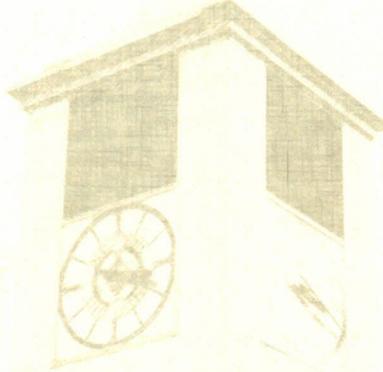


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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

DECEMBER 14, 2013

10:00 A.M.

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

2:00 P.M.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D.
President

P. Ahmed Williams Auditorium
Ferrell Hall
Institute, West Virginia

WHAT IS WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE?



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

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

John W. Davis

Fifth President, West Virginia State College, 1932

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY



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

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

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

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

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



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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT
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PRELUDES West Virginia State University Brass Ensemble
Mr. Matthew Murphy, Director

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 Associate Professor Brenda Vanderford

INVOCATION Reverend Ryan L. Stichweh, Associate Rector
The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS Tom Susman
Chairman, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Walter F. Johnson, III

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE Walter F. Johnson, III

MUSICAL SELECTION *Lean on Me* WVSU Concert Choir
Mr. Scott Woodard, Director



CONFERMENT OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Law Enforcement and Administration Dr. Robert L. Harrison
Dean of the College of Professional Studies

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. Robert L. Harrison
Dean of the College of Professional Studies

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

Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

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during the conferring of degrees by President Hemphill.*

REMARKS Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

ALUMNI PLEDGE Dr. Lateef Saffore
First Vice President, WVSU National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER Britney Cottrell
Piano Accompaniment by Associate Professor Brenda Vanderford

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

BENEDICTION Reverend Ryan L. Stichweh, Associate Rector
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RECESSIONAL *Grand March*

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Dean of the 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 Sciences Dr. David Bejou
Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences

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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



10:00 A.M. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Master Of Science in Law Enforcement and Administration

Leighann Justice Davidson *
Autumn Keith Davis
Paula Rene Graves *
Garrie LeAnn Hudgins *
Shannon L. King *
Sheila R. Reynolds *
Gale Angela Teare *
Melissa Dawn Thompson
Vanessa Kay White *
Arlage Travis Wines *

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Robert Scott Alford
Kassie Nicole Ball
Joshua Skye Burgess
Chelsey LeAnn Eller
Barbara Nicole Erby
Kayli Tomia Rashea Feazelle
Mark Alexander Kearsse
Nieshia Letar Kornegay
Sydnee Elise Kuhn *
Shonda Latoya Lynn Leach
James Raymond Mahood
Michael C. L. Miller
Shaina Joanae Phillips
Darlene R. Reynolds
Dorse Denzil Dewayne Sears
Nicole Lynne Wooten
Diana Leah Workman
Jarrod Randall Zirkle

Bachelor of Science in Education

Whittney Morgan Armstrong
Kacie Jo Atha
Stephanie Renee Berry
Corey Cleon Bradley
Leslie Anne Carver
Tracy Lynn Casto
Kizmet Elaine Chandler
Donna Kay Chumbley
Katie Michelle Cumberledge
Brittany Rae Dolin
Savannah Len Harless
Joshua Stephen Humphreys
Jennifer Michael Johnson
Tambra Lynn Kascic
Ann Kathryn Lucas
Sara Ann Merritt
Rickie Edward Moss, II
Jessica D. Raines
Cory Michael Stricker
Annyssa Mai Swearingen
Brian James Wooten

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Lynda Ann Conneway *
Melissa Sue Cooper
January Elaine Gilbert
Natalie Kay Keilwert
Jennifer Elaine Maloney *
Chelsea Marie Persinger
Krystle Antoinette Smith
Meghan Mikell Wilkes *
Paige Nicole Winfree

Bachelor of Science in Recreation

Tyanna L. Carter

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Gina Renee Hays
John S. Hedrick, III
Candis Brooke Stover
Holly Ann Tonkin
Jennifer Lee Whittington

Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies

Katie Elizabeth Avery *
Eric Robert Craft
Orlando Thaddius Davis
Zach C. diTrapano
Andrea Carlotta Harris *
Kelsey Nicole Lorraine *
Megan Brianna Pauley
Frederick Bernard Wilson, II

Regents Bachelor of Arts

Linda K. Banisaid *
Michael Edward Bee
Tony Eugene Bego, Jr.
Deborah Lynn Blake
Kelli Marie Boggess
Steven Dean Bradley
Sara Elizabeth Cardenas
Casey Renee Collins
Amie Nichole Criner
Anthony Davis, Sr.
Evan Cavender Given *
Amanda Gail Grant
Chelsie Leigh Hammond
Benjamin Tyler Hawley
Clarence Robert Hays *
Sharonnia Monique Hopkins
Bart Edward Hughey *
Taurean Dashawn Johnson
Glendora Deborah Justice
Judith Lynn Keeney *

Heather Starlene Kent *
Olivia J. Klee
Amy Kristen Layne
Jessica Dawn Lett
Althea Maye Locke
Andrew Tyler Long
Ashley Jane Long
Amy Dawn McClanahan
Michelle Elizabeth Melton
Elisha De'Paugh Merchant *
Lindsey Ann Mize *
Amanda Kay Morgan
Gregory Wayne Morris *
Kenneth W. Morrison, Jr. *
John Franklin Phillips
Micheal D. Pitts
Phillip Gregory Powers
Alison Elizabeth Reveal
Ryan Walter Russell Elizabeth
Dawn Satterfield *
Matthew Ray Schuman *
Dustin Mathew Shapero Patti
W. Simmons
Heather Shea Smith
Lisa Lynn Snyder *
Kimberly R. Sowards
Autumn Janae Staup
Aubura Lionel Taylor
Virginia Scott Thomas *
Alicia Renee Tucker
Angela Nicole Watts
Christina Marie Weese *

* August Graduates.

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

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



2:00 P.M. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Master of Arts in Media Studies

Katarina Dedicova

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Master of Science in Biotechnology

Lavanya Abburi

Aldo Ricardo Almeida Robles *

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Stefani Kaye Andrews

Sara Brooke Denison

Wesley Thomas Eary

James Michael Hunt, Jr.

Angela Dawn Lewis

Andrea Case Lovejoy

Kaci Ellyn Settle

Bachelor of Arts in English

Jessica Nicole Hale *

Rachel Leanna Maynard

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Jose Alejandro Pena

Bachelor of Science in Communications

Paul Raymond Barber

Jennifer Elizabeth Carpenter

Kevin Lawrence Carte

De'Carlos Eugene Lewis

Joseph Stacy Lusk

Corey Christine Morris

Roberta June Spry

McKenzie Evan Young

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Courtney Jane Fraser

Andrew M. Frazier

Mitchell Everett Kirk

Barbara Lynn O'Dell *

Bachelor of Arts in History

Ronda Nicole Burkhart *

Kizmet Elaine Chandler

Claire Allison Pulliam

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Christopher Alan Gage

Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences

Dana Andrew Menyweathers, Jr.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Emmalee Marie Ashworth

Sara Elizabeth Burns

Brandon Joseph Clemons

Alma Toye Graves

Erika Lynn Goff

Jamie Ann Hall

Mary Elizabeth Harrison

Randall Alexander Hicks

Candace Carol Hill

Alexandria Leigh Lanham

Kiyanna Kantris Lewis

Linsy Lynn Meadows

Virginia Ruth White-Kennedy *

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Alektra Michele Watts *

Ashley Renae Withrow *

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Scott F. Arthur

Katie Marleigh Baldwin

Zouhair Benabdallah

Maxim Boiko

Mark Adotey Buckman

Jacqueline Burford

Pamela K. Anderson Casto

Lindsay Brooke Cochran

Jimi Lynn DeBord

Lia Faith Dorchinez

Maria Jo Femia

Courtney Jane Fraser

Andrew M. Frazier

Stephen Matthew Gallero, Jr.

Chelsea Nicole Hall

Sheryl Ann Hall

Ayanna Shante Hampton

Mitchell Everett Kirk

Kayla Ann Lester

Hunter Clark Luppold

Jamie M. Miller

David M. Moss

Barbara Lynn O'dell *

Ashley Lynn Osborne

Daniel Jordan Weber

William Chilton Wise

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Adam Mostafa Boustany

Kevin Lawrence Carte

Hannah Marie Cavender

Alexander G. Paas

Michael Patrick Samples

David Scott Thaxton

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Michael Ira Abshire

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER WALTER F. JOHNSON, III



Retired Brig. Gen. Walter F. Johnson, III was the Chairman of Eagle Group International, Inc., a full-service consulting firm with major civilian, federal and international practices. Johnson led Eagle Group from a start-up family operation to a successful enterprise with over \$150 million in annual revenue, and more than 1,500 employees in 30 different states and seven foreign countries.

In the early 1990's, he was the first President and CEO of Diversity in Health Management, a foundation-like organization he organized for the American Hospital Association, the American College of Health Services Executives and the National Association of Health Services Executives. The primary mission of the foundation is to help increase the number of minority managers in health services and enhance their advancement.

Prior to serving as President of Diversity in Health Management, Johnson was a senior vice president with the American Hospital Association, (AHA) responsible for relations with the 50 state associations and 43 metropolitan councils/associations; membership recruitment and retention; and the AHA regional office operations. Previously, Johnson was director of the AHA's Region 7 operations, which includes Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Johnson served in the military for 27 years, where he attained the rank of Brigadier General in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, the highest grade that could be achieved in the Medical Service Corps at that time. He was the first African-American and the youngest individual ever selected to serve as Chief of the Medical Service Corps. When he retired, Johnson was serving as Director of Army Worldwide Health Care Operations and simultaneously as Chief of the Medical Service Corps which included 31 different medical specialties. Upon retirement, Johnson received the Army's highest award for achievement, the Distinguished Service Medal.

In addition to his military career and accomplishments in business, Johnson has served as: Past Chairman, Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce; Vice Chairman, Georgetown County Economic Commission; Member, Georgetown Alliance for Economic Development Board; Member, South Carolina State University Board of Trustees; Member, Allen University Board of Trustees; Member West Virginia State Foundation Board; Member, Horry-Georgetown County Technical Foundation Board; Member, Medical University of South Carolina Foundation Board; Member, Member, Charleston Promise Neighborhood Board; Member, Georgetown Mentor Group; Member, Teach My People Board; Member, Coastal Community Foundation Board; Member, St. James Santee Health Center, Inc. Board; Member Georgetown Rotary; and, with wife, Doris, Co-Chaired, The Clara Barton Society, Georgetown Red Cross.

A graduate of West Virginia State University, Johnson earned his master's degree at the University of Missouri at Kansas City and received advanced training at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

He is the author of "*I Can Do That*," published in 2010.

Johnson is married to Doris Wright Johnson. They have six children and 14 grandchildren.

HONORARY DOCTORATE



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.

10:00 a.m. Ceremony

Retired Brig. Gen. Walter F. Johnson, III, Doctor of Commerce

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.

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

John S. Hedrick

Holly A. Tonkin

Alpha Epsilon Rho

National Broadcasting Society

Sherri Shafer, advisor

Jennifer Carpenter

Roberta June Spry

Alpha Kappa Mu

Junior and Senior National Honor Society

Sonya Armstrong, advisor

Hannah Marie Cavender

Eric Robert Craft

Donna Kay Chumbley

Savannah Len Harless

Tambra Lynn Kascic

Kelsey Nicole Lorraine

Lauren J. Miller

Barbara Lynn O'Dell

Alexander G. Paas

Roberta June Spry

William Chilton Wise

Alpha Psi Omega

National Theatre Honor Society

Susan Marrash-Minnerly, advisor

Jennifer Carpenter

Alpha Phi Sigma

National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Cassandra Whyte, advisor

Kassie Ball

Autumn Davis

Chelsey Eller

Leighann Justice Davidson

Paula Renee Graves

Sidney Kuhn

Sheila Reynolds

Gale Teare

Melissa Thompson

Vanessa White

Arlege Wines

Diana Workman



Beta Kappa Chi
National Scientific Honor Society
Kevin Barry, advisor
Hannah Cavender
Alexander Paas

Delta Mu Delta
International Honor Society
in Business
John Hodges, advisor
Pamela K. Anderson Casto
Jamie M. Miller
Barbara Lynn O'Dell
William Chilton Wise

Kappa Delta Pi
International Honor Society in Education
Paige Carney, advisor
Kacie Atha
Stephanie Berry
Kizmet Chandler
Donna Chumbley
Savannah Harless
Jennifer Johnson
Sara Merritt

Phi Alpha Theta
National History Honor Society
T.J. Park, advisor
Kizmet E. Chandler

Phi Eta Sigma
National Honor Society for Freshmen
James Spencer, advisor
Andrew Baldwin
Kassie Ball
Jennifer Carpenter
Hannah Cavender
Candace Hill
Christina Weese

Psi Chi
International Honor Society in Psychology
James Spencer, advisor
Sara Burns
Erika Goff
Mary Harrison
Candace Hill
Virginia White Kennedy
Lauren Miller

Pinnacle
National Honor Society for
Non-Traditional Students
Kellie Toledo, advisor
Donna Chumbley
Shelia Reynolds
Roberta June Spry
Gail Teare

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 bachelors' degrees. The width of the velvet trim also conveys the degree. Secondly, the discipline is indicated by the color of the trim edging the hood to form the throat over the gown. Finally, the color of the hood's lining specifies the awarding institution. The colors are displayed in combinations that are drawn from heraldry.

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

- Bachelor of Arts - White
- Bachelor of 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

Professional Studies

Dr. Jenelle Robinson
Dr. Kerri Steele

Arts and Humanities

Prof. Josh Martin
Dr. Reidun Ovrebo

Business Administration and Social Sciences

Dr. Damien Arthur
Dr. Frank Vaughan

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Prof. Jackie Fletcher
Dr. Jack Magan

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
Prof. Cathy Pleska
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.*

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