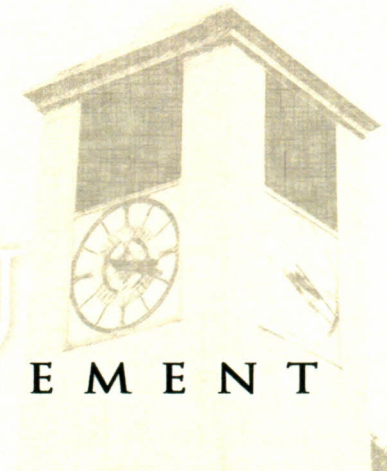


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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM  
December 9, 2017

College of Arts and Humanities  
College of Business and Social Sciences  
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
College of Professional Studies



Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.  
President

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Institute, 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 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, West Virginia State College, 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 University.

In 1915, the West Virginia Collegiate Institute began offering college degrees. Under the leadership of President John W. Davis, academic programs were expanded and new buildings were constructed. In 1927, the Institute received accreditation from 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 became an integrated institution serving a predominately white, adult, commuter student population. At that time, land-grant status was lost due to a decision of the West Virginia Board of Education; West Virginia State College was the only 1890 land-grant institution to lose that status. The College regained land-grant status in 2001, by an act of Congress.

With reinstatement of its 1890 land-grant status, and accompanying federal funding, West Virginia State College strengthened its mission of teaching, research and service to the community. The first graduate degree programs began in fall 2003. With the passage of Senate Bill 448 during the 2004 legislative session, the Institution became 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 system.



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

December 9, 2017 10:00 a.m.

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COMMENCEMENT  
ORDER OF EXERCISES



PRELUDE ..... Classical Selections

PROCESSIONAL..... Pomp and Circumstance

MARCHING ORDER

- Grand Marshal
- President and Deans
- Platform Party
- College Flag Bearers
- Faculty and Administrators
- Flags of the Nations
- Candidates for Degrees

POSTING OF THE COLORS..... Yellow Jacket Battalion Color Guard  
United States Army ROTC

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... West Virginia State University Concert Choir  
Piano Accompaniment by Associate Professor Brenda Vanderford

INVOCATION ..... Dr. Felicia Wooten Williams  
Pastor, Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS..... Leon Vincent Williams, Esquire  
Chair, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ..... Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Dr. Morris S. Clark  
Retired Dental Surgeon and Professor

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... *My Home Among the Hills*..... WVSU Concert Choir  
Dr. Dirk Johnson, Director  
Piano Accompaniment by Associate Professor Brenda Vanderford



CONFERMENT OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts, Public Administration, and Sciences . . . . . Dr. J. Paige Carney  
Dean, College of Professional Studies

Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Anthony L. Jenkins  
President

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences. . . . . Prof. Deborah Williams  
Interim Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences

Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Anthony L. Jenkins  
President

*The Director of Registration and Records, Ms. Donna L. Hunter, announces the names of the graduates,  
during the conferring of degrees by President Jenkins.*

U.S. ARMY COMMISSIONING CEREMONY . . . . . LTC Joshua Germann  
Military Science Department

REMARKS . . . . . Dr. Anthony L. Jenkins  
President

ALUMNI PLEDGE . . . . . Mrs. Camille Shipman-McQueen  
Vice President, WVSU National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER . . . . . Caleb Parsons  
Piano Accompaniment by Associate Professor Brenda Vanderford

CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BENEDICTION . . . . . Dr. Felicia Wooten Williams  
Pastor, Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church

RECESSIONAL . . . . . Grand March

*Please remain seated while the graduates recess.*

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER DR. MORRIS S. CLARK

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Dr. Morris Shandell Clark was born and raised in Princeton, W.Va. He graduated from what was then West Virginia State College with a bachelor's degree in zoology in 1967. After a year in a graduate school at West Virginia University, he returned to Institute to work with Dr. Harrison Ferrell in the Upward Bound program. Dr. Clark then moved to the University of California San Francisco Medical Center and received his Doctorate of Science in Dental Surgery in 1973. Dr. Clark then accepted an internship and residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Columbia University in New York City.

Upon completion of his residency, Dr. Clark joined the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver, where he opened a private practice and also became a full-time academician. He became Director of Anesthesia and performed the original clinical trials for the Hoffman-LaRoche Pharmaceutical Co. to bring the drug Versed to market.

Dr. Clark has authored over 200 refereed manuscripts and six books of medical and dental literature. He recently retired as a tenured professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Colorado.

He has received an honorary doctorate degree from Iasi University in Romania. A wing of Iasi University bears the name The Morris S. Clark Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic in his honor. Dr. Clark is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities.

## U.S. ARMY COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

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During the commencement service, a member of the West Virginia State University Reserve Officers' Training Corps. (ROTC) program will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. West Virginia State's ROTC Program has commissioned over 900 officers into the United States Army. Fifteen of these officers have achieved the General Officer ranks. Cadet Enya Williams is commissioning into the West Virginia Army National Guard as a Quartermaster Officer. Cadet Williams will attend the Quartermaster Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Lee, Va.

## WVSU ALUMNI PLEDGE

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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 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 who seats the graduates, faculty and platform guests. Faculty members 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 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 for bachelors' degrees. 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 bachelor's 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 Fine Arts - Brown
- 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
- Master of Public Administration - Peacock Blue
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration - Midnight Royal

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### *MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES*

Katrina A. Slone  
James Henson Taylor\*

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

#### *MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION*

Dionne Beverly-Hairston\*  
Jeffery Scott Billings\*  
Jason Elijah Huffman\*  
William David Lanham, II  
Stephen Rhon Starks

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

#### *MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY*

Bandana Ghimire  
Mickey Z. King-Fowler  
Vadesse LhiLhi Noundou  
Ifeoma Rosemary Ugwuanyi

### COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

#### *MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION*

David Alan Cadle, II  
Sharon Lynn Deal  
Sarah E. Loftus\*  
Ella Morgan Messinger\*  
Reginald Patterson\*  
Dorse Denzil Dewayne Sears  
Dina Renee Williams

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### *BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ART*

Joanna Marie Asbury  
Casey Sierra Brotherton  
Allison Jane McComas  
Adam Christopher Tawney

#### *BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH*

Angela Cathleen Bosley  
Garrett Wil Mayes  
Portia G. Smith

#### *BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES*

Maxwell Cole Snodgrass

#### *BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE*

Arin Brooke Higginbotham\*  
Casey Taylor Sharp

#### *BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS*

Kelli Renea Bell  
Jordan M. Brock\*  
James Roy Hamilton, III  
Sara J. Hays  
Stephen Christopher Johnston  
Trinity Lee Altano Mullins

#### *REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS*

Douglas C. Brown  
Robert E. Brown  
Jeffery Lynn Dean  
Jacklyn Elaine Dyer  
Adrianna Joyce Epps\*  
Justin Matthew Fisher\*  
Gerald Woodrow Fitzwater  
Charlton Jeffrey Gandee  
Heath Edward Huffman  
Raven LaShay Jeffers\*  
Julie M. Johnson\*  
Zachary Alan King\*  
Jade Sierra Magoun

Michael Darren Oakley  
Kiersten Leigh Sanders\*  
James Estel Singleton, III\*  
Cheryl Ann Taylor  
Jordan Abriana Wallace  
James Axel Widen

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

#### *BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS*

Timothy James Duff  
Sandra Jean King

#### *BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY*

Kaylen Marie Barker  
Joseph Alexander Given  
Seth Jordan Lilly\*  
Alexander Hamilton Long  
Matthew Dylan Miller  
Andrea Lee Shuff  
Maxwell Cole Snodgrass

#### *BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE*

Jeffrey Dale Hall\*  
Douglas Eugene Smith, II

#### *BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY*

Ashley J. Bauer  
Kelci LeeAna Browning  
Mandie Elizabeth Clay\*  
Benjamin Maxwell Fertig  
Kaitlynn Desiree Gilbert\*  
Alexis Elaine Gillenwater  
Alyssa Hope Harrison  
Katie Marie Hedrick\*  
Jennifer Blair Mize\*  
Kimberly Joyce Mooney  
Deahanna Jienell Raynes  
Katie Elizabeth Ryan

\* Denotes August 2017 graduate

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## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Olga Y. Baranova Myers  
Christian Ty Baumgarner  
Melissa Michelle Belcher  
Charles Basil Bennett, III  
Theron Franklin Bittle, Jr.  
Krista-Beth Bradshaw  
James Ronald Broderick  
Allyson Lynn Burgess  
Morgan Rene Cole  
Patrick Eugene Crede\*  
Rhiannon Nicole Dillon  
Camren Larry Duncan  
Joseph Clark Gregg  
Tyler Edward Hall\*  
Isaac Daniel Hanshaw\*  
Lucas Matundan Holsclaw  
Brett Matthew Kemerer  
Sandra Jean King  
Kassi Jo Scroggins  
Alexandria Renée Shamblin  
Katrina Janea Shreves  
Latrice Lynette Thompson\*  
Seth Adam Tuemler

### **COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS**

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY**

Roark Patrick Acord  
Daniel Wesley Barker  
Tonya Renee Edwards  
Taylor Joseph Farris  
Sara Raeann Ferguson  
Chelsey Dawn Parkins

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY**

Tigist Arefayne Geberehiwot

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Roark Patrick Acord  
Tesfahun T. Negash

### **COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Cody Alexander Beckner  
Benjamin Ray Boggess  
Devon Montel Bollinger  
Erika Michelle Boxley  
Michael Travis Cain  
Mark Joseph Caple  
Love Jean Charles  
Will Jean Charles  
Bryan Christopher Crosier  
Jacob Scott Frantz  
Nicole Madeline Hallock  
Samuel Clayton Hanna  
Anthony Shawn Herrera  
David Benjamin Jones  
Molly Ryan Mitchell  
Coral Leann Queen  
Whitney Jenea Reid  
Aaron C. Sadler  
Caleb Michael Shawver  
Cortney Ann Smith  
Makayla Ann Stanley  
Danae Marie Wells  
Stephen James White  
Enya Kinski Williams  
Kara Renee Williamson  
Jerome Vincent Willis, Jr.

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION**

Courtney Danielle Bess  
Joshua Wade Blackwell  
Duncan James-Lee Breeden  
Jenna Dawn Inman Bustle  
Haley Brooke Byrd\*  
Jason Alan Carnes  
Tawna Laura Clark  
Jonathan James Cline  
Jacqueline Annette Davis  
Morgan Ashley Diehl  
Diandra Lynn Gentilin  
Cody Douglas Halstead  
Holly Elizabeth Jarrett

Joshua David Keadle  
Brittany Dawn Kinder  
Sydney Nichole Legg  
Madalyn Grace McGrew  
Sarah Dawn Miller  
Samuel John Neff  
Caleb Elijah Parsons  
Savannah Nicole Proctor  
Stacie Nicole Spurlock  
Katie Ann Thomas  
Cassandra Jayne Totten  
Bobbi J. Wiley  
Trenton Tyler Williamson  
Kaylee Brooke Wolfe  
Baylee Danielle Young

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE**

Geoquasha Dalynn Brown  
Bureada Nicole Cline  
Cynthia Denise Hunt  
Kimberly Joyce Mooney  
Stephen Edward Murphy  
Bret Ryan Rorabaugh

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION**

Justin Michael Hunt

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK**

Marissa René Counts-Hayslette  
Kenedie Brooke Oshel  
Anna Christine Ranson\*

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SPORTS STUDIES**

Zachary Alvidrez\*  
Colby Matthew Brogan  
Kevin Antonio Coffie  
Brady Alexander Cox  
Brandon Michael Dickerson  
Brandon William Garcia  
Phillip Evan Mandt\*  
Tyler Wayne Moore  
Ryan James Vance

\* Denotes August 2017 graduate

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## ACADEMIC HONORS



### **Cum Laude**

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages between 3.25 and 3.49

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages between 3.50 and 3.74

### **Summa Cum Laude**

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages of 3.75 and above

### **With Distinction**

Candidates, who are graduating with a second bachelor's degree, who have completed at least 30 hours beyond the first degree and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 and above in these additional hours.

### **Graduating Seniors in Honor Societies**

To become a member in a University Honor Society, a student must have earned 30 hours toward his/her degree and must have met the society's specific requirements for eligibility.

Congratulations to the seniors listed for your commitment to academic excellence and thank you for the national and international recognition that you bring to West Virginia State University by your membership in these societies.

### **Alpha Delta Mu**

**National Honor Society in Social Work**

**Professor Rita Brown, advisor**

Kenedie Brooke Oshel

### **Alpha Kappa Mu**

**Junior and Senior National Honor Society**

**Dr. Sonya Armstrong, advisor**

Roark Patrick Acord

Theron Franklin Bittle, Jr.

Molly Ryan Mitchell

Aaron C. Sadler

### **Alpha Phi Sigma**

**National Criminal Justice Honor Society**

**Dr. Cassandra B. Whyte, advisor**

Erika Michelle Boxley

David Alan Cadle, II

Sharon Lynn Deal

Samuel Clayton Hanna

David Benjamin Jones

Molly Ryan Mitchell

Whitney Jenea Reid

Aaron C. Sadler

Caleb Michael Shawver

Makayla Ann Stanley

Danae Marie Wells

Dina Renee Williams

Enya Kinski Williams

Kara Renee Williamson

### **Delta Mu Delta**

**International Honor Society**

**In Business Administration**

**Professor John Hodges, advisor**

Theron Franklin Bittle, Jr.

### **Kappa Delta Pi**

**International Honor Society in Education**

**Professor Barbara Korn, advisor**

Courtney Danielle Bess

Tawna Laura Clark

Morgan Ashley Diehl

Holly Elizabeth Jarrett

Joshua Keadle

Sydney Nichole Legg

Madalyn Grace McGrew

Sarah Dawn Miller

Samuel John Neff

Katie Ann Thomas

Cassandra Jayne Totten

Bobbi J. Wiley

Baylee Danielle Young

### **Omicron Delta Epsilon**

**International Economics Honor**

**Society**

**Dr. Suvayan De, advisor**

Sandra Jean King

### **Phi Alpha Theta**

**National Honor Society for History**

**Dr. T. J. Park, advisor**

Joseph Alexander Given

Matthew Dylan Miller

Andrea Lee Shuff

### **Sigma Tau Delta**

**International English Honor Society**

**Dr. Anne McConnell, advisor**

Bobbi J. Wiley

## 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 used today was designed by former Art faculty member Dr. Cubert Smith. The 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.

## 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 symbolizes the accomplishments of the graduates whom we honor on this occasion and the University's commitment to their success.

Four gonfalons of the old gold with black lettering will be carried by two faculty members from each College: 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.

### **Banner Carriers**

#### ***Arts and Humanities***

Assoc. Prof. Thomas Kiddie  
Asst. Prof. Lan Wang

#### ***Business Administration and Social Sciences***

Assoc. Prof. Frehot Hailou  
Assoc. Prof. Ginta Palubinskas

#### ***Natural Sciences and Mathematics***

Prof. Sonya Armstrong  
Assoc. Prof. Xiaohong Zhang

#### ***Professional Studies***

Asst. Prof. Mickey Blackwell  
Asst. Prof. Kerri Steele

### ***Grand Marshal***

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya

### ***Faculty Marshals***

Asst. Prof. Matt Carroll  
Assoc. Prof. Patricia Wilson

### ***Stage Marshals***

Asst. Prof. Josh Martin  
Prof. Walter Stroupe

### ***Student Marshals***

Assoc. Prof. Debra Anderson-Conliffe  
Assoc. Prof. Patricia King

### ***Sign Language Interpreters***

Ashley Cobb  
Melanie Wilkerson

## THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key

*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, thru 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 through 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?*

## 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.*



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