



*"Education for the Twenty-First Century"*

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH YEAR  
of

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

HAZO WILLIAM CARTER, JR., PRESIDENT

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH  
Annual

Commencement

SUNDAY MAY THE TWENTY-FIRST  
A.D. TWO THOUSAND  
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER  
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

# The Academic Procession

The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates and the College Advisory Board. This procession is led by a marshal, a graduate of West Virginia State College, who seats the graduates, faculty and platform guests. The faculty enter by academic rank wearing costumes that had their origin in the Medieval English University system. The costumes were devised to distinguish academic persons from lay persons, since everyone wore robes or gowns to ward off the cold. The recession, then, is in reverse order with the platform guest leaving the dais first, followed by the graduates and the faculty.

The colors of the academic dress have a significance deeply rooted in the tradition of academic life and are specified by a uniformed code maintained by the American Council on Education. Caps are black and are usually mortar boards with tassels. Doctors of Philosophy wear gold tassels usually of metallic thread; other degrees wear black or discipline colors.

The bachelors' gown is simple and black with long, pointed sleeves. Masters' gowns also black, are longer than bachelors. Older gowns have sleeves that terminate at the elbow while those since 1960 have sleeves extended to the wrist. Doctors' gowns are full, with bell-like sleeves. The front is marked by velvet panels and the sleeves are marked by three velvet bars. While most gowns are black with black velvet, one variation is to replace black velvet with velvet in the discipline color. A second variation is a colored gown usually of the university's colors.

All hoods specify the level of degree, the discipline studied and the awarding institution. First, degree level is signified by the size of the hood with bachelors' smallest, masters' larger, and doctors' quite large and of a different shape. West Virginia State College does not award hoods to bachelors. The width of the velvet trim also conveys the degree. Secondly, the discipline is indicated by the color of the trim edging the hood to form the throat over the gown. Finally, the color of the hood's lining specifies the awarding institution. The colors are displayed in combinations that are drawn from heraldry.

The colors of the tassels worn by candidates for baccalaureate degrees represent the fields of study in which the degrees will be conferred. At West Virginia State College the following colors are used to designate the various degrees.

Bachelor of Arts . . . . .	White
Bachelor of Science . . . . .	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration . . . . .	Drab
Bachelor of Science in Communications . . . . .	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice . . . . .	Velvet Blue
Bachelor of Science in Education . . . . .	Light Blue
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology . . . . .	Orange
Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service . . . . .	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Social Work . . . . .	Citron
Associate Degree . . . . .	White

## The Mace

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

The West Virginia State College mace has historical significance in that it was designed from a spindle from the staircase of West Hall, the second building erected on this campus. West Hall was built in 1895, and was used for various activities. It was located on the present parking lot adjacent to East Hall and on the West side of Fleming Hall.

The mace was restored by James Huffman when he was Assistant Director of Admissions at West Virginia State College.

## The Medallion

The medallion worn by the President represents the chains of office. These chains are worn by chief presiding officers of colleges and universities. Such chains may be of plain links with a medallion suspended from the lowest point in front. In recent years the chains have been replaced by ribbons of velvet denoting the colleges' colors. Incorporated within the medallion is a reproduction of the seal of the College. It is this seal that is impressed on the diplomas awarded to the graduates of West Virginia State College and other official documents.

The medallion is a single piece of crystal, five inches in diameter, designed and created by Cubert L. Smith, class of 1960, retired Professor of Art, West Virginia State College. The seal of the College is etched with an air eraser on the reverse side. This rear-etching process enhances the optics of the seal and makes it a one-of-a-kind piece.

# Order of Exercises

Barbara J. Oden, Presiding  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

## THE PRELUDES—

- Jubilation . . . . . *Caesar Giovannini*  
Canon . . . . . *Johann Pachebel*  
arr. John Paulson  
Washington Post March . . . . . *John Phillip Sousa*  
West Virginia State College Concert Band  
Julia Gendrich, Conductor

## THE PROCESSIONAL—

- Fanfare . . . . . *Edward Elgar*  
Pomp and Circumstance—March I . . . Arr. James Ployhar  
The Marshal  
The Candidates for Degrees  
The Faculty  
The Platform Party

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

## 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, 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 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 Anthony A. Arrington  
Pastor, Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church  
Charleston, West Virginia

- THE GREETINGS . . . . . Joseph C. Peters, Chair  
Board of Directors  
State College System of West Virginia

- THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER . . . . . Hazo W. Carter, Jr.  
Ninth President, West Virginia State College

# Order of Exercises

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS    The Honorable Cecil H. Underwood  
Thirty-fifth Governor, State of West Virginia

## THE MUSICAL SELECTION:

Elijah Rock . . . . . Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Jester Hairston  
(1901-2000)

West Virginia State College Concert Choir  
J. Truman Dalton, Director

THE RECOGNITION OF RETIREES . . . . . Barbara J. Oden

James E. Brimhall (34 years) . . . . . Department of Physics  
Samuel Securo, Jr. (30 years) . . . . . Department of Education

THE 2000 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS . . . . . Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

Alumni Affairs . . . . . Ferguson B. Meadows  
Business . . . . . William B. Goode  
Community Service . . . . . Margaret Taylor  
Education . . . . . Ronald E. Duerring

## NATIONAL CENTER FOR HUMAN RELATIONS

HUMANITARIAN AWARD . . . . . Hazo W. Carter, Jr.  
Governor Cecil H. Underwood

THE AWARDS OF HONORS . . . . . John Teeuwissen  
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

### HONORS

William Lee Adkins	David A. LeBlanc
Morn Daeng	Destiny Dawn Newcome
Terry Dillon	Shane Alan Richardson
James Louis Evers, Jr.	Karen Lynn Stalnaker
Sally Janette Halstead	Kent F. Stewart
Tamara L. Handley	Richard Duane Wolford, Jr.

### HIGH HONORS

Jamie Denise Anderson	Derrick Edward Saul
Andrea Beth Bell	Rita E. Sheehan
Deborah Lee Burdette	Linda M. Stepp
Sarah Anne Holt	Sonia Rossella White
Angela Ann Robinson	Deborah Lynn Whitt

### HIGHEST HONORS

Nicole Carina Baker	Pamela June McKinney
Beverly Gail Lanham	Barbara Jean Sparks

# Order of Exercises

## BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

### CUM LAUDE

Tina Dawn Ash	Malyka Morgan Knapp-Smith
Kimberly Lynn Baire	Travis Lee Knuckles
James Todd Beane	Craig A. Lytton
John Joseph Benna, II	William D. Lytton
Christy Dawn Bennett	Shawn McCowan
Rebecca E. Boardman	Amy Marie Marshall
Kimberly Nacole Burns	Brian Carey Miller
Kathy Ann Bush	Virginia Holley Mullins
Cheryl J. Carlson	Alexandre Gutierrez Beltrão Neto
Walter Dwayne Cline	Niesha Sunshine Nye
H. Keith Fout	Terri Ann Perdue
Polly A. Frazier	John W. Powell, IV
Stacey Danielle Garrett	Marian Ann Russell
Jennifer Bruce Gray	Marie B. Salazar
Eric C. Groves	Shanna Rae Snyder
Wanda June Guthrie	Herschel Shawn Sowards
Melissa Shea Hamilton	Douglas Allen Spencer
Amy Harper	Eric J. Thorsteinson
Rebecca Lynn Hatfield	Wade Garrett Welch
Rodna Lynn Jones	Brian Allen Wilson
Kerri Michelle Kelly	John E. Withrow
Brandace Nichole Kinder	Brian Kenneth Workman

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jerry Allen Branham	Nathan David Murray
Diana Kathleen Davis	Shannon Weaver Newhouse
Evelyn Louise Dortch	Matthew Howard Ooten
JoAnna Lee Jarrell Fauber	Andrea Lynn Pauley
Misty Dawn Fielder	Alan Lee Pugh
Aaron Scott France	Bradley Wayne Staley
Nicolette A. Graziano	Janette Marie Wisniewski
Brooke Nicole Mandeville	

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Raven Ann Asay	Angela Beth Loggins
D. Brian Atkins	John Franklin Moore, IV
James Robert Baisden	Mary Ann O'Hara
Jessica Anne Blake	Chad Hickles Priestley
Rebecca Gayle Cook	Holly R. Rhinehart
Mary Frances Estep-Murphy	Bonnie T. Russell
Cheryl Ann Gibson	Emily Dawn Wehrle
Hilda K. Halstead	Jennifer Renee Williams

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND

THE CONFERMENT OF DEGREES—

*The Candidates for the Degrees will be presented by Barbara J. Oden,  
Vice President for Academic Affairs in the following order:*

Candidates for Associate Degrees . . . . Robert F. Parker II  
Interim Provost, Community and Technical College

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degrees . . . . David Wohl  
Dean, Division of Arts and Sciences

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degrees . Katherine Harper  
Dean, Division of Science and Mathematics

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

## Candidates\*

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

William Lee Adkins	Sally Janette Halstead
Terry Lee Alford	Tamara L. Handley
Jamie Denise Anderson	Melissa Beth Hayes
Nicole Carina Baker	Sarah Ruth Hilliard
Andrea Beth Bell	Sarah Anne Holt
Teri Elane Bennett	Karolyn N. Huddleston
Valerie Yvonne Bird	Casey Ryan Jarrett
James Stuart Blake	Robert E. Kinder
Deborah Lynn Braddock	Jennifer Leah King
Deborah Lee Burdette	Angela K. Knight
LeAnne Michele Call	Beverly Gail Lanham
Matthew L. Carr	David A. LeBlanc
Jason Kent Casto	Brett William Long
Isaac Michael Chapman	Drema Darlene Lovejoy
Cherie Elaine Clendenin	Pamela June McKinney
Michael James Cotton, Jr.	Ross Windon McVay, III
Norma Jean Cross	Sandra Jo Medley
Morn Daeng	Stephen Lee Mellinger
Danielle Nicole Darnall	Titshina Leatrice Mims
John Matthew Dawson	Cathy Louise Mobley
Terry Joe Dillon	Doreen Elizabeth Moffett
Karlmon Dejuan Earle	Michael Cline Mosteller
Judy Ann Eskew	Jason Paul Myers
James Louis Evers, Jr.	Destiny Dawn Newcome
Jessie S. Fertig	Troy Brandon Painter
Steven Patrick Fullerton	Courtney Ann Pauley
Kathleen Marjorie Gallagher	Kathy Pleska
Amanda Gail Garbett	Chad Anthony Price
Diane L. Garinger	Jaya Ravikumar

\*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)

Shane Alan Richardson  
Tonjia Naray Roberts  
Angela Ann Robinson  
Kerri Lynne Ruebush  
Derrick Edward Saul  
Rita E. Sheehan  
William Paul Sigmon  
Paul Alexander Smith  
Karen Lynn Stalnaker  
Linda M. Stepp  
Kent F. Stewart  
Kelly Dawn Stickley  
Andrea Leigh Straight

Jodi Nicole Stricker  
Traci Lea Strickland  
Brenda Lee Thomas  
Deanna Dawn Thomas  
Christopher Mark Tuttle  
Tonya Louise Vannatter  
Katherine Louise Vaught  
Chad James Walker  
Minnie Christina Washington  
Sonja Rossela White  
Deborah Lynn Whitt  
Amber Lea Wilson  
Richard Duane Wolford, Jr.

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Brent Douglas Griffith  
Stacy Devonne Mosley

Bonnie F. Russell

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Stephen Clifford Carpenter  
Reba D. Comer  
Brenda Lynn Foye  
Mark Lamont Fuller  
Kimberly Dawn Goff

Myra Lynn Mullens  
Shannon Renee O'Dell  
Lisa Ann Raynes  
Barbara Jean Sparks

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Kimberly Leah Atkins  
Kevin Gantz Barnett  
Lea Anna Bess  
Jessica Anne Blake  
Jerry Allen Branham  
Cheryl J. Carlson  
Barri Sky Cleek  
Walter Dwayne Cline  
Rebecca Gayle Cook  
Rhonda Elaine Cooper  
Michael Douglas Dale  
Mary Frances Estep-Murphy  
JoAnna Lee Jarrell Fauber

Aaron Scott France  
Cheryl Ann Gibson  
Kimberly Dawn Hundley  
Tracy Kathleen Jarrett  
Chad Erik Jones  
Chasity Dawn Kirtley  
Bryan William Love  
Crystal Dawn Miller  
Alexandre Gutierrez Beltrão Neto  
Niesha Sunshine Nye  
Matthew Howard Ooten  
Roberta Jean Patterson  
Justin Laffayette Pauley



## Candidates

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS (Continued)

Jon Michael Pritt	Lorie Ellen Stevens
Jaime Leigh Roush	Joelene Essie Harrah Weaver
Bonnie F. Russell	Emily Dawn Wehrle
Marie B. Salazar	Jennifer Renee Williams
Jennifer Marie Scaggs	Mark Edmond Wilson
Shanna Rae Snyder	Janette Marie Wisniewski
Herschel Shawn Sowards	Andréa Marino Zavareei

### FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Anicha Nicole Aylestock	Deanna Dawn Lane
Timothy J. Barnett	Craig A. Lytton
Christopher Allen Battlo	Stacy Ann McClanahan
Mary Stevenson Bolton	Heather Ann Mullins
Leisa Jo Bostic	Danny R. Napier
Darrick Bryan Cox	David Wayne Potter, Jr.
Michael Charles Creech	Neketta Marie Ramsey
Norma Jean Cross	Merrial Annette Richardson
John Franklin Cummings, III	Michael Lee Sisson
Mary Lisa Dalporto	Beverley Dawn Slusher
Stephan Courtney Davis	Dawn DelRae Snyder
Houston Matthew Gravely	Rex Allen Stewart
Rebecca Lynn Hatfield	Melvin Jerome Stubbs
Jerry Wayne Holstein	Laura Denise Taylor
Marlon Antonio Hylton	Thuy Thornlow
Andre E. Jones	Shannon August Tobia
Rodna Lynn Jones	John Henry Valentine, III
Rhonda Lae Kersey	Lisa Renee Yoak
Jerry Lee King	

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

James Robert Baisden	Tonya Grace Massey
Perry Patrick Dotson, II	John Franklin Moore, IV
Holly Suzanne Eldrige	Brent Matthew Mullins
Norman James Ferguson	Joseph H. Perks
Eric Christopher Groves	Chad Hickles Priestley
Melissa Shea Hamilton	Ginny Linnea Vilette Raynes
Amy Marie Harper	Reginald A. Revere
Joseph Martin Hensley	Kathryn Hess Shilling
Jason G. Hunter	Michelle L. Vanoy
Tanzanique Annette Ketchens	Amber Lea Wilson
Travis Lee Knuckles	Melissa Kay Wright

## Candidates

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

Misty Dawn Akers	Angela Ann Mayfield
Heather Elizabeth Aquino	Brian Carey Miller
Lynda Gail Armstead	Shannon Weaver Newhouse
Danette Cara Bain	Terri Ann Perdue
Patricia Faye Bass	John W. Powell, IV
Paul Blackburn, III	Alan Lee Pugh
Jessica Erin Brown	Marian Ann Russell
Donald Lewis Jerome Cunningham	Chad G. Smith
John Thomas Deneault	Jeri Lynn Smith
Brunetta Catherine Dillard	Cristle L. Straughter
David Mahdee Eubanks	Amanda Louise Taylor
Jennifer Elizabeth Flowers	Keri Dawn Thompson
Julie Michelle Frazier	Jennifer Renee Thornton
Polly A. Frazier	Eric J. Thorsteinson
Emily Sue Goldsburg	Sarah Elaine West
Wanda June Guthrie	Jaclyn Renee Winters
Brooke Nicole Mandeville	Christie Leigh Young

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

Brian Russell Batman	Brandace Nichole Kinder
James Todd Beane	Malyka Morgan Knapp-Smith
Tuesday Mae Berry	Catherine Nicole Mazella
David Burger	Stacy Devonne Mosley
Kathy Ann Bush	Nathan David Murray
Ron Duke Castro	Sarah Elaine Persinger
Vanessa Anne Cox	Melissa Jenaille Porter
Jennifer Denise Davis	Tiffany Loveen Sanders
Julie A. Davis	Jessica Colleen Smith
Mark Lamont Fuller	Darin Troy Urban
Stacey Danielle Garrett	Calvin Willis, Jr.
Megan Eileen Hutchison	John E. Withrow

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

Tina Dawn Ash	Melissa Sue Brumfield
D. Brian Atkins	Autumn Dawn Caldwell
Rebecca E. Boardman	Robert Alan Capps

## Candidates

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Continued)

Misty Dawn Fielder  
Drema K. Foster  
Linda Sue King  
Rebecca Ann Legg  
William D. Lytton  
Shawn Keith McCown  
Melody Ann McHomitch  
Joseph Michael Payne

Beatrice Lynn Scarberry  
Melissa Lynn Smith  
Katheren Taylor  
Tajuana Lechez Wasp-Rice  
Brian Allen Wilson  
Brian Kenneth Workman  
Mary Odessa Yonts

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

Raven Ann Asay  
Kimberly Lynn Baire  
Amanda Dawn Beller  
Christy Dawn Bennett  
Kimberly Nacole Burns  
Sara Jane Davis  
Diane Elizabeth Duttine  
Thomas Nathan Edwards  
H. Keith Fout  
Angela Beth Freeman  
Nicoletta A. Graziano  
Jennifer Ann Hanchosky  
Jacqueline D. Higginbotham  
Tammy Lynn Jones  
Kerri Michelle Kelly  
Elizabeth Courtney Laine

Teresa Suzann Lemmon  
Angela Beth Loggins  
Shawn Marvin Lee McNeil  
Amy Marie Marshall  
Virginia Holley Mullins  
Mary Ann O'Hara  
Andrea Lynn Pauley  
Holly R. Rhinehart  
Douglas Allen Spencer  
Bradley Wayne Staley  
Christie Jo Stewart  
Jeremy Allen Taylor  
Wade Garrett Welch  
Jennifer Lynn White  
Tiffanie Duty Womack

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

Amanda Lynn Ball  
John Joseph Benna, II

Hilda K. Halstead  
Jennifer Irene Kayrouz

## Candidates

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

Diana Kathleen Davis

Rebecca Lynn Smith

Tamra Jill Shuck

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Kelly Ann Ballard

Tamara Raye Ellis

Jamie Ranae Blair

Jennifer Bruce Gray

Carolyn Elizabeth Webster Brown

Tammy J. Lemon

James William Casto

Kelli Dawn Turley

Evelyn Louise Dortch

David Michael Walker

# Order of Exercises

## THE COMMISSINING AND PRESENTING

OF GRADUATING OFFICER . . . . . Robert T. Kleppinger  
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army  
Professor, Military Science

Katrina L. Greene, Second Lieutenant, Mullins, West Virginia  
Andre E. Jones, Second Lieutenant, Fort Washington, Maryland  
Troy A. Meadows, Second Lieutenant, Saint Albans, West Virginia  
Shannon A. Tobia, Second Lieutenant, Charleston, West Virginia  
Christie L. Young, Second Lieutenant, Hurricane, West Virginia

THE CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES . . . . . Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

THE STUDENT RESPONSE . . . . . John Powell IV

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

THE CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Barbara J. Oden

THE ALMA MATER . . . . . *Spencer/Wade*  
Conducted by Brad Staley '00

## THE RECESSIONAL—

Star Wars Themes . . . . . *John Williams*  
arr. Larry Clark

The Olympic Spirit . . . . . *John Williams*  
arr. John Higgins

West Virginia State College Concert Band

*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 '76  
Professor Kenneth W. Blake '74  
Professor Rita M. Brown '75  
Professor Clyde P. Campbell '64  
Professor Swanson Carter '68  
Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61  
Professor Patricia King '85  
Professor Jeanette Lee '74  
Professor Patricia Shafer '71  
Professor Charles E. Smith '87  
Professor Craig Spaniol '66

Members of the Classified Staff of West Virginia State College are serving as ushers.

# The 1999-2000 Scholarships and Awards

## PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

James R. Baisden  
Jessica Blake  
Julie E. Chellew  
Catherine M. Davis  
Sarah Davis  
Jennifer Dowdy  
Walter Greenhowe  
Mary Long

Paul E. McClanahan  
April S. Romaca  
Anthony Townsend

## VALEDICTORIANS

Amber Hoffman  
Valerie N. Nelson  
Andrea Roe

## OTHER FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

### Aldoph P. Hamblin

Heather Mellert

### Basudeb Das Sarma

Samantha Tolliver

### Bell Atlantic

Misty D. Akers

### Cedric DuBoise Lee

Nicole L. Smith

### Eva Saxon

Alisha R. White

### General/Memorial

John F. Cummings, III  
Alisha R. White  
Randilyn Adams  
Kathy A. Bush  
Charles M. Moore  
Holly Rhinehart  
Amanda J. McLaughlin  
Shannon Thomas

### Ivin Lee/Dallas Staples

Jessica L. Hoffman  
Ana C. Kessell  
Laura D. Taylor

### Leon H. Sullivan

Marian Russell

### Lucy B. Hairston

Natasha Caines  
Letitia Finch  
Sam W. Holdren

### Margaret A. Cyrus Mills

Tanisha Thomas

### Marguerite Brower-Thornton

Azina Still

### P. A. Williams

Brad Staley

### Marjorie Johnson

Leigh A. Bowyer  
Jana N. Morgan

### Mary Aurady Harrison Hospice

Anitra Plantin

### Mary McGhee Hairston

Jerry L. Adkins  
Jennifer Ball  
Adam Belcastro  
T'Reke Bird  
Monica R. Brown  
Natasha N. Caines  
Troy Corley  
LaShawn Davis  
Neal A. DeFazio  
Heather Draper  
Thabo Gwabaza  
Kristy Gladis  
Lisa M. Hansa  
Eric Ising  
Robert Johnson, III  
Shawn Lundie  
James Martin  
Sarah Mitchell  
Jamie M. Nickles  
Morgan Perrine  
Khalilah N. Pitts  
Craig Priestly  
Diana J. Shamblin  
Erin Shamblin  
Tiffany Sinceno  
Gerrad A. Talkington  
James L. Teel  
Anthony Townsend  
Joshua Vanbibber  
Damien Ward  
William Wick  
Sharah Wilt  
Gheymarne Woodson

### Mary Patterson

Regina Wilson

Naomi M. Garrett

Stephanie Wendt

Oree Banks Textbooks

Quincey Alexander

Heather Allen

Ana Kessell

Lee May

Jenna Shantz

Stephanie Wendt

R. B. & Constance Welch

Terri Burdette

Rosa Parks Memorial

Mardis Hall

Sarah Pauline Maier

Jenna L. Coyner

Melinda G. Evans

Second Congressional  
District

Jennie Cook

United National Bank

Jamie L. Gilbert

Wanda J. Guthrie

James T. Tackett

United Supreme Council

Paul A. Davis

Walter D. Evans

Sarah E. Potter

## Honor Societies

ELECTED TO ALPHA DELTA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL  
WORK—Faculty Sponsor: Rita Brown

Carolyn Brown

Evelyn Dortch

Tamera Ellis

Jennifer Gray

Kelli Turley

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA—INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY  
HONOR SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: John Richards

Cheryl Carlson

Niesha Sunshine Nye

Robertta Patterson

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY—Faculty  
Sponsor: Kim Lovinski & Patricia King

D. Brian Atkins

Jessica Anne Blake

Kathy A. Bush

Rebecca Gayle Cook

Evelyn L. Dortch

Joanna L. Fauber

Aaron S. France

Nicoletta Graziano

Wanda June Guthrie

Diane Lynn Long

Terri Ann Perdue

John W. Powell IV

Chad H. Priestley

Marie Salazar

Vickie L. Shelton

Joelene E. Harrah Weaver

Wade G. Welch

ELECTED TO ALPHA MU GAMMA—NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN  
LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: Carolyn Halstead

Jessica Anne Blake

Angela Beth Freeman

Malyka Morgan Knapp-Smith

Charles Michael Moore

Christie Leigh Young

ELECTED TO ALPHA PHI SIGMA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE—Faculty Sponsor: Kenneth Blake

Tina D. Ash  
David B. Atkins  
Misty D. Fielder  
Niesha Sunshine Nye

Melissa L. Smith  
Brian K. Workman  
Mary Yonts

ELECTED TO ALPHA PSI OMEGA—NATIONAL THEATER HONOR  
SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: David Wohl

Melissa Porter

ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI—SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY—Faculty  
Sponsor: Ernest Sekabunga

Holly Eldridge  
Shea Hamilton  
Amy Harper  
Travis Knuckles

Tonya Massey  
Charles Moore  
John Moore  
Chad Priestly

ELECTED TO DELTA MU DELTA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN  
BUSINESS—Faculty Sponsor: John Hodges & Michael Lewis

Brunetta C. Dillard  
Shannon Weaver Newhouse  
Polly A. Frazier

Terri Ann Perdue  
Eric J. Thorsteinson

ELECTED TO KAPPA DELTA PI—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN  
EDUCATION—Faculty Sponsor: Paige Carney

Raven Ann Asay  
Kimberly Nacole Burns  
Nicoletta A. Graziano  
Jackie D. Higginbotham  
Kerri Michelle Kelly  
Angela Beth Loggins  
Amy Marie Marshall

Virginia Holley Mullins  
Mary Ann O'Hara  
Andrea Lynn Pauley  
Holly R. Rhinehart  
Douglas Allen Spencer  
Bradley Wayne Staley  
Wade Garrett Welch

ELECTED TO LAMBA IOTA TAU—NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR  
SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: Anne Vineyard

Jessica Ann Blake

Jon Pritt

ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA EPSILON—INTERNATIONAL HONOR  
SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS—Faculty Sponsor: Thomas Swanke

Hilda K. Halstead  
Brooke Mandeville  
Alexandre G. Beltrao Neto

Marian Russell  
Sarah E. West

ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA KAPPA—NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOR  
SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: Joe Oden & Ervin Griffin

Kimberly N. Burns  
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# Presidents of West Virginia State College

1892-1894

James Edwin Campbell

1894-1898

John H. Hill

1898-1909

J. Henry Jones

1909-1919

Byrd Prillerman

1919-1953

John W. Davis

1953-1973

William J. L. Wallace

1973-1981

Harold M. McNeill

1982-1986

Thomas Winston Cole, Jr.

1987-

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

## The Hazo W. Carter Presidential Awards

1987 (Mid-Year)

Thomas W. Cole Jr., Education

1988

Prince Ahmed Williams, Alumni

Thomas E. Potter, Business

Grazia B. Ferrell, Community Service

Norma Lee Winter, Education

1989

Mary McGhee Hairston, Alumni

Grover A. DuBose, Business

The Sarah & Pauline Maier Foundation, Community Service

Joyce Good-Pitchford, Education

1990 (Mid-Year)

Thomas R. Cabbell, Alumni

Charles H. James II, Business

Charles H. James III, Business

WV Rehabilitation Center, Community Service

Judith G. Reed, Education

1990

Acie McGhee, Alumni

Frank P. Justice, Jr., Business

Eric Conn, Community Service

Vincent Reed, Education

1991

Georgia Floyd Morris, Alumni

Thomas Burns, Business

Tom Susman, Education

Stephen T. Williams, Education

1992

Jerri Tyson-Rollins, Alumni

Francis S. Guess, Business

Manna Meals, Inc., Community Service

Donald Gatewood, Education

1993

Howard L. Wilson, Alumni

John A. Chapman, Business

Charlie O. Erickson (posthumously), Community Service

Jorea M. Marple, Education

1994

John T. Chiles, Jr., Alumni

William R. Russell, Business

Frank and Lera Bailey, Community Education

James W. Rowley, Education

1995

C. Edward Gaunch, Alumni

Brooks F. McCabe, Business

Mildred T. Holt, Community Service

Philip Reale, Education

1996

Elizabeth Jane McIntyre, Alumni

Michael H. Hudnall, Business

Rodney E. Slater, Community Service

Priscilla M. Haden, Education

1997

Mary McGhee Hairston, Alumni

Walter D. Evans, Business

Paul J. Gilmer, Jr. Community Service

Campbell C. Sellers, Education

1998

Leon Vincent Williams, Alumni

Edna J. Cash, Business

Jack Spainhour, Community Service

Samuel Perry Sentelle, Education

1999

Milton C. Kates, Alumni Affairs

William Henry Harmon, Business

Ethel O. Davie, Education

Naomi M. Garret, Education

# 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  
Sixth 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 Pathol-  
ogy, 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 Educa-  
tion, 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. Bakersville, 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, Associa-  
tion 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 Col-  
leges and Universities
- 1979  
(May)  
Harold L. Hodgkinson  
Executive Director, Profes-  
sional 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 Associa-  
tion 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  
Author

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 Educa-  
tion

(Mid Year)

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

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## Alma Mater

*Ernest Wade '30*

*Martha Spencer*

There is a place we love so dear—  
It's 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.

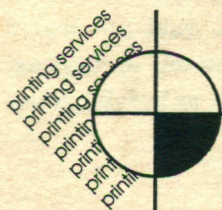
Shadowed 'neath a deep blue sky;  
Is STATE for whom we'll live and we'll die—  
Arise! O men of God and sing;  
We're loyal, and to her we'll always cling.

## 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



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