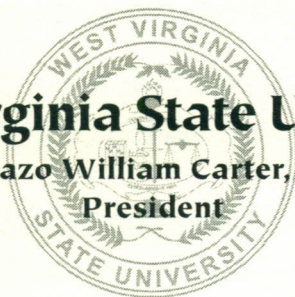


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*"Making Higher Education
A Part of Your Future"*

Annual Commencement

Sunday, May the Twenty-first
Two Thousand and Six
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon

Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, West Virginia

What is West Virginia State College

What is West Virginia State College? It is all of us who believe in it – who absent or present, work in it and wish it well. Its constituency is the living and dead, and from them the college enjoys an unrestrained loyalty and willing service. It is an exponent of trust which sweeps aside the petty jealousies of men and all propagandic proposals which would minimize or depreciate personality. It is an institution containing faults and defects which challenge the constructive efforts of students, teachers, officers, and graduates. It is incomplete and desires to remain so, to be in an advantageous position for changing life situations.

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

John W. Davis
Fifth President, WVSC—1932

Historical Sketch of West Virginia State University

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

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

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

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

With reinstatement of its 1890 land-grant status, which was transferred in 1955, and accompanying Federal funding, WVSU strengthened its mission of teaching research and service to the community. The first 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.

Brief History

West Virginia State

Community and Technical College

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

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

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

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

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

The Academic Procession

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Mace

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

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

The mace we use today was designed by former Art Faculty member, Dr. Cubert Smith. This circular ring design in its center symbolizes the five schools of the University: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Natural Science and Mathematics, Professional Studies, and Social Sciences.

The Academic Mace for West Virginia State Community and Technical College was designed by Terrance Stuart, Instructor in Computer Science, and Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr., President of the College. The circular design of laurel signifies the link to West Virginia State University. The center of the design includes symbols for Knowledge, Opportunity, and Success which embody the overall mission and purpose of the Community College.

Order of Exercises

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

THE PRELUDES—

Flourish for Wind Instruments R. Vaughn Williams
Cajun Folk Songs Frank Ticheli
First Suite in E-flat for Military Band.....Gustav Holst

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 COLORSColor Guard

Yellow Jacket Battalion
United States Army Reserve Officers Training Corps

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM..... arr. James McKelvey

West Virginia State University Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D., Director

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 Ernest Watkins, D. D.

Simpson United Methodist Church
Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGSElliot G. Hicks, Esquire

Member, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER... Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.

President, West Virginia State University

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Thomas Joyner, Sr.

Chairman of the Board, Thomas Joyner Foundation and REACH Media Inc.
Dallas, Texas

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THE MUSICAL SELECTION

Gloria Il Padre G. B. Martini
From Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina
West Virginia State University Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D., Director

THE CONFERRING OF

SPECIAL HONORS ERVIN V. GRIFFIN, SR., Ed. D.

The Community and Technical
College Presidential Partnership Awards

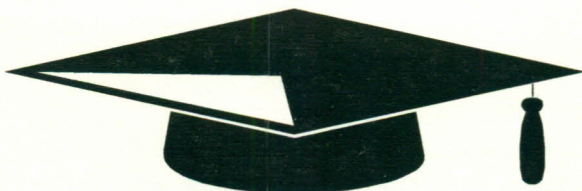
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Phi Theta Kappa-USA Today All Academic Team
Nona Adkins
Dwain E. Miller, Jr.

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Alumni Edna Odaris Farmer
Business AVI Foodsystems, Inc.
Education Michael J. Arbogast
*Community Service Gus R. Douglass



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THE CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Thomas Joyner, Sr. DOCTOR OF LAWS

R. Frank Lee DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

THE AWARD OF HONORS Ron Bartley, Ed. D.

Dean of Academic Affairs for
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and

John Teeuwissen, Ph. D.
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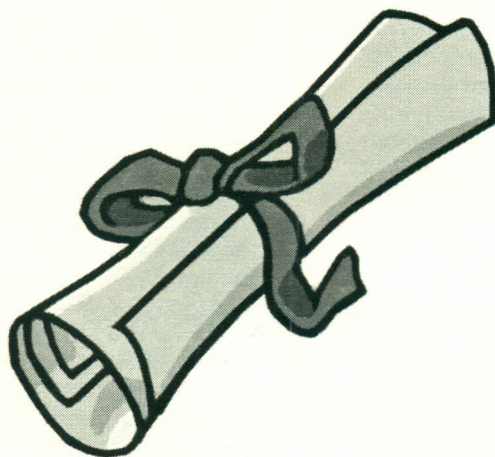
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FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES

Kimberly Dawn Hundley
Thesis Project
Crossings: Bridge Building in West Virginia
(Documentary Film)

Teresa Anne Lively
Thesis Project
Surviving Life
(Full Length Screenplay)



Order of Exercises

THE STUDENT ADDRESS..... Tabetha Davis

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Ann Brothers Smith, Ed.D.
President, West Virginia State National Alumni Association

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

THE ALMA MATER.....*Martha Spencer/Ernest Wade*
Led by J. Truman Dalton, Ph.D.

THE CLOSING REMARKSArnold Cooper, Ph.D.

THE BENEDICTION.....The Reverend R. Frank Lee, D. D.
Senior Pastor Parkside Community Church
Hilliard, Ohio

THE RECESSIONAL
The Raider's March.....Williams/Vinson
The audience is requested to remain seated until the graduates have recessed.

GRAND MARSHAL
Professor R. Charles Byers '68

COLLEGE MARSHAL
Professor John Gaskins '03

ASSISTANT MARSHALS
Professor Debra M. Anderson-Conliffe '76
Professor Donald Anderson '82
Professor Rita M. Brown '75
Professor Bryce Casto '81
Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61
Professor Patricia King '85
Professor Sandra K. LaVoie '82
Professor Patricia Shafer '71
Professor Charles E. Smith '87
Professor Craig Spaniol '66
Professor Patricia Wilson '67

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2005-2006

Scholarships and Awards

VALEDICTORIAN
SCHOLARS

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William Rickert

PRESIDENTIAL BOOK
SCHOLARS (cont'd)

Amber Nichols
Christopher Priestly
Ryan Pritt
Zebulla Reed
Crystal Roberts
Amber Shirkey
Melinda Snyder
Bryan Stover
Amanda Stowers
Stephanie Sutton
Ashley Thompson
Kevin Ward

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Mavery Davis
Tabetha Davis
Kaylee Guthrie
Stacy Landis
Tyler Roach
Joshua Walls
Jason Walls

PRESIDENTIAL BOOK
SCHOLARS

Jennifer Bailey
Jennifer Barido
Tiffany Barnette
Tunisia Beatty
Alice Brenan
Donnie Birkelund
Amy Champe
Anthony Courts
Brittany Crowder
Meagan Estep
Scott Farmer
Maria Haffar
Amber Harding
Amber Harless
Maggie Holstein
Ashley Howery
Jessica Humphreys
Hilary Kernen
Erin Kiser
Joshua Miller
Kati Miller

OTHER FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

Anna L. Harpold Scholarship
Leah Roadman

Lucy B. Hairston Endowment
Tunisia Beatty

Arnett & Foster Scholarship
Helen L. Welch

Macile Lee Hartley Endowment
Sarah Elliot

**Beta Beta Omega Chapter/
AKA Sorority**
Terrence N. Turner, Jr.

**Maier Foundation, Inc.
Endowment**
Iyerusalem Haile
Nicky Richard
Bethany Simmons

C. H. James II Scholarship
Mikaleka Desidoro

**Margaret Anne Cyrus Mills
Endowment**
Kimbra Clinton
Irene Hoffman

Cedric D. Lee Endowment
Tandie Mpabanga

**Classified Council Book
Scholarship**
Lynn Davis

Marjorie L. Johnson Endowment
Hillary Hardman

Class of 1952 Scholarship
Tammy Clark-Sparks

**Marvin & Eunice Mills
Endowment**
Keith Zeigler

Epps Family Endowment
Patrick Baker

**Mary McGhee Hairston
Endowment**

**Gary Swingle Accounting
Scholarship**
Amber Shirkey

Anthony Ambriz
Shontrella Belcher
Randi Cary
Leigh Clark
Joe Clark

**Ivin Lee/Dallas Staples
Endowment**
April Higginbotham

Tarshell Cummings
Leslie Dean

Institute Plants Endowment
Belinda Fuller

Fiyori Habtemariam
Christopher Henry

James Tilson Endowment
Christopher Reppert

Dominique Logan
Joseph Lucas, Jr.

John L. Bess Scholarship
Terry Edwards
Brandon J. Irving
Cellina Kelly
Evita D. Spencer

Kanasa McCoy
Michelle Mills
Hershel Moultrie

**Lark & Thomas Hutto
Endowment**
Victoria Monds

ChiQuita Pass
Mark Price
Justin Reese
Donald Starling
Kevin Stovall
Carlos Wilson
Billie Woods
Debra Worthy

Lloyd H. Hart Scholarship
Michael Ziewicki

Mary T. Patterson Endowment
Aruna Kamara
Nicholas McClinton

Mary Wanda King Scholarship

Pamela Bush

McDowell County Scholarship

Patrick A. Jones

Memorial/General Scholarship

Ashley Ramsey
Kimberly Boardman
Alfred Walsh

Naomi M. Garrett Endowment

Kevin Cartwright
Tandie Mpabanga

Oree Banks Scholarship

Judy Allison
LaSha Anderson
Tony Cornett
Christopher Dunn
David Jennings
Samantha Kinder
April Stevens
Ashlee Stevenson

**Richard & Becky Smith
Endowment**

Joshua Huggins

**Ronald Coleman Memorial
Scholarship**

Lana Andean

**Rosa Parks Memorial Book
Scholarship**

Keith Gilkey

Tom Joyner Foundation Scholars

Rodney Back
Jason Baines
Qlufumilayo Barrow
Dionne Beverly
Yolonda Brothers
Danika Brown
Mark Bryant
James Carter

Tom Joyner Foundation Scholars (Cont.)

Randi Cary
William Childs
Adriene Choice†
Frank Davis
Tamara Dillo
Belinda Fuller†
Willie Godbee
Joey J. Gray, Jr.
Teena Jackson
David Jennings
Duquina Johnson†
Chevonne King
Alma Morris
Tandie P. Mpabanga
Nichole Mullins
Wade Murray†
Kimica Pratt
Brandon Price
Nicky Richard
Shanequa Smith†
Valetia Tyree
Kevin Walker
Matthew Watts
Cedric Williams
Patrick Williams
Nasha Williams-Irving
Carlos Wilson

United Bank Endowment

Tara Gilkey

**United Supreme Council
Scholarship**

Frank Davis

**Verizon - West Virginia
Scholarship**

Arvil Wiley

Walter D "Pat" Evans Endowment

Rosalie Gail Holley

**Walter F. & Margaret B.
Wilkerson Endowment**

Kameron Law

Honor Societies

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

Trina Marie Bryant-Ratliff
Sommer Dawn Goff

Todd Andrew Ramsey

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA— INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

Anissa Leigh Hughes
Donald G. Jones, Jr.

Susan Ann Meador
Joseph Michael Mounts

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU— NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Jason Eric Brackett
Trina Marie Bryant-Ratliff
Wendy Propps Casto
Tabitha Rebekah Dalton
Tabetha Gidgette Davis
Makaela Natale Farina Desidaro
Carla Jo Donohue
Belinda Kay Fuller
Grace Hartz-Thomas
Sean F. Keating
Xiomara Judith Keffer
Stephanie Elaine Legg

Treasa Anne Lively
Kati Ellen Miller
Joseph Michael Mounts
Adam Norton Mullins
Donna Michelle Neal
Chanda Lea Powell-Santy
Todd Andrew Ramsey
William Brent Ricker
Russell Lee Robertson, Jr.
Shanequa Smith
Kimberly Dawn Snodgrass

ELECTED TO ALPHA MU GAMMA— NATIONAL COLLEGIANT FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

Trevor John Anderson
Brandie Nichole Baldwin
Genny Marie Cook

April Marie Dunlap
Xiomara Keffer
Margaret Ann Rose

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

Joshua Mark Addessa
Nona Alesia Adkins
Tabitha Gidgette Dalton
Jessica Lea Dillon
Letha Gail Greene

Patricia Linette Hager
Jeffrey Allen Martin
Patricia Gail McElhaneay
Donna Michelle Neal

ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI— SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY

Tabetha Gidgette Davis
William Brent Rickert

Kimberly Dawn Snodgrass

ELECTED TO KAPPA DELTA PI— INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Carolyn Sue Sims DeBord
Crystal Elkins
Sarah Elizabeth Pruden-Frazier
Ashley Stone Howery
Roger Lee Hudson

Tonya Sue Johnson
Holly Andrea Kinsolving
Sarah Lora McIntire
Kati Ellen Miller
Rachel Lynn Torres

**ELECTED TO LAMBDA IOTA TAU—
NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY**

Brandie Nichole Baldwin

**ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA EPSILON—
INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS**

Adam Norton Mullins

Antonie P. Zorio

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

Jason Eric Brackett

Thomas Conner, III

Kevin Andrew Cantrell

Kelly Lavina Pruet

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

Kristin Paige Call

William Brent Rickert

Tabetha Gidgette Davis

Tara Beth Sizemore

Anita Marie Massey

Olivia Catherine Withrow

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

Nona Alesia Adkins

Ken Martin

Rachel Burdette

Kathy May

Geri Dillon

Shanequa Smith

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

Nona Adkins

Dwaine Elvin Miller, Jr.

Belinda Kay Fuller

Shanequa Smith

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

Jason Eric Brackett

Lisa A. Jonas

Kathryn Jo Cadle

Stephanie Elaine Legg

Thomas Conner, III

Susan Ann Meador

Andrea Michelle Dickens

Jennifer Nicole Pennington

Carla Jo Donahue

Cassandra Lillian Richardson

Wilsie C. Herlihy

William Brent Rickert

Aaron Scott Jividen

Lori Beth Saylor

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

Elizabeth L. Gates

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

Jeri 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 Johnson, Business

Charleston Job Corps Center,

Community Service

Barbara L. Canady, Education

2004

Jeff Woods, Alumni

The Dow Chemical Company, Business

Paul Morris, Education

Bayer Crop Science, Community Service

2005

Wilson V. Eagleson, Alumni

Benjamin Perkins, Alumni

George Roberts, Alumni

Gary L. Swingle, Alumni

2006

Gus R. Douglass, Community Service
(Honors Week)

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 Auto Workers of America*

(Summer)

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

1951

(May)

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

(Summer)

Corma A. Mowrey
*Past President,
National Education Association*

1952

(May)

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

(Summer)

James C. Evans
*Civilian Assistant,
Secretary of Defense*

1953

(May)

Rufus B. Clement
*President, Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia*

(Summer)

James W. Robinson
*State Superintendent of Negro
Schools, West Virginia*

1954

(May)

Edward Anderson Bolling
*Superintendent,
Institute School for Deaf & Blind*

(Summer)

James H. Rowland
*Attorney, West Virginia
Department of Education*

1955

(May)

Buell G. Gallagher
President, City College, NY

(Summer)

Charles A. Williamson
*President, Advertising
Corporation*

1956

(May)

John Warren Davis
*Fifth President,
West Virginia State College*

(Summer)

Moses Newsome
*Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Charleston, West Virginia*

1957

(May)

Virgil L. Flynn
*Assistant Superintendent in
Charge of Research, Kanawha
County Schools*

(Summer)

Ruth C. Norman
*English Instructor,
Stonewall Jackson High
School*

1958

(May)

Frank M. Snowden, Jr.
*Dean, College of Liberal
Arts, Howard University,
Washington, D.C.*

(Summer)

S.J. Baskerville, DDS
*West Virginia Board of
Education*

1959

Cecil Underwood
*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

1960

Justice Wise Polier
*Judge, Domestic Relations
Court, NY*

1961

William W. Barron
*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

1962

A.J. Gibson
*Executive Secretary,
North Central Association*

1963

Pearl S. Buck
Anthropologist

1964

William Orville Douglas
*Associate Justice,
U.S. Supreme Court*

1965

P.K. Banerjee
Minister, Embassy of India

1966

Hulett C. Smith
*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

1967

Miles Clark Stanley
*President, AFL/CIO,
Charleston,
West Virginia*

1968

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

1969

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

1970

Richard Eugene Shearer
*President,
Alderson-Broaddus College*

1971

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

1972

Damon J. Keith
Judge, State of Michigan

1973

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

1974

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

(Mid Year)

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

1975

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

(Mid Year)

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

1976

(May)

Helvi Sipila

*Associate Secretary General,
Social Development &
Humanitarian Affairs, United
Nations*

(Mid Year)

Vincent E. Reed

*Superintendent of Schools
The District of Columbia*

1977

(May)

Ben L. Morton

*Chancellor,
West Virginia Board of
Regents*

(Mid Year)

Henry B. Wehrle, Jr.

*President, The McJunkin
Corporation*

1978

(May)

Robert C. Byrd

*U.S. Senator, State of West
Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Harold Delaney

*Associate Executive Director
American Association of
Colleges and Universities*

1979

(May)

Harold L. Hodgkinson

*Executive Director,
Professional Institute of
American Management
Association*

(Mid Year)

John D. Rockefeller, IV

*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

1980

(May)

Donald M. Knox

(Mid Year)

Robert R. Ramsey

*Chancellor,
West Virginia Board of
Regents*

1981

(May)

Allen Ostar

*President, American
Association of State Colleges
and Universities*

(Mid Year)

Leon H. Ginsberg

*Commissioner, West Virginia
Department of Welfare*

1982

(May)

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.

*Eighth President ,
West Virginia State College*

(Mid Year)

Margaret L. Workman

*Judge, Circuit Court
Charleston, West Virginia*

1983

(May)

Russell Lowell Isaacs

*President, Hecks Inc.,
Charleston, West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, IV

First Lady of West Virginia

1984

(May)

Samuel Proctor

*Pastor, Abyssian Baptist
Church, NY*

(Mid Year)

John D. Rockefeller, IV

*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

1985

(May)

Julian Bond

Senator, Atlanta, Georgia

(Mid Year)

D. Wayne Smith

President, Friendship Force

1986

(May)

John F. McGee

*President, Charleston Daily
Mail*

(Mid Year)

Ken Hechler

*Secretary of State West
Virginia*

1987

(May)

Leon H. Sullivan

*Chair, Board of OIC,
Philadelphia, PA*

(Mid Year)

Thomas W. Cole, Jr.

*Chancellor,
West Virginia Board of
Regents*

1988

(May)

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

*Ninth President,
West Virginia State College*

(Mid Year)

Ralph E. Kirkman

*Professor of Education,
George Peabody College
Vanderbilt University*

1989

(May)

Grover A. DuBose

**Visiting Professor,
Business,
West Virginia State
College**

(Mid Year)

Harrison B. Wilson

*President, Norfolk State
University*

1990

(May)

Mary Sarah Weddington

*Senior Lecturer, History and
Government, University of
Texas*

(Mid Year)

Lauro F. Cavazos

*Secretary, U.S. Department of
Education*

1991

(May)

Gaston Caperton

*Thirty-first Governor,
State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Laura Pederson

1992

(May)

Paul B. Marion

*Chancellor, State College
System of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Phyllis Harden Carter

*Director of State-Federal
Relations, Governor's Office,
State of West Virginia*

1993

(May)

Bettina Gregory

*Senior General Assignment
Correspondent, American
Broadcasting Company*

(Mid Year)

Barbara Harmon-

Schamberger

*Secretary, Department of
Education and the Arts State of
West Virginia*

1994

(May)

Margaret L. Workman

*Judge, Supreme Court of
Appeals, State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Booker T. Stephens

*Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial
District, Welch, West Virginia*

1995

(May)

James W. Monroe

*Major General, United States
Army*

(Mid Year)
Clifford M. Trump
*Chancellor, State College
System of West Virginia*

1996
(May)
Rodney E. Slater
*Federal Highway
Administration*

(Mid Year)
Robert E. Wise, Jr.
*United States House of
Representatives*

1997
(May)
Hazel R. O'Leary
Former Secretary of Energy

(Mid Year)
James W. Rowley
*President Emeritus, College of
Graduate Studies*

1998
(May)
Shirley R. Watkins
*Secretary, U.S. Department of
Agriculture*

(Mid Year)
Gus R. Douglass
*West Virginia Commissioner
of Agriculture*

1999
(May)
Christine M. Corey
*Senior Program Officer, Office
of International Education
and Graduate Programs,
United States Department of
Education*

(Mid Year)
Hazo W. Carter, Jr.
*Ninth President, West
Virginia State College*

2000
(May)
Cecil H. Underwood
*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

(Mid Year)
David Stewart
*State Superintendent of
Schools,
West Virginia Board of
Education*

2001
(May)
Marie C. Johns
President, Verizon

(Mid Year)
J. Michael Mullen
*Chancellor, West Virginia
Higher Education Policy
Commission*

2002
(May)
Miles C. Cary
*President, West Virginia State
College Advisory Board*

(Mid Year)
Kaye Goodwin
Secretary, Education and Arts

2003
(May)
J. T. (Ted) Childs, Jr.
*Vice President,
Global Workforce Diversity
IBM Corporation*

(Mid-Year)
Richard L. Ferguson
*Chief Executive Officer and
Chairman of the Board
ACT, Inc.*

2004
(May)
Boyce Courtney Williams
*Vice President,
National Council for
Accreditation of Education*

(Mid-Year)
Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.
*President, West Virginia State
University*

2005
(May)
Senator Jay Rockefeller
*US Senator, State of West
Virginia*

(Mid-Year)
Joseph Manchin III
*Governor, State of West
Virginia*

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

Corma A. Mowrey
Doctor of Humanities

1954

Edward Anderson Boling
Doctor of Humanities

1956

George Camron Grant
Doctor of Letters

John Warren Davis
Doctor of Humane Letters

1961

William W. Barron
Doctor of Laws

Cecil H. Underwood
Doctor of Laws

W.O. Armstrong
Doctor of Humanities

Henry Edward Schultz
Doctor of Humanities

L.L. McKenzie
Doctor of Pedagogy

1962

Mary L. Williams
Doctor of Pedagogy

Alva J. Gibson
Doctor of Pedagogy

F. Ray Powers
Doctor of Laws

1963

Pearl S. Buck
Doctor of Humanities

Leon H. Sullivan
Doctor of Humanities

1964

Jennings Randolph
Doctor of Humanities

Thomas E. Posey
Doctor of Humanities

William O. Douglas
Doctor of Humanities

1965

P.K. Banerjee
Doctor of Laws

William Simon Jackson
Doctor of Laws

Lawrence Neale Jones
Doctor of Laws

Damon J. Keith
Doctor of Laws

William J. Thompson
Doctor of Laws

Herbert W. Richardson
Doctor of Laws

1966 Founder's Day

Adolph Putnam Hamblin
Doctor of Humanities

William Edwin Chilton III
Doctor of Humanities

James Madison Nabrit, Jr.
Doctor of Humanities

1967 Founder's Day

Thomas Miller Jenkins
Doctor of Laws

1967

Drue E. Culums,
Doctor of Laws

Miles Clark Stanley
Doctor of Laws

1968

Mae Belle Jones
Doctor of Pedagogy

Willie P. Russell
Doctor of Pedagogy

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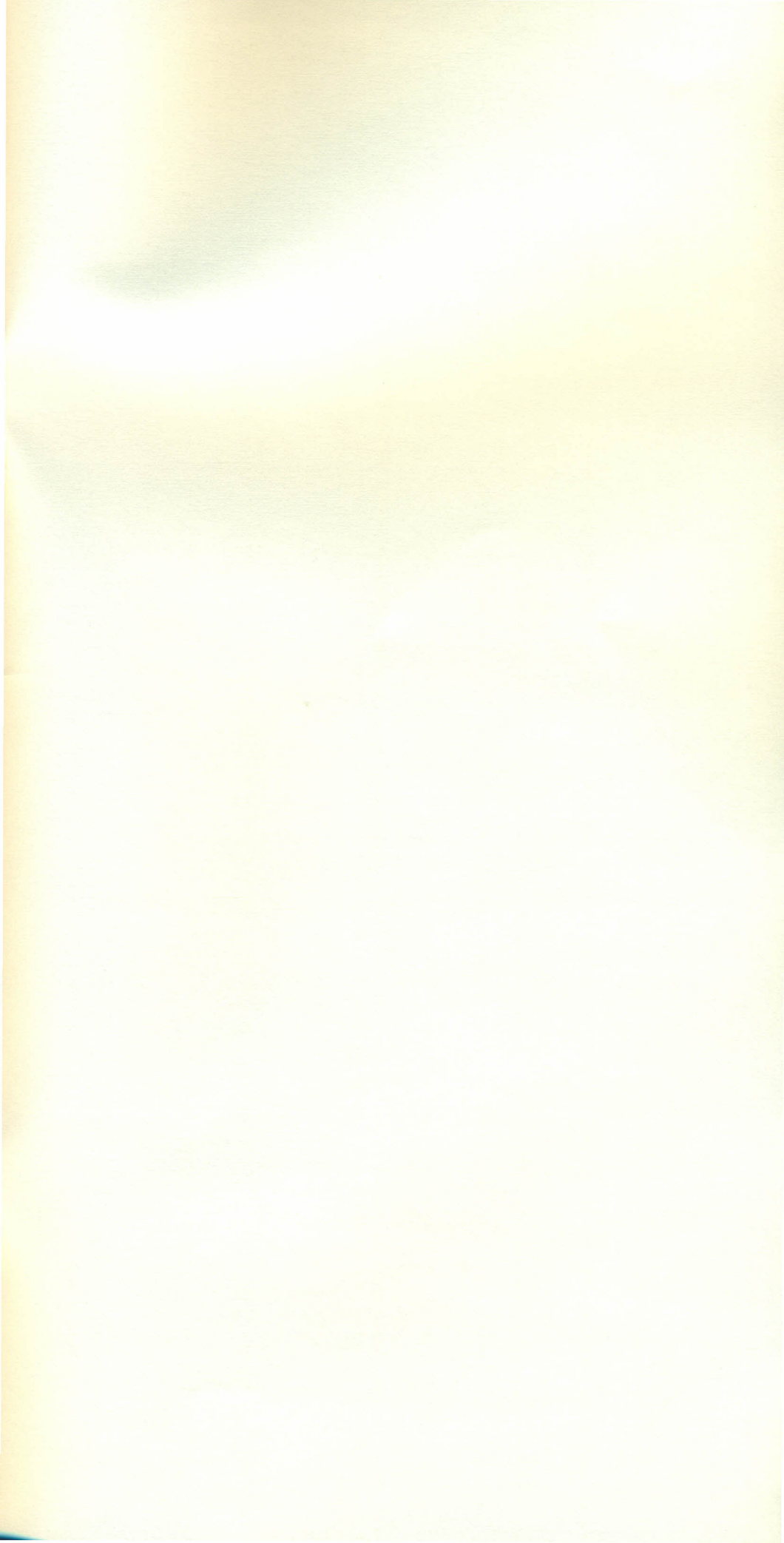
There is a place we love so dear—
Its name we'll ever praise and revere
'Tis West Virginia State we love—
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.

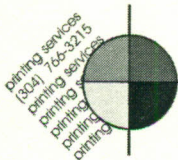
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West Virginia's praise we'll sing—
Lift our voices 'til heavens ring—
As we gaily march along—
We'll sing a song—
For Alma Mater
How we love her
Pride of all our loyal hearts—
From her we will never part—
Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few
Alma Mater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