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"Education for the Twenty-First Century"

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH YEAR
of

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

HAZO WILLIAM CARTER, JR., PRESIDENT

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND
Annual

Commencement

SUNDAY MAY THE EIGHTEENTH
A.D. NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

The Academic Procession

The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates and the College Advisory Board. This procession is led by a marshal, a graduate of West Virginia State College, who seats the graduates, faculty and platform guests. The faculty enter by academic rank wearing 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 guest leaving the dais first, followed by the graduates and the faculty.

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 bachelors' gown is simple and black with long, pointed sleeves. Masters' 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. Doctors' 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 bachelors' smallest, masters' larger, and doctors' quite large and of a different shape. West Virginia State College 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 College 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	Velvet Blue
Bachelor of Science in Education	Light Blue
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology	Orange
Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service	Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Social Work	Citron
Associate Degree	White

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 West Virginia State College mace has historical significance in that it was designed from a spindle from the staircase of West Hall, the second building erected on this campus. West Hall was built in 1895, and was used for various activities. It was located on the present parking lot adjacent to East Hall and on the West side of Fleming Hall.

The mace was restored by James Huffman when he was Assistant Director of Admissions at West Virginia State College.

The Medallion

The medallion worn by the President represents the chains of office. These chains are worn by chief presiding officers of colleges and universities. Such chains may be of plain links with a medallion suspended from the lowest point in front. In recent years the chains have been replaced by ribbons of velvet denoting the colleges' colors. Incorporated within the medallion is a reproduction of the seal of the College. It is this seal that is impressed on the diplomas awarded to the graduates of West Virginia State College and other official documents.

The medallion is a single piece of crystal, five inches in diameter, designed and created by Cubert L. Smith, class of 1960, retired Professor of Art, West Virginia State College. The seal of the College is etched with an air eraser on the reverse side. This rear-etching process enhances the optics of the seal and makes it a one-of-a-kind piece.

Order of Exercises

Barbara J. Oden, Presiding
Vice-President for Academic Affairs

THE PRELUDES—

Toccata for Band *Frank Erickson*
Second Suite for Military Band *Gustav Holst*
March
Fantasy on the Dargason
Emperato Overture *Claude T. Smith*
West Virginia State College Symphonic Band
Christopher Card, Director

THE PROCESSIONAL—

Pomp and Circumstance—March I *Edward Elgar*
The Marshal
The Candidates for Degrees
The Faculty
The Platform Party

THE POSTING OF THE COLORS Color Guard
Reserve Officers Training Corps
Yellow Jacket Battalion

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM—

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 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 The Reverend Matthew Watts
Pastor, Grace Bible Church, Charleston, West Virginia

THE GREETINGS Philip Reale
Board of Directors, State College System of West Virginia

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER Hazo W. Carter, Jr.
Ninth President, West Virginia State College

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Hazel R. O'Leary
Former Secretary, Department of Energy

THE MUSICAL SELECTION: *Exsultate Deo* . . . *Alessandro Scarletti*
"Exalt in God our Help. Alleluia.
Rejoice in the God of Jacob. Alleluia."
West Virginia State College Concert Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Director

Order of Exercises

THE RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENTS—

FACULTY	Barbara J. Oden
Elizabeth T. Brown—12 years	Department of Psychology
Donald C. Darnton—12 years	Departments of Business and Economics
Lark D. Hutto—30 years	Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety
Thomas A. Hutto—31 years	Department of Biology
Roland L. Sevy—35 years	Department of History

THE 1997 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS—

Alumni Affairs	Mary McGhee Hairston (posthumously)
Business	Walter D. Evans
Community Service	Paul J. Gilmer, Jr.
Education	Campbell C. Sellers

THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREES—

The Doctor of Humanities	Robert H. Thompson
The Doctor of Laws	Virginia Gill Simmons

THE MUSICAL SELECTION: "Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit"

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

West Virginia State College Concert Choir
J. Truman Dalton, Director

THE AWARDS OF HONORS John Teeuwissen
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

HIGHEST HONORS

Jennifer Gail Bailey	Stephen Michael Samples
Jonnie Dawn Beckett	Brenda L. Walker

HIGH HONORS

Jennifer D. Ayers	Nannette Jane Higginbotham
Robert Lee Barnette	Robin Jane Seymour
Marsha Bradbury	James F. Wood, II
Thomas Franklin Brown	

HONORS

Valerie Lynn Hatcher	David Lee Phillips
Thomas Christopher Hunt	Lisa Marie Tate
Virginia Elizabeth Johnson	Angela Dawn Walker
Lisa Denise Kerr	Geni Renay Yost

Order of Exercises

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Christopher Ryan Akers
Melissa Renee Ball
Jonnie Dawn Beckett
Bernard R. Cochran
Rose Marie Carcione DeBias
Jeffrey Dean Estep
Jacqueline Dawn Hedrick
Kevin Reeves Henderson
Christine Michele Hoyles-Nixon
Jenda Kareen Krauklis

Deborah L. Savilla Linville
Thomas John McCarthy
Toni Renee Milburn
Michelle Leigh Raider
Rebekah Lynn Samples
Diana Lynn Smith
Michelle Leigh Taylor
Brenda L. Walker
Cynthia Cecilia Wyer

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jennifer D. Ayers
Dennis Randall Bailey
Wendy S. Brashear-Edens
Nichola Andrea Brown
Jennifer Anne Buckalew
Rebecca Jean Cathey
Jeanette Ranson Ellis
Amy Harless Hale
William V. Henson, Jr.

Camden Eugene McLaughlin
James Lewis Patterson
Susan Anne Sherman
Clarence Theodore Smith, Jr.
Billie Joann Thacker
Joseph Franklin Thomas
Gail H. Tittle
Otis L. Vititoe
Jennifer Jaye Wellman

CUM LAUDE

Thomas James Allman, Jr.
Fred Lee Baldwin
Shari L. Boggess
Leanne Jill Claypool
Brian Gregory Cremeans
Jackson Lee Ellis, Jr.
Stacie Jo Foster
Bridget Jean Hinamon
Kelly Marie Kirk
Aime Leigh Lanehart
Jodie Lynn Mallory
Barbara P. Moss

Amy Lynn Newman
Grant Stephen Parkins
James Allen Patterson
Stephen Gale Pauley
Gloria J. (Blake) Pennington
Megan Joy (Roe) Quigley
Nancy Jo Ryan
Cheryl Steele Tomlinson
Deborah Ann Vickers
Charles D. Walker
Jason Brett Withrow
Stephanie A. Workman

THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES . . . Barbara J. Oden

*The Candidates for Degrees will be presented to
Vice-President Oden in the following order:*

Candidates for Associate Degrees . . . George W. Bilicic, Sr.
Provost, Community and Technical College

Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degrees . . . Donald C. Darnton
Dean, Business and Economics Division

Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degrees
. . . Katherine Harper-Morris
Dean, Natural Science and Mathematics Division

*After the conferring of the degrees by President Carter,
the names of the candidates will be announced
by John L. Fuller, Registrar*

Candidates*

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Kisha Devonne Skipper

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Ernest Franklin Allen, III	Lisa Denise Kerr
Jennifer D. Ayers	Cynthia Lisa Jeffers Kincaid
Jennifer Gail Bailey	Margaret June Kuhn
Robert Lee Barnette	Richard Kurt Long
Marsha L. Bradbury	Peter Anthony Lopez
Teresa Jo Braden	Christopher David Lyons
Shelly Rena Brennan	Christopher Randall Mahan
Thomas Franklin Brown	Lila Joreen Matheny
Deanna L. Canterbury-Penn	Brandi Lynn Miller
Tammy Craig Casto	Frank William Mullins
Christopher T. Cavender	David Lee Phillips
Greg W. Cox	Kristen Elizabeth Priestly
Todd Allen Craig	Stephen Michael Samples
Denver J. Curtis	Robin Jane Seymour
Katherine Denise Dolin	Richard L. Skidmore
David Lee Ferrell, Jr.	Steven W. Smallridge
Megan Sue Ferrell	Dawn Del Rae Snyder
John William Fisher, III	Randolph Clark Stanley
Kay Marie Flint	Brian Ernest Stull
Alisha D. Grant	Lisa Marie Tate
Kandi Lynn Greter	Steven B. Thornbury, Jr.
Angela Renee Hamrick	Shane Adali Thurman
Brian Eugene Hamrick	Jeni L. Kinder Vaught
Adam Trent Harless	Angela Dawn Walker
Nannette Jane Higginbotham	Kama Melynn Walker
William Franklin Higginbotham	Clinton Ray Washington, II
Thomas Christopher Hunt	Tate Allen Withrow
Melvin Stewart Hunter, Jr.	James F. Wood, II
Anneta Shawver Jarrett	Kelley O'Callaghan Worley
Rhonda Lynn Justice	Geni Renay Yost

FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Rulondo T. Anderson	Ann E. Girod-Boggs
Charles Leavens Basford	Valerie Lynn Hatcher
Jonnie Dawn Beckett	Virginia Elizabeth Johnson
Lovell Brown, Jr.	Regina Sue McIntyre
Cynthia Darline Chester	Christopher Allen Overstreet
Joan Wallace Coleman	Brenda L. Walker
Elisha Jeremiah Conn	

*A name on the program does not assure that final degree requirements have been met.

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Dennis Randall Bailey	LaDonna Marie Lusher
Nichola Andrea Brown	Jennifer Gwen McNally
Jay Anthony Clingenpeel	Michael Thomas Magee
Jamie Gynette Cross	Kristi Lynn Mathews
Christopher Bradley Davis	Thomas William Mills
Tracy Lynnette Duckett	James Allen Patterson
Jackson Lee Ellis, Jr.	James Lewis Patterson
Michael Shane Evans	Stephen Gale Pauley
Diane Dawn Foster	Burton Wayne Payne
Stacie Jo Foster	Michael Sean Pennington
Eloise Laverne Harris	Andrea Marie Penny
Kevin Reeves Henderson	Susan Anne Sherman
Marland Herman Jones	Lawrence Garfunkle Stamper
Kelly Marie Kirk	Raymond S. Sutton, Jr.
Sarah D. Kozielec	Billie Joann Thacker
Dwayne Lee Ledsome	Deborah Ann Vickers
Angela Denise Levak	Travis Edward Williams
Mia Do-nel Lewis	Jay Christopher Wolf

FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jameela Yvonne Ball	Jimmie Kevin Memminger
Andria Jean Barnett	Gregory C. Moore
Samuel G. Boswell	David R. Morrison, II
Ronald R. Brown	Richard Neece Ojeda, II
Gregory Kent Childers	Wayne Neil Pickett
Rose Marie Carcione DeBias	Jacqueline K. Pitchford
Bina Viren Desai	Markita A. Primm
Ronald K. Dickerson	Julie E. Skidmore
Donovan DeWayne Edwards	Gary W. Smith
Sandra G. Egnor	David Michael Spence
Joe Martin Elkin	Zue-chn Strong
Andrew Allen Hager	Wesley Shannon Swain
Evelyn M. Hayes	Gail H. Tittle
Eric Douglas Holmes	Brenda L. Walker
Christine Michele Hoyles-Nixon	Richard Eugene Westfall
Amy Jo McCallister	

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Andrea Elaine Allen	Jennifer Lyn Lacaria
Thomas James Allman	Stacey Mack McDaniel
Jennifer D. Ayers	Camden Eugene McLaughlin
Rebecca Jean Cathey	Karen Renee Morris
William Joseph Cochran, II	Kenneth John O'Connor
Catherine Renee Fleshman	Grant Stephen Parkins
Mark Lawrence French	Ly Van Quach
Eric Vaughan Gartin	Michelle Leigh Raider
Kevin Reeves Henderson	Michelle Leigh Taylor

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Hubert Allen Bleigh, II	Trisha Jane Perry
Shari L. Boggess	Stacey Alzene Peterson
Jean Anne Bowe	Darrell Dwight Pickens, Jr.
Wallace Jackson Brown, II	Dena Rae Pritt
Stanley Christopher Cartey	Juliane Renee Ranson
Gregory Alan Cline	Ernest Brent Samples
Bernard R. Cochran	Susan Anne Sherman
Randall Stephen Coleman	Terri Jo Slater-Stewart
Brian Gregory Cremeans	Clarence Theodore Smith, Jr.
Christopher Alan Crowder	Diana Lynn Smith
Timothy G. Finney	Timothy Donald Strickland
Vicky Lynn Hunter	Tina Ellen Taylor
Kathleen Marie Lloyd	Tonita Latrice Terry
Russell W. Lyons	Joseph Franklin Thomas, Jr.
Kevin Warren Martin	Eric W. Tyree
Beth Ann Moran	Charles D. Walker
Barbara P. Moss	Jennifer Jaye Wellman
Jason Brian Painter	Cynthia Cecilia Wyer
David Kendall Parsons	Robert Stewart Young, III
Mara Jill Pauley	

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Christopher Ryan Akers	Sheila G. Williams Hooper
Rulondo T. Anderson	Christopher W. Kinder
Fred Lee Baldwin	Jenda Kareen Krauklis
Karen Renee Blake	Thomas John McCarthy
Jennifer Anne Buckalew	Amy Lynn Newman
Casey Aaron Crouch	Otis L. Vititoe
Timothy Scott Egnor	Jason Brett Withrow
Jacqueline Dawn Hedrick	

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Richard Lee Ashwell
Chad Allen Blankenship
Keith Bryant Cromer
Jeffrey Dean Estep
Derrick Grant
Robert F. Haynes
Dennis James Hill, Jr.
Brittanie Ann Johnson
Gary Allen Legg, Jr.

Pascale Phaeton Lipscomb
Monica A. Liezeski
Christopher Paul Miller
Anthony Bill Mitchell
Christopher Todd Oxley
Mark Eric Parsons
Xerxes Earl Rahmati
Barry Darrell Shilling
Cheryl Steele Tomlinson

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Melissa Renee Ball
James Douglas Bird
Wendy Suzanne Brashear-Edens
Christopher Brandon Burns
Mendy Michele Casto-Ball
Kathleen Freeman D'Esposito
Jeanette Ranson Ellis
Johnny Charles Ferrara
Johnnie Markel Fertig
Karen Lynn Fletcher
Steve Alan Flores
James E. Gray
Amy Harless Hale
Steven Ryan Hensley
Bridget Jean Hinamon

Aime Leigh Lanehart
Jeffery Dale Loftis
Connie Jo Lucas
Toni Renee Milburn
Gloria Jean Blake Pennington
Rebekah Lynn Samples
James Charles Schall
Linda G. Thomas-LeMaster
Rebecca Dawn Vargo
Angela Nicole Washington
Richard Brian Whitman
Julie Jacquet Williams
Ronald Lee Withrow
Stephanie A. Workman

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION

Leanne Jill Claypool
Jodie Lynn Mallory

Jason Lee Wazelle

Candidates

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Jonnie Dawn Beckett

Christina Marie Bertelli

Jeannette Lynn Bowman

Linda A. Boyer

Joan Wallace Coleman

Tessa Renee Lovejoy Cooper

Ann Emylyn Girod-Boggs

William V. Henson, Jr.

Jason Tyler McClanahan

Regina Sue McIntyre

Megan Joy Quigley (Roe)

Nancy Jo Ryan

Deborah L. Savilla

Amy Eleanor Smith

Kelley O'Callaghan Worley

Order of Exercises

THE PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING OFFICERS . . . Raphael Deegan
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
Professor, Military Science

Marland H. Jones, Second Lieutenant, Cross Lanes, West Virginia
Thomas J. McCarthy, Second Lieutenant, Hurricane, West Virginia
Richard Ojeda, Second Lieutenant, Whitman, West Virginia
Brent Ernest Samples, Second Lieutenant, Pratt, West Virginia

THE SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES . . . President Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

THE STUDENT RESPONSE Thomas John McCarthy

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE Acie McGhee '54

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.

THE ALMA MATER *Spencer/Wade*
Led by Scott Murphy
Class of 1997

THE CLOSING REMARKS Barbara J. Oden

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Daniel Lynch
St. James Episcopal Church
Charleston, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL: The Symphonic Marches *John Williams*
West Virginia State College Symphonic Band
Christopher Card, Director

The audience is requested to remain seated until the graduates have recessed.

GRAND MARSHAL

Professor R. Charles Byers '68

ASSISTANT MARSHALS

Professor Kenneth W. Blake '74
Professor Clyde P. Campbell '64
Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61
Professor Jeanette Lee '74
Professor Janet Martin '72
Professor Patricia Shafer '71
Professor Craig Spaniol '86
Professor Steve West '60

The 1996-97 Scholarships and Awards

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Joey Adkins
James R. Baisden
Melissa Ball
Kim Barracho
Jessica Blake
Dana Quick Burgess
Celita S. Fouse
Samia Kay Ghareeb
Jenda Krauklis
Kara McCallister

Andrea Neal
Aaron Oliver
Heather Phillips
Angela Price
April Romaca
Leslie Wilkinson

VALEDICTORIANS

Charles Evans
Ginger Proctor
Cynthia Workman

OTHER FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Julie Smith

GENERAL

Safuratu Yetunde Aramolate
Rachel B. Ellison
Tanika D. Johnson
Lisa Kerr
Ralph E. McKinney
Cynthia L. Smith

MEMORIAL

Amy C. Britton
Jack H. Taylor

UCC CHEM TECH

William Brooks

NAOMI M. GARRETT

Nichola A. Brown
Alexander V. Gulubstov

BELL ATLANTIC WV

Kevin Henderson
Margaret J. Kuhn
Larry E. Pruitt
Susan A. Sherman

R.B. & CONSTANCE WELCH

Dawn R. King

A.P. HAMBLIN

Heather D. Mellert
Tanya Williams

DR. JOHN F. HASKIN

Mary Hope Meadows

GEORGE G. SLUTSKY

Steven M. Pauley

EDNA R. THOMAS

Kimberly D. Bumgarner

F.J. LEHNER

Jennifer A. Buckalew

MARIE E. LEET

Monteia V. Childers
Daton N. Dean

KELLY CUNNINGHAM/TERRA MITE

Jennifer Edelman
Kimberly Kitchen

HUNTINGTON ALUMNI CHAPTER

DuVaughn M. Hale
Fred Timothy Jones
Tiffany Whittenburg

FMC

Frank C. Walker

LEON H. SULLIVAN

Kim N. Henderson
Brenda Pritt Smith

MARVIN LARUE COOPER

Peter Hogue
Michelle L. Taylor

CHARLES H. JAMES II

Jason J. Lewis

HARRISON H. FERRELL

Shirlett L. Phoenix

PRINCE AHMED WILLIAMS MEMORIAL

Bradley Wayne Staley

MARY AURADY HARRISON

Gladys Nicole Slaughter

Honor Societies

ELECTED TO ALPHA DELTA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK—Faculty Sponsor: Rita Brown

Jonnie Dawn Beckett
Christina Bertelli
Jeannette Bowman
Joan Coleman
Tessa Cooper

Anne Girod-Boggs
William Henson
Deborah Lineville
Megan Quigley
Nany Ryan

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA—INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: John Richards

Nichola Brown
Jamie Cross

LaDonna Lusher
James Patterson

ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: Kim Lovinski and Patricia King

Jennifer D. Ayers
Jonnie D. Beckett
Shari L. Boggess
Kara L. Bogle
Jennifer A. Buckalew
Leanne J. Claypool
Bernard R. Cochran
Rose M. Debias
Amy H. Hale
Nicholas A. Harrah

Kevin R. Henderson
Jodie L. Mallory
Toni R. Milburn
James L. Patterson
Megan R. Quigley
Susan A. Sherman
Clarence T. Smith
Billie J. Thacker
Jennifer J. Wellman

ELECTED TO ALPHA MU GAMMA—NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: Carolyn Halstead

Evelyn M. Hayes
Kelly Marie Kirk

Jennifer Jaye Wellman

ELECTED TO ALPHA PHI SIGMA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE—Faculty Sponsor: Ken Blake

Donovan DeWayne Edwards
Jeffery Dean Estep

Cheryl Steel Tomlinson
Sharon McKeney Lord

ELECTED TO ALPHA PSI OMEGA—NATIONAL THEATER HONOR SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: David Wohl

Eric Douglas Holmes

Sheila G. Williams Hooper

**ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI—SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY—Faculty
Sponsor: Sundar Naga**

Andrea Allen
Thomas Allman
Rebecca Blevins
Kevin Henderson

Cam McLaughlin
Grant Parkins
James Patterson
Michelle Raider

**ELECTED TO DELTA MU DELTA—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN
BUSINESS—Faculty Sponsor: John Hodges**

Bernard R. Cochran
Rose Marie Carcione DeBias
Barbara P. Moss
Diana L. Smith

Charles D. Walker
Jennifer J. Wellman
Cynthia C. Wyer

**ELECTED TO KAPPA DELTA PI—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN
EDUCATION—Faculty Sponsor: Jenette Lee and Jerry Levine**

Melissa Ball
Wendy S. Edens
Johnny Ferrara
Rebekah S. Tucker
Karen Fletcher

Amy Harless Hale
Bridget McCollam Hinamon
Kernneth O'Connor
Jeanette Ranson Ellis
Toni R. Milburn

**ELECTED TO LAMBA IOTA TAU—NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR
SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: Anne Vineyard**

Dennis Bailey
Kristi Matthews

Billie Thacker

**ELECTED TO OMICRON DELTA EPSILON—INTERNATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS—Faculty Sponsor: Thomas Swanke**

Bernard R. Cochran
Kevin R. Henderson

Susan A. Sherman
Deborah A. Vickers

**ELECTED TO PHI ALPHA THETA—INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN
HISTORY—Faculty Sponsor: Stuart McGhee**

Dennis R. Bailey
Jackson L. Ellis, Jr.

Michael Pennington

**ELECTED TO PHI ETA SIGMA—FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY—Faculty Sponsor: James Spencer**

Christopher R. Akers
Jonnie D. Beckett
Bernard R. Cochran
Thomas J. McCarthy

Ernest B. Samples
Rebekah L. Samples
Susan A. Sherman
Billie J. Thacker

**ELECTED TO PHI THETA KAPPA—HONOR SOCIETY FOR ASSOCIATE
DEGREE STUDENTS—Faculty Sponsor: Edith Worrells**

Jennifer Bailey
Judith Blombield

Lisa Kerr
Robin Seymore

**ELECTED TO PI SIGMA ALPHA—HONOR SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL
SCIENCE—Faculty Sponsor: Gerald Beller**

Christopher B. Davis
Jackson L. Ellis
Sarah D. Kozielec

Thomas W. Mills
Michael Pennington
Lawrence H. Stamper

**ELECTED TO PSI CHI—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR
PSYCHOLOGY—Faculty Sponsor: James Spencer**

Christina G. Davis
Diana D. Foster
Stacie J. Foster

Kelly M. Kirk
James A. Patterson

**ELECTED TO PINNACLE—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS—Faculty Sponsor: Jenny Fertig**

Donovan D. Edwards
Kevin R. Henderson
Sheila G. Williams Hooper

Lisa Denise Kerr
James Allen Patterson
Gail H. Tittle

Presidents of West Virginia State College

1892-1894

James Edwin Campbell

1894-1898

John H. Hill

1898-1909

J. Henry Jones

1909-1919

Byrd Prillerman

1919-1953

John W. Davis

1953-1973

William J. L. Wallace

1973-1981

Harold M. McNeill

1982-1986

Thomas Winston Cole, Jr.

1987-

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

The Hazo W. Carter 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 (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

1990

Acie McGhee, Alumni

Frank P. Justice, Jr., Business

Eric Conn, Community Service

Vincent 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

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
Sixth 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 Pathol-
ogy, University of Chicago
(Summer)
David Alphonso Lane, Jr.
Dean,
West Virginia State College
- 1938**
(May)
Ambrose Caliver
Senior Specialist in Education of
Negros,
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 & Man-
ager 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 Work-
ers 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 Edu-
cation 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. Bakersville, 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, Associa-
tion 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 Col-
leges and Universities

1979

(May)

Harold L. Hodgkinson
Executive Director, Profes-
sional 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 Associa-
tion 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
Author

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

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Honorary Degrees Conferred by West Virginia State College

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

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

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
- Janes W. Monroe
Doctor of Laws
- James W. Rowley
Doctor of Laws
- 1996**
James W. Holley III
Doctor of Laws

Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

There is a place we love so dear—
It's 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.

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 truth 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