



# The Road to STATE'S REAFFIRMATION 2015



## What is the University's Mission?

An essential component to West Virginia State University achieving successful reaffirmation of accreditation is that the institution's mission is clear and articulated publicly, and it guides the institution's operations.

During the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) mock site visit in October and the official site visit in April, 2015, members of the visiting HLC team may quiz student, faculty, or staff members about the University's mission, vision, or any other aspect of the University they deem relevant to their report. Therefore, it is critical that every member of the State family, including students, faculty, and staff, is familiar with fundamental elements of the University's mission. With that in mind, let us review the University's mission and vision.

West Virginia State University's mission is as follows:

*West Virginia State University will meet the higher education and economic development needs of the state and region through innovative teaching and applied research.*

Although West Virginia State University's full mission statement is much more in-depth, the above statement is included in the larger mission statement and succinctly defines and directs the University's efforts.

In addition to the mission, the University also has a vision statement. During his 2012 State of the University Address, President Brian O. Hemphill conveyed his vision for the University, which is that:

*West Virginia State University will become the most student-centered, research and teaching, land-grant institution in the State of West Virginia and beyond.*

This vision, together with the University's mission, guides faculty, staff and students, along with external University constituents, as we strive to move forward to improve our campus community, further develop our academic offerings, and enhance the quality of life for the entire State family.

For more information about *The Road to State's Reaffirmation 2015*, please click here to discover in-depth information about the process, read the University's Self-Study Report and more!

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