



WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT
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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

D. Stephen & Diane H. Walker Convocation Center
Institute, West Virginia

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

College of Professional Studies

10 a.m.

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College of Arts and Humanities

College of Business and Social Sciences

2 p.m.





COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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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 West Virginia 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 school became known as West Virginia Collegiate Institute and 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.

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

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT
ORDER OF EXERCISES

- PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance
- POSTING OF THE COLORS Yellow Jacket Battalion Color Guard
- NATIONAL ANTHEM Pre-recorded
- MOMENT OF REFLECTION AND MACE BEARER . . . Dr. Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski
Faculty Senate Chair
- LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING Pre-recorded
- GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY Dr. Nicole Pride
President
- GREETINGS FROM THE WVSU BOARD OF GOVERNORS . . Mr. Charles E. Jones, Jr.
Board of Governors Chair
- GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT BODY Ms. CeAzia Redding
Vice President, Student Government Association
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Dr. Nicole Pride
President
- COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Mr. Frank C. Walker, II
Frank Walker Law
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES Dr. Sharon Warren Cook
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS,
MASTER OF SCIENCE, MASTER OF EDUCATION IN INSTRUCTIONAL
LEADERSHIP AND MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS,
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCES

10 A.M. CEREMONY

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS Dr. Naveed Zaman
Dean

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES Dr. J. Paige Carney
Dean

2 P.M. CEREMONY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES Dr. Robert Wallace
Dean

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES Dr. Gurupdesh Pandher
Dean

Ms. Donna Hunter, interim director of registration and records,
announces the names of the candidates.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES Dr. Nicole Pride
President

REMARKS FROM THE WVSU
NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Dr. Lateef Saffore
National Alumni Association President

RECESSIONAL Alma Mater

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
ATTORNEY FRANK C. WALKER, II



Attorney Frank C. Walker, II is the founder of Frank Walker Law in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is one of the most sought-after criminal defense attorneys in Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia. Walker began his career as an associate trial attorney for the Allegheny Office of Conflict Counsel in Pittsburgh (OCC) fighting for indigent clients in underserved communities. While at the OCC, he defended hundreds of clients in cases ranging from simple assault to murder. Walker was eventually appointed to the position of senior counsel for the Office of Conflict Counsel where he developed a track record for successfully defending clients charged with high profile and serious offenses before the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Eventually, Walker joined the litigation department of a Strassburger, Mckenna and Gefsky, where he continued to focus on criminal defense and civil litigation,

until opening his own law practice in 2011. Since opening Frank Walker Law, he has firmly established his worth as a criminal defense lawyer by repeatedly obtaining the best results for his clients in tough situations.

Walker is a visiting lecturer at the West Virginia University College of Law where he teaches Advanced Criminal Procedure. Walker is certified as Capital Counsel (Death Penalty Cases) in Pennsylvania and is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Supreme Court of West Virginia, the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Northern District of West Virginia, the Southern District of West Virginia, the United States Appellate Court for the Third Circuit, the United States Appellate Court for the Fourth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

Walker obtained his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from West Virginia State College, now West Virginia State University; a master's degree in education/leadership studies from Marshall University, a law degree from West Virginia University College of Law, and is currently earning his doctorate degree in instructional management and leadership from Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Walker was twice elected as president of the Student Government Association at West Virginia State; unanimously voted as the Freshman Athlete of the Year at West Virginia State by excelling in football, basketball, and track; Voted citizen of the year by the Xi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated; Voted Young Alumnus of the Year by the West Virginia State University National Alumni Association, serves on the West Virginia State University Foundation Board and is President of the Pittsburgh Black Lawyers Alliance.

Walker was initiated through the Xi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in 1999 and is an active member of the Iota Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he serves on the Iota Phi Foundation Board.

Walker is the son of WVSU graduates Frank C. Walker Sr. and Deborah Walker of Institute, West Virginia. Walker is married to fellow WVSU Alum Jennifer (Jackson) Walker and they are the proud parents of Hannah and Gracelyn Walker.

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 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 Fine Arts - Brown
- 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
- Master of Education in Instructional Leadership - Light Blue
- Master of Public Administration - Peacock Blue
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration - Midnight Royal

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

10 A.M. CEREMONY

**College of Natural Sciences &
Mathematics**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Garrett Glenn Crummett
Subhiksha Khatiwada

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jonathan Daniel Musselwhite
Raj Vijeshbhai Patel

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Katelynn Asianna Brown
Matthew Grey Carpenter
Sarai Kay Cook
Hannah Elizabeth Hudson
Cassidy Nicole Lewis
Olivia Vazquez Lim
Zachary Todd Matheny
Graziele Cristina Preterotto

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY

Christopher Allen Bias
Steven Douglas Darnell, II
Ivie Grace Minney
Rachel Sierra Minney
Chinyere Elizabeth Ugwuanyi

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Ertens Guillaume
William Chakotay Miller
Jared Douglas Whitlock

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Jared Douglas Whitlock

College of Professional Studies

***MASTER OF EDUCATION IN INSTRUCTIONAL
LEADERSHIP***

Chelsea Anderson
Tanesa L. Anderson
Zachary Scott Anderson
Julie Ann Blaylock
Graciana Rose Gartin
Bretta Joe Kuhn
Jacqueline Taylor Morgan
Joseph Aaron Overbaugh
William E. Scott

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT STUDIES

Glen Charles Butler

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ryan Douglas Allen
Morgan Carole Beabout
Brianna Marie Brandt
Tanner Beau Buchanan
Eric Joshua Carroll
Sarai Kay Cook
Chelsea Cordice
Maxine Marie Lee Crawford
Lexie Marie Elswick
Aaron Michael Evans
Cierra Daunn Hammond
Caitlin Camil Henson
Seth Elliott Keesee
Grace Margaret Martin
Kersten Sheilia Molina
Jeremiah Nkumsah
Debra L. Schaible
Kelcei W. Skeenes
Elizabeth Alexandria Spina
Brandon Scott Stephens
Shannon N. Strickler

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Caleb Michael Arthur
Jordan Nicole Bailey
Lilly Elizabeth Bennett
Jacob Hunter Bradley
Bryce Alexander Foster
Olivia Megan Fox
Haley Beth Higginbotham
Ruth Ann Hundley
Rachel Anne Liddle
Brigitte Sierra Madden
Savanna Melody Reggi
Margaret Kathryn Smith
Mattie Ann Smith
James Warren Truman, II

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Dawn Denise Anderson
Emily Grace Bostic
Rebecca Kathryn Casto
Michael A. Davis
Sharayah Joy Jeffries
Amber Noel Moles
Madison Nicole Schoolcraft

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Nicole Jaye Armstrong
Edward Ray Cochran
Makayla Craft
Kylee Brooke Dolin
Emily Antoinette Fields
Holly Rose Foster
Kayonjra Markala Nachelle Guerrant
Alena Renee Harper
Shannon Perry Henry
Sarah Nicole Holstein
Shyesha Leshuana Langley
Kassidy Ann Long
Kelli Marie Matthews
Brian L. Mitchell
Alexa Rae Norman
Terrell Montae Rush
Abigail Whitley Sloan
Keyona Coryn Thomas
Jordan DeShawn Tompkins

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SPORT STUDIES

Glen Abram, Jr
Jayla Nahj'e Brown
Madison Shae Burks
Jessica Moreira Conrado
Isiah Donnell Hodges
Tyler Jones
Kerston Paige Kennedy
Dylan Charles Lucas
Megan Laura Maslak
Daniel Thomas Miller
Emily Rose Moore
Jeremiah Joseph Moore
Paige Sheridan Scruggs
Paige Marie Swisher
Dymond Desiree Terry
Cody Lee Vance

2 P.M. CEREMONY

College of Arts & Humanities

MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES

M. Sue Woodward

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN MUSIC

PERFORMANCE

Elaina Marie Smith

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ART

Sheyanne Lyn Hymer
John Christopher McVey

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Brianna Abbygail Bode
Meredith Jill Fetty Haynes
Hannah Lynn Fields
Kelley Elizabeth Foundos
Terry Lee Solt

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Cindie Louis Peyton
Sarah Joanna Rinear
Sabriyah Fatimah Shahbandy

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Elisha Dawn Ashwell Adkins
Adrian Barrette
Alexus Rene Brown
Grace Bailey Christian
Dant'e Jones
Joshua David Landis
Jacob Tanner Linville
William Edward Mohler, IV
Carla Siegle
Kaylee M. Tate

REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Cynthia Louise Adams
Angel Dawn Anderson
Jacob Alexander Billanti
Ky'Achia Rakell Joiray Atkins
Matthew Todd Colagrosso
Keisha Crookshanks
Stephanie Jean Curry
Vicki G. Dean
Elisha Kara Fleming
Krystal Ford
Chad Edward Hall
Bayli Nicole Hanshaw
Asad Ikemba
Serita Ann Jakes
Sa'Dera Telajia Johnson
Ashton Brooke King
Matthew Kline
Robert Thomas Linger, III
Ramadhin Odane Mais

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Kaitlin Leighann Nelson
Brandon Michael Oiler
Hillary Jo Ratliff
Isiah Khrae Scott
Jacob Daniel Shafer
Paula Lynn Sontos
Katherine Lynn Sull
Samantha Jean Tye
Kelly Kathleen Vickers
Alisha Louise Walker

College of Business & Social Sciences

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Sierra Elizabeth Carney
Shantel Fierbaugh
Rachel Marie Harper
Jonathan I. Milton
Alicia N. Stine
Elaine Blake Tuckwiller
Dina Renee Williams

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

Tatiane Silva Araujo
A'sa Mae'li Burcham
Caleb Lee Hanna
Sydney LeighAnn Miller
Chanell Victoria Wesley
Lahini Nimaya Wickramasinghe

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Brigette Sierra Madden
Michela Faith Ocheltree

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Austin Lewis Hatfield
Damon Andrew Massey
Ayana Jo-Ney Poole
Tatiana Carrillo Suárez

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Autumn Love Baxter
Jacob Allen Dingess
Ethan Todd File
Abbigail Grace Holbert
Trinity Alexis Nikole Jones
Erika Lynn Lambert
Robert Jaxson Miller
Carless James Alan Phillips

***BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION***

Matthew Eric Akers
Tatiane Silva Araujo
Jacob Daniel Ballard
Ethan Zayne Brogan
A'sa Mae'li Burcham
Michele Caiolin Carena
Brock Allen Clendenin
Zachary Cline
LaVon Austin Cottemond
James William Crews, V
Dustin Randal Crouser
Caleb Lee Currence
Leah Renee Davis
Katlyn Summer Estep
Aaron Hauver Fitzwater
Blaine Lee Hensley
Jordan Elaine Higginbotham
Najat Issah
Jasper Matthew Jude
Kaile Leiolani Kaleipunahelealanakeahemakani Kauanui
Bradly H. Kay
Hanna Kruhlova
Regin Elexis Maxwell
Amanda Dawn McGinnis
Taylor Morgan McKay-Kucik
Natalia Danai McPhail
Hollie Nicole Means
Sydney LeighAnn Miller
Aerin Renae Post
CeAzia Nicole Redding
Kelly Lynn Robinson
Paula Sargent
Alexis Brooke Schoolcraft
Logan Sines
Paula Clyrissa Smith
Alexandria Jacqueline Smith-Lindsey
Terry Lee Solt
Robert Eugene Taylor
Carmearl Ray Thomas
Jennifer Marie Wagner
Lahini Nimaya Wickramasinghe

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

Lena Lambert, advisor

Nicole Armstrong
Edward Cochran
Makayla Craft
Holly Foster
Kayonjra Guerrant
Alena Harper
Shannon Henry
Sarah Holstein
Kassidy Long
Kelli Matthews
Alexa Owens
Terrell Rush
Abigail Sloan

Alpha Kappa Mu Junior and Senior National Honor Society

Dr. Sonya Armstrong, advisor

Jacob Daniel Ballard
Lilly Elizabeth Bennett
Brianna Marie Brandt
Jayla Nahj'e Brown
Sarai Kay Cook
Ethan Todd File
Brigitte Sierra Madden
Jonathan Daniel Musselwhite
Jared Douglas Whitlock

Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society

Carol Susman, advisor

Cindie Peyton

Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Dr. Cassandra Whyte and

Dr. Leighann Davidson, advisors

Cierra Hammond
Grace Martin
Debra Schaible
Shannon Strickler

Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society

Dr. Timothy Ruhnke, advisor

Sarai Kay Cook
Hannah Hudson

Honors Program

Dr. Timothy Ruhnke, advisor

Hannah Hudson

National Society for Leadership Success

Dr. Shannon McGhee,

Trina Sweeney, and Jalessa Nunez,
advisors

Zachary Scott Anderson
Christopher Allen Bias
Julie Ann Blaylock
Emily Grace Bostic
Brianna Marie Brandt
Matthew Grey Carpenter
Holly Rose Foster
Kayonjra Markala Nachele Guerrant
Cierra Daunn Hammond
Caitlin Camil Henson
Hannah Elizabeth Hudson
Dylan Charles Lucas
Brigitte Sierra Madden
Grace Margaret Martin
Kelli Marie Matthews
Emily Rose Moore
Terrell Montae Rush
Debra L. Schaible
Shannon N. Strickler
Dymond Desiree Terry

Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education

Billie Hauser, advisor

Jordan N. Bailey
Lilly E. Bennett
Brigitte S. Madden
Mattie A. Smith
James W. Truman

ACADEMIC HONORS

**Phi Alpha Theta
National History Honor Society**

Dr. Tae Jin Park, advisor

Emma Gardner
Brigette S. Madden

**Pi Alpha Alpha
National Honor Society in
Public Affairs and Administration**

Dr. Michael Pennington, advisor

Sierra Carney
Shantel Fierbaugh
Rachel M. Harper
Alicia Stein
Elaine B. Tuckwiller
Dina R. Williams

**Pi Sigma Alpha
National Political Science
Honor Society**

Dr. Michael Pennington, advisor

Tatiana Carillo-Suarez
Austin L. Hatfield
Ayana Poole

**Psi Chi
International Honor Society
in Psychology**

Dr. Paula McCoy, advisor

Ethan Todd File
Abbigail Grace Holbert
Robert Jaxson Miller

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.

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.

Faculty Marshals

Prof. Patricia Wilson

Prof. Ali Ziyati

Stage Marshals

Asst. Prof. Leighann Davidson

Prof. Walter Stroupe

Student Marshals

Assoc. Prof. Debra Anderson Conliffe

Assoc. Prof. Patricia King

Sign Language Interpreters

Jasmin Campbell

Ashley Turley

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?*

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

"The Black National Anthem"

J. Rosamand Johnson, composer, and James Weldon Johnson, lyrics

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

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.*



130 YEARS | WEST VIRGINIA
STATE UNIVERSITY
Celebrating 130 Years of Impact
1891 - 2021