



*"Commemorating and Celebrating
Fifty Years of Brown vs. Board of Education"*

**The One Hundred and Thirteenth Year
of**

**West Virginia State University
Institute, West Virginia**

**Hazo William Carter, Jr.
President**

**The One Hundred and Ninth
Annual
Commencement**

**Sunday, May the Sixteenth
A.D. Two Thousand and Four
at Two O'Clock in the Afternoon**

**Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, West Virginia**

Commemorating and Celebrating Fifty Years of *Brown vs. Board of Education*

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court of the United States told the nation in *Brown vs. Board of Education* that “separate educational facilities were inherently unequal” and therefore in violation of the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. West Virginia State College (now University) was among the first institutions in the nation to reject racial segregation and throw open its doors to members of the wider community. Other educational institutions in West Virginia quickly followed suite.

Few historical events have had such a profound impact. Fifty years later, it is time to take stock of the immense courage that it took to challenge a deeply rooted racial system, and to ask ourselves how far we have come. Moral progress is never painless or sudden. Massive resistance to the *Brown* decision was the norm in many places, at times leading to closed public schools and armed federal intervention. Ten years after *Brown*, only 1.18 percent of southern African American schoolchildren were in desegregated schools. If the 1964 and 1965 Civil Rights laws had not passed, it is likely that the *Brown* decision would still be unimplemented.

West Virginians should be proud that they were not part of the resistance to *Brown*. West Virginia State University is proud of its role in helping to make it a living reality. Nonetheless, we should not forget that the *Brown* decision did not implement itself. Many people suffered and struggled to make it something other than an empty promise. Many parents knew that fulfilling its mandate meant placing their own children on the front lines. Even now, much work remains to be done. *Brown*'s formal end to legal segregation has not completely ended the racial divide which still haunts our communities, schools, and perceptions.

The *Brown* decision helped to bring an end to the crude racism that once tore at the heart of the American dream. We have all benefited from it. West Virginia State University will do its part to help complete the journey towards a wiser, more hopeful future.

Gerald E. Beller, Ph.D.
Department of Political Science
West Virginia State University

Historical Sketch of West Virginia State University

The second Morrill Act of 1890 was intended to make available to black citizens, training in agriculture and mechanical arts. 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 masters degree programs began in the Fall 2003 semester. With the passage of Senate Bill 448 during the 2004 legislative session, the name 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.

The Academic Procession

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

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

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

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

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

Bachelor of Arts	White
Bachelor of Science	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	Drab
Bachelor of Science in Communications	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice	Royal Blue
Bachelor of Science in Education	Light Blue
Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service	Yellow
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 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.

Order of Exercises

Arnold Cooper, Ph.D., Presiding
Vice President for Academic Affairs
West Virginia State University

THE PRELUDES—

The Lord of the Rings arr. Douglas E. Wagner
(Two Towers)
Chicago Highlights arr. Victor Lopez
Overture Majestique James D. Playhar
West Virginia State University Concert Band
James Florkevich, B.A. and James Anderson, B.S., Directors

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Fanfare—Pomp and Circumstance—March I Edward Elgar
The Marshal
The Candidates for Degrees
The Faculty
The Platform Party

THE POSTING OF THE COLORS Color Guard
United States Army Reserve Officers Training Corps
Yellow Jacket Battalion

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM arr. James McKelvey

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red Glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

(The audience will remain standing until after the Invocation)

THE INVOCATION The Reverend Paul A. Dunn, D.D.
First Baptist Church
Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS Elliot G. Hicks, Esquire
Member, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

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

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Boyce Courtney Williams, Ph.D.
Vice President, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

Order of Exercises

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

Theme Sublime of Endless Praise George F. Handel
from 'Jephtha'
West Virginia State University Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D., Director

THE RECOGNITION OF RETIREE Arnold Cooper
Maude P. Brunstetter (24 years) Department of Political Science

THE LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS Hazo William Carter, Jr., Ed.D.

THE 2004 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS Hazo William Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
Alumni—Jeff Chandler Woods
Business—The Dow Chemical Company
Education—Paul J. Morris
Community Service—Bayer CropScience

THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREES

Doctor of Laws Elizabeth Early Chilton
Doctor of Laws Howard Lee Wilson

THE AWARD OF HONORS John Teeuwissen, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HONORS

Tsedeniya Terefe Assefa	Jeffrey Wayne Mosteller
Kristin Marie Beane	Angela Kay Perdue
Tamu Aisha Bethea	Regina Darlene Perry
Donna J. Boggs	Jessica Nichole Reed
Corona Lavotta Collins	Timothy Brian Stone
Mohammed Ibrahim	Angela Michelle Tomblin
Melissa Ann Linger	Marolyn Jean Wray
Jeffrey C. Morgan	

HIGH HONORS

Aaron Andrew 'Drew' Beane	Rosalie Gail Holley
Christopher Shawn Chapman	Tiffany Nicole Mariani
Robert Calvert Conrad	Victoria Lynn Mariani
Bethany Jo Frame	Cheryl L. Moore
Alexandra Marie Govea	Brandon Paul Schmader
Lisa Michelle Hansa	Mario Torres

HIGHEST HONORS

Carol M. Abbott	Jayne Marie Levy
Crystal Lorene Bauer	Shelia Christine Nehme
Dawn M. Breckenridge	Kathy Jane Pauley
Maggie Leigh Fletcher	Betty Jean Perry
Alicia Nicole Forest	Suzanne Marie Powell
Belinda Kay Fuller	Deborah Sue Withrow
Shirley Lane Hoffman	

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

CUM LAUDE

Curtis Lee Baskerville
Tamu Aisha Bethea
Donna Boggs
April K. Bradley
Kevin Andrew Brendler
Rhonda Lee Brown
Billy Lee Burdette, Jr.
Dawana Jean Clemens
Mary Lynette Colston
Jessie Raye Coulter
Karen Lynn Finney
Jason William Harrison
Karla Gail Hypes

Sean Carrington Jones
Nancy C. Kingery
Brian Andrew Messer
Jeffrey C. Morgan
Melissa Dawn Nichols
Regina Darlene Perry
Keith Wayne Reed
Jay Timothy Shilling, II
Phillip Aaron Sparks
Shelley Rae Spratt
Nancy Jo Stewart
Paul Allen Weaver
Orlena Yvette Young

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Doris Dianna Conneway
Charlise Suzanne Davis
Crystal Michelle Dotson
Sarah F. Funk
Charles Sean Hamer
Michael Wayne Huffman
Julie Marie Johnson
Garth Anthony Mariani, II

Jenny L. Pace
Tabitha Jo Pauley
Mary Tressa Rogers
Brenda Kay Starkey
Nola Gail Willard
Kimberly Ann Wooten
Michael Wayne White

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Julie Ann Adams
Carol M. Abbott
Abigail Lee Campbell
Kelly Marie Combs
Jeanna L. Coyner
Twanna G Elliott
Tiffany Diane Kirby
Kristen Lynn Lanham

James Daniel Mallett
Sheila Christine Nehme
Kathy Jane Pauley
Angela Ann Potter
Deborah Lynn Rexrode
Amy Elizabeth Shawver
Jeffrey Michael Shawver
Tanya Delores Thorpe

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE Janet Amos, Ed.S.
Dean for Academic Affairs

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

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

CANDIDATES FOR THE

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

CANDIDATES FOR THE

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

Arnold Cooper, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Masters Degrees will be conferred
beginning with the 2005 May Commencement*

THE CONFERMENT OF DEGREES Hazo William Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State University

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

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Chad David Antill
Nicholas Gregory Archer
Trena G. Ashley
Tsedeniya Terefe Assefa
Roblene Cardella Beatty
Donna J. Boggs
Dawn M. Breckenridge
Matilda J. Brumfield
Christopher Shawn Chapman
Corona Lavotta Collins
Robert Calvert Conrad
Paul David Crigger

Gerald V. Davis
Alfego Volcoa Dean
Corey Leigh Douglas
Kurt Brandon Dragoo
Madolyn S. Farmer
Dustin Lee Feazell
Maggie Leigh Fletcher
Alicia Nicole Forest
Bethany Jo Frame
Alexandra Marie Govea
Aaron Joseph Grinnan
Priscilla Celestine Harris

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

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE *(Continued)*

Rosalie Gail Holley	Angela Kay Perdue
Jana Marie Hull	Betty Jean Perry
Mohammed Ibrahim	William E. Pugh, Jr.
James Eugene Johnson, Jr.	Robert Lee Pyle
Donald G. Jones, Jr.	Jessica Nicole Reed
Tiffany Marie Jones	Kara Leigh Santrock-Smith
John Allen Joyce	Brandon Paul Schmader
John R. Kessler	Thomas Peter Scudder
Ashley Kristina King	Cara Beth Shamblin
Vernetta C. Kiser	Lena Marie Shandor
Regina R. Laury	Douglas M. Skarzinski
George Johnathan Leftwich	Earl Demond Skinner
Jonathan Breckenridge Legg	Nola Carol Snodgrass
Jayne Marie Levy	Ami Jo Sowards
Melissa Ann Linger	Timothy Brian Stone
Judy Lynn McCutcheon	Justin Andrew Tackett
Timothy J. McNurlen	Pamela Sue Tanner
Victoria Lynn Mariani	Khadidra LaShaun Taylor
Christy Lynn Miller	James David Thacker
Cheryl L. Moore	Angela Michelle Tomblin
Sally Richardson Moore	Mario Torres
Jeffrey C. Morgan	Chad Lamonté Vickers
Edward Stanley Morris	Olga Aracely Villalobos
Melissa J. Mosley	Michelle Lea Williams
Jeffrey Wayne Mosteller	Deborah Sue Withrow
Sheila Christine Nehme	Marolyn Jean Wray
Kathy Jane Pauley	

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

LaDella Mae-Winter Blair	Tiffany Nicole Mariani
Carmela DeAnn Jefferies	Jeffrey C. Morgan

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Crystal Lorene Bauer	Nia Rochelle Jackson
Tamu Aisha Bethea	Charity Nichole Jones
Kandi Ann Crowder	Donald G. Jones, Jr.
April Dawn Ellison	Keli J. Mallory
Belinda Kay Fuller	Regina Darlene Perry
Joseph Matthew Gabehart	Suzanne Marie Powell
Lisa Michelle Hansa	Deborah Faye Worley Scott
Shirley Lane Hoffman	Jerry Alan Watts

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Carol M. Abbott	Kristin Marie Beane
Aaron Andrew 'Drew' Beane	Valerie Lacy-Cyrus Little

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sarina Marie Adkins	Garth Anthony Mariani, II
Dendra Lee Bartlett	Joseph Wing-Cheung Ng
Amanda Renee Brunner	Jodie Lynn Nichols
James Michael Butcher, II	Neci D. Pickens
Abigail Lee Campbell	Sheria Darcel Pickens
Aimee Beth Cantrell	Natalie Susan Proctor
Amanda Dawn Cavender	Keith Wayne Reed
Jessica Renee Cavender	Deborah Lynn Rexrode
Carlos Culbertson	Jonathan Kyle Roop
Resa Clark Files	Christine A. Seger
Sarah F. Funk	Jeffrey Michael Shawver
Andrea Nicole Hall	Drema Lalean Smith
Rachel Morgan James	Lindsay B. Smith
Lori Beth Kerns	Jamie Lee Tanner
Tiffany Diane Kirby	Randall Stiles Yoho
James Daniel Mallett	Orlena Yvette Young
Keli J. Mallory	

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jerry Lee Arnold	John Clay LaMaster
William Daniel Ball	Susanne D. Leasure
Katherine Henrietta Bass	Wanda Lynn Lewis
Rebecca K. Beckelhimer	Michael Alan Lilly
Christopher Leroy Blair	Valerie Lacy-Cyrus Little
April S. Blankenship	Ann Kathryn Lucas
Donna J. Boggs	Jamie Lee McDaniel
Joel Bratton, Jr.	Robert Layne Massey
Dennis Jarrell Brogan	Sheila Christine Nehme
Lovell Brown, Jr.	Sherry Lynn Newsome
Jijwan Bunch	Ryan Matthew Norris
Tonya Lynne Casdorph	Kathy Jane Pauley
Cassandra Lynn Casto-Napier	Regina Darlene Perry
Ethel Louise Chaplin	Emmett Craig Petry
Dawana Jean Clemens	Karen Beth Raines
Kelly Marie Combs	Misty Dawn Rice
Angela R. Cox	Mike L. Roach
Jeanna L. Coyner	Vanessa Bumpus Scott
David William Dalton	John Thomas Simms
Eric Scott Drennan	John Craig Simonton
Amanda J. Edge	Ricky Kevin Snodgrass
Tamara Gayle Ferguson	Leigh Ann Stone
Richard Ray Fisher, Jr.	Amy Lynn Sutton
Scott A. French	Bobbie Sue Toler
Paula Ann Harless	Jason Virgil Underwood
Gloria Gene Harris	Marlo L. Vinson
Judith P. Hill	Dale Len Westfall
Michael A. Hudgins	Michael Wayne White
James O'Dell Johnson	Burgess Henry Williams
Jerel Preston Jones	Dondre A. Williams
Nancy C. Kingery	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Samantha LeAnn Carroll	Jammie L. Miller
Sarah Anne Davis	Kevin Curtis Simmons
Danielle Elizabeth Farmer	Tonda Sue Tryon
Sean Carrington Jones	William Richard Dexter Wicks
Lori Beth Kerns	April Dawn Workman
Shannon Nichole McGrew	

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Heather Reneé Adams
Jerry Lee Adkins, Jr.
Rebecca Jo Asbury
Derek Andrew Bailey
Aimee M. Blair
Jamie M. Busch
Amber Marie Cobb
Kenneth Ray Davis
Jennifer Rena Griggs
Tracy Marie Hannah
Jason William Harrison
Kristin Noel Harrison
Karla Gail Hypes
Safa Eskandari Jafari
Stuart David Jett
Wendy MaDawna Johnson

Mohamad Khankan
Kristen Lynn Lanham
Kelly Jo Legg
Edward Lee McClanahan
Brian Andrew Messer
James Burton Morrison
Tabitha Jo Pauley
Angela Marie Paxton
Mary Elizabeth Ring
Tara Nichole Sayre
Joseph Clayton Searls
Nancy J. Stewart
Brandy Renee Thaxton
Matthew Kent Tomblin
Chad Alan Trent
Nola Gail Willard

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Carol M. Abbott
Curtis Lee Baskerville
Justin Paul Conner
Charlise Suzanne Davis
Alisa Marie Spaulding

Brandon Corey Spivey
Christopher Alvin Stone
Christopher Edward Tolley
Curtis Franklin White, Jr.

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jacqueline Bass-Richardson
Jessie Rae Coulter
Billye Jaelyn Edmonds
Jennifer Leigh Grant
Benjamin Seth Hull
Donald G. Jones, Jr.
Joshua Daniel McCoy

Jeffrey C. Morgan
Jenny L. Pace
Sheria Darcel Pickens
Phillip Aaron Sparks
Khadidra LaShaun Taylor
Tanya Delores Thorpe
Megan Ann Wiseman

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Julie Ann Adams

Cassi L. Anthony

Tamu Aisha Bethea

April K. Bradley

Kevin Andrew Brendler

Rhonda Lee Brown

Billy Lee Burdette, Jr.

Brian Thomas Carroll

Mary Lynette Colston

Tammy Mae Doig

Twanna G Elliott

Brent Douglas Griffith

Amy Jo Griggs

Angel Renee Gurski

Charles Sean Hamer

Michael Wayne Huffman

Julie Marie Johnson

David Aaron LaMaster

Jamil Leigh Lambert

Laura Horner Meske

Megan Lea Miller

Melissa Dawn Nichols

Angela Ann Potter

Mary Tressa Rogers

Andrea Lynn Smith

Shelley Rae Spratt

Brenda Kay Starkey

Candice Marie Anderson Steele

Kimberly Ann Wooten

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Mary Beth Batey

Doris Diana Conneway

Amy Michelle File

Karen Lynn Finney

Tahnee Shane Mullins

David N. Spudich

Lee-Ann Michelle Yeager

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Lazarus Jackson

Scott Mason McKenzie

Amy Elizabeth Shawver

William Allen Shelton, III

Jay Timothy Shilling, II

Ronald Jacques Whaley

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Antionette Mulle Bee

LaDella Mae-Winter Blair

Peggy Sue Brown

Karen Sue Bush

Chenelle Chanté Coy

Crystal Michelle Dotson

Tina Louise Faber

Emma Patricia Harold

Carmela DeAnn Jefferies

Charity Nichole Jones

Melissa Beth Kerns

Joyce Marie Pauley

Melissa Sue Reed

Kimberly Lynn Thompson

Paul Allen Weaver

Rachel D. Young

Order of Exercises

- THE PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING OFFICERS George A. Nelson, M.A.
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army and Professor, Military Science
- Justin Butcher Second Lieutenant
Burnsville, West Virginia
- Dendra Lee Ferrari Second Lieutenant
Athens, Ohio
- Heather Leigh Heppner Second Lieutenant
Sanborn, New York
- Meghan Lea Pohlentz Second Lieutenant
Xenia, Ohio
- THE SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES HAZO William Carter, Jr.
- THE STUDENT RESPONSE Kathy Pauley
- THE CLOSING REMARKS Arnold Cooper
- THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Howard L. Wilson, LL.D., '55
To join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideas of my university,
nurturing its growth and promoting its program, to serve with honor in my
chosen profession and to make myself a symbol of the best traditions of my
university—this is my commission and my challenge.
- THE ALMA MATER *Martha Spencer/Ernest Wade*
Led by J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D.
- THE RECESSIONAL—
The Raider's March John Williams
arr. Jonnie Vinson

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

GRAND MARSHAL

Professor R. Charles Byers '68

ASSISTANT MARSHALS

Professor Debra M. Anderson-Conliffe '76

Professor Kenneth W. Blake '74

Professor Rita M. Brown '75

Professor Clyde P. Campbell '64

Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61

Professor Patricia King '85

Professor Sandra K. LaVoie '82

Professor John Richards '78

Professor Patricia Shafer '71

Professor Charles E. Smith '87

Professor Craig Spaniol '66

Members of the Classified Staff Council and Student Leadership Program
are serving as ushers.

The 2003-2004 Scholarships and Awards

Presidential Scholars

Tara R. Alvey
Jennifer Barido
Tiffany Barnette
Victoria Bowers
Donna Birkelund
Erin P. Cantrell
Jonathan Coleman
Anthony Courts
Tabetha Davis
Meagan Estep
Joshua Hess
Ashley Howery
Jessica Humphreys
Stacy R. Landis
Kelly Joe Legg
Joshua Miller
Kati Miller

Amber Nichols
Daniel Poole
Ryan Pritt
Jeffery Shawver
Amber Shirkey
Stephanie Sutton
Amanda Stowers
Melinda Snyder
Sabrena Thomas
Anthony Townsend
Jason L. Walls

Valedictorian Scholars

James Click
Ronald W. McGrady
Tabitha J. Pauley
William B. Rickert

Other Foundation Scholars

ARNETT & FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

Kristen Lanham

C. H. JAMES II SCHOLARSHIP

Stephen Craig

CEDRIC D. LEE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Levin B. Carn, Jr.

CLASSIFIED COUNCIL BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Damon Graves
Monique Rogers
Cynthia Ruffin

CLASS OF 1949 SCHOLARSHIP

Marlo Vinson

GARY SWINGLE ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP

Shannon M. Catron

DR. ERVIN V. GRIFFIN SCHOLARSHIP

Dane O. Campbell

JOHN F. HASKINS ENDOWED

Joshua Hess

IVIN LEE/DALLAS STAPLES ENDOWED

Heather J. Bess
Stephanie L. Petry

INSTITUTE PLANTS ENDOWED

Kandace M. Basham
Michelle Cook

JAMES TILSON ENDOWED

Tabitha J. Pauley

JOINT ACTION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, INC.

Tamu Bethea
Onal Rakisheva

KANAWHA SCHOLARS FUND

Jeanette Nicole Greene
Hillary Hardman

LARK & THOMAS HUTTO SCHOLARSHIP

Taryn Haas

LUCY B. HAIRSTON ENDOWED

Tunisia K. Beatty
Kevin E. Cartwright

LULU JOHNSON ENDOWED

Levin Blade Carn, Jr.

MAIER FOUNDATION, INC. ENDOWED

Jeanna Coyner
Stephanie Stewart

MARGARET ANNE CYRUS MILLS ENDOWED

Abigail L. Campbell
Kimbra Clinton

MARJORIE L. JOHNSON ENDOWED

Jayne Barber

MARY MCGHEE HAIRSTON ENDOWED

Venetria Adams
Bryan Barnes
Ladella Blair
Jerome Brooks
Doye Byrd
Ashley Cundiff
Jaoa Depina
Gabriel Dewberry
Devin Doe
Belinda Fuller
LaRhonda Garrett
Erik Guyton
Trulane Hargrow
Lakeisha C. Hayes
Crystal Holmes
Jessica Homeres
Teena Jackson
Saundra Jetter
Stephany Jewell
Sherise Malone
Nachette Montgomery
Joyce Ocholi
Sheria Pickens
Latoya Poteat

MARY MCGHEE HAIRSTON ENDOWED
(Contd)

Nicole Reyes
Anthony Roberts
Meghan Roundtree
Carla Scott
Alexander Seignious
Rachel Smith
Donald Stewart
Leroy Taylor
Ronald Thomas
Anya Valdes
Krystal D. Wattie
Nikera White
Damien Williams
Carlos Wilson
Leah Wilson
Brittany Womack
Damica J. Young

MARY T. PATTERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Newman
Maurice White

MCDOWELL COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Cheryl Grant
Steven Young

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lora Pierce
Tressa Rogers

NAOMI M. GARRETT ENDOWED

Dane Campbell

OREE BANKS SCHOLARSHIP

Heather Adams
Ronda Anderson
Kriston Call
Ashley Cundiff
Cara Hinton
Jennifer Holley
Dava Kaltenecker
Staci Kinder

OREE BANKS SCHOLARSHIP (Contd)

Nachette Montgomery
Shannon Pack
Leah Roadman
Melodie Shorter
Alisha Shull
Lauren Ward
Leah Wilson

ROLAND WAYNE CLINE ENDOWED
SCHOLARSHIP

Patrick Baker

RONALD COLEMAN MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

Douglas Hanna II
Amy Elizabeth Shawver
Sabrena Thomas

ROSA PARKS MEMORIAL
BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Sheila Nehme
Mary E. Stevens

UNITED BANK ENDOWED

Jamie L. Gilbert
Brandy R. Thaxton

UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Frank Davis
Paul Davis, Jr.
Nicole Robinson

VERIZON - WEST VIRGINIA SCHOLARSHIP

James S. Davidson
Melissa Lea Morton-Fishman

WALTER D "PAT" EVANS ENDOWED

Michael Huffman
Todd Randall Strickland

WVSU ALUMNI AFFAIRS BOOK
SCHOLARSHIP

Sara Groves

Honor Societies

ELECTED TO ALPHA DELTA MU—

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK

Anna Bailey

Antionette Mulle Bee

LaDella Mae-Winter Blair

Antoinette Burke

Chenelle Chanté Coy

Erin Culhane

Julye Dillard

Crystal Michelle Dotson

Kyla Nichols

Sharon Shinn

Cheryl Sisson

Beth Standish

Kimberly Lynn Thompson

Dennis Vondera

Paul Allen Weaver

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA—

INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

Sarah F. Funk

Donald G. Jones, Jr.

Deborah Lynn Rexrode

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Abigail Campbell

Charlise Suzanne Davis

Karla Gail Hypes

Jayne Marie Levy

James Daniel Mallett

Deborah L. Rexrode

Amy Elizabeth Shawver

Jeffrey Michael Shawyer

Nola Gail Willard

ELECTED TO ALPHA MU GAMMA—

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

Brandy Renee Thaxton

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jessie Rae Coulter

Donald G. Jones, Jr.

Jeffrey C. Morgan

Jenny L. Pace

Phillip Aaron Sparks

Tanya Delores Thorpe

Megan Ann Wiseman

ELECTED TO ALPHA PSI OMEGA—

NATIONAL THEATER HONOR SOCIETY

William Taylor

ELECTED TO DELTA MU DELTA—

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS

Kristen Lynn Lanham

James Burton Morrison

Nola Gail Willard

ELECTED TO KAPPA DELTA PI—

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Julie Ann Adams

Tamu Aisha Bethea

Mary Lynette Colston

Twanna G Elliott

Julie Marie Johnson

Laura Horner Meske

Angela Ann Potter

Mary Tressa Rogers

Shelley Rae Spratt

Brenda Kay Starkey

Kimberly Ann Wooten

ELECTED TO LAMBDA IOTA TAU—

NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY

Aimee Beth Cantrell

ELECTED TO OMRICRON DELTA EPSILON—

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS

Heather Reneé Adams

Jason William Harrison

Safa Eskandari Jafari

Brian Andrew Messer

ELECTED TO OMRICRON DELTA KAPPA—

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOR SOCIETY

Tamu Aisha Bethea

Neci D. Pickens

Amy Elizabeth Shawver

Jeffrey Michael Shawver

Shelley Rae Spratt

Tanya Delores Thorpe

ELECTED TO PHI ALPHA THETA—

INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY

Abigail Lee Campbell

Charles Sean Hamer

Garth Anthony Mariani

Keith Wayne Reed

Jeffrey Michael Shawver

ELECTED TO PHI ETA SIGMA—

FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Julie Marie Johnson

James Daniel Mallett

Natalie Susan Proctor

Nancy J. Richardson

Jeffrey Michael Shawver

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENTS

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Aaron Joseph Grinnan

Shirley Lane Hoffman

Rosalie Gail Holley

Mohammed Ibrahim

Jamie Marie Levy

Lois Moles

Shelia Christine Nehme

Kathy Jane Pauley

Betty Jean Perry

Mario Torres

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HONOR SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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Resa Clark Files
Tiffany Diane Kirby

Keith Wayne Reed
Jeffrey Michael Shawver
Lindsay B. Smith

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS**

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Antoinette Mulle Bee
Donna J. Boggs
Doris Diana Conneway
Crystal Michelle Dotson

Belinda Kay Fuller
Christina Gardner
Sheila Christine Nehme
Kathy Jane Pauley
Deborah Lynn Rexrode

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

Tiffany Diane Kirby
James Daniel Mallett

Jonathan Kyle Roop

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

Amy Elizabeth Shawver

Jay Timothy Shilling, II

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

Rosalie Gail Holley
Jayme Marie Levy
Shelia Christine Nehme

Kathy Jane Pauley
Betty Jean Perry

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. Garrett, Education

Leon H. Sullivan, Alumni

2000

Ferguson B. Meadows, Alumni Affairs

William B. Goode, Business

Margaret Taylor, Community Service

Ronald E. Duerring, Education

2001

Herbert H. Henderson, Alumni Affairs

Richard A. Kennedy, Business

Marie C. Johns, Business

Larry L. Rowe, Community Service

Betty Caldwell Spencer, Education

2002

Miles C. Cary, Alumni Affairs

L. Newton Thomas, Jr., Business

Daisy Anderson Alston, Education

Robert T. Anderson, Sr.,

Community Service

2003

Reginald S. Lee, D.D.S., Alumni Affairs

Andy's Grill, Business

Charleston Job Corps Center,

Community Service

Barbara L. Canady, Education

2004

Earl Lloyd, Alumni

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
Negros, U.S. Office of Education,
D.C.*

(Summer)

Harry W. Greene

*Director, Teacher Training, West
Virginia State College*

1939

(May)

Frederick Douglas Patterson

President, Tuskegee Institute

(Summer)

William J.L. Wallace

*Associate Professor of Chemistry,
WVSC*

1940

(May)

Mordecai Johnson

*President, Howard University,
Washington, D.C.*

(Summer)

Lorena E. Kemp

*Professor of English,
West Virginia State College*

1941

(May)

Charles Hamilton Houston

Attorney, Washington, D.C.

(Summer)

Herman G. Canady

*Professor of Psychiatry and
Philosophy,
West Virginia State College*

1942

(May)

Mary McLeod Bethune

*Director,
U.S. Department of Negro Affairs*

(Summer)

Grace I. Woodson,

*Associate Professor of Education,
WVSC*

1943

(May)

Channing H. Tobias

National Secretary, YMCA

(Summer)

Henry Lake Dickason

President, Bluefield State College

1944

(May)

Roland Hayes

Concert Singer

(Summer)

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 AutoWorkers of America*

(Summer)

Charles S. Johnson
*President,
Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee*

1951

(May)

Ira De A. Reid
*Professor of Sociology,
Haverford College, Pennsylvania*

(Summer)

Corna 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-Broadbuss 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.*

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Honorary Degrees Conferred by West Virginia State University

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

Corna 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

Floydelh 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

Janes 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

1999

Christine M. Corey
Doctor of Laws

2001

David Anthony Stafford
Doctor of Science

Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer

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

REFRAIN

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

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

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



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