WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE NATIONAL W-CLUB

# SIXTH ANNUAL

# SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY





# HOMECOMING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1985 10:00 a.m.

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

### WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

With the Land Grant Act passed by the United States Congress in 1890, West Virginia was mandated to provide education for black youth as well as white or face loss of federal aid for its agricultural and mechanical colleges. Thus, in 1891, the West Virginia Legislature voted \$10,000 to purchase a tract of land at Farm, West Virginia and build a suitable school building to house the West Virginia Colored Institute.

A barn and a blacksmith shop were soon added, and the first school catalog boasted that "a well chosen library of 500 volumes" was now open to students on Saturday afternoons.

Early presidents of the Colored Institute were J. Edwin Campbell, John H. Hill, J. McHenry Jones and Byrd Prillerman.

In 1915, the school's name was changed to West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and President Prillerman conferred degrees upon the first college graduates four years later.

John W. Davis, elected its fifth president in 1919, gave the farsighted and dynamic leadership that was soon to win the College national repute. In 1929, the Institute became West Virginia State College.

Under the leadership of Dr. William J. L. Wallace, elected the sixth president in 1953. West Virginia State College was transformed from a school for blacks to a racially integrated institution acclaimed for its success as a "a living laboratory in human relations."

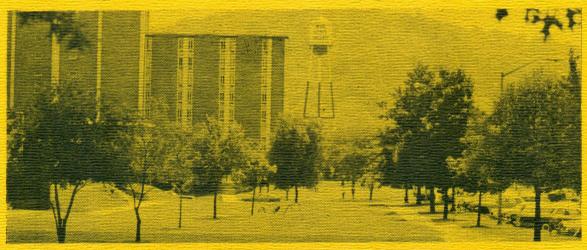
In 1973, Dr. Harold M. McNeill became the seventh president. A major thrust of his administration, renovation of existing buildings and construction of new ones, is part of the master plan designed under his leadership.

From July 1, 1981 until February 28, 1982, Dr. Floydelh Anderson served as interim president of the College.

On March 1, 1982, Dr. Thomas Winston Cole, Jr. became the eighth president of West Virginia State College.

Statistically, the College is highly diverse. It offers baccalaureate degrees (B.A., B.S., B.S.ED.) in 22 different fields and associate degrees (A.A., A.A.S.) in 28. The College's fall 1985 headcount enrollment of 4,465 includes students from West Virginia and 20 other states and foreign countries.

Today, West Virginia State College is a public multipurpose four-year undergraduate college, with an emerging community college component, located in the metropolitan capital region of Charleston, West Virginia. Curriculum emphases include baccalaureate programs in business administration, teacher education, criminal justice, and several arts and sciences disciplines, and associate degree and certificate programs in commerce, industrial technology, and other career fields, as well as a substantial program of continuing education services.



# PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
INVOCATION
WELCOME Dr. Thomas W. Cole, Jr. President, West Virginia State College
ATHLETIC UPDATE
INTRODUCTION OF INDUCTEES Dr. Ancella R. Bickley Attorney Nelson Bickley
Inductees-
Calvin L. Bailey '72 Isaiah Israel '37
HENRY R. BELLINGER '60 JAMES MORRIS '54
Malva J. Carey '75 Palmer D. Whitted, Sr. '31
Awards Vandy Miller, Dr. Thomas W. Cole, Jr.
NATIONAL "W" CLUB AWARD Dr. Prince A. Williams Professor Emeritus, West Virginia State College
LOCAL "W" CLUB AWARD Walter Wilkerson Sgt. Joseph Turner Talmadge A. Bausley
NATIONAL "W" CLUB STUDENT ATHLETE AWARDS
OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN ATHLETE Marvin Shepherd (Baseball) OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE ATHLETE Rufus Hankerson (Football) & James Land (Track)
James Land (Track) Outstanding Junior athlete Dewitt Hale (Track)
CLOSING REMARKS
Alma Mater

# WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE Sports Hall of Fame



CALVIN L. BAILEY Class of 1972



Calvin L. Bailey was born and raised in Spencer, West Virginia. He graduated, in 1960, from Spencer High School where he played football and basketball for two years and baseball for three years.

In 1961 he enlisted in the United States Navy and served until 1964. He was named All-Navy for fast pitch softball in 1962.

Calvin enrolled in West Virginia State College after leaving the service and immediately made his presence known on the football field and baseball diamond. He was named All-W.V.I.A.C. in 1966 as a first baseman.

His professional baseball career began in 1966 when he signed, as a pitcher, with the Pittsburgh Pirates. During his career he played at Salem, Virginia; Raleigh, North Carolina; York, Pennsylvania; Waterbury, Connecticut; Charleston, West Virginia; Bradenton, Florida and Ft. Myers, Florida. He was traded in 1972 to the San Diego Padres playing at Salt Lake City, Utah.

He received a Bachelor of Science from West Virginia State in 1972 and a Master of Arts in Education Administration, in 1974, from the College of Graduate Studies.

From 1972 to 1974 he was physical education coordinator for Jackson County, West Virginia. In 1974 he joined the staff at West Virginia State as assistant director of admissions.

In 1978 Calvin was named head baseball coach for the College. During his tenure his teams have earned a 174-96-2 record with 25 All-W.V.I.A.C. players; 7 All-Area N.A.I.A. players; 2 All-Americans and 1 Academic All-American.

Individually, Calvin was named All-American for softball 35 years and older in 1979, 81 and 82; W.V.I.A.C. Coach of the Year in 1978, 79, 81, 82 and 83; the College Coach of the Year in West Virginia in 1979; a member of the District 28 Protest Committee in 1984 and 85; chairman of the W.V.I.A.C. coaches in 1980, 81 and 82 and is a N.A.I.A. District 28 Top 10 rater.

The Bailey connection with sports at West Virginia State is very strong. Calvin's brother, James, played baseball and was named All-W.V.I.A.C. in football for 1965 and 1966, his brother-in-law, Bruce Fisher, played tennis in the early seventies and his wife, the former Ruth Fisher, was a varsity cheerleader from 1963 to 1967.

Calvin and Ruth have two children, Daniel Jon, who wrestles and plays football for Nitro High School, and Janna Kate, 8 months old.

# WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME



HENRY R. BELLINGER Class of 1960



Henry R. "Hank" Bellinger was born January 18, 1938 in Salem, Virginia. He graduated third in his class, in 1956, from Carver High School. While at Carver he was president of his class for four years, a member of the band and choir, and captain of the football and basketball team. He won the B'nai B'rith Award as the most outstanding scholar/athlete at Carver.

He entered West Virginia State College in 1956. During his stay at State he participated in Pershing Rifles military fraternity, Scabbard and Blade, "W" Club, Prillerman Hall Council, Yellow Jacket newspaper staff, Student Council, Panhellenic Council, Sociology Club, Welfare Committee, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and the Yellow Jacket track team.

As a sprinter, Hank ran the 100 and 220 yard dashes and 400 and 880 yard relays. At his first track meet, in 1958, he ran favorably against several N.C.A.A. record holders and Pan Am and Olympic Game participants finishing third in the 100 yard dash. He won the 100 yard dash with a time of 9.9 and finished third in the 100 yard dash. He won the 100 yard dash with a time of 9.9 and finished second in the 220 yard dash at the Ohio Invitational track meet. Continuing his dominance as a sprinter. Hank won the 100 and 220 and the 440 and sprint medley relays, won the High Scorer Award, and was named to the All-W.V.I.A.C. track team at the 1958 W.V.I.A.C. Championship meet.

In 1959, at the Howard University Relays, he finished second in the 100 and 220 dashes and the 440 relay. At the West Virginia Relays he won the 100, 220, and anchored the winning 440 and 880 relays. The same year at the W.V.I.A.C. Championship meet Hank won and set records in the 100 yard dash with a time of 9.7 and the 220 yard dash with a time of 21.7. He won the High Point Award and All-Conference honors for the second consecutive year. Also, at this meet, the Yellow Jacket track team won their first W.V.I.A.C. track championship. Hank's fastest times in 1959 were 9.6 in the 100 yard dash and 21.0 in the 220.

In 1960, at the Ohio Relays, he ran gainst N.C.A.A. record holder John Moon in the 100, Les Carney, N.C.A.A. record holder in the 220, and Glen Davis, two-time Olympic winner in the 400 meter hurdles, who also ran in the 220. Against those outstanding sprinters Hank finished 4th in the 100 and 220. At the Concord State College Relays, he set a West Virginia State College record in the 100 with a time of 9.5, which, along with co-record holders Bernard Savage (1973) and Walter Reid (1976), still stands. At the West Virginia State College Invitational Meet he won the 100, 220 and ran on the winning 440 and sprint medley relay teams. For the third consecutive year he was named to the W.V.I.A.C. All-Conference team after finishing second in the 220, third in the 100, and running on the winning 440 and sprint medley relay teams.

What makes Hank's performance all the more remarkable is that he arrived at "State" without previous experience in track.

Hank is a member of the National "W" Club and has retired from the Army. He is presently employed as a program analyst for the General Service Administration. He has worked for the Department of Defense. Civil Aeronautics Board as deputy director and chief.

He and his wife. Ruby, have three children, Henry Jr., James and Lisa.

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MALVA J. CAREY Class of 1975



Malva J. Carey was born October 1, 1946 in Holden, West Virginia. She graduated in 1964 from Logan (West Virginia) High School.

After graduation Malva enrolled in West Virginia State College and became a member of the women's basketball team.

She played for three years, 1965, 66, and 67. In 1966 Malva was the leading scorer in 12 of the season's 21 games. Examples of her scoring ability against worthy opponents are: Concord College, 22 points; West Virginia Tech, 20 points; Park Pontiac, 22 points; Fairmont State, 19 points; Rio Grande, 18 points and Marshall University, 17 points. At the 1966 Women's Athletic Association's basketball tournament, Malva was selected to the 1966 All-Tournament team averaging 19.3 points per game during the tournament.

Malva attributes a great part of her success in basketball and life to her coach, Barbara Lewis Clark. Malva stated that she was a "hot dog" player and also hot-headed. "Coach Clark taught me discipline and respect for other players."

She graduated in 1975 from West Virginia State College with a B.S. degree in Business Education. In 1980 she earned a master's degree in Vocational Technical Education from Marshall University.

She is presently employed as a cooperative education teacher at St. Albans High School in St. Albans, West Virginia. She also works as a business principles teacher for Inroads, Inc. of Charleston, West Virginia. She is an intermediate accountant for the State of West Virginia, a member of the First Baptist Church and on it's Trustee Board. Malva is a member of the Sanctuary and Newsome Gospel Chorus of the First Baptist Church and a member of Christ Inspiration Delegation Ministry of Charleston. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Carey of Holden, West Virginia, Malva is a born-again Christian.

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ISAIAH ISRAEL Class of 1937

Isaiah Israel was born February 11, 1913 in Nitro, West Virginia. He attended Dunbar High School in Fairmont, West Virginia where he was an All-State team member in both basketball and football.

In 1934 he entered West Virginia State College. While at State he was a 3-year member of the basketball and football teams. He played guard on the basketball team and was selected to the C.I.A.A. All-Conference team and the Pittsburgh Courier's All-American team. In football he played tackle and was selected All-Conference C.I.A.A., All-Midwest and the Pittsburgh Courier's All-American team.

Isaiah graduated from West Virginia State in 1937 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He received a Master of Arts in Physical Education from the University of Michigan. He served in the United States Army during World War II as a master sergeant in the Corps of Engineers.

He was basketball and football coach at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. He has worked as a teacher for the Los Angeles, California Public Schools at Jefferson High School, Jordon High School and Fremont High School.

He is a member of the West Virginia State College Alumni Association in the Los Angeles chapter and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He is a golfer and a hole-in-one member.

Isaiah and his wife, Georgia, have one son, Isaiah, Jr.

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JAMES G. MORRIS Class of 1954



James G. "Hammer" Morris was born in Charleston, West Virginia. He attended Boyd Junior High School where he played on the state junior high school championship basketball team and was selected to the junior high All-State team in 1946.

In 1949, he graduated from Garnet High School where he and his teammates won the West Virginia State Basketball Championship. While at Garnet he was selected to the All-State basketball team in both his junior and senior years. His senior year, 1949, he was captain of the All-State basketball team, named to the All-Tournament team, and played in the National High School Basketball Tournament.

As a freshman at West Virginia State College he made the varsity basketball team and played with Clarence Clark, Earl Lloyd and Bob Wilson. He earned four letters in basketball, averaged 15 points a game his sophomore season, 17 points his junior year and 19 points as a senior. In 1952 he was captain of the Yellow Jacket team; C.I.A.A. All-Tournament and All-Conference; All-N.A.I.A. District Tournament team member and selected N.A.I.A. All-American. He scored 39 points in the N.A.I.A. Tournament, a one game scoring record, against Texas Southern University in 1952.

In 1955 he entered the United States Army and worked in S-3 section of Battalion Headquarters until 1957. He also played Army basketball from 1956 to 1957 at Fort Wood, Missouri.

"Hammer" Morris received a Master of Arts degree in Administration from West Virginia University in 1974. He has worked as head junior high coach at Washington High School in London, West Virginia; assistant coach at Wilson Junior High School in Charleston, West Virginia; assistant vice-principal, vice-principal and the first Black principal of a major integrated high school in West Virginia at Charleston High School.

He is a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals; the N.A.A.C.P.; West Virginia State College Alumni Association; the National "W" Club; First Baptist Church Board of Trustees and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

He is married to the former Rose Allen, a 1956 graduate of West Virginia State College, and they have three children, Joy. Jan and James.

## WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME



PALMER D. WHITTED, SR. Class of 1931



Palmer D. "Scrappy" Whitted, Sr. was born January 5, 1907 in Elgin, Illinois. He attended public school in Culver, Indiana where he participated in football, basketball, baseball, track and swimming. He graduated in 1925 from Culver High School.

He enrolled in Howard University, in 1925, and became a member of the Bison football and track teams. In 1927 he transferred to West Virginia State College where he earned letters in football, from 1927 to 1930; baseball, from 1928 to 1931; basketball, from 1929 to 1931 and track in 1931. He graduated in 1931 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

Immediately following his college graduation he was appointed football and basketball coach at Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas. He led the basketball team to the Southwest Conference Championship in 1932.

He was a coach and science teacher at Huntsville, Texas Negro School (1933), coach and teacher at Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas, Texas (1934-35), and coach and physical education teacher at Phillis Wheatley High School in San Antonio, Texas (1936-44).

In 1943 he received a master's degree in Secondary Education from the University of Michigan.

While serving as director of the USO club in New Orleans in 1945, he had occasion to offer housing for the sailors of the Dutch Navy. Their difficulty with the language presented confused circumstances with the civil officials and he found it necessary to intercede in their behalf. This bit of international diplomacy resulted in a Knighthood, in gratitude for services to their government, by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, in 1947.

From 1948 to 1956 he owned and operated the Whitted Funeral Home. In 1956 he was the first black teacher ever employed at Berkeley High School. While at Berkeley he served as teacher, coach, counselor and retired in 1972 as vice principal.

He served in Personnel Player Recruitment and in public relations for the National Football League Oakland Raiders from 1960 until 1965.

"Scrappy" received a B.M.S. degree from San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He also studied at the University of California, San Francisco and San Diego State Colleges, University of Notre Dame and California College of Arts and Crafts.

He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., National Education Association, California and Berkeley Teachers Associations, and Berkeley Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO).

He and his wife, the former Anne Campbell, have two children. Alvce and Palmer, Jr. Palmer D. "Scrappy" Whitted died October 2, 1982.

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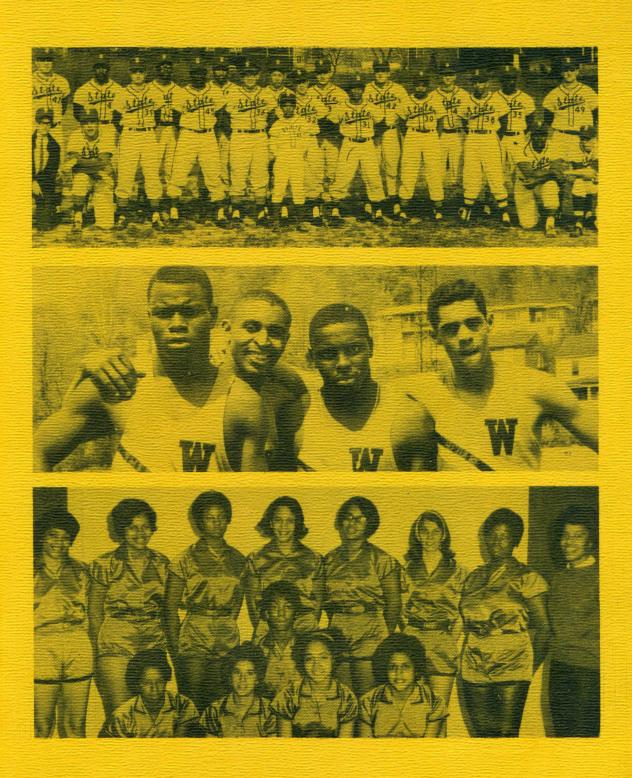
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#### **REFRAIN:**

West Virginia's praise we'll sing— Lift our voices 'till 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.