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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
1891

*Experience the Power of Education*

*Sunday, the Fifteenth of May  
Two Thousand and Eleven  
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon*



*Hazo William Carter, Jr.  
President*

Annual May  
**Commencement**

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

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

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

After the 1954 United States Supreme Court historic decision outlawing school segregation, West Virginia State College evolved into a fully accessible, racially integrated, and multigenerational institution. Also, at that time, land-grant status transferred to West Virginia University due to a decision of the West Virginia Board of Education. WVSC was the only 1890 institution to have its status transferred. Following a twelve-year effort by ninth president Hazo W. Carter, Jr., the college's land-grant status was fully restored in 2001 by an act of Congress.

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

From a modest beginning, West Virginia State University has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body. From a small tract of land and one building, the University has developed into a multimillion dollar education 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 wear costumes that had their origin in the Medieval English University system. The costumes were devised to distinguish academic persons from lay persons, since everyone wore robes or gowns to ward off the cold. The recession, then, is in reverse order, with the platform guests leaving the dais first, followed by the faculty and the graduates.

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

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

All hoods specify the level of degree, the discipline studied, and the awarding institution. First, degree level is signified by the size of the hood with bachelor's smallest, master's larger, and doctor's quite large and of a different shape. West Virginia State University does not award hoods 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
Master of Arts in Media Studies .....	White
Master of Arts/Science in Biotechnology.....	Yellow



# The Mace

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

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

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

## WVSU College Banners

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

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

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



# Order of Exercises

R. Charles Byers, Ph.D., Presiding  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
West Virginia State University

## THE PRELUDES—

*March of the Belgian Parachutists* ..... Pieter Leemans/ed. by John R. Bourgeois  
*Salvation is Created* ..... Pavel Tchesnokoff/arr. by Bruce Houseknecht  
*Army of the Nile* ..... Kenneth J. Alford/ed. by Frederick Fennell  
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble  
Scott Woodard, M.A., Director

## THE PROCESSIONAL—

*Pomp and Circumstance* ..... Sir Edward Elgar / James Ployhar

## MARCHING ORDER—

The Grand Marshal  
The College Flag Bearers  
The Candidates for Degrees  
The Administrators  
The Faculty  
The Platform Party

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... arr. James McKelvey  
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble  
West Virginia State University Choir

*Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we bailed 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 ..... Reverend Ross Harrison  
Retired, United Methodist Church  
Dunbar, West Virginia



# Order of Exercises

THE GREETINGS..... Attorney L. Vincent Williams  
Member  
West Virginia State University Board of Governors

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

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Judge Donald L. Graham  
United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida

THE MUSICAL SELECTION—  
*Ching-A-Ring Chaw*..... adapted by Aaron Copland  
(1900-1990)  
West Virginia State University Concert Choir  
Dirk Johnson, D.M.A., Director

THE 2011 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS..... Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.  
President, West Virginia State University  
Alumni – Mr. Walter Wilkerson  
Business – Mr. Lee Jordan  
Community Service – Mr. Larry Robertson  
Education – Mrs. Amanda Mays

THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE ..... Judge Donald L. Graham  
United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES ..... John Teeuwissen, Ph.D.  
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs



## Baccalaureate Degree Programs

### CUM LAUDE

Nathan Andrew Atkins  
Jeremy C. Bias  
James Corey Booker  
Nicholas Sean Boyd  
Emily Grace Busch  
Jeffrie Scott Carroll, II  
Tonya Denise Griffin  
Saundra Jean Hammack  
Elizabeth A. Hickok

Joseph George Jobst, II  
Lhea Kay Justice  
Dustin Scott Morris  
Andrew Morgan Neely  
Amanda S. Potts  
Sara Nicole Price  
Andrea Dawn Runnion  
Amanda Ann Salmon

Ashley Lynne Scarberry  
Erin Kay Snyder  
Meghan E. Stewart  
Adam Christopher Stonestreet  
Tammy Michelle Taylor  
Janai Antionette Willis  
Lydia Lorraine Withrow  
Elliott Elaine Workman

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Aisha Vanvie Alleyne  
Donna Leana Andrean  
Kassandra June Boutwell  
Jordan Curtis Clark  
Leighann Justice Davidson  
Matthew Harrison Eddy  
Zachary Allen Eskew

Brooke S. Green  
Frank Lutz  
Diane Lenora McDonald  
Laurie Anne McMullen-Blees  
Dustin Lee Moore  
John Marston Neubert

Amber Rachelle North  
Cathryn Elisabeth Payne  
Eben Lee Russell  
Tyler Matthew Shamblin  
Brittany Nicole Smith  
Keri Lyn Thomas

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Jeremy Franklin Arthur  
Amy Beth Ashworth  
Everett Samuel Barnett  
Wilma Kay Burdette

Heather Marie Canterbury  
Tonya Renee Casto  
Lindsey Jayne Lewis

Christina Mildred Pickens  
Tara Lynn Williams  
Rachael Elizabeth Workman

### WITH DISTINCTION

David J. Comer  
Yvonne Sherii Lee

Michelle Marie Ware

Jennifer Clark Weaver

**THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND  
CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF

MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES ..... Barbara Ladner, Ph.D.  
Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.  
President, West Virginia State University

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREES OF

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY AND

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY ..... Katherine Harper, Ph.D.  
Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.  
President, West Virginia State University



WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF ARTS..... John Teeuwissen, Ph.D.  
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE..... Robert L. Harrison, Jr., Ph.D.  
Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.  
President, West Virginia State University

*After the conferring of degrees by President Carter, the names of the candidates will be announced by the  
Director of Registration and Records, Donna L. Hunter, M.A.*

THE PRESENTATION OF

GRADUATING OFFICERS ..... Major Tony Taylor  
United States Army  
Professor of Military Science

Brittani Chambers, Second Lieutenant, Fort Myers, FL  
Darryl Coleman, Second Lieutenant, Oak Hill, WV  
Charles Mack Jr. , Second Lieutenant, Washington, DC

THE STUDENT ADDRESS ..... Ms. Janai Willis  
Health Science B.S., College of Professional Studies

THE SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES..... Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.  
President, West Virginia State University

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE ..... Dr. Gregory D. Epps, Class of '81  
West Virginia State University National Alumni Association

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

THE ALMA MATER..... Martha Spencer/Ernest Wade  
Led by Chelsea E. Price  
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble

THE CLOSING REMARKS ..... R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

THE BENEDICTION ..... Pastor Darin G. Freeman, Sr.  
Metropolitan Baptist Church  
Charleston, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL  
*The Raider's March* ..... John Williams/Johnny Vinson  
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble  
*The audience is requested to be seated while the graduates recess.*

GRAND MARSHAL  
R. Charles Byers '68  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

COLLEGE MARSHAL  
Donna L. Hunter '75  
Director of Registration and Records  
Bryce Casto '81  
Vice President for Student Affairs

ASSISTANT MARSHALS  
Professor Debra M. Anderson-Conliffe '76  
Professor Rita Brown '75  
Professor Patricia King '85  
Professor Patricia Shafer '71  
Professor Walter Stroupe '78  
Professor Patricia Wilson '67



# Candidates

## College of Arts and Humanities

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### Art and English

Zachary Charles Phalen  
Miranda Lynn Pierce

Adam Christopher Stonestreet

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

Aisha Vanvie Alleyne  
Jeremy C. Bias  
Danielle Lara Bright  
Bryan Wesley Chin  
David J. Comer  
Terra Faye Craze  
Shamar Jamon Edwards  
Michelle Scott Goins

Brooke S. Green  
Jennifer Marie Lamb  
Deonta Justin Landis  
Justin Dale Litton  
Nicole Marie Lyles  
Sean Jahmai Murphy  
Terasina Lenita Neely

Amber Rachelle North  
Arthur Pickens, Jr.  
James Benjamin Recknagel, II  
Crystal Renee Richardson  
Erin Kay Snyder  
Tuesday Marie Taylor  
Keri Lyn Thomas

### FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Megan Nicole Adkins  
Jessica Irene Allen  
Nicole Danielle Alt  
Ashley Nichole Austin  
Everett Samuel Barnett  
Andre C. Beverly  
Brandon Blake Bias  
Rodney Lee Blanchard  
Wilma Kay Burdette  
Michael Ward Burton  
Rachelle Denise Callaway  
Bo Patrick Darby  
Dennis Edward DeLong  
Michael Brandon Drake  
William David Edwards  
Mary E. Egnor

Carol Annette Gage  
Michael Kofi Hayes, Jr.  
Elizabeth A. Hickok  
Rose Marie Holicker  
James Ryne Holstine  
Colleen Annette Jarrell  
Andre Quentin Johnson  
Ture Marcel Johnson  
Tammy L. Kersey  
Lacy Autumn Kinsolving  
Brooke A. Lengyel  
Joshua C. Lowther  
Sherri D. McClure  
Diane Lenora McDonald  
Cory Andrew Megginson

Andrew Morgan Neely  
Melissa Ann Pomeroy  
Martez Deon Scales  
Patricia A. Schiffour  
Stephanie Ellen Schrider  
Heather Nichole Snyder  
Jada Terrill Taylor-Adkins  
Monica S. Thomas  
Christopher Elliott Thompson  
Jill Robin Thompson  
Sarah Melinda Vaught  
Toni Malinda Wallace  
Kristina Lee Watson  
Vanessa Kay White  
Dawn Lea York

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# Candidates

## College of Business and Social Sciences

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ECONOMICS, HISTORY, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, POLITICAL SCIENCE,  
PSYCHOLOGY, AND SOCIOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

Stephanie Lynn Barney	Robert Justin Hawkins	Shaheen Alavi Shafii
Travis Lee Bonham	Kyle B. Jones	Amanda Marie Shirkey
Danielle Chardae Brent	Lindsey Jayne Lewis	Flen Derek Sistrunk, Jr.
Heather Marie Canterbury	Catherine Cormack McGuire	Vanessa Nicole Stansbury
Heather Adale Carnefix	Missi D. Martin	Jack Edward Stephenson
Jeffrie Scott Carroll, II	Stevan Brooks Morris	Angela Dawn Syms
Brittani Lashonda Chambers	Kathleen Christina Murray	Katelin Brielle Thomas
Amy Beth Dennis	Valinda K. Neal	Krystal Amanda Thomas
Matthew Edward Dunn	John Marston Neubert	Jonathan Brandon Tucker
Zachary Allen Eskew	Tamika Lee Pugh	Eric Lee Waugh
Richard Stokes Ferrell	Nadeja Michelle Ross	Susan Elizabeth Wheeler
Avery Anna Hale	Robert Eugene Roush	Tommy James Woodson-Hall
Sandra Jean Hammack	Amanda Ann Salmon	Elliott Elaine Workman

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

Amy Beth Ashworth	Sarah Nicole Harris	Andrea Dawn Runnion
Angela Marie Barbarito	Lauren Marie Henson	Amanda Ann Salmon
James Cory Booker	Adam Kyle Higgins	Gregory Allen Shaffer
Josh C. Bower	Joseph George Jobst, II	Shaheen Alavi Shafii
Heather Adale Carnefix	Brandon Tremayne Kennedy	Tyler Matthew Shamblin
Jordan Curtis Clark	Lindsey Jayne Lewis	Jeffrey Wayne Simms
Lyubov V. Curry	Zachary Craig Lucas	Kirk Wade St. Clair
Cortney Lynn Elswick	Sarah Marie Lusk	Meghan E. Stewart
Zachary Allen Eskew	Dustin Scott Morris	Heather Dawn Thomas
Melissa J. Fallecker	Valinda K. Neal	Michael Seth Thomas
Robert Douglas Fridley, II	Cathryn Elisabeth Payne	Jessica Lilly Wines
Autumn Ray Gardner	Amanda S. Potts	Cierra Lea Winkler
Avery Anna Hale	Sara Nicole Price	Shawn Michael Zuniga
Mark A. Harper	Joseph F. Rogers	

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# Candidates

## College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jeremy Franklin Arthur	Joshua Brian Hechesky	Nicolas Warner Nogoda
Kassandra June Boutwell	Frank Gregory Lutz	Brittany Michelle Ratcliff
Adam Sidney Bowman	Dustin Lee Moore	Eben Lee Russell
Christopher R. Counts	Joshua Lewis Nichols	Rachael Elizabeth Workman
Jason Daniel Davis		

## College of Professional Studies

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

Nicholas Sean Boyd	Matthew Harrison Eddy	Tonya Denise Griffin
Tara Marie Bradley	Kristin Kemplin Fielding	Bobbi Jane Harper
Summer Dawn Canterbury	Melissa Dawn Gilbert	Shannon L. King
Leighann Justice Davidson	Joshua Lee Gill	Tonya Swayne

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

Morgan MacKenzie Browning	Christina Mildred Pickens	Michelle Marie Ware
Nicholas Edward Cabell	Ashley Lynne Scarberry	Jennifer Clark Weaver
Lindsey Dawn Caines	Amanda Elizabeth Smith	Tara Lynn Williams
Casey Jo Crawford	Brittany Nicole Smith	Lydia Lorraine Withrow

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

Muluken Melesse Aseffa	Jennifer Nicole Haynes	Steven Jamarr Robinson
Nathan Andrew Atkins	Lhea Kay Justice	Rosario Spaulding
Emily Grace Busch	Raphael Wesley Lee	Vanessa Nicole Stansbury
Corey Allen Cole	Danielle Lynn Mick	Tammy Michelle Taylor
Zachary M. Crandall	David G. Parsons	Erika Lynn Waggoner
Karen Renea Flannagan	Jessica Morgan Price	Janai Antionette Willis

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

Andrew Micheal Eggleton

Charles Anthony Mack

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

Donna Leana Andean

Sylvaria Chinonye Ekenasi

Laurie Anne McMullen-Blees

Rebecca Cathleen Bowman

Marva Lucille Gray

Brandie Leigh Nary

Tonya Renee Casto

Shaa Lynn Hunter

Danielle Nicole Whaling

Judy Deloris Drummond

Yvonne Sherii Lee

## **College of Arts and Humanities**

### **FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES**

Jan Bezovska

Balsa Gobovic

Jacqueline Leann Hughes

## **College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

### **FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Kimberly Suzanne Sendlak

### **FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Nischit Aryal

Sophia Nadine Brown

Rahul Popat Nagmal

Sumanth Manohar

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# Honor Societies Graduating Seniors

## **ALPHA DELTA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK**

Advisor-PROF. Rita Brown

Donna Leana Andrean                      Tonya Renee Casto

## **ALPHA EPSILON RHO - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Advisor-PROF. Sherri Shafer

Aisha Vanvie Alleyne                      Brooke S. Green                      Amber Rachelle North

## **ALPHA KAPPA DELTA - INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY**

Advisor-Dr. Gail Mosby

Heather Marie Canterbury                      Sandra Jean Hammack

## **ALPHA PHI SIGMA - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Advisors-Dr. Walter Stroupe, Sam Swindell

Lhea Kay Justice-Davidson                      Matthew Harrison Eddy                      Tonya Denise Griffin

## **BETA KAPPA CHI - SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY**

Advisor-Dr. Tim Ruhnke

Jeremy Franklin Arthur                      Kassandra June Boutwell                      Frank Lutz

Dustin Lee Moore                      Rachael Elizabeth Workman

## **DELTA MU DELTA - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS**

Advisors-Mr. John Hodges, Mr. Michael Lewis

Amy Beth Ashworth                      Amanda S. Potts                      Cathryn Elisabeth Payne

Sara Nicole Price                      Amanda Ann Salmon                      Meghan E. Stewart

## **KAPPA DELTA PI - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION**

Advisors-Dr. Emily Waugh, Dr. Sandra Orr

Christina Mildred Pickens                      Ashley Lynne Scarberry                      Amanda Elizabeth Smith

Brittany Nicole Smith

## **OMICRON DELTA EPSILON - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS**

Advisor-Dr. Suvayan De

John Marston Neubert

## **PHI ALPHA THETA - INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY**

Advisor-Dr. Billy Joe Peyton

Stephanie Lynn Barney

**PHI ETA SIGMA - FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Advisor-Dr. James Spencer, Co-Advisor-Dr. Mehdi Seyedmonir  
Nicholas Sean Boyd                      Joseph George Jobst II

**PI SIGMA ALPHA - HONOR SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Advisor-Dr. Frank Vaughan  
Travis Lee Bonham                      Elliott Elaine Workman

**PINNACLE - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS**

Advisor-Ms. Kellie Toledo  
Muluken Melesse Aseffa              Nathan Andrew Atkins              Lyubov V. Curry  
Dennis Edward DeLong              Sandra Jean Hammack              Laurie Anne McMullen

**PSI CHI - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY**

Advisor-Dr. James Spencer  
Amy Beth Dennis                      Elizabeth A. Hickok                      Missi D. Martin

**SIGMA TAU DELTA - INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY**

Advisor-Dr. David Wilson  
Lydia Lorraine Withrow



# West Virginia State University Foundation, Inc.

**2010-2011**

## *Scholarships and Awards*

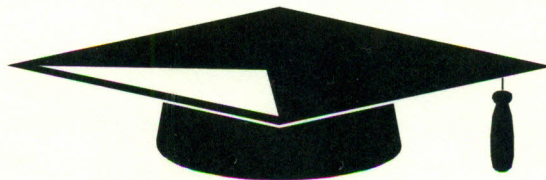
### *Presidential Scholars*

Ms. Brittney Bostic  
Ms. Erika Goff  
Mr. Bradley Harvey  
Ms. Denitra Houchins  
Ms. Tracy N. Hudnall  
Ms. Haley Humphreys  
Ms. Hannah Miller  
Ms. Chante Straughter

### *Presidential Book Scholars*

Ms. Patricia S. Dimsdale  
Mr. Jeremy L. Fisher  
Mr. Benjamin E. Green  
Ms. Tahjane A. Hall  
Ms. Leah D. Harrell  
Ms. Emily A. Hunter  
Mr. John T. Kiser

Ms. Taikara M. Millner  
Mr. David L. Myers  
Ms. Shalia N. Oliver  
Mr. Lee M. Painter  
Mr. Jamie A. Patterson  
Mr. Chris R. Salvidar  
Mr. Shawn C. Simms



## *Other Foundation Scholars*

*AKA Sorority/Beta Beta Omega Chapter  
Scholarship*

Mr. Kevontae Edwards

*Dr. Ann B. Smith Future Educator Award*

Mr. Ryan T. Derr

*Anna Harpold Scholarship*

Ms. Brandy E. Hunter-Lee

Mr. Joseph G. Jobst

Mr. Jeffrey C. Pickering

*Arnett & Foster Scholarship*

Mr. Zachary Eskew

*Benjamin M. Brownley Scholarship*

Mr. Benjamin Parr

*Cedric D. Lee Scholarship*

Mr. Sean Murphy

*C. H. James II Scholarship*

Mr. John R. Lloyd

*Chicago Alumni Chapter Scholarship*

Ms. Kinyatta Buford

Mr. Jarrett Ford

Mr. Ryan K. Miller

*Classified Staff Council Scholarship*

Mrs. Lynn Davis

*Class of 1949 Scholarship*

Ms. Lace B. Butler

*Class of 1952 Scholarship*

Mr. Damon Hoffman

*Detroit Alumni Chapter Scholarship*

Ms. Shavonne N. Moore

*Fred Middleton Scholarship*

Ms. Sandra Coleman

*Gary Swingle Accounting Scholarship*

Ms. Lindsey J. Lewis

*General Scholarship*

Mr. Jared Austin

Ms. Nicole Henkels

Mr. Nicholas McGhee

Mr. Christopher Rodgers

Mr. Roberto Ross

Ms. Elizabeth Satterfield

Ms. Brittany Smith

Ms. Tammy Walker

*Hach Scientific Foundation*

*Chemistry Scholarship*

Ms. Jessica L. Lynch

Mr. Christopher T. Trent

*Ida F. Kramer Graduate Scholarship*

Ms. Shelly Bright

*John A. Kelly & Lily Ven Sykes-Kelly Scholarship*

Mr. John Hedrick

*John W. & Ruth E. Powell Scholarship*

Mr. Cody J. Cunningham

*Kappa Alpha PSI/TAU Chapter Scholarship*

Mr. Keith Heath

*Lucille Ruff Scholarship*

Ms. Avery Hale

*Marvin D. & Eunice J. Mills*

*Endowed Scholarship*

Ms. Courtney Dekeyzer



***Mary Cornwall Calhoun Scholarship***

Ms. Janai Willis

***Mary Wanda King Scholarship***

Ms. Rose M. Feazell

***Memorial Scholarship***

Ms. Gabrielle C. Balancier

Ms. Tiffany Finkton

Ms. Amanda Komorowski

Ms. Chenai Rusike

Ms. Crystal F. Smith

Mr. Derrill Ziggler

***Oree Banks Textbook Scholarship***

Mr. Casey Griffin

Ms. Avery Hale

Mr. Matthew Tawney

***Osly James Gates Scholarship***

Ms. Khadjah Lovejoy

***Prince Ahmed Williams Scholarship***

Mr. Kenneth W. Morrison

Ms. Chelsea E. Price

***National Association of  
University Women Award  
WVSU Men's Basketball Program***

***Sylvia D. Parker Endowed Scholarship***

Ms. Cynthia Briscoe

Ms. Kadija J. Tyler

***Tom Joyner Foundation Scholars***

Ms. Talana Harris

Ms. Michelle Tate

***United Supreme Council Scholarship***

Mr. Grace N. Nyiuro

***WV Rehabilitation Center  
Foundation, Inc. Scholarship***

Ms. Miranda Watt

***WVSU National Alumni Association, Inc.***

***Regional Scholarship***

Ms. Aisha Alleyne

Mr. Zachary Crandall

Ms. Tonya Griffin

Ms. Destiny Spencer

# The Hazo W. Carter, Jr. 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

Acie McGhee, Alumni  
Frank P. Justice, Jr., Business  
Eric Conn, Community Service  
Vincent Reed, 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

## 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 Cardwell 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  
Harry B. Mills, Business  
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)  
Edna Odaris Farmer, Alumni  
AVI Foodsystems, Inc., Business  
Michael J. Arbogast, Education  
Gus R. Douglas, Community Service  
(presented March 15, 2006)

## 2007

John Lewis Fuller, Sr. Ph. D., Alumni  
TLTEK, LLC, Business  
Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha  
County, Community Service  
Taylor J. Perry, Jr., Ph. D., Education

## 2008

Elias G. Haikal, Alumni  
Frances Foster Brooks, Business  
Lloyd Allan Hill, Community Service  
Calvin R. McKinney, Education

## 2009

William Lipscomb, Alumni  
Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation  
Authority, Community Service  
KISRA, Community Service  
Linda Andersen, Education

## 2010

Brenda Howard, Alumni  
Jennettia Spencer, Business  
Stephen D. Walker, Community Service  
Stephen A. Knighton, 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  
*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 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 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-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 Sipilä  
*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  
*Financial Consultant*
- 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)  
Kay Huffman Goodwin  
*Cabinet Secretary for  
Education and the 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*

**2006**  
(May)  
Thomas Joyner, Sr.  
*Thomas Joyner Foundation and  
REACH Media*

(Mid-Year)  
Thomas D. Boston  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*

**2007**  
(May)  
Constantine W. Curris, Ed. D.  
*President, American Association of  
Colleges and Universities*

(Mid-Year)  
Brian Eugene Noland, Ph. D.  
*Chancellor, Higher Education Policy  
Commission*

**2008**  
(May)  
Judge Reggie B. Walton  
*United States District Judge,  
District of Columbia*

(Mid-Year)  
B. Keith Fulton  
*President, Verizon West Virginia*

**2009**  
(May)  
John D. Perdue  
*West Virginia State Treasurer*

**2009 and 2010**  
(Mid-Year '09 combined with May)  
Judge Joseph R. Goodwin  
*U.S. District Judge  
Southern District of WV*

**2010**  
(Mid-Year)  
Eric Coleman  
*Chair, WVSU Board of Governors*

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# Honorary Degrees Conferred by West Virginia State University

**1941**

Carter G. Woodson  
*Doctor of Laws*

**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*

Ralph 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*

**1961 (continued)**

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*

**1966 (continued)**

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**  
Floydell 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*

James 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*

**1998**  
Gus R. Douglass  
*Doctor of Laws*

**1999**  
Christine M. Corey  
*Doctor of Laws*

**2001**  
David Anthony Stafford  
*Doctor of Science*

**2002**  
Kay Huffman Goodwin  
*Doctor of Laws*

**2003**  
J. T. (Ted) Childs, Jr.  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*

**2004**  
Elizabeth Early Chilton  
*Doctor of Laws*

Howard Lee Wilson  
*Doctor of Laws*

**2005 Mid Year**  
Joseph Manchin III  
*Doctor of Laws*

**2006 May**  
Thomas Joyner, Sr.  
*Doctor of Laws*

R. Frank Lee  
*Doctor of Divinity*

**2006 Mid Year**  
Andrew N. Aheart  
*Doctor of Laws*

**2007 Mid Year**  
Brian Eugene Noland  
*Doctor of Laws*

**2008 May**  
Judge Reginald B. Walton  
*Doctor of Laws*

**2008**  
James M. Lawson  
*Doctor of Divinity*

**2009 May**  
John D. Perdue  
*Doctor of Laws*

**2010 May**  
Judge Joseph R. Goodwin  
*Doctor of Laws*

Eric Coleman  
*Doctor of Laws*

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## Alma Mater

*Ernest Wade '30*

*Martha Spencer '31*

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

### REFRAIN

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

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

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



