



EIGHTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF  
WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE  
INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

The Eighty-Third  
Annual Commencement

FLEMING HALL  
MAY THE TWENTIETH

A.D. NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT

AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

# Order of Exercises

PRELUDE—A Festival Prelude . . . . . *Alfred Reed*

THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION—

March from Die Meistersinger . . . . . *Richard Wagner*  
Concert Band—Mel Gillispie, Director

The Marshal

The Candidates

The Faculty

The Administrative Officers and Special Guests

The Recipients of Special Honors

The President and Commencement Speaker

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

To be sung by the audience

(The audience will remain standing until after the invocation.)

THE INVOCATION . . . . . *The Reverend Jack Stennett*

Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church—Saint Albans, West Virginia

THE CONFERMENT OF SPECIAL HONORS

Distinguished Service Awards

(To retirees for distinguished service to the College)

Grace Clark

Mildred Epps

Sharleen W. Corbett

Felix Paul

Honorary Degrees

John F. Matheus

Robert C. Byrd

Professor Emeritus of Modern Foreign Languages

Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate

Doctor of Letters

Doctor of Laws

Vincent E. Reed

Superintendent of Schools, Washington, D.C.

Doctor of Humanities

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS . . . . . *The Honorable Robert C. Byrd*

MUSIC—Battle Hymn of the Republic . . . . . *Steffe-Wilhousky*

Concert Choir and Concert Band—Truman Dalton, Conductor

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## AWARD OF HONORS

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Patricia Harriet Awash  
Sherri Gale Bird  
N. Lorraine Gerlach  
Franklin Lee Grift

Barnard Keith Huffman  
Lyvonne Karr  
Stanley Allen Keller  
Janet Kay McDaniel

Karen Marie Shumate  
Joseph Marion Stephens  
Alice Lemira Young

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Adrian Ross Ashley, Jr.  
Mary Elizabeth Blizzard  
Beverly Joyce Burgess  
Barbara Ann Butcher  
Lloyd Raymond Cobb, II  
Robin Jan Davis

Valerie Bragg Desrosiers  
Linda Kay Donegan  
Larry Allen Duffield  
John Mark Goodall  
Aretta Joyce Hodges  
Olalekan Obafemi Kotoye

Thelma Marie Lee  
Winferd O. McKinney  
Sherry Lynn Okes  
Betty H. Ulbrich  
Patricia Clendenin Walker  
Barbara Elaine Withrow

### CUM LAUDE

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Ibtesam Bekdash Barazi  
Dayton Crockett Beard  
Betty Deardorff Bennett  
Roger Lee Boothe  
Gregory Allen Cantley  
Gregory Norman Clark  
Steffany Renay Duck  
Jill Ann Dudik-Bross  
James Richard Ellison  
Kellis Marion Gillespie

Pauline Marie Hairston  
Belinda Ann Harris  
James Theodore Harrison  
Lynn Catherine Inman  
James Kenneth King  
Ronald Lee King  
Shirley Hansbury Madison  
Diana Kay Marcum  
Janet Lou Miller  
Charles Lee Phalen, Jr.

Marcell Marie Purdy  
Janet M. Rather  
Bradley J. Richardson  
Sabrina Jane Rollins  
Sara Jane Smith  
Jamie Law Spencer  
Paul David Spradling  
Roger Allen Summerfield  
Pamela Sue Walters  
Pamela Anderson Wilson

# Order of Exercises

## THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES—

*The Candidates for the Degrees will be presented to Provost Anderson in the following order:*

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts by Professor Virginia Edwards

Candidates for the Board of Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree by Professor Delores Taylor

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science by Professor Bernard Krabacher

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration by Professor Joseph Oden

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice by Professor Charles M. Walker

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education by Professor Samuel Securro, Jr.

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Economics by Professor Lina Kelley

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology by Professor Richard N. Gwinn

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Work by Professor Mary Heiser

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Applied Science by Professor Lina Kelley

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Arts in Communications by Professor W. Till Curry

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Chemical Technology by Professor Bernard Krabacher

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Commerce by Professor Joseph Oden

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Criminal Justice by Professor Charles M. Walker

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Education by Professor Samuel Securro, Jr.

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Industrial Technology by Professor Richard N. Gwinn

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Recreation Service by Professor Barbara Clark

Candidates for the Degree of Associate in Science in Social Work by Professor Mary Heiser

*After the conferring of the degrees by President McNeill, the names of graduates will be announced by Mr. John L. Fuller, Registrar.*

# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Patricia Harriet Ahwash	Margaret Ann Fuentes	Janet Lou Miller
Edwin Cornelius Anderson, III	Curtis Irving Gilmer	Sharon Mariett Gwinn Mullens
Adrian Ross Ashley, Jr.	David Carpenter Graham	Charles Emmett Myers
Mary Louise Buck	Franklin Lee Gritt, Jr.	Charles Lee Phalen, Jr.
Lloyd Raymond Cobb, II	Belinda Ann Harris	Bryan Kent Stephens
John Lee Cottrell	Harrison Duane Hatcher	Judith Philpott Stultz
William Michael Crawford	Raymond Joseph Haynes	Imeh Peter Udoh
Betty Jo-Ann Croson	Edward Luther Hicks	Patricia Clendenin Walker
Jeffrey Lynn Doerr	E. Lee Horton	Pamela Sue Walters
Steffany Renay Duck	Sharon Elaine Kesling	William Gregory Whittaker
Judith Yvette Ellis		Frank Lyle Williams

## FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Franklin E. Beach	Pauline Marie Hairston	C. Doyle Moss
Jan Borek	Stephen Justin Hardman	Martha A. Moyer
DeVerne Larry Britt	Percy James Henderson	Billy Conn Pack
Paulette Siggers Brown	Theresa Diane Hopper	Larry C. Potts
Ronald Robert Casto	Oliver Edward Hunter	Lawrence G. Schmidt
Ralph W. Christian	Hazel Ruth Johnson	Fred Henry Shelton
Edgar N. Clendenin	Robert Wayne McCrary	Lora Susan Sperry
Darryl Dermont Dean	Shirley Hansbury Madison	Hope B. Stewart
William Dallas Erwin	Dolores Ann Marshall	Percy Anthony Taylor
Ralph Clinton Floyd, Jr.	Emil E. Martin	Garrell Eugene Thomas
James Rickie Gilbert	Loretta H. Miller	Roosevelt Wilder
Jon Fieldon Green		

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ibtesam Bekdash Barazi	Larry Allen Duffield	William Benton Scruggs
Mary Elizabeth Blizzard	Lynn Catherine Inman	Cheryl Re Sisco
Roger Lee Boothe	Olalekan Obafemi Kotoye	Richard Clifton Thorpe
Timothy Gale Bumgardner	C. Michael Lewis	Charles Patrick Turley
Beverly Joyce Burgess	Winferd O. McKinney	Paul Edward Webb
Gregory Allen Cantley	Martha Annette Montgomery	Stephanie Lynn Whisiker
Jill Ann Dudik-Bross	Timothy Allen Ramsey	Thomas Walter Worstell

# Candidates

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

Dayton Crockett Beard  
Sherri Gale Bird  
John Meredith Burgess  
Barbara Ann Butcher  
Dwight S. Clark  
Mary Joanne Corley  
Howard David Dennison  
James Richard Ellison  
Fred Allen Elswick  
Frederick M. Farnham  
Ellis A. Finch

Ovie Dewey Gibson  
Kellis Marion Gillespie  
Jeffrey Staunton Good  
Oakford W. Gross, III  
Alicia Denise Holmes  
David Lee Johnston  
Stanley Allen Keller  
Charlton Richard Leasure  
Que-Huong Le-Si  
Robert Boone Maxwell, Jr.  
Charles Nelson Miller, Jr.

Judy Kay Miller  
Reva Gail Nichols  
Sawad Pilara  
Arun K. Potdar  
Gerald Arnold Riddle  
Paul David Spradling  
Roger Allen Summerfield  
Louise H. Thomas  
James Marshall Toney  
William Harry Weeks, Jr.  
James Ernest Wilson

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

Charles Alan Brannon  
Michael Anthony Carter, Sr.  
Gregory Norman Clark  
Toney Lee Clay  
Linda Faulkner Duncan  
Harold Gayle Facemyer  
Paul L. Gandee  
Harry Dwight Graham  
Carl Edward Graley, III  
Michelle Yvette Grigsby

Carolyn Rene Higginbotham  
Bernard Keith Huffman  
Windell Jones  
Lola Frances McClanahan  
Frank Randall McCoy  
Edmond Lamar Marshall  
Terry Lee Miller  
Shirley Frances Pickering  
Nathaniel Harris Pickett  
Vickie Lynn Pleasant

John Leslie Rymer  
Robert C. Sparks  
John Michael Spellacy  
Walter Ellis Stroupe  
Walton M. Taylor  
William Manning Walters  
Mary Michelle Whatley  
Gary Rodger Whitten  
James Brent Williams  
Elvie Colin Wood

# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

David Harold Bailey	Gary Wayne Holland	Vanessa Lorraine Randle
Barbara Ilene Beckett	David Edward Holley	Bradley J. Richardson
Betty Deardorff Bennett	Sara Demetrius Holmes	Sabrina Jane Rollins
Mark Raymond Blizzard	Karen Sue Horvath	Gloria Jean Roush
Rebecca H. Bostic	Lyvonne Karr	Barbara Jean Sisson
Kathy Ann Breedlove	Ralph Douglas Kernen	Rosa Maria Butta Southall
Rebecca M. Cline	Barbara June King	Jamie Law Spencer
Valerie Bragg Desrosiers	James Kenneth King	Joseph Marion Stephens
Linda Kay Donegan	Ernest E. Lee	Dorothy L. Sumner
Idette Cary Durbin	Thelma Marie Lee	Betty H. Ulbrich
Connie Lou Fulknier	Larry Conrad Lewis	Mitchell Darrell Valentine
N. Lorraine Gerlach	Carrie Geneva Logan	Serena Cheryl Wallace
Crystal Jeannine Godbey	Brenda Carol Marshall	Ricky Joe Warren
John Mark Goodall	Karen Elaine Pioch	Phillip White, III
Franklin Rochelle Graves	Marcell Marie Purdy	John J. Williamson
Demetrice Ann Lindsey Hardman	Janet M. Raether	Pamela Anderson Wilson
James Theodore Harrison	Nelson Ramirez	Alice Lemira Young
Aretta Joyce Hodges		

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOME ECONOMICS

Deborah Lynn Bartoe	Diana Kay Marcum	Cheryl Lynn Martin-Tubel
Dawn Elizabeth Chambers		

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Eddie Lee Asbury	Ronald Lee King	Cass Dana Mullins, Jr.
James A. Kerns		

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

Roger Lee Crookshanks	Richard H. Jones	Sandra Yvonne Pope
Robin Jan Davis	Janet Kay McDaniel	Karen Marie Shumate
Joyce D. Gilmer	Doris Ann Marcum	Sara Jane Smith
Lawrence Wheeler Hamilton	Barbara Kay Marshall	Barbara Elaine Withrow
Timothy Brian Hutchings	Sherry Lynn Okes	

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Kathy Jackson Gravely	Vicki L. Tawney	Elizabeth Ann York
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# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN COMMUNICATIONS

Connie Lee Hunt

Patricia Gail Smith

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY

Steven Joe Ferrell

C. Daniel Ligon

Said Didvar Saadi

Raymond Paul Fulknier, Jr.

Denise Louise Root

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN COMMERCE

Pamela Jeanne Buckland

Daphine Sue Kidd

Rebecca Lynn Meadows

Carol Joyce Burs

Shirley Ellen McGraw

Teresa Ann Morton

Connie Sue Carper

Carmelita Dale McKemy

Elana Gail Pitchford

Pamela Susan Day

Sojuana Gayle Martin

Vanessa Kay Riddle

Janet Mae Dodrill

Christina Joyce May

Robin Renee Sayre

Janice Sue Dodrill

Ruth E. Simmons

Harriette Roseanne Jackson

Mary L. Williams

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

Kitty Lynn Corns

William Franklin Hunt, Jr.

Vanessa Lorraine Randle

Elizabeth Kylene Dunlap

Robert Linville Jones

James Arthur Rollins

Janet Arlene Dunn

Debra Lynn Ann Langmade

Donald R. Searls, Jr.

Jill Edwards Gilbert

Edmond Lamar Marshall

Paul Daniel Wick

Yvonne Irene Griffith

Vicki Lynn Pleasant

Teddy Lee Williams

Carolyn Rene Higginbotham

Clifford Noral Wolfe

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Mary Louise Buck

William Michael Crawford

Janice Gail Keith

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Nancy Jean Aldridge

Russell Harvey Henson, Jr.

D. Thomas Vickers

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN RECREATION SERVICE

Robert Ozias Goff

Michael Bloxson Reed

Richard Douglas Mawyer

John Edward Simmons

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

Yolanda G. Sims

Sara Jane Smith

Richard Allen Wymer



# Candidates

Commissions of Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Officers Reserve Corps will be awarded by LTC Edward H. Robertson, Professor of Military Science, assisted by SGM Jan Borek.

## CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS COMMISSIONS

Michael A. Carter	Jeffrey L. Doerr	Bryan A. Stephens
Nathaniel H. Pickett	Harry D. Graham	Charles A. Brannon
Windell Jones		Reva G. Nichols

## ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Adrian R. Ashely	Kellis Gillespie	Diana K. Marcum
Ibtesam B. Barazi	John M. Goodall	Christina Joyce May
Dayton C. Beard	Franklin L. Gritt	Janet K. McDaniel
Sherri G. Bird	James T. Harrison	Janet L. Miller
Barbara A. Butcher	Connie L. Hunt	Judy K. Miller
Robin J. Davis	Lynn C. Inman	Sherry L. Okes
Valerie J. Bragg Desrosiers	Lyvonne Karr	Karen M. Shumate
Larry A. Duffield	Stanley Keller	Joseph M. Stephens
James R. Ellison	James K. King	Charles P. Turley
Fred A. Elswick	Thelma M. Lee	Patricia C. Walker

## ELECTED TO KAPPA DELTA PI—AN HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

Valerie Desrosiers	Thelma Lee	Bradley Richardson
Idette Durbin	Karen Pioch	Barbara Sisson
Lorraine Gerlach	Janet Raether	Jamie Law Spencer
Demetrice Hardman		Betty Ulbrich
Sara Holmes		Pamela Wilson

## ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY

Jill A. Bross	Mary Blizzard	Timothy Ramsey
Charles Turley	Gregory Cantley	Bradley Richardson
Lynn Inman	Larry Duffield	Patricia Walker
Ibtesam Barazi	Olalekan Kotoye	Timothy Bumgardner

## ELECTED TO PHI ALPHA THETA INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY

Belinda S. Harris	Franklin L. Gritt	Alice Young
Judith C. Stultz		

## ELECTED TO ALPHA DELTA MU NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK HONOR SOCIETY

Robin J. Davis	Sara J. Smith	Karen M. Shumate
Janet K. McDaniel	Sherry L. Oakes	Barbara E. Withrow
Sandra Pope		

# Order of Exercises

GREETINGS ..... The Honorable Roland Murphy  
President, West Virginia State College Advisory Board

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE ..... The Honorable William L. Lonesome  
President, West Virginia State College Alumni Association

To join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideals of my college, nurturing its growth and promoting its program, to serve with honor in my chosen profession and to make of myself a symbol of the best traditions of my college—this is my commission and my challenge.

COMMENTARY ..... President Harold M. McNeill

MUSIC—*Alma Mater*

RECESSIONAL—March in F for Band ..... *Gustav Holst*  
Concert Band  
Mel Gillispie, Director

# ALMA MATER

Of West Virginia State College

ERNEST WADE '30

MARTHA SPENCER '31

1. There is a place we love so dear — Its name we'll ever praise and re-vere — 'Tis West Vir-gin-ia

REFRAIN

State we love — Just one more step from there is heav'n a - bove — West Vir - gin - ia's

praise we'll sing — Lift our voices 'till heav-ens ring — As we gal - ly march a-long — We'll

sing a song — for Alma Mater How we love her pride of all our loy-al hearts — From her we will

nev-er part — Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few — Alma Ma-ter 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.

