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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
May 17, 2014

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



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President

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WHAT IS WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE?



What is West Virginia State College? It is all of us who believe in it – who absent or present, work in it and wish it well. Its constituency is the living and dead, and from them the College enjoys an unrestrained loyalty and willing service. It is an exponent of trust which sweeps aside the petty jealousies of men and all propagandic proposals which would minimize or depreciate personality. It is an institution containing faults and defects which challenge the constructive efforts of students, teachers, officers, and graduates. It is incomplete and desires to remain so, to be in an advantageous position for changing life situations.

What is West Virginia State College? It is spirit; it cannot be touched by hand; it is based upon communions between the living and those who though dead yet live in immortality made practical through enlistment in the college program, which of necessity requires eternity for completion. What is the College? You and those graduates ahead of you are the College.

John W. Davis
Fifth President, West Virginia State College, 1932

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY



West Virginia State University was founded under the provisions of the Second Morrill Act of 1890 to provide education to black citizens in agriculture and the mechanical arts. Like many other states at that time, West Virginia maintained a segregated education system. On March 17, 1891, the Legislature passed a bill creating the West Virginia Colored Institute to be located in the Kanawha Valley. Federal funds provided \$3,000 for faculty salaries and the West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to purchase land and to construct a building. We now celebrate that as the official “Founders Day” of West Virginia State University.

In 1915, the West Virginia Collegiate Institute began offering college degrees. Under the leadership of President John W. Davis, academic programs were expanded and new buildings were constructed. In 1927, the Institute received accreditation from the North Central Association and in 1929 it became West Virginia State College.

After the 1954 United States Supreme Court historic decision outlawing school segregation, West Virginia State College became an integrated institution serving a predominately white, adult, commuter student population. At that time, land-grant status was lost due to a decision of the West Virginia Board of Education; West Virginia State College was the only 1890 land-grant institution to lose that status. The College regained land-grant status in 2001, by an act of Congress.

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

From a modest beginning, West Virginia State University has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body. From a small tract of land and one building, the University has developed into a multimillion-dollar education system.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT
MAY 17, 2014 10:00 A.M.
ORDER OF EXERCISES

PRELUDE Classical Selections

PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance

MARCHING ORDER

- Grand Marshal
- College Flag Bearers
- Faculty and Administrators
- Platform Party
- Candidates for Degrees

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM West Virginia State University Concert Choir
Piano Accompaniment by Kenneth Morrison Jr.

INVOCATION Reverend Seth Polk, Lead
Cross Lanes Baptist Church

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS Dr. Ann Brothers Smith
Vice Chair, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Dr. R. Charles Byers
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. Bruce L. Berry
Chair, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE Dr. Bruce L. Berry
Chair, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE Vandy L. Miller
Retired United States Army Colonel

MUSICAL SELECTION *True Light* WVSU Concert Choir
Dr. Dirk Johnson, Director



CONFERMENT OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts and Science.....Dr. Katherine L. Harper
Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. R. Charles Byers
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Science.....Dr. David Bejou
Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences

Dr. R. Charles Byers
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

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

REMARKS Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

ALUMNI PLEDGE Mr. Charles Boddy
President, WVSU National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER Chris Barton
Piano Accompaniment by Kenneth Morrison Jr.

CLOSING REMARKS Dr. R. Charles Byers
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BENEDICTION..... Reverend Seth Polk, Lead
Cross Lanes Baptist Church

RECESSIONAL Grand March

Please remain seated while the graduates recess.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Master of Arts in Media Studies

Lisa A. Bragg
Tawonna Deqwon Flowers
Timothy Raju Mahajan
John Michael Meadows
Megan Leigh Sheets
Adam Justin Stover

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Master of Science in Biotechnology

Olasupo Bolaji Okubajo
Bradley P. Schell
Russell Paul Wisser

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Sarah Randy Copeland
Sara Brooke Denison
Ronald Dustin Stowers
Anthony Peyton Young, II

Bachelor of Arts in English

Carissa Ann Medeiros
Stevi Lynn Ryder
Jason Alan Thaxton
Kadija Joyce Tyler
Christina Marie Weese
Brandon Maxwell Whitt

Bachelor of Science in Communications

Amanda Renee Carte
Dominic Elijah King
Joseph Stacy Lusk
Tony Dona Patterson, Jr.
Alyssa D. Perry
Lesley Kay Sattes
Jenna Leigh Skeen
Adam Wesley Striker
Lorraine N. Tyson

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Richard Mason Anderson
Cora Berna
Marcus Jamaal Cleveland
Wesley David Henderson
Laryssa Danielle Hoskins
Karla Danielle Santmyer
Brandi Nichole Sayre

Bachelor of Arts in History

Thomas Keith Boslaugh
Joshua Richard Carpenter
Christopher Randall Carter
Courtney Lynn DeJohn
Devin Demonte Gentry
Glen K. Jackson
Jordyn Leigh Reed
Lillie Mae Rose
Derek Michael Taylor
Steven Troy Taylor

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Thomas Keith Boslaugh
Rebekah C. Hodge
Paulo Marcio Losada Maia
Jesus Alberto Rivero Soto
Andreea Iulia Slusarciuc

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Richard Mason Anderson
Ryan J. Jewett
Jordyn Leigh Reed
Derek Michael Taylor

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Burzener Ophelia Bego
Trevor Scott Boggess
Jennifer Ann Burford
Mark Allen Cadle
Sara Annette Clifford
Nakeila Juannette Duffield
Jamie Ann Hall
Brittany Tianna Holstein
Chelsie Paige Hunt
Eric Allen Jett
Erica Beth Johnson
Erica Brianna Lacy
Stephen Edward McGill
A'Lee Jean-Marie Miller
Lauren J. Miller
Elizabeth Marie Walker

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Karen Sue Adams
Marshall D. Little

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Cora Berna
Marilyn De'Angelique Blackburn
Jeffrey S. Cantrell
Dene Iman Carter
Loren Nicole Chinnery
Eric Nathan Crist
Howard Douglas, III
Kelli Anne Drake
Kimberly R. Duff
Maria Jo Femia
Charles Eric Fields
Clifton Daniel Gibson
Courtney Marie Gilham
Christina Kay Graham
Taylor Thomas Green
La Crista Nicole Haston
Joseph Andrew Hatfield
Wesley David Henderson
Jeremy Grant Heslep
Laryssa Danielle Hoskins
Raven L. Thomas Jeffers
Amanda Jane Jones
Daetron Anthony Jones
Brian Curtis Kraft
John Randall Lloyd
Garth A. Mariani, II
Hazel Maria Mead
Christina Elizabeth Neal
Julian Cochise Reid
Karla Danielle Santmyer
Brandi Nichole Sayre
Andrea Iulia Slusarciuc
Chase Michael Wysong

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Cierra Danielle Boyd
Amanda Renee Carte
Patricia Michelle Johnson
Markie Paige McCoy
Rebecca Dawn Ocheltree
Thomas Kelly Paynter
Timothy Aaron Paynter
Kaitlin Christine Scarberry
Sarah Ann Sigmon
Kaitlyn Tabra Taylor
Desiree Michelle Breanna Unselt
Elisha Marie Westfall
Stephen Paul Workman, II
Eyasu Yirdaw Yiman

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Noah Daniel Blackhurst
Asia-Bryanne Caroline Greenleaf
Robert J. Morris

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Talana Nicole Harris
Morgan Taylor Hopkins
Chalcie Marie Raker

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Trevor Scott Boggess
Gregory Jacob Bowles
Wyatt Peter Burgess
Daniel J. Casto
Carly Jo Dean
John Junior Dolce
Alexander Reece Grimmett
Jessica Areta Harris
Mark Tyler Kennedy
Stephen Lee Meadows
Hannah Paige Miller
Tiffany Nicole Myers
Jazmyne Nachele Newson
Taniqra Yvonne Payne
Angela Dawn Reedy
Rosa L. Rose
Joshua David Saul
Darnesha Charnae Tomlinson
Christopher Alan Townsend
Sean Michael Wilson

Bachelor of Science in Education

Emily Claire Alford
Andrew Keatley Baldwin
Tanesa Lynn Bowman
Jeremy Brandon Buchanan
Elizabeth Marie Burdette
Garrett Arthur Burdette
Brandon James Cline
Joshua Daniel Cole
Cassandra Jean Coon
Britney Jo Cottrell
Jessica Morgan Criner
Andrew Wayne Crisco, II
Bryan Shomo Davis

Kaitlin Marie Dewhurst
Megan Christine Emmett
Richard Stokes Ferrell
Mary Elizabeth Gilkerson
Whitney Christine Harold
Crystal Dawn Hays
Danielle Nicole Hensley
Shayla Marie Hughes
Emily Ann Hunter
Jacklyn Kate Kennedy
Chelsea Danae Lewis
Teresa Dawn Martin
Kayleigh Marie Melton
Haley Nicole Mooney
Melinda Sue Richardson
Cassandra Lee Richmond
Candace Breanna Rinck
Rickey Donell Saunders, II
Andrew Donald Shamblin
Ronald Raymond Starcher, Jr.
Ross Curtis Thornton
Sara Elizabeth Tulley
Desiree Michelle Breanna Unselt
Elisha Marie Westfall
Justin John Wilcox
Emily Michaela Wood

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Shaun Percy Clark
Courtney Michelle Dekeyzer
Niya Lavie Jackson
James Eugene Johnson, Jr.
Jacob Keith Rhodes
Felicia Ann Roark

Bachelor of Science in Recreation

Joseph Daniel McCormick

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Whitney Nicole Anderson
Andrea Yvonne Bausley
Jordan Lindsey Browning
Lauri Alison Cook
Charlotte Rae Deal
Michelle Elias
Vanessa Marie Flora
Emily Noel Ford
Natalie Yvette Hall
Erin Elizabeth Holmes
Jennifer Jo Lane
Briana Michelle Roy
Jennifer A. Siler
Bridgette Eileen Summers
Mary Alice Surface
Shakela Shanae Tunstalle
Christopher Drew Willis

Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies

Tyler Jordan Butcher
Donovan Reenere Cox
Jane S. Jackson
Oscar Javier Navarrete
Caleb Lee Toparis
Frederick Bernard Wilson *

Regents Bachelor of Arts

Earl Thomas Allen
Jennifer Marie Bailey
David Eugene Berger
Whitney Rae Berry
Cheryl Ann Bice
John Allen Blount
Philip Dennis Bryant
Brandon Leo Carte
Mereaha Nicole Cooper
Andrew B. Cox
Jennifer Dawn Crum
Hillary Lynn Dean
Leslie Marie Delapas

Andrea Nicole Dent
Christopher L. Dunn
Michael Kevin Elkins
Melissa Kay Endicott
Johnnie Adonis Gavin
Charles Garland Griffith, Jr.
Renee Lynne Herdman
Jean Ellen Holley
Anton Darvell Hutchins
Juan J. Johnson
Karl E. Johnson
Taurean Dashawn Johnson *
Jacqueline Marie Jones
Tina M. Jones
Joyce Atkinson Keough
Sherry L. Kerns
Noah Randall Kinney
Melissa Jane Larsen
Cheryl Ann Laws
Cathy Lorraine Loggins
Katedra Amelle McCoy
Michelle Elizabeth Melton
Nathanael Wade Moles
Ryan Patrick Moore
Dewey Bruce Murphy
Scherri Lynn Napier
Akeem Oluwatoyin Nofu
Daniel Curtis Parcell
Crystal Lynn Pauley
Beverly Burns Raynes
Kristan Renee Rutledge
David Lee Shaffer
Barbara Anne Singley
Stephen R. Starks
Katherine Stevens
Jacqueline Ann Szasz-Sowards
Iva Demetria Thomas
Jerry Michael Thomas, III
Joshua Shane Troyer
Sherri Dawn Turley-Kirk
Brittany Nicole White
Jolene C. Willard
Brittany R. Yates

*Denotes December 2013 Graduate

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

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER DR. BRUCE L. BERRY

Bruce L. Berry, M.D. is Chair of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the organization that develops and oversees a public policy agenda for West Virginia's four-year colleges and universities. Dr. Berry, a Morgantown resident, recently retired as the medical director at Colombo & Stuhr, P.L.L.C. where he oversaw risk management and quality assurance.

For nearly 30 years, Dr. Berry practiced medicine at a private practice in Charleston. Dr. Berry also served as a clinical instructor, clinical assistant professor and clinical associate professor at West Virginia University's School of Medicine campus at the Charleston Area Medical Center. In addition to his work with WVU, Dr. Berry served as a clinical associate professor with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Berry graduated with an A.B. in biology, M.S. in embryology and a M.D. from West Virginia University.

HONORARY DOCTORATES

Honorary degrees at West Virginia State University are conferred upon distinguished alumni and other individuals who have achieved prominence in education, government, business and other professions.

Dr. Bruce L. Berry, Chair of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
Honorary Doctorate of Science

Col. (Ret.) Vandy L. Miller
Honorary Doctorate of Humanities

WVSU ALUMNI PLEDGE

To join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideals of West Virginia State University, nurturing its growth and promoting its programs, to serve with honor in my chosen profession, and to make myself a symbol of the best traditions of West Virginia State University – this is my commission and my challenge.

CLASS OF 1954



On May 17, 1954, the United States Supreme Court gave its historic decision prohibiting school segregation. The consequence of this decision for West Virginia State College was a rapid transition to a fully integrated institution that would become known as a living laboratory of human relations.

For the Class of 1954, its members had the opportunity to experience the College as one of the leading public institutions of higher education for African-Americans as well as to witness the beginning of its transformation.

On May 31, the Class of 1954 became the last class to graduate from West Virginia State College prior to its integration. A total of 161 students graduated; 32 of them received commissions in the Officers Reserve Corps and eight received commissions in the regular army. Other class members went on to become leaders in business, education and many other professions.

In celebration of 60 years of integration at West Virginia State, the University is honoring graduates of the Class of 1954 and the special role they played in the history of the institution.

Attending today from the Class of 1954 are:

Mr. W.D. Bankett
Col. (Ret.) Vandy L. Miller
Mr. James G. Morris
Dr. Carl E. Moyler
Ms. Mattie G. Taylor



ACADEMIC HONORS

Cum Laude

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

Magna Cum Laude

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

Summa Cum Laude

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

With Distinction

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

Graduating Seniors in Honor Societies

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

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

Alpha Delta Mu

National Honor Society in Social Work

Rita Brown, advisor

Vanessa Marie Flora

Emily Noel Ford

Mary Surface

Alpha Epsilon Rho

National Broadcasting Society

Sherri Shafer, advisor

Adam Wesley Striker

Alpha Kappa Mu

Junior and Senior National Honor Society

Sonya Armstrong, advisor

Philip Dennis Bryant

Joshua Richard Carpenter

Cassandra Jean Coon

Taylor Thomas Green

Asia-Bryanne Caroline Greenleaf

Wesley David Henderson

John Randall Lloyd

Hazel Maria Mead

Kayleigh Marie Melton

Jordyn Leigh Reed

Cassandra Lee Richmond

Kaitlin Christine Scarberry

Desiree Michelle Breanna Unsell

Christina Marie Weese

Emily Michaela Wood

Alpha Phi Sigma

National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Samuel Swindell, advisor

Trevor S. Boggess

Gregory J. Bowles

Phillip D. Bryant

Kaitlin Dewhurst

Alexander R. Grimmett

Tiffany N. Haynes

Rebekah Hodge

Rosa L. Rose

Lillie M. Rose

Darnesha C. Tomlinson



Alpha Psi Omega

National Theatre Honor Society

Susan Marrash-Minnerly, advisor

Jenna Skeen

Beta Kappa Chi

National Scientific Honor Society

Kevin Barry, advisor

Asia Greenleaf

Robert Morris

Kaitlin Scarberry

Delta Mu Delta

International Honor Society in Business

John Hodges, advisor

Wesley David Henderson

John Randall Lloyd

Julian Cochise Reid

Brandi Nichole Sayre

Kappa Delta Pi

International Honor Society in Education

Paige Carney, advisor

Elizabeth Marie Burdette

Kaitlin Marie Dewhurst

Whitney Christine Harold

Danielle Nicole Hensley

Chelsea Danae Lewis

Teresa Dawn Martin

Kayleigh Marie Melton

Haley Nicole Mooney

Candace Breanna Rinck

Sara Elizabeth Tulley

Desiree Michelle Breanna Unselt

Omicron Delta Epsilon

International Economics Honor Society

Suvayan De, advisor

Richard Mason Anderson

Marcus Jamaal Cleveland

Wesley David Henderson

Brandi Nichole Sayre

Phi Alpha Theta

National History Honor Society

T.J. Park, advisor

Jordyn L. Reed

Derek M. Taylor

Phi Eta Sigma

National Honor Society for Freshmen

James L. Spencer, advisor

Joshua R. Carpenter

Cassandra J. Coon

Sarah R. Copeland

Rebekah C. Hodge

Shayla M. Hughes

Erica B. Lacy

Julian C. Reed

Kaitlin C. Scarberry

Jenna L. Skeen

Derek M. Taylor

Christina M. Weese

Pi Sigma Alpha

National Political Science Honorary Society

Frank Vaughan, advisor

Richard Anderson

Jordyn Reed

Derek Taylor

Pinnacle

National Honor Society for

Non-Traditional Students

Kellie Toledo, advisor

Emily Alford

Cheryl Bice

Kim Duff

Psi Chi

International Honor Society in Psychology

James L. Spencer, advisor

Trevor S. Boggess

Mark A. Cadle

Nakeila J. Duffield

Chelsie P. Hunt

Erica B. Johnson

Erica B. Lacy

Stephen E. McGill

Jenna L. Skeen

Elizabeth M. Walker

WVSU Honors Program

Genia Sklute, coordinator

Noah Blackhust

Markie McCoy

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION



The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates and the University Board of Governors. This procession is led by a marshal, a graduate of West Virginia State University, who seats the graduates, faculty and platform guests. Faculty members wear costumes that had their origin in the Medieval English University system. The costumes were devised to distinguish academic persons from lay persons, since everyone wore robes or gowns to ward off the cold. The recession is in reverse order, with the platform guests leaving the dais first, followed by the faculty and the graduates.

The colors of the academic dress have a significance deeply rooted in the tradition of academic life and are specified by a uniformed code maintained by the American Council on Education. Caps are black and are usually mortar boards with tassels. Doctors of Philosophy wear gold tassels, usually of metallic thread; other degrees wear black or discipline colors.

The bachelor's gown is simple and black with long, pointed sleeves. Master's gowns, also black, are longer than bachelors. Older gowns have sleeves that terminate at the elbow, while those since 1960 have sleeves extended to the wrist. Doctor's gowns are full, with bell-like sleeves. The front is marked by velvet panels, and the sleeves are marked by three velvet bars. While most gowns are black with black velvet, one variation is to replace black velvet with velvet in the discipline color. A second variation is a colored gown, usually of the university's colors.

All hoods specify the level of degree, the discipline studied and the awarding institution. First, degree level is signified by the size of the hood with bachelor's smallest, master's larger and doctor's quite large and of a different shape. West Virginia State University does not award hoods for bachelor's degrees. The width of the velvet trim also conveys the degree. Secondly, the discipline is indicated by the color of the trim edging the hood to form the throat over the gown. Finally, the color of the hood's lining specifies the awarding institution. The colors are displayed in combinations that are drawn from heraldry.

The colors of the tassels worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees represent the fields of study in which the degrees will be conferred. At West Virginia State University, the following colors are used to designate the various degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts - White
- Bachelor of Science - Yellow
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Drab
- Bachelor of Science in Communications - Yellow
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Royal Blue
- Bachelor of Science in Education - Light Blue
- Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service - Yellow
- Bachelor of Science in Social Work - Citron
- Master of Arts in Media Studies - White
- Master of Arts/Science in Biotechnology - Yellow

THE MACE



The Academic Mace precedes the entire procession. The Grand Marshal carries in his hand this ceremonial staff that is used as a symbol of authority. Its placement and removal from a place of honor signifies the opening and closing of ceremonial sessions. The mace had its origin in the Middle Ages, being used first as a weapon by royal bodyguards to protect their monarchs in processions. Today, the mace is primarily used in academic processions, particularly in English-speaking countries.

The original mace used by West Virginia State University had historical significance in that it was created from a spindle used in the staircase of West Hall, the second building erected on the campus, in 1895. This mace was restored by James Huffman when he was the assistant director of Admissions at the University.

The mace used today was designed by former Art faculty member Dr. Cubert Smith. The circular ring design in its center symbolizes the four colleges of the University: Arts and Humanities, Business and Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Professional Studies.

COLLEGE BANNERS



West Virginia State University students will proceed to their respective places behind gonfalons. Gonfalons are flags or banners hung from crosspieces on poles, used since medieval times in the republics of Italy as symbols of state or office. Universities and colleges around the world have adopted gonfalons to increase the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises.

This new tradition associated with commencement symbolizes the accomplishments of the graduates whom we honor on this occasion and the University's commitment to their success.

Four gonfalons of the old gold with black lettering will be carried by two faculty members from each College: the College of Arts and Humanities; the College of Business and Social Sciences; the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the College of Professional Studies.

Banner Carriers

Arts and Humanities

Dr. Joshua Martin
Prof. Susan Marrash-Minnerly

Business Administration and Social Sciences

Dr. Frehot Hailou
Dr. Michael Workman

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Ms. Jackie Fletcher
Dr. Michael Fultz

Professional Studies

Dr. Jenelle Robinson
Dr. Kerri Steele

Grand Marshal

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. R. Charles Byers

Assistant Marshals

Prof. Debra Anderson-Conliffe
Dr. Daton Dean
Prof. Sam Holdren
Prof. Patricia King
Dr. Walter Stroupe
Prof. Patricia Wilson

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key

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

ALMA MATER

Ernest Wade '30, Martha Spencer '31

*There is a place we love so dear—
Its name we'll ever praise and revere
'Tis West Virginia State we love—
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.*

REFRAIN

*West Virginia's praise we'll sing—
Lift our voices 'til heavens ring—
As we gaily march along—
We'll sing a song—
For Alma Mater
How we love her
Pride of all our loyal hearts—
From her we will never part—
Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few
Alma Mater we love you.*

*We'll love her more as days go by,
And send her praises to the sky;
To place her over all the rest,
And keep her e'er the dearest and the best.*

*Shadowed 'neath a deep blue sky;
Is STATE for whom we'll live and we'll die—
Arise! O men of God and sing;
We're loyal, and to her we'll always cling.*



WEST VIRGINIA STATE
UNIVERSITY