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*"Where Excellence is a Tradition"*

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH YEAR

OF

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

HAZO WILLIAM CARTER, JR.

PRESIDENT

The One Hundred and Eighth

Annual

Commencement

THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MAY

A.D. TWO THOUSAND AND THREE

AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

## **What is West Virginia State College**

**What is West Virginia State College?** It is all of us who believe in it—who absent or present, work in it and wish it well. Its constituency is the living and dead, and from them the college enjoys an unrestrained loyalty and willing service. It is an exponent of 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—1932

## The Academic Procession

The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates and the College Board of Governors. 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 guests 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 original mace used by West Virginia State College 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 College.

The mace we use today was designed by former Art Faculty member, Dr. Cubert Smith. This circular ring design in its center symbolizes the five schools of the College: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Natural Science and Mathematics, Professional Studies, and Social Sciences.

## 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 college's 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 Dr. Cubert 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

Arnold Cooper, Presiding  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

## THE PRELUDE—

English Folk Song Suite ..... Ralph Vaughn Williams  
West Virginia State Concert Band  
Julia Gendrich, Conductor

## THE PROCESSIONAL—

Fanfare —Pomp and Circumstance ..... Elgar/Ployhar  
The Marshal  
The Candidates for Graduation  
The Faculty  
The Platform Party

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... arr. James McKelvey  
West Virginia State College Choir  
J. Truman Dalton, Director

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red Glare, the bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

*(The audience will remain standing until after the Invocation)*

THE INVOCATION ..... The Reverend R. Eric Hall IV  
Associate Pastor, Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral  
Charleston, West Virginia

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

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... J. T. (Ted) Childs, Jr.  
Vice President, Global Workforce Diversity  
IBM Corporation

# Order of Exercises

## THE MUSICAL SELECTIONS

You Are The New Day ..... John David  
arr. Peter Knight

Puisque tout passé (Since all is passing) ..... Paul Hindemith  
West Virginia State College Choir  
J. Truman Dalton, Director

## THE 2003 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Alumni Affairs – Reginald S. Lee, DDS  
Business – Andy's Grill  
Business – Harry B. Mills  
Community Service – Charleston Job Corps Center  
Education – Barbara L. Canady

## THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE

Doctor of Humane Letters ..... J. T. (Ted) Childs, Jr.

## THE AWARD OF HONORS ..... John Teeuwissen

Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

### HONORS

Antoinette V. Burke  
Susan Burkhamer  
Nina Leann Copley  
Joyce L. Hanna  
Desiree A. Jackson  
Robert Lee Lacy  
Judith Carol Lyons

Daniel Edward Milam  
Christopher Todd Miller  
Trevor Lee Miller  
Dawn Lea Romsky  
Robert Alan Sloan, II  
April Dawn Walker

### HIGH HONORS

Joseph Alan Bias  
Jeffrey Eugene Dixon, Jr.  
Holla Price Fair  
Melanie Dawn Hodge  
Carmen Lee Kinder

Stephanie Nicole Lamp  
Jason Randall Martin  
Billy Lee Nichols  
Jeffery Wayne Riley  
Anthony Hayes Townsend

### HIGHEST HONORS

Lucinda Lynn Whittington Burns  
Emily Marisa Duffy  
Amber Dawn Gillenwater

Deborah Sue McCarty-Masley  
Michelle Dawn Simmons  
Teresa Lynn White

# Order of Exercises

## BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

### CUM LAUDE

Jonathan Matthew Baldwin  
Timothy Joel Barker  
Amanda Michelle Bevins  
Monica Rae Brown  
Susan K. Burkhamer  
Matthew William Clemons  
James S. Dalton  
John David Eich  
Lindsay Dawn Francis  
Sherice Nichole Goff  
William Blair Goheen, II  
Ryan James Greenlee  
Amanda Marie Hammock  
Joyce Lynn Hanna  
Todd O. Hanson  
Donna Jo Houchins  
Leremy Juiron Johnson  
Damia Diane Kelly  
Lois Susan McPhail  
Christopher Todd Miller  
John Michael Mullenax

Shallon Ranee Oglesby  
Karen I. Paluch  
Brooke Elliott Pauley  
Andria Geneva Petry  
Tony Craig Petry, II  
Jeanna R. Plants  
Miranda Suzann Richards  
Jonathan Ray Rucker  
Irene Leonora Shackelford  
Michelle Elizabeth Shamblin  
Malinda Ann Shanklin  
Amanda Dawn Stover  
Heather Jean Suleski  
Tina Marie Tallarico  
Rene Michelle Thomas  
Ann Marie Ventura-Workman  
Janet Lynn Vinyard  
Christopher Thomas Wade  
Jonathan Morris Weaver  
Lenore Lynn Wills  
Molly Gail Wilson

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Gaylon Dale Akers  
Kendra Nicole Ashley  
Robert Eric Ballard  
Joseph Alan Bias  
Timi Michelle Breedlove  
Angela Marie Browning  
Catherine Darlene Lloyd Bush  
Cynthia A. Cassidy  
Patricia Bennett Connelly  
Tiffany Amber Dotson  
Holla Price Fair  
Jennifer Lyn Ferrell

Joseph Anthony Goff  
Carolyn Sue Heath  
Timothea Gordon Johnson  
Michelle Lee Lilly  
Sarah Ann Mitchell  
Teddy A. Paitsel  
Elyssa Marie Rutledge  
Ami Mari Smith  
Miranda Sue Stover  
Anthony Hayes Townsend  
Laura Jean Tuel

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Nicole Carina Baker  
Leigh Ann Bowyer  
Sarah Jane Brown  
Wesley Curtis Brumfield  
Angela Dawn Castle  
Rhonda Lyons Donohoe  
John Michael Gaskins  
Amber Dawn Gillenwater  
Jane M. Harper  
Lina Christina Johnson

Katherine Alisha Kessell  
Joshua David Pauley  
Craig Freeman Priestley  
Mark Adam Sanderson  
Dana Asbahi Shammaa  
Anna Jane Smith  
Cassi Noel Squires  
Michele Marie Sullivan  
Jennifer Lynn Taylor

THE CONFERMENT OF DEGREES ..... Ervin V. Griffin, Sr.  
Provost for the Community and Technical College

Arnold Cooper  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

*The Candidates for the degrees will be presented in the following order:*

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES ..... Janet Amos  
Dean, Community and Technical College

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES ..... David Wohl  
Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES ... Katherine Harper  
Dean, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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

## Candidates\*

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

|                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pamela Kay Anderson    | Bridget Linett Dillard     |
| Aaron Travis Armstrong | Jeffrey Eugene Dixon, Jr.  |
| Jason R. Ashworth      | Richard Allan Douglas      |
| Lashaunda Lenae Battie | Heath Leon Fain            |
| Jeanette Ann Beller    | Leroy Sharakea Foster      |
| Joseph Alan Bias       | Tamra L. Goodall           |
| Susan Kaye Blevins     | Joyce Lynn Hanna           |
| Jill A. Bossie         | Melissa Dawn Haynes        |
| Tara Marie Bradley     | James Michael Helvey       |
| Timothy Eugene Carroll | Melanie Dawn Hodge         |
| Sandra Kae Casdorff    | Miriam Louise Husted       |
| Barbara Joe Cline      | Desiree A. Jackson         |
| Mary Catherine Cook    | Jessica Jean Jarrell       |
| Alysia Dianne Cooley   | Arlene L. Johnson          |
| Nina Leann Copley      | Debra Laurice Johnson      |
| Pamela F. Cottrell     | Delores Gail Kuhl          |
| Valerie June Cremeans  | Robert Lee Lacy            |
| Angela Nicole Critzer  | Stephanie Nicole Lamp      |
| Christina R. Davis     | Melinda Kay Long           |
| Howard Lincoln Davis   | Deborah Sue McCarty-Masley |
| Ronald D. Davis, II    | Regina Ann McCormick       |

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



## Candidates

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE *(Continued)*

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Natashia Monique McDowell | Andrew Wesley Shinn, Jr. |
| Karana Importina Malone   | Sheila Renee Siebanoller |
| Daniel Edward Milam       | Robert Alan Sloan, II    |
| Christopher Todd Miller   | John Thomas Spencer, III |
| Nicole Danielle Mink      | Paul William Spradling   |
| Amanda Elaine Moore       | Lisa Ann Stover          |
| Ronald G. Myers, II       | Kimberly A. Sutler       |
| Billy Lee Nichols         | Samuel Elvin Thomas, II  |
| Mary Alice Niday          | Jillian Leigh Valentine  |
| Susan Kay Norman          | April Dawn Walker        |
| Tommy O. Parsons, Jr.     | Keith Dwayne Walker      |
| Martha Gale Poore         | Mendy Jean Worrells      |
| Heather Marie Rizk        | Omar Mohamed Younis      |
| Dawn Lea Romskey          |                          |
| Donna K. Sergent          |                          |

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sonya Nicole Bryant  | Jeffery Wayne Riley         |
| Antoinette V. Burke  | Sara Kathleen Roedersheimer |
| Diana "Dee" Lynn Cox | Monique A. Rogers           |
| Faatali Gaydosz      | Anthony Hayes Townsend      |
| Consandra D. Leonard | Teresa Batton Wilkes        |
| Lela Simone Owusu    | Debracca Marquita Worthy    |

### FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Erica Nichole Abbott           | Brian Edward Henley     |
| Stephanie Gayle Atkins         | Randi Jo Hogan          |
| Jijwan Bunch                   | Judith Carol Lyons      |
| Susan Burkhamer                | James Wilson Martin, IV |
| Lucinda Lynn Whittington Burns | Jason Randall Martin    |
| Veronica Yvette Clay           | Travis Scott Miller     |
| Randy Heath Curry              | Trevor Lee Miller       |
| Stephanie L. Davis             | Gloria Lynn Moffatt     |
| Emily Marisa Duffy             | Cheryl Lynn Noffsinger  |
| Holla Price Fair               | Michelle Dawn Simmons   |
| Sally Jean Fowler              | Sarah Ann Snodgrass     |
| David Meshach Fryson, Jr.      | Melissa Sue Steele      |
| Amber Dawn Gillenwater         | Tabitha Ann Trent       |
| Randy Dean Halder              | Teresa Lynn White       |

# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Carmen Lee Kinder

Lamont Melvin Moore

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Erica Nichole Abbott

Nicholas L. Bradley

Steven David Brannon

Sarah Jane Brown

Jason Luke Butcher

Timothy Eugene Carroll

Jenelle LeAndré Charles

Matthew William Clemons

Yasmin C. Curtis

James S. Dalton

Monica Sue Ellison

Kelli LeAnn Epling

Bryan Ray Faber

Darrell George Freeman

Elizabeth A. Godwin

Joseph Anthony Goff

Ryan James Greenlee

Jane M. Harper

Jeffrey K. Jack

Damia Diane Kelly

Ebony Lynsay Lewis

Karen I. Paluch

Andria Geneva Petry

Abigail Christina Pierce

Khalilah Nadirah Pitts

Jonathan Ray Rucker

Cassi Noel Squires

Miranda Sue Stover

Larissa Nichole Stratton

Nathan Anthony Tackett

Rene Michelle Thomas

Anthony Hayes Townsend

Jonathan Morris Weaver

Travis Keith Whiting

Charlotte E. Wilkerson

Teresa Batton Wilkes

Molly Gail Wilson

## FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Nicole Carina Baker

Charles Ray Caldwell, Jr.

Carol Anne Carroll

Albert Patrick Carson, II

Michael Todd Carter

Patricia Bennett Connelly

Marsha Ann Dadisman

Andrea Lynne Darr

Kimberly Lynn Earl

Ronnie Lee Ellis

Emmanuel N. Fernandez

John Michael Gaskins

Tamara Lynn Handley

Joyce Lynn Hanna

Nancy Ellen Hanning

Todd O. Hanson

William Scott Haught

Laura Susan Haynes

Carolyn Sue Heath

Tina Huffman Humphries

David Lee Hunter

Ryan A. Jett

Leremy Juiron Johnson

Gregory Lee Jones

Dorothy S. Kendig

Bryant Eric Krepps

Tasha Denine McCoy-Johnson

Howard J. Mason

Barry Joseph Mitchell

Cathy Louise Mobley

Wendy Moore

Alma Alyce P. Morris

Barbara Jean Nicks

Shallon Ranee Oglesby

Steven Parker Owens

Mark R. Peterson

Connie Jo Redmon

Deborah Lynne Seyedtalebi

# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS *(Continued)*

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Malinda Ann Shanklin      | Ann Marie Ventura-Workman |
| John Willis Smithson, Jr. | Dallas Eugene Waggle      |
| David W. Stilgenbauer     | Charles T. Warner         |
| Carolyn Fay Stringer      | Dawn Renee White          |
| Francina Jo Thomas        | Mark Edward White         |
| Justin Leonard Valentine  | Michael Henkins Wiedeman  |

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Johnathan Matthew Baldwin | Jarrell Richard Martin, II |
| Timothy Joel Barker       | Craig Freeman Priestley    |
| Monica Rae Brown          | Elyssa Marie Rutledge      |
| Bo Kelsey Burton          | Dana Asbahi Shammaa        |
| Nathan Alan Casdorff      | Ami Marie Smith            |
| Lynn Marie DeLuca         | Anna Jane Smith            |
| Michael Lee Easter        | Ernest Wayne Smoot, II     |
| Thabo Gcwabaza            | Michele Marie Sullivan     |
| Michelle Lee Lilly        |                            |

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

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gaylon Dale Akers         | Nathan K. Mitchell          |
| Meredith Lee Aliff        | Brooke Elliott Pauley       |
| Timi Michelle Breedlove   | Jeremy David Payne          |
| Wesley Curtis Brumfield   | Tony Craig Petry, II        |
| Lisa Marie Burford        | Ashlie Beth Pauley Pinson   |
| Natasha Nicole Caines     | Jeanna R. Plants            |
| Eric R. Clendenin         | Thomas Andrew Preston       |
| Tiffany Amber Dotson      | Mark Adam Sanderson         |
| John David Eich           | Samantha Virginia Sandridge |
| Lindsay Dawn Francis      | Michelle Elizabeth Shamblin |
| David Meshach Fryson, Jr. | Jeremy David Smith          |
| David Lee Gillespie       | Leanne Nicole Sowards       |
| William Blair Goheen, II  | Amanda Dawn Stover          |
| Randy Dean Halder         | Nathan Anthony Tackett      |
| Kelly Elizabeth Harless   | Thomas Morris White         |
| Monica Yates Harrison     | Jeremy Shawn Woods          |
| Jennifer Hensley          | Daniel Bernard Yonkosky     |
| Donna Jo Houchins         | Eric Alfonso Young          |
| Nicketta Lynn Jordan      |                             |

# Candidates

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Anthony Caldwell  
Patricia Renee Hall  
Amanda Marie Hammock  
Timothea Gordon Johnson  
Kerry Charles Jones  
Derek Edward Levine  
Sarah Ann Mitchell

Brooke Danielle Robinette  
Elizabeth Hatcher Smith  
Katara Da'Vette Sowell  
Luke Allen Stowers  
Heather Jean Suleski  
Christopher Thomas Wade  
Braxton Hale Wilkinson

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

Raya S. Allie  
Stacy Marie Bailey  
Joseph Alan Bias  
Valerie Kay Casto  
Alysia Dianne Cooley  
Shawn Kevin Eplin  
David Lee Hill

Jeron Kee Jones  
Katherine Alisha Kessell  
Christopher Todd Miller  
John Michael Mullenax  
Miranda Suzann Richards  
Christina Marie Vickers

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

David P. Antis  
Kendra Nicole Ashley  
Stephanie Gaye Atkins  
Robert Eric Ballard  
Alyssa K. Barnes  
Jill Ann Bossie  
Leigh Ann Bowyer  
Tanya Darlene Bradley  
Angela Marie Browning  
Catherine Darlene Lloyd Bush  
Cynthia A. Cassidy  
Angela Dawn Castle  
Regina D. Davis  
Rhonda Lyons Donohoe  
Holla Price Fair  
Heather Lee Frazier  
Amber Dawn Gillenwater  
Sherice Nichole Goff

Stephanie Lynn Helman  
Katherine Marie Kress  
Krista Dawn LeFevre  
Jason Louis Lilly  
Tiffany Lillian McCann  
Lois Susan McPhail  
James Wilson Martin, IV  
Lilah Mitias Michael  
Christina Louise Moss  
Jasmine Elizabeth Oxley  
Diana Fulknier Painter  
Teddy A. Paitsel  
Joshua David Pauley  
Melissa Edwards Smith  
Paul Jason Strickland  
Michelle Leanne Torman  
Laura Jean Tuel  
Lisa Ann Ward

## **Candidates**

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

Lina Christina Johnson  
Bryn Cara McChesney  
Irene Leonora Shackelford

David P. Varney  
Janet Lynn Vinyard

### **FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RECREATION**

DeVarrow K. Day

Darren LaVon House

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

Raquel Denise Baker  
Amanda Michelle Bevins  
Susan K. Burkhamer  
Regina J. Confere  
Jennifer Lyn Ferrell  
Maria S. Marcum

LeLa Simone Owusu  
Cherry Lynn Skidmore  
Michael Wayne Smith, Sr.  
Tina Marie Tallarico  
Jennifer Lynn Taylor  
Lenore Lynn Wills

# Order of Exercises

THE PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING OFFICERS ..... John M. Horn  
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army  
Professor, Military Science

Joseph A. Bias, Second Lieutenant, Culloden, West Virginia  
Vernon D. Taylor, Jr., Second Lieutenant, Williamsburg, Virginia

THE CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES ..... Hazo William Carter, Jr.

THE STUDENT RESPONSE ..... Anna Jane Smith

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE ..... Howard L. Wilson '55  
President, National Alumni Association

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

THE ALMA MATER ..... Spencer/Wade  
Led by Robert Ballard '03

THE CLOSING REMARKS ..... Arnold Cooper

THE BENEDICTION ..... The Reverend Michael Poke, Sr.  
Pastor, Saint Paul Baptist Church  
Saint Albans, West Virginia

THE RECESSIONAL—

The Raider's March ..... John Williams  
arr. J. Vinson

Masque ..... Francis McBeth  
West Virginia State College Concert Band

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

**GRAND MARSHAL**

Professor R. Charles Byers '68

**ASSISTANT MARSHALS**

Professor Debra M. Anderson-Conliffe '76

Professor Kenneth W. Blake '74

Professor Rita M. Brown '75

Professor Clyde P. Campbell '64

Professor Mark Davis '93

Professor Charlotte L. Finney '61

Professor Patricia King '85

Professor Sandra K. LaVoie '82

Professor John Richards '78

Professor Patricia Shafer '71

Professor Charles E. Smith '87

Professor Craig Spaniol '66

Members of the Classified Staff Council and Student Leadership Program  
are serving as ushers.

# The 2002-2003 Scholarships and Awards

## Presidential Scholars

Tara R. Alvey  
Jennifer Barido  
Tiffany Barnette  
Bo K. Burton  
Erin P. Cantrell  
Jonathan Coleman  
Steven Craig  
Meagan Estep  
Joshua Hess  
Ashley Howery  
Jessica Humphreys  
Stacy R. Landis  
Kati Miller

Jeffery Shawver  
Amber Shirkey  
Amanda Stowers  
Stephanie Sutton  
Anthony Townsend  
Jason L. Walls

## Valedictorian Scholars

Amber Gillenwater  
Ronald W. McGrady  
Tabitha J. Pauley  
William B. Rickert

## Other Foundation Scholars

### Anna Harpold Scholarship

Mark A. Sanderson

### A. P. Hamblin Endowed

Maudie Moore  
Andrea Parsons

### Arnett & Foster Scholarship

Kristen Lanham

### Basudeb Dassarma Scholarship

Michelle Sullivan

### C. H. James II Scholarship

Ashley D. Ice

### Cam Sellers Endowed Scholarship

Corona Collins

### Cedric D. Lee Endowed

Tinuke Lediju

### Classified Council Book Scholarship

Mona Peaks

### G. Bowles-Bolles, Jr. Endowed

James Moss, II

### Gary Swingle Scholarship

Wesley Brumfield

### George Peet Endowed

Richard L. Cummings

### George G. Slutsky Endowed

Tiffany N. Mariani  
Angelyn T. Reed

### Griffin Scholarship

Reginald D. Adams  
Thabo B. Gcwabaza  
Katara Sowell

### John F. Haskins Endowed

Michelle Lilly  
Anna Smith  
Michelle Sullivan

### Ivin Lee/Dallas Staples Endowed

Christopher T. Miller

### Institute Plants Endowed

Kandace M. Basham  
Michelle Cook  
Anita M. Massey

### James Tilson Endowed

Stephen A. Craig

### Kathryn Lynch Endowed

Lisa D. Byrnside  
Dale Glancy

### Dr. Leon H. Sullivan Scholarship

Jeffrey S. Davidson

### Lark & Thomas Hutto Scholarship

Donald Harless  
Katrina Johnson  
Cory Kidder  
Lamarr Marshall

### Lila Carroll Endowed

Brandy Connell

### Lucy B. Hairston Endowed

Monica R. Brown  
George D. Nunley

### Lulu Johnson Endowed

Levin Carn



**Margaret Anne Cyrus Mills Endowed**

Abigail L. Campbell  
Kimbra Clinton  
Amy E. Shawver

**Marjorie L. Johnson Endowed**

Leigh A. Bowyer

**Marvin D./Eunice P. Mills Endowed**

Adam M. Zeigler

**Mary Aurady Harrison Hospice  
Scholarship**

Kerri Turley

**Mary McGehee Hairston Endowed**

Tunisia Beatty  
Eya Blessing  
Jeffrey Cadwallader  
Dane Campbell  
Kevin Cartwright  
Charlise Davis  
Thabo Gcwabaza  
Catherine Ginestra  
Jessica Humphreys  
Jeron L. Jones  
Tinuke Lediju  
Ednal Missick  
Thomas Mitchell  
Hershel D. Moultrie  
Curtis Pennie  
Kevin Perry  
Clifford Sanders  
Randolph Scott  
Amanda Holbert Scragg  
Timothy Scragg  
Jay T. Shilling  
Alan Tapper  
Efolia Young

**Mary T. Patterson Scholarship**

Michael Brown  
Tony Cornett

**Memorial Scholarship**

Whitney M. Koontz  
Lora D. Pierce  
Mary T. Rogers  
Jonathan Wesley

**Naomi M. Garrett Endowed**

Dane Campbell  
Jean-Gilles Laroque  
Sabrena A. Thomas

**P. A. Williams Scholarship**

Angela M. Jones

**Paul Joseph &**

**A. J. Mullins Endowed**

Darryl Dean  
James P. Owens  
Karen Paluch

**R. B. & Constance D. Welch  
Endowed**

Jennifer L. Kelly

**Ronald Coleman Memorial  
Scholarship**

Rhonda L. Donohoe  
Jennifer L. Ferrell  
Douglas Hanna, II  
Jason R. Martin  
Misty P. Miller  
Deborah L. Rexrode

**Rosa Parks Memorial  
Book Scholarship**

Sarah K. Shehab  
Mary E. Stevens

**Sarah & Pauline Maier Endowed**

Jenna L. Coyner  
Amanda Harris-Harper  
Miranda M. Watson

**Second Congressional District  
Scholarship**

Susan Burkhamer

**Tony Brown Scholarship**

Crystal Good

**United Bank Endowed**

Jamie L. Gilbert  
Connell A. Lee  
Todd R. Strickland

**United Supreme Council Scholarship**

Nicole Robinson

**Verizon - West Virginia Scholarship**

James S. Davidson  
Chastity Thornton

**Walter D. "Pat" Evans Endowed**

William B. Goheen  
Michael W. Huffman

## **Honor Societies**

### **ELECTED TO ALPHA DELTA MU— NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL WORK**

Amanda Bevins  
Susan Burkhamer  
Regina Confere  
Jennifer Ferrell

Tina Tallarico  
Jennifer Taylor  
Lenore Wills

### **ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA— INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY**

Sarah Brown

Beth Fultz

### **ELECTED TO ALPHA KAPPA MU—NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Patricia Connelly  
James S. Dalton

Rhonda Donohoe  
Jane Harper

### **ELECTED TO MU GAMMA— NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY**

Erica Nichole Abbott  
Kendra Nicole Ashley

Sherice Nichole Goff  
Dorothy S. Kendig

### **ELECTED TO ALPHA PHI SIGMA— NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Joseph Alan Bias  
Barbara Cline  
Alysia Cooley

Todd Miller  
John Mullenax

### **ELECTED TO ALPHA PSI OMEGA— NATIONAL THEATER HONOR SOCIETY**

Katara D. Sowell

### **ELECTED TO BETA KAPPA CHI—SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY**

Timothy E. Carroll  
Jane Marie Harper

Craig F. Priestly

**ELECTED TO DELTA MU DELTA—  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN BUSINESS**

Timi Breedlove  
Wesley Brumfield  
Lisa Burford

Lindsay Francis  
Mark Sanderson

**KAPPA DELTA PI—  
INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION**

Kendra Ashley  
Robert Ballard  
Jill Bossie  
Leigh Ann Bowyer  
Angela Browning  
Catherine Bush  
Cynthia Cassidy  
Angela Castle  
Rhonda Donohoe  
Amber Gillenwater

Sherice Goff  
Stephanie Helman  
Kathy Kress  
Holla Price  
Krista LeFevre  
Lois McPhail  
Diana Painter  
Josh Pauley  
Melissa Smith  
Laura Tuel

**ELECTED TO LAMBDA IOTA TAU—  
NATIONAL LITERARY HONOR SOCIETY**

Jeffrey Jack

**ELECTED TO OMRICRON DELTA EPSILON—  
INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS**

Nicholas L. Bradley

Jonathan R. Rucker

**ELECTED TO OMRICRON DELTA KAPPA—  
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOR SOCIETY**

James Dalton  
Thabo Gcwabaza

James W. Martin  
Martha Gail Poore

**ELECTED TO PHI ALPHA THETA—  
INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN HISTORY**

Anthony Townsend

**ELECTED TO PHI ETA SIGMA—  
FRESHMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Joseph A. Bias  
Leigh A. Bowyer  
Monica R. Brown  
Natasha N. Caines  
James S. Dalton  
Jennifer L. Ferrell  
Sherice N. Goff  
William B. Goheen

Jane M. Harper  
Michelle L. Lilly  
Andria G. Petry  
Craig F. Priestley  
Elyssa M. Rutledge  
Michele M. Sullivan  
Anthony H. Townsend

**ELECTED TO PHI THETA KAPPA—  
HONOR SOCIETY FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENTS**

Jeffrey Eugene Dixon, Jr.  
Richard Allan Douglas  
Melissa Dawn Haynes  
Desiree A. Jackson

Stephanie Nicole Lamp  
Jason R. Martin  
Teresa Lynn White

**ELECTED TO PI SIGMA ALPHA—  
HONOR SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE**

James Dalton  
Joseph Goff

Jonathan Weaver  
Charlotte Wilkerson

**ELECTED TO PINNACLE—  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS**

Timothy E. Carroll  
Teresa Batton-Wilkes  
Roy L. Sneed

Carolyn F. Stringer  
Lenore Wills

**ELECTED TO PSI CHI—  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGY**

Erica N. Abbot  
Timothy E. Carroll  
Matthew W. Clemons  
Ryan J. Greenlee  
Jane M. Harper

Damia D. Kelly  
Andria G. Petry  
Cassi N. Squires  
Rene M. Thomas  
Molly G. Wilson

# 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

## 1997

Mary McGhee Hairston, Alumni

Walter D. Evans, Business

Paul J. Gilmer, Jr. Community Service

Campbell C. Sellers, Education

## 1998

Leon Vincent Williams, Alumni

Edna J. Cash, Business

Jack Spainhour, Community Service

Samuel Perry Sentelle, Education

## 1999

Milton C. Kates, Alumni Affairs

William Henry Harmon, Business

Ethel O. Davie, Education

Naomi M. Garrett, Education

## 2000

Ferguson B. Meadows, Alumni Affairs

William B. Goode, Business

Margaret Taylor, Community Service

Ronald E. Duerring, Education

## 2001

Herbert H. Henderson, Alumni Affairs

Richard A. Kennedy, Business

Marie C. Johns, Business

Larry L. Rowe, Community Service

Betty Caldwell Spencer, Education

## 2002

Miles C. Cary, Alumni Affairs

L. Newton Thomas, Jr., Business

Daisy Anderson Alston, Education

Robert T. Anderson, Sr.,  
Community Service

# Commencement Speakers

**1898**

Booker T. Washington

**1909**

William E. Glasscock

*Governor, State of West Virginia*

**1919**

Waitman Barbe

*Professor of Literature,  
West Virginia University*

**1923**

Charles Victor Roman

*Nashville, Tennessee*

**1925**

Carter G. Woodson

*Editor, Negro Life & History*

**1926**

Eugene Kinckle Jones

*Executive Secretary,  
National Urban League*

**1927**

James Adlai Cobb

*Judge, Municipal Court,  
Washington, D.C.*

**1928**

Harry J. Capehart

*Associate District Attorney  
of Southern WV*

**1929**

(May)

Charles Wesley

*Professor of History, Howard  
University*

(Summer)

Mark Miles Fisher

*Pastor, 16th Street Baptist Church,  
Huntington, WV*

**1930**

(May)

Henry D. Hatfield

*U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia*

(Summer)

John W. Davis

*Fifth President,  
West Virginia State College*

**1931**

(May)

W.W. Sanders

*Supervisor, Negro Schools,  
State of West Virginia*

(Summer)

John W. Davis

*Fifth President,  
West Virginia State College*

**1932**

(May)

Thomas Gillis Nutter

*Attorney, Charleston, West Virginia*

(Summer)

James C. Evans

*Professor, Mechanical Industries,  
West Virginia State College*

**1933**

(May)

J.B. McLaughlin

*Commissioner of Agriculture,  
State of West Virginia*

(Summer)

George D. Brock

*Professor of Education,  
West Virginia State College*

**1934**

(May)

Homer A. Holt

*West Virginia Attorney General*

(Summer)

Daniel P. Lincoln

*Registrar and Professor of  
History, West Virginia State College*

**1935**

(May)

Harry H. Pace

*President, Supreme Liberty Life  
Insurance Co., Chicago*

(Summer)

Richard Hurst Hill

*Pastor, First Baptist Church,  
Charleston, West Virginia*

**1936**

(May)

John Andrew Gregg

*Bishop, AME Church, Kansas City*

(Summer)

David Kirby

*Secretary, West Virginia Board of  
Education*

**1937**

(May)

Julian H. Lewis

*Associate Professor Pathology,  
University of Chicago*

(Summer)

David Alphonso Lane, Jr.

*Dean, West Virginia State College*

**1938**

(May)

Ambrose Caliver

*Senior Specialist in Education of  
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 & Manager of  
Fine Chemicals, The Glidden  
Company*

(Summer)

H.D. Hazelwood  
*Principal, Douglas High, Huntington,  
West Virginia*

**1949**

(May)

Harley M. Kilgore  
*U.S. Senator, West Virginia*

(Summer)

Vernon Johns  
*College Minister, West Virginia State  
College*

**1950**

(May)

Walter Philip Reuther  
*President,  
United AutoWorkers of America*

(Summer)

Charles S. Johnson  
*President,  
Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee*

**1951**

(May)

Ira De A. Reid  
*Professor of Sociology,  
Haverford College, Pennsylvania*

(Summer)

Corma A. Mowrey  
*Past President,  
National Education Association*

**1952**

(May)

Mordecai Johnson  
*President, Howard University,  
Washington, D.C.*

(Summer)

James C. Evans  
*Civilian Assistant,  
Secretary of Defense*

**1953**

(May)

Rufus B. Clement  
*President, Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Georgia*

(Summer)

James W. Robinson  
*State Superintendent of Negro  
Schools, West Virginia*

**1954**

(May)

Edward Anderson Bolling  
*Superintendent,  
Institute School for Deaf & Blind*

(Summer)

James H. Rowland  
*Attorney, West Virginia  
Department of Education*

**1955**

(May)

Buell G. Gallagher  
*President, City College, NY*

(Summer)

Charles A. Williamson  
*President, Advertising Corporation*

**1956**

(May)

John Warren Davis  
*Fifth President,  
West Virginia State College*

(Summer)

Moses Newsome  
*Pastor, First Baptist Church,  
Charleston, West Virginia*

**1957**

(May)

Virgil L. Flynn  
*Assistant Superintendent in Charge of  
Research, Kanawha County Schools*

(Summer)

Ruth C. Norman  
*English Instructor,  
Stonewall Jackson High School*

**1958**

(May)

Frank M. Snowden, Jr.  
*Dean, College of Liberal Arts,  
Howard University, Washington, D.C.*

(Summer)

S.J. Baskerville, DDS  
*West Virginia Board of Education*

**1959**

Cecil Underwood  
*Governor, State of West Virginia*

**1960**

Justice Wise Polier  
*Judge, Domestic Relations Court, NY*

**1961**

William W. Barron  
*Governor, State of West Virginia*

**1962**

A.J. Gibson  
*Executive Secretary,  
North Central Association*

**1963**

Pearl S. Buck  
*Anthropologist*

**1964**

William Orville Douglas  
*Associate Justice,  
U.S. Supreme Court*

**1965**

P.K. Banerjee  
*Minister, Embassy of India*

**1966**

Hulett C. Smith  
*Governor, State of West Virginia*

**1967**

Miles Clark Stanley  
*President, AFL/CIO, Charleston,  
West Virginia*

**1968**

William W. Jellema  
*Executive Associate, Association of  
American Colleges*

**1969**

Mildred Mitchell Bateman  
*Director, Department of Mental  
Health, State of West Virginia*

**1970**

Richard Eugene Shearer  
*President,  
Alderson-Broaddus College*

**1971**

Arch A. Moore, Jr.  
*Governor, State of West Virginia*

**1972**

Damon J. Keith  
*Judge, State of Michigan*

**1973**

**John W. Davis**

*Fifth President,  
West Virginia State College  
and  
William J.L. Wallace  
Sixth President,  
West Virginia State College*

**1974**

(May)

**Jennings Randolph**

*U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

**Daniel B. Taylor**

*Superintendent of Schools State of  
West Virginia*

**1975**

(May)

**James C. Malone**

*Vice President, Union Carbide*

(Mid Year)

**James R. McCartney**

*Secretary of State,  
State of West Virginia*

**1976**

(May)

**Helvi Sipila**

*Associate Secretary General, Social  
Development & Humanitarian Affairs,  
United Nations*

(Mid Year)

**Vincent E. Reed**

*Superintendent of Schools  
The District of Columbia*

**1977**

(May)

**Ben L. Morton**

*Chancellor,  
West Virginia Board of Regents*

(Mid Year)

**Henry B. Wehrle, Jr.**

*President, The McJunkin Corporation*

**1978**

(May)

**Robert C. Byrd**

*U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

**Harold Delaney**

*Associate Executive Director  
American Association of Colleges and  
Universities*

**1979**

(May)

**Harold L. Hodgkinson**

*Executive Director, Professional  
Institute of American Management  
Association*

(Mid Year)

**John D. Rockefeller, IV**

*Governor, State of West Virginia*

**1980**

(May)

**Donald M. Knox**

(Mid Year)

**Robert R. Ramsey**

*Chancellor,  
West Virginia Board of Regents*

**1981**

(May)

**Allen Ostar**

*President, American Association of  
State Colleges and Universities*

(Mid Year)

**Leon H. Ginsberg**

*Commissioner, West Virginia  
Department of Welfare*

**1982**

(May)

**Thomas W. Cole, Jr.**

*Eighth President,  
West Virginia State College*

(Mid Year)

**Margaret L. Workman**

*Judge, Circuit Court  
Charleston, West Virginia*

**1983**

(May)

**Russell Lowell Isaacs**

*President, Hecks Inc.,  
Charleston, West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

**Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, IV**

*First Lady of West Virginia*

**1984**

(May)

**Samuel Proctor**

*Pastor, Abyssian Baptist Church, NY*

(Mid Year)

**John D. Rockefeller, IV**

*Governor, State of West Virginia*

**1985**

(May)

**Julian Bond**

*Senator, Atlanta, Georgia*

(Mid Year)

**D. Wayne Smith**

*President, Friendship Force*

**1986**

(May)

**John F. McGee**

*President, Charleston Daily Mail*

(Mid Year)

**Ken Hechler**

*Secretary of State West Virginia*

**1987**

(May)

**Leon H. Sullivan**

*Chair, Board of OIC,  
Philadelphia, PA*

(Mid Year)

**Thomas W. Cole, Jr.**

*Chancellor,  
West Virginia Board of Regents*

**1988**

(May)

**Hazo W. Carter, Jr.**

*Ninth President,  
West Virginia State College*

(Mid Year)

**Ralph E. Kirkman**

*Professor of Education,  
George Peabody College  
Vanderbilt University*

**1989**

(May)

**Grover A. DuBose**

*Visiting Professor, Business,  
West Virginia State College*

(Mid Year)

**Harrison B. Wilson**

*President, Norfolk State University*

**1990**

(May)

**Mary Sarah Weddington**

*Senior Lecturer, History and  
Government, University of Texas*

(Mid Year)

**Lauro F. Cavazos**

*Secretary,  
U.S. Department of Education*

**1991**

(May)

**Gaston Caperton**

*Thirty-first Governor,  
State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

**Laura Pederson**

**1992**

(May)

**Paul B. Marion**

*Chancellor,  
State College System of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

**Phyllis Harden Carter**

*Director of State-Federal Relations,  
Governor's Office, State of  
West Virginia*



**1993**

(May)

Bettina Gregory

*Senior General Assignment*

*Correspondent, American*

*Broadcasting Company*

(Mid Year)

Barbara Harmon-Schamberger

*Secretary, Department of Education*

*and the Arts State of West Virginia*

**1994**

(May)

Margaret L. Workman

*Judge, Supreme Court of Appeals,*

*State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

Booker T. Stephens

*Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District,*

*Welch, West Virginia*

**1995**

(May)

James W. Monroe

*Major General, United States Army*

(Mid Year)

Clifford M. Trump

*Chancellor, State College System of*

*West Virginia*

**1996**

(May)

Rodney E. Slater

*Federal Highway Administration*

(Mid Year)

Robert E. Wise, Jr.

*United States House of*

*Representatives*

**1997**

(May)

Hazel R. O'Leary

*Former Secretary of Energy*

(Mid Year)

James W. Rowley

*President Emeritus, College of*

*Graduate Studies*

**1998**

(May)

Shirley R. Watkins

*Secretary, U.S. Department of*

*Agriculture*

(Mid Year)

Gus R. Douglass

*West Virginia Commissioner of*

*Agriculture*

**1999**

(May)

Christine M. Corey

*Senior Program Officer, Office of*

*International Education and*

*Graduate Programs, United States*

*Department of Education*

(Mid Year)

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

*Ninth President, West Virginia State*

*College*

**2000**

(May)

Cecil H. Underwood

*Governor, State of West Virginia*

(Mid Year)

David Stewart

*State Superintendent of Schools,*

*West Virginia Board of Education*

**2001**

(May)

Marie C. Johns

*President, Verizon*

(Mid Year)

J. Michael Mullen

*Chancellor, West Virginia Higher*

*Education Policy Commission*

**2002**

(May)

Miles C. Cary

*President, West Virginia State College*

*Advisory Board*

(Mid Year)

Kaye Goodwin

*Secretary, Education and Arts*

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## Alma Mater

*Ernest Wade '30*

*Martha Spencer*

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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