**Carter, Thomas E.
Cason, James P.
Cheers, Linton G.

Cooper, Alvin L.
**Haynes, Jesse L., Jr.
Hembrick, Ollier C. Jr.
Johnson, Harvey C. Jr.
Pearis, Alvin A.

Reeves, Ernest E.
Walker, William
Williams, Lionel A.
Woods, Jesse W. Jr.
Worthington, David L.

ELECTED TO ALPHA DELTA SIGMA HONORARY SCHOLASTIC SOCIETY

Elayne Crozier Abnathy
Florence Beatrice Baltimore
Thomas Edward Carter

Charles Clinton Hawkins, III
James Solomon Lewis
Joyce Marlene Stewart

Barbara Vertelle White
Nannie Bell Wright

ELECTED TO SIGMA DELTA PI NATIONAL SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Bertha Townsend

Elizabeth Josephine Washington

Daniel Thomas Williams

ELECTED TO DELTA PHI ALPHA NATIONAL GERMAN HONORARY FRATERNITY

James Pervis Cason

Irene Delores Snead

Barbara Vertelle White

ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI HONORARY SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Thomas Edward Carter

Annette Lane Harrison Richter

Barbara Vertelle White

**Commission in Regular Army

Order of Exercises

ELECTED TO LAMBDA IOTA TAU NATIONAL LITERARY HONORARY SOCIETY

Margaret Kathryn Davis
Anna Mae Sypolt

Paul Edward White
Nannie Bell Wright

ELECTED TO PI DELTA PHI NATIONAL FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

Arline Belcher

Thomas Edward Carter

THE CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE—

JOHN WARREN DAVIS
Doctor of Humane Letters

THE COMMENCEMENT STATEMENT—

The President

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE—

MR. DRUE E. COLUMNS
President, West Virginia State College Alumni Association

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

MUSIC—ALMA MATER

Professor T. D. Phillips at the Organ

RECESSIONAL—"Marche Pontificale" *de la Tombelle*



MARSHAL —

Mr. Daniel L. Ferguson, '09

ASSISTANT MARSHALS—

Professor George W. Williams, '27
Professor P. Ahmed Williams, '28

Professor Marvin D. Mills, '47
Professor James C. Wilson, '47

ALMA MATER

Of West Virginia State College

ERNEST WADE '30

MARTHA SPENCER '31

1. There is a place we love so dear Its name we'll ev-er praise and re-vere 'Tis West Vir-gin-ia

REFRAIN

State we love Just one more step from there is heav'n a - bove. West Vir- gin - ia's

praise we'll sing Lift our voic-es 'til heav-ens ring As we gai - ly march a-long - We'll

sing a song for Al-ma Mater How we love her pride of all our loy-al hearts From her we will

nev-er part Thoughts of thee will nev'er be few Al-ma Ma-ter 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.