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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
1891

*Experience the Power of Education*

*Sunday, the Thirteenth of May  
Two Thousand and Twelve  
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  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
West Virginia State University

## THE PRELUDES—

Finale from *Symphony No. 4* ..... P. Tchaikovsky/arr. by V. Safranek  
*South Pacific* ..... R. Rodgers and O. Hammerstein/arr. by R. M. Rogers  
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 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 ..... Reverend Jeremy S. Myers  
Minister of Youth and Christian Education  
First Baptist Church of St. Albans



# Order of Exercises

THE GREETINGS..... Larry L. Rowe, Esq.  
Chair, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

THE INTRODUCTION OF  
THE SPEAKER..... Dr. Ann B. Smith  
President  
West Virginia State University National Alumni Association

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

THE MUSICAL SELECTION—  
*Hallelujah*..... arr. by Robert DeCormier  
(1900-1990)  
West Virginia State University Concert Choir  
Dirk Johnson, D.M.A., Director

THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS ..... Hazo W. Carter, Jr., Ed.D.  
President, West Virginia State University  
Alumni – Mr. Henry L. Moore  
Business – Ridge View BBQ  
Community Service – Shawnee Senior Citizens of  
Shawnee Community Education Center  
Education –Dr. R. Charles Byers

THE CONFERMENT OF  
HONORARY DEGREE..... The Right Reverend Emanuel A. Heyliger  
Senior Pastor  
Ferguson Memorial Baptist Church, Dunbar, WV

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

## Baccalaureate Degree Programs

### CUM LAUDE

Richard Allen Bailey  
Kaitlyn Michelle Bone  
Billy L. Cabell  
Stevi N. Chattin  
Valerie Ann Clay  
David Alan Cottrill  
Courtney Elizabeth Crockett  
Kayla Lynn Crownover

Cierra LaDawn Davis  
Linda Nell Davis  
Amber Dawn Elkins  
Spencer Albert Ferrebee, Jr.  
Tawonna Deqwon Flowers  
Robert Glen James  
Ana Juarez  
Donald J. McClain

Ronald Dean Nelson  
Dorian Celeste Roberts  
Christopher Mitchel Rodgers  
Falguni A. Sheth  
Justin Alan Skidmore  
Ryan Keith Stewart  
Lisa Stone-Beasley  
Michelle Samuelle Youngblood

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Elizabeth Crystal Bolen  
Isaac Michael Chapman  
Kelsey Michelle Chapman  
Christopher Scott Childress  
Angela Lynn Fisher  
Jessica Ann Fisher

Patti Jo Harrison  
Jessie Ann Hescht  
Austin Robert Knox, III  
Maggie Renee Leaptrot  
Cassidi Dawn Pimentel  
Ashley Loren Reed

Alisa Renee Smalley-Stapler  
Destiny Nicole Spencer  
Brittany L. Watson  
Jeanne Marie Wilkinson  
Andrea Lee Williams  
Megan Lee Young

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Tammy M. Arthur  
Valerie Kay Blake  
Shawn Patrick Blee  
Jason Thomas Bloss  
Sarah Renee Bowlin  
Joanna Lynn Chambers  
Rose M. Feazell  
Heather Elaine Fowler

Michelle Lee Friery  
Timothy Micheal Hall  
Frankie Beth Hibberd  
Britt Danielle Hull  
Brittany Nicole Hyatt  
Brandon Lee King  
John Thomas Kiser  
Hannah Jane Long

Tracy Nastassia Low  
Amanda Dawn McGinnis  
Brett Timothy Mannon  
David Lee Myers  
Erica Brittany Myers  
Lacy Kay Stewart  
Rhiannon E. Turley

### WITH DISTINCTION

Allison Lynn Belcher

Blaise A. Sidor

Ashley Seaton Switzer



**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.  
Provost and 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.  
Provost and 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.....Abainesh Mitiku, D.B.A.  
Dean of the College of Business & Social Sciences

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.....Robert L. Harrison, Jr., Ph.D.  
Dean of the College of Professional Studies

R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.  
Provost and 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 ..... LTC Tony Taylor  
United States Army  
Professor of Military Science

David Cottrill, Second Lieutenant, Charleston, WV  
Spencer Ferrebee, Second Lieutenant, Bomont, WV  
Frankie Hibberd, Second Lieutenant, South Charleston, WV  
John Kiser, Second Lieutenant, Charleston, WV  
Matthew Rowsey, Second Lieutenant, Diamond, WV  
Brittany Watson, Second Lieutenant, Hollywood, FL

THE STUDENT ADDRESS .....

Mr. Donald J. McClain  
International Studies and History Major  
College of Business and Social Sciences

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE .....

Dr. Ann B. Smith, Class of '64  
President

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 Emily Cloer  
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble

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

THE BENEDICTION ..... Reverend Jeremy S. Myers  
Minister of Youth and Christian Education  
First Baptist Church of St. Albans

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  
Provost and 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

Leslie Elizabeth Bragg  
Jessica Ann Fisher

Michelle Lee Friery  
Christopher Mitchel Rodgers

Emily Rose Rowley  
Charles Arthur Smith

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

Roger Lee Bryant, II  
Bradley Patrick Burke  
Cassie Danielle Canterbury  
Kelsey Michelle Chapman  
Tawonna Deqwon Flowers

Heather Elaine Fowler  
Jonathan W. Hill  
Lauren E. Johnson  
John Thomas Kiser  
Kenneth Russell Lee, Jr.

Brooke DeAnn Lewis  
Saida Njeri Mongi  
William Edward Oldani, Jr.  
Justin Alan Skidmore  
Monica Gail Tharp

### FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Andrew Fraser Albert  
Tammy M. Arthur  
Richard Allen Bailey  
Zachary Thomas Baldwin  
Tomkey Michael Bangura  
Gary Lorenzo Barnett, Jr.  
Billy Lee Cabell  
Brittany Renae Chambers  
Christopher Scott Childress  
Holly Suzanne Conley  
David Alan Cottrill  
Linda Nell Davis  
Lawrence G. Dillon, Jr.  
Jessica Leigh Dolin

Brenda Irene Samples Hall  
Frederick Alan Harris  
James Austin Harris  
Rachel A. Hassan Bey  
Frankie Beth Hibberd  
Jennifer Lynn Jett  
James M. Kelly  
Jennie Lee Lawson  
Robbie Ray Lewis  
Edward Patrick Mucklow  
Brad Allen Mullins  
Ronald Dean Nelson  
Angela Dawn Rexroad

Matthew Ryan Rowsey  
Kyle O'Neal Rucker  
Rodney J. Shuck  
Brandon Shane Shuping  
Adam Jason Swecker  
Joshua Luke Tackett  
Barbara A. Tipton  
Kenneth Earl Tyree, Jr.  
Brittany L. Watson  
James Edward White, Jr.  
Craig A. Wissler  
Christopher Shawn Withrow  
Tasha LeighAnn Workman

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# Candidates

## College of Business and Social Sciences

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

|                           |                         |                                 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Nathan Paul Baxter        | Brandon Lee Edwards     | Margaret Ann Osborne            |
| Dana B'Ann Beaver         | Jodi Lynn Escue         | Evan S. Pauley                  |
| Gary Daniel Blackhurst    | Rose M. Feazell         | Amanda Louise Potter            |
| Valerie Kay Blake         | Candice Danielle Flack  | Ryan Keith Stewart              |
| Kaitlyn Michelle Bone     | Gregory Joseph Giddings | Chad Ryan Story                 |
| Adam C. Brown             | Patti Jo Harrison       | William Dwayne Thomas           |
| Kristopher Bryan Casdorff | John Joseph Haulotte    | Sierra Raine Viars              |
| Tiffany O'Neil Chaney     | Jessica Audrey Hill     | Se'Dale Emanuel Calloway Watson |
| Cynara Isli Clark         | Britt Danielle Hull     | Joseph J. B. Williams           |
| Brittany Lauren Craig     | Robert Glen James       | Kelly Brian Williams            |
| Kayla Lynn Crownover      | Hannah Jane Long        | Felicia Nicole Harrell Wilson   |
| Cierra LaDawn Davis       | Donald J. McClain       |                                 |
| D'Risen S. Douglas        | Matthew Evans Moore     |                                 |

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

|                             |                          |                              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Whitney Nichole Blankenship | Delrico Devon Lane       | Falguni A. Sheth             |
| Shawn Patrick Blees         | Maggie Renee Leaptrot    | Garrett Stephen Smith        |
| Elizabeth Crystal Bolen     | Danielle Ellen McGinnis  | Andrew George Sovick         |
| Tiffani O'Neil Chaney       | Walter Thomas Marion, II | Mychal Andrew Spurlock       |
| Isaac Michael Chapman       | Steve Allen Massie, II   | Eric Jordan Temple           |
| Amanda Lynn Cole            | Ryan K. Miller           | Chaunice Shauntez Thomas     |
| Kristen N. Davis            | Ashley Denise Okafor     | Rhiannon E. Turley           |
| Amber Dawn Elkins           | Margaret Ann Osborne     | Leslie Erin White            |
| John Joseph Haulotte        | Evan S. Pauley           | Michelle Samuelle Youngblood |
| James B. Jordan             | Nicholas Jacob Pettry    |                              |
| Ana Juarez                  | Ashley Loren Reed        |                              |

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# Candidates

## College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

|                             |                        |                       |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jason Thomas Bloss          | Heather Kirsten Kirk   | Mary Katherine Stiles |
| Brittany Shauntae Davenport | Dorian Celeste Roberts | Danielle Renea Wentz  |
| Adam Blake Dent             | William D. Rollyson    | Timothy Joseph White  |
| Leslie Elaine Hensley       | Blaise A. Sidor        | Benjamin Lyman Wilson |
| Jessica Lane Hoffman        |                        |                       |

## College of Professional Studies

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

|                              |                      |                                |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Britany Morgan Anderson      | Amber Lynn Justice   | Shavonne Nicole Moore          |
| William Delgadillo           | Brandon Lee King     | Simona Serena Marlene Southall |
| Velvet Telete Dickey         | Justin Curtis King   | Renee Lynn Thomas              |
| Spencer Albert Ferrebee, Jr. | Amanda Dawn McGinnis | Jessica Lynn Toney             |
| Heather Elaine Fowler        | Ashley Dawn Martin   | Carol Sue Withrow              |
| Rachel Marie Halstead        | Ashley Nicole Miles  | Ashley Jordan Woods            |
| Brittany Nicole Hyatt        |                      |                                |

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

|                        |                                  |                             |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Allison Lynn Belcher   | Angela Lynn Fisher               | David Lee Myers             |
| Chelsea Jordan Bell    | Timothy Micheal Hall             | Sarah Kathleen Ramsey       |
| Brianna Rene Bodkins   | Jessie Ann Hescht                | Alisa Renee Smalley-Stapler |
| Hayley Nichole Boggess | Michael Dale Hutchinson          | Brandon Michael Smith       |
| Sarah Renee Bowlin     | Nathanael Brian Johnson          | Destiny Nicole Spencer      |
| Joanna Lynn Chambers   | Christopher Edward Brice Kennedy | Lacy Kay Stewart            |
| Stevi N. Chattin       | Austin Robert Knox, III          | Lisa Stone-Beasley          |
| Justin Hart Crary      | Tracy Nastassia Low              | Ashley Seaton Switzer       |
| Michael William Davis  | Brett Timothy Mannon             | Kathryn Francis Vir         |
| Summer Danai Drake     | Pamela Jo Milam                  | Jennifer Hively Walton      |
| Michelle Dawn Eisel    | Howard James Mize                | Jeannie Marie Wilkinson     |
| Jacob D. Fertig        | Rachel Lauren Mooney             | Andrea Lee Williams         |

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

|                         |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Shenandoah Dawn Hartley | Kayla Leanne McDaniel   | Jessica Marie Thompson |
| Elizabeth Dominique Lee | Dustin McKinley Mullins | Elizabeth S. Wright    |

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## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Brian Nick Mullins

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SPORTS STUDIES

Danielle Nicole Davis

James Brooks Legg

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

Ethel Janette Austin

Charlene Elaine Frazier

Amanda Jean Reveal

Darla Gaye Bailey

Jessica Renee Gibson

Roberto Lee Ross

Denise Lynn Briscoe

Ashley Jean Harmon

Tina Chantell Rush

Valerie Ann Clay

Erica Brittany Myers

Jessica Lynn Staley

Courtney Elizabeth Crockett

Cassidi Dawn Pimentel

Megan Lee Young

## College of Arts and Humanities

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

Miriam Kajomovitz - Media Studies

Project Title: "The Story of Nama & Ade" (Illustrated Children's Book)

Dennis Wayne Strom - Media Studies

Project Title: "One Soldier, One Grave" (Documentary Film)

## College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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

Laura H. Matthews - Biotechnology MA

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

Shelly Helene Bright - Biotechnology MS

Fibroblast Growth Factors as Steroid-Responsive  
Autocrine Signals in Meningiomas

Niraj Nepal - Biotechnology MS

Microarray Profile of Gene Expressions in Liver  
Following Intratracheal Installation of CeO<sub>2</sub>  
Nanoparticles

James Robert Tchabo - Biotechnology MS

The Influence of the HDAC Inhibitor Trichostatin  
A on atrophic responses of skeletal muscle

Jonica Rana Thompson - Biotechnology MS

Identification of Differential miRNA-Guided  
Gene Regulations between Isogenic Diploid and  
Tetraploid Watermelon Lines

Chase Matthew Turner - Biotechnology MS

Taxonomy and Host Specificity of Selected New  
Species of *Paraoryzmatobothrium*

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# Honor Societies Graduating Seniors

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

Advisor-Ms. Rita Brown

Valerie Ann Clay

Cassisi Hanna Pimentel

Courtney Elizabeth Crockett

Erica Brittany Myers

Ashley Jean Harmon

Megan Lee Young

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

Advisor-PROF. Sherri Shafer

Kelsey Michelle Chapman

## **ALPHA KAPPA MU - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Advisor-Dr. Sonya Armstrong

Christopher Scott Childress

Patti Jo Harrison

Erica Brittany Myers

Rhiannon E. Turley

Rose M. Feazell

Jessica Lane Hoffman

Michael Alan Ramsey

Megan Lee Young

Michelle Lee Friery

Austin Robert Knox, III

Ashley Loren Reed

## **ALPHA MU GAMMA - NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY**

Advisor-Ms. Rebecca Conner

Brittany Shauntaé Davenport

Shenandoah Dawn Hartley

Ara Juarez

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

Advisor-Dr. Tim Ruhnke

Jason Thomas Bloss

Dorian Celeste Roberts

Cierra LaDawn Davis

William D. Rollyson

Adam Blake Dent

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

Advisors-Mr. John Hodges, Mr. Michael Lewis

Shawn Patrick Blee

Rhiannon E. Turley

Isaac Michael Chapman

Michelle Samuelle Youngblood

Ashley Loren Reed

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

Advisors-Dr. Emily Waugh, Dr. Paige Carney

Sarah Renee Bowlin

Destiny Nicole Spencer

Joanna Webb

Stevi N. Chattin

Alisa Reneé Stapler

Andrea Lee Williams

Brett Timothy Mannon

Lisa Stone-Beasley



**LAMBDA IOTA TAU - NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY**

Advisor-Dr. Anne McConnell, Prof. Cathy Pleska

Emly Rose Rowley

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

Advisor-Dr. Suwayan De

Tiffany O'Neil Chaney                      Ryan Keith Stewart

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

Advisor-Dr. Billy Joe Peyton

Rose M. Feazell                      Donald J. McClain                      Chad R. Story

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

Advisor-Dr. James Spencer

Brittany Shauntaé Davenport      Timothy Micheal Hall                      Maddison McKay Harless  
Ashley Jean Harmon                      Jessie Ann Hescht                      John Thomas Kiser  
Hannah Jane Long                      Donald J. McClain                      Destiny Nicole Spencer

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

Advisor-Ms. Kellie Toledo

Kristopher Bryan Casdorph      Isaac Michael Chapman                      Shenandoah Dawn Hartley  
Frankie Beth Hibberd                      William D. Rollyson

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

Advisor-Dr. Frank Vaughan

Brittany Lauren Craig                      Kristopher Bryan Casdorph

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

Advisor-Dr. James Spencer

Valerie Kay Blake                      Kaitlyn Michelle Bone                      Cierra LaDawn Davis  
Patti Jo Harrison                      Hannah Jane Long                      Amanda Louise Potter

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

Advisor-Dr. Anne McConnell, Prof. Cathy Pleska

Emly Rose Rowley                      Joanna Lynn Chambers                      Andrea Lee Williams

# West Virginia State University Foundation, Inc.

## 2011-2012

### *Scholarships and Awards*

#### *Helen M. & Russell E. Allen Institutional Presidential Scholars*

Erica L. Goff  
Bradley Harvey  
Tracy Hudnall  
Haley Humphreys  
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Hannah Miller  
David Myers  
Stanley Saint Germain  
Shawn C. Simms

#### *Helen M. & Russell E. Allen Institutional Presidential Book Scholars Presidential Book Scholars*

|                        |                          |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gabrielle C. Balancier | Jessica R. Gibson        | Taikara M. Millner       |
| Andrea Y. Bausley      | Shana M. Goode           | Lee M. Painter           |
| Jameka R. Bryan        | Leah D. Harrell          | William T. Palmer        |
| Zachary T. Bukiewicz   | Emily A. Hunter          | Kaitlyn P. Raby          |
| Jordan C. Campbell     | Joshua W. Isaacs         | Brianna Roy              |
| Jeray D. Carter        | Landon C. Johnson        | Stanley B. Saint Germain |
| Donovan R. Cox         | Devante W. Jumper        | Chris R. Saldivar        |
| Stephanie M. Davis     | Stannetta B. King        | Robert D. Shannon        |
| Brittany T. Dent       | John T. Kiser            | Evan S. Shoemaker        |
| Patricia S. Dimsdale   | Joshua A. Lanham         | Shawn C. Simms           |
| Paul A. Dunn II        | De'Carlos E. Lewis       | Jessica L. Staley        |
| Jeremy L. Fisher       | Allyese C. Lipscomb      | Jasmine J. Thompson      |
| Tawonna D. Flowers     | Tracy N. Low             | Latrice L. Thompson      |
| Kamisha O. Ford        | Ryan O. Lyburn           | Jane'ek L. Wiggan        |
| Stephen M. Gallero     | Nasiyra McCorkle         | Blake Richard Isa Winter |
| Vernell B. Geathers    | Dana A. Menyweathers Jr. | Christopher T. Wormley   |
| Devin D. Gentry        |                          |                          |



## Other Foundation Scholars

### *A. P Hamblin Endowed Scholarship*

Douglas W. Bright

### *Alpha IOTA Lambda Endowed Scholarship*

Russell P. McDonald II

### *Anna Harpold Scholarship*

Derek S. Mullins

Jeffery C. Pickering

### *Arnett & Foster Scholarship*

Rebakah J. Burns

John R. Lloyd

Heather D. Pauley

### *Arthur & Joan Weisberg Scholarship*

Caleb A. Keller

### *C. H. James II Scholarship*

Brandi N. Sayre

### *Class of 1949 Scholarship*

Robbie Lewis

### *Classified Staff Council Scholarship*

Willie L. Washington

### *Edna Thomas Endowed Scholarship*

Christopher A. Sizemore

### *Epps Family Endowed Scholarship*

Gary Barnett Jr.

### *Faculty Endowed Scholarship*

Hannah M. Cavender

Michelle M. Miller

### *Gary Swingle Accounting Scholarship*

Julian C. Reid

### *General Scholarship*

Casey M. Griffin

Michael J. Harper-Thompson

Stannetta B. King

Nicholas C. McGhee

Chris M. Rodgers

Jaleesha M. Saunders

Trey C. Seymour

Hunter N. Sumpter

Emily E. Swann

Gail M. Thornhill

### *Hach Scientific Foundation*

#### *Chemistry Scholarship*

Jessica L. Lynch

Christopher T. Trent

### *Dr. Harrison H. Ferrell Endowed*

#### *Scholarship*

Rebecca L. Hale

### *Henry L. Moore Endowed Scholarship*

Victoria L. Wright

### *Ida F. Kramer Graduate Scholarship*

Emmanuel Chavarria

Hugh L. Dalton

Laura H. Matthews

Natalia A. Montenegro Garcia

Jonica R. Thompson

Chase M. Turner

Ukwuaba O. Vitalis

Russell P. Wisser

### *Institute Plants Endowed Scholarship*

Maggie R. Holstine

### *Ivin Lee & Dallas Staples Endowed Scholarship*

Trevor S. Boggess

### *John L. Bess Endowed Scholarship*

Nicole M. Pennington

*John W. & Ruth E. Powell Scholarship*

Gail M. Thornhill

*Kathryn W. Lynch Endowed Scholarship*

Samantha A. Rizzo

*Lark & Thomas Hutto Endowed Scholarship*

Patricia M. Johnson

*Lucy B. Hairston Endowed Scholarship*

Cory M. Stricker

*Luel-Cumming Sutton Endowed Scholarship*

Alyssa J. Graboski

*Macille Lee Hartley Endowed*

Dana Andrew Pitts

*Margaret A. Cyrus Mills Endowed Scholarship*

Shana M. Goode

*Marjorie Johnson Endowed Scholarship*

Damon R. Hoffman

*Marvin D. & Dunice J. Mills Endowed Scholarship*

Jasmine J. Thompson

*Mary Cornwell Calhoun Scholarship*

Gertrude (Trudy) M. Johnson

*Mary McGhee Hairston Endowed Scholarship*

Cameron J. Lewis

Destiny N. Spencer

Christopher B. Williams

*Mary Wanda King Scholarship*

Kinyatta Buford

*Mary T. Patterson Endowed Scholarship*

Ryan M. Smoot

*Memorial Scholarship*

Jerry Anderson

Cody Cunningham

Kevonte D. Edwards

Jessica N. Hale

Michelle M. Miller

Kimesha D. Patterson

Stanley Saint Germain

Elizabeth Satterfield

Denise Snow

Jessica Staley

*Oree Banks Textbook Scholarship*

Sharena M. Atkinson

Ka'Shauna D. Cook

Brenin M. Garcia

Telvin F. Peterson

Trey Seymour

Billy Joe Smith, III

*Prince Ahmed Williams Scholarship*

Chelsea E. Price

*Naomi M. Garrett Endowed Scholarship*

John Gale

*Dr. Nyana R. Rowley Endowed Scholarship*

Chelsee C. Woolwine

*Rosa Pickel Endowed Scholarship*

Nicholas C. McGhee

*Sarah & Pauline Maier Endowed Scholarship*

Casey S. Guet

*Sylvia D. Parker Endowed Scholarship*

Kadija J. Tyler

*Tom Joyner Foundation Scholars*

Michelle C. Tate

*Touchnet*

*(In Honor of Lori Elliott)*

Kevonte D. Edwards

*United Bank Endowed Scholarship*

Hannah P. Miller

*United Supreme Council Scholarship*

Khadijah A. Lovejoy

Grace N. Nyiirro



***William H. White Endowed Scholarship***

John S. Hedrick

***Dr. Vincent E. Reed Scholarship***

Ka'Shauna D. Cook  
Casey M. Griffin  
Channell B. Mackey  
Destini Thomas

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

***Scholarship***

Donald J. McClain

***WVSU Alumni Affairs Book Scholarship***

Tierra Artis  
Jordan M. Brock  
Jeffrey M. Bunch  
Shanin T. Bennefield  
Dene I. Carter  
Donovan Cox  
Chelsey Davis  
Mathew R. Davis  
John Dolce  
Zeinab Fares  
Maria Fermia  
Ryan Francis  
Jessica Gibson  
Amy Gillenwater  
Rhoda Goitom  
Shanna Goode  
Phil Grant  
Casey M. Griffin  
Asia Haney  
Robert A. Jackson  
Devante Jumper  
Joshua H. Kim  
Monique Love  
Ryan Lyburn  
Felicia Moore  
John C. Morrison  
Oscar Navarette  
Telvin Peterson  
Ricky Phillips  
Samantha Rizzo  
Jessica Staley

Sara Teklu  
Janelle Williams  
Jennifer Willis  
Craig Wissler  
David Wissler  
Victoria L. Wright  
Jarrod R. Zirkle

***WVSU Atlanta Alumni Chapter Book Fund***

Chelsey Davis  
Dontryse Greer  
Le'Floyd Phillips

***WVSU Chicago Alumni Chapter Scholarship Fund***

John Josh Johnson  
Ryan Miller

***WVSU Chicago Alumni Chapter Book Fund***

Kinyatta Buford  
James Stormer

***WVSU Dayton Alumni Chapter Book Fund***

Branden McClain

***WVSU DC Alumni Chapter Book Fund***

Sara Teklu

***WVSU Detroit Alumni Chapter Book Fund***

Robert Dooley

***WVSU Florida Alumni Chapter Book Fund***

Ronald Wiggins

***WVSU Los Angeles Alumni Chapter Book Fund***

Howard Douglas, III

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

***Scholarship***

Chelsey Davis  
Khadijah A. Lovejoy  
Destiny Spencer

***WVSU Williamsburg Alumni Chapter Book Fund***

Erika Lewis

# 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

## 2011

Walter Wilkerson, Alumni  
Lee Jordan, Business  
Larry Robertson, Community Service  
Amanda Mays, 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 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  
*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*

**2010**  
(May)  
Joseph R. Goodwin  
*Chief Judge  
U.S. District Court  
Southern District–West Virginia*

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

**2011**  
(May)  
Donald L. Graham  
*Judge, U.S. District Court of the  
Southern District of Florida*

(Mid-Year)  
Orlando F. McMeans, Ph.D.  
*Special Assistant to the President for  
Research and Public Service and Dean  
and Director of West Virginia State  
University's Gus R. Douglass Land-  
Grant Institute*

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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*

**2011 May**

Judge Donald Graham  
*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.*