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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
May 14, 2022

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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Institute, West Virginia

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 University?

It is all of us who believe in it – who absent or present, work in it and wish it well. 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.

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 university? You and those graduates ahead of you are the university.

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





Commencement Ceremony

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT
ORDER OF EXERCISES



PRELUDE Classical Selections

PROCESSIONAL..... Pomp and Circumstance

MARCHING ORDER

- Grand Marshal
- President and Deans
- Platform Party
- College Flag Bearers
- Faculty and Administrators
- WVSU National Alumni Association, Inc. Executive Board
- Candidates for Degrees

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM WVSU Concert Choir
Dr. Dirk Johnson, Director

INVOCATION..... Bishop Wayne R. Crozier
Senior Pastor, Abundant Life Ministries

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS Charles E. Jones, Jr.
Chair, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Dr. J. Paige Carney
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. Lateef Saffore
President, WVSU National Alumni Association

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE Ericke S. Cage, J.D., LL.M.
President

MUSICAL SELECTION *My Home Among the Hills* WVSU Concert Choir
Dr. Dirk Johnson, Director



CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts, Education,
Public Administration and Sciences. Dr. Naveed Zaman
Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. J. Paige Carney
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ericke S. Cage, J.D., LL.M.
President

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Dr. Kerri Steele
Chair, Department of Social Work

Dr. J. Paige Carney
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ericke S. Cage, J.D., LL.M.
President

*University Registrar Roy Simmons announces the names of the graduates,
during the conferring of degrees by President Cage.*

STUDENT ADDRESS Angelica Allison
President, WVSU Student Government Association

REMARKS Ericke S. Cage, J.D., LL.M.
President

MUSICAL SELECTION *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. Arlizia James

ALUMNI PLEDGE Camille Shipman-McQueen
1st Vice President, WVSU National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER. Abigail Brown

CLOSING REMARKS Dr. J. Paige Carney
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BENEDICTION Bishop Wayne R. Crozier
Senior Pastor, Abundant Life Ministries

RECESSIONAL Grand March

Please remain seated while the graduates recess.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER LATEEF Y. SAFFORE, PH.D., M.S.



Dr. Lateef Saffore was born and raised in East Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Shaw High School. He values his experiences growing up there and believes that it has shaped and molded him into the person he is today. Dr. Saffore resides in Cleveland with his wife, Yetunde, who is a fellow State alum from the class of 1999, and his daughter, Gabrielle.

Dr. Saffore graduated from West Virginia State University in 1996. He was a biology major with an interest in microbiology. He was initiated into the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and served as president of the chapter. He emerged as a student leader on campus.

He enrolled as a graduate student at Marshall University as a double major in pursuit of master's degrees in Biological Sciences and Education K-12 Teaching. He completed the course work for both majors and selected the thesis option for his master's degree in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Environmental Microbiology. His thesis was written on the isolation and differentiation of E. Coli from running and still water. He successfully defended his thesis and his work is still being used to identify sources of E. Coli bacteria strains found to contribute to food contamination and water pollution.

Dr. Saffore is a trained molecular biologist and has worked for the Cleveland Clinic for 16 years as a Research Scientist. While employed there, he mentored many other scientists and physicians on good laboratory practices and management. He has peer reviewed publications and accepted several invitations to give presentations on his research at conferences across the country. He holds several invention submissions which were submitted for commercialization.

In the spring of 2011, he graduated from The University of Akron with a doctoral degree in Urban Studies and Public Affairs with a concentration in Health Policy. His dissertation focused on Medicare reimbursement payments for hospitals that treat diabetes.

Dr. Saffore and his wife own businesses which include several dental practices, a nationally recognized franchise restaurant, an international cargo shipping company, rental property in Cleveland and Atlanta and a health policy consulting company.

He is active in the community through his leadership and service as a member and past president of several organizations with chapters or clubs located in Cleveland. He is the National President of the West Virginia State University National Alumni Association.

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 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 of tassels and hoods are used to designate the various degrees:

TASSELS

- 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 Social Work - Citron

HOODS

- 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 Computer Science - Yellow
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration - Midnight Royal
- Master of Science in Sport Studies - Sage

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

Master of Arts

in Media Studies

Alyssa Noel Ballard
Paula Johnson Beasley
Chelsea Renee Hapney
Laneisha Letticia Langley
Patrick Wayne Means
Devin Connor Rich
Trista Miranda Stewart
Alisha Louise Walker
Angélica Maria Willis

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of

Public Administration

Matthew Robert Kline
Ethan Baylee Lauchart
Shaina Nicole Prince
Deborah Susan Starks

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

Master of Science

in Biotechnology

Armando Pacheco-Valenciana

Master of Science

in Computer Science

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COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Master of Education

in Instructional Leadership

Haley Gail Barnett
Sarah Renee Bowlin
Colette S. Burgess
Zoey Ellen Carte
Courtney Cremeans Coleman
Brooke Caitlin Davis

Allison Paige Greenway
Emily Ann Hellems
Matthew Joseph Kelly
Taylor Danielle Paynter
Marissa D. Schomaker
Dusti Chapman West

Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration

Bryan Kent Carper

COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Leigh Corinne Lynch
Taylor Marie Marion

Bachelor of Arts in English

Randall Lee Kirk
Wyatt W. Payne
Heather Christine Schoolcraft

Bachelor of Arts

in International Studies

Meghan Elizabeth Adkinson

Bachelor of Fine Arts

in Music Performance

Beth Morgan Billups
Abigail Marie Brown
Dylan Daniel Carpenter
Christian Davis
Leon Ewell, Jr.
Matthew J. Randolph

Bachelor of Science

in Communications

Katiebeth Lu-Hong Bowens
Justin Rashad Bradley
Lenis Abril Contreras
Carl Estes Garmon, III
Elias Makhoul Ghareeb
Sierra Danielle Haberfield
Benjamin P. Karnes
Katie M. Neese

Bayleigh Shain O'Neill
Isabella Solare Ruiz
Brian Keith Shuster
Kaleb Aaron Talbott
Kamari RaShaun Terrell
Benjamin Caleb Willis

Regents Bachelor of Arts

Whitney Backus
Paula Lyn Belcher
Angela Joy Brown
Aubrey Meagan Chandler
Erica Dawn Collins
James F. Cooper
David Lee Dean
Savannah Jo Fisher
Morgan Elisabeth Fowler
Joseph T. Given
Emily Morgan Holsclaw
Kiara Shanice Jefferson
Christopher Darrell Jenkins
Kris E. Kern
Noah R. Kinney
Zachary Labin
Brad Lee Jovon Lewis
Carl David Lucas
Brady Whitten McComas
Alisha Nicole Montgomery
Michael Anthony Norfleet
Brooklyn Michael Pritt
James G.F. Rinick, III
Melanie Dawn Walker
Garry Carl Wallen
Carmencita C. Ware
Martha J. Weber

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Jesús Velasco Espín
Morgan Lee Good
Adam Wayne Jordan
Patrick David Lynch
Brandon Michael Morris
Haley Suzanne Mullins

Kayla Beth Petry
Hannah Grace Stricklen
Madison Amelia Wazelle

Bachelor of Arts in History

Hayley Naomi Humphries
Dominick Augustus Reyes
John D. Soreta

Bachelor of Arts

in Political Science

Lainey Isabelle Armistead
Nadia Paige Price

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Clarisa Abigail Brunty
Micah Paige Carpenter
Sydney Nicole Casto
Jasiaha Daniels
Mary Katherine Edwards
Jessica Ruth Haynes
Nikki Dawn James
Elizabeth L. Lanham
Jaden Ariel McDaniels
Stacie Nicole McMillion
Alicia Sha'Nise Mitchell
Emma Ruth
Shaina Brooke Scott
Elizabeth Grace Thornton
Jasmine Marie Wendell
Jordan Paige Whittington

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Daniel Samson Brandon

Bachelor of Science

in Business Administration

Arnold Adkins, Jr.
Spencer Sullivan Bell
Travis Ethan Bennett
Evan Blackwell
Hannah Paige Bragg
Stephanie Marie Chapman
Tracy Lynn Chapman
Kimberly L. Cox
William Echie Dankwah

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



Jesús Velasco Espín
Breann R. Fleshman
Morgan Lee Good
Lauren Elizabeth Graham
Jonathan Paul Haynes
William Andrew Hensley
David Zane Johnson
Norman L. Junkins, III
Haleigh Jordan Legg
Tina Louise Lesavich
Tyrone Lyte
Trinity Annette Miller
Brandon Michael Morris
Haley Suzanne Mullins
Ansh Trijay Narula
Kayla Beth Petry
Tricia Leigh Poe
Brendan Reece Quinn
David Brannon Reed
Cory Nathaniel Riley
Benjamin Allan Sadler
Robert D. Scott
Kelvica JaJuan Singletary
Christopher Logan Walker Skiles
Ronnie Santana Skinner
Gaya Solomon
Hannah Grace Stricklen
Madison Amelia Wazelle
William Anthony Withrow

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Samantha Dawn Belcher
Gabrielle Alaina Bullock
Himanshu Singh Chauhan
Jacob Lloyd Clark
Cole James Kiddy
Dustin R. Patton
Riley Andrew Reesman

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Cornelius Chukwunonyerem Agah
Haftom Girmay Araya
Jenna Katherine Dufresne
Travis James Eugene Saulat, II

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Jenna Katherine Dufresne
Tina J. Sanchez

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Macalla Elizabeth Artist
Jeremy Elijah Bailey
James Michael Buckalew
Brett Allan Christian
Ashley Marie Coons
Josie S. Cummings
Joshua Keith Dalton
Allison Leigh Eary
Cassandra Grace Hartling
Mikeal J. Lipscomb
Rachelle Alysse Madison
Jaden Ariel McDaniels
Kasey Lynn Murphy
Frederick D. Quigley, Jr.
Karrienne M. Rodriguez
Maya Simone Smoot
J'Lana Stone
George Denver Thomas
Breanna Malynn Vogel

Bachelor of Science in Education

Ian James Aubry
Katie Marie Bailey
Cayla June Ruth Cartmill
Arika Cheyenne Ferrell
Kaitlyn Marie Hickman
Arlizia James
Hannah Grace Kirk
Payton Kole Lunsford
Rachel Suzanne Lyons
Brianna Nicole Moore
Hannah Brooke Morris
Kaleb Lee Parsons
Adam Scott Snyder
Emilee Grace Walker
Katie Lane Walters

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Julie Lynn Kimball
Carley R. Lee
Bradley Guy Plantin
McKenna Renae Vance
Haley Nicole Weaver

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Haven Danielle Adkins
Angelica Hope Allison
Maria Fernanda Barbosa Pardo
Emma Coralee Blatt
Valerie Renee Boggess
Mary Allyson Bosley
Cassandra Marie Brooke Denison
Shelly J. Drennen
Stevie Alysse Edwards
Alyssa Michelle Fazio
Andrea Renee Fox
John Robert Klassen
Shemar Antonio Ray
Morgan Elizabeth Rose
Morgan Dakota Smith
Kayla B. Townsend

Bachelor of Science in Sport Studies

Keedrick LaDon Cunningham
Maria Paulina Maiguel Correa
Chante Elizabeth Malo
Mackenzie Shae McCann
Jordan McCormick
Madison Blake Rafuson
Zachary Lewis Ramsey
Teyler Daniel Rohmiller
Charity Faith Shears
Payton Hope Shears
Bryce Anthony Sine
Brookelyn Ciara Walker
Tanner Austin Williams

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

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 Kappa Mu Junior and Senior National Honor Society

Dr. Jasmine C. Porter, advisor
Dr. Alonda L. Wylie, advisor
Isabella Solare Ruiz
Tina J. Sanchez

Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Dr. Cassandra Whyte, advisor
Dr. Leighann Davidson, advisor
Rachelle Alysse Madison
Jaden Ariel McDaniels
Kasey Lynn Murphy

Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society

Timothy Rubnke, advisor
Dustin R. Patton
Tina J. Sanchez

Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education

Billie A. Hauser, advisor
Payton Kole Lunsford
Rachel Suzanne Lyons
Brianna Nicole Moore
Emilee Grace Walker

National Society of Leadership and Success

Christopher Jackson, advisor
Jaleesa Nunez, advisor
Arnold Adkins, Jr.
Haven Danielle Adkins
Angelica Hope Allison
Haftom Girmay Araya
Jeremy Elijah Bailey
Alyssa Noel Ballard
Samantha Dawn Belcher
Sarah Renee Bowlin
Justin Rashad Bradley
Angela Joy Brown
Gabrielle Alaina Bullock
Aubrey Meagan Chandler
Tracy Lynn Chapman

Jacob Lloyd Clark
Ashley Marie Coons
Shelly J. Drennen
Jenna Katherine Dufresne
Allison Leigh Eary
Jesús Velasco Espín
Sierra Danielle Haberfield
Nikki Dawn James
Adam Wayne Jordan
Randall Lee Kirk
Zachary Labin
Ethan Baylee Lauchart
Patrick Wayne Means
Hannah Brooke Morris
Haley Suzanne Mullins
Katie M. Neese
Wyatt W. Payne
Bradley Guy Plantin
Dominick Augustus Reyes
Isabella Solare Ruiz
Heather Christine Schoolcraft
Ronnie Santana Skinner
Trista Miranda Stewart
Hannah Grace Stricklen
Kaleb Aaron Talbott
Kamari RaShaun Terrell
George Denver Thomas
Alisha Louise Walker
Brookelyn Ciara Walker
Madison Amelia Wazelle
Dusti Chapman West
Angélica Maria Willis
William Anthony Withrow

Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society

Lena Lambert, advisor
Haven Danielle Adkins
Angelica Hope Allison
Andrea Renee Fox
Morgan Elizabeth Rose

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society

T. J. Park, Advisor
Nadia Paige Price

Pi Alpha Alpha National Public Administration

Honorary Society
Michael Pennington, Advisor
Matthew Robert Kline
Ethan Baylee Lauchart

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society

Michael Pennington, Advisor
Lainey Isabelle Armistead
Nadia Paige Price

Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology

Dr. Paula McCoy, advisor
Clarisa Abigail Brunty
Micah Paige Carpenter
Sydney Nicole Casto
Mary Katherine Edwards
Jessica Ruth Haynes
Nikki James
Jaden Ariel McDaniels
Staci Nicole McMillion
Emma Ruth
Elizabeth Grace Thornton
Jasmine Marie Wendell
Jordan Paige Whittington

WVSU Honors Program
Dr. Timothy Rubnke, advisor
Mary Katherine Edwards

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

College of Arts & Humanities

Reidun Overbo
Dr. Lan Wang

College of Business and Social Sciences

Clinton Arnold
Dr. Derek Taylor

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Mahinda Ranasinghe
Dr. Heng Wu

College of Professional Studies

Jay Canterbury
Dr. Alonda Wylie

Grand Marshal

Dr. J. Paige Carney
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Faculty Marshals

Vasilios Dianellos
Dr. Ali Ziyati

Stage Marshals

Dr. Leighann Davidson
Dr. Walter Stroupe

Student Marshals

Lindsey Good
Patricia King

Sign Language Interpreters

Jennifer Casto
Jasmin Neely

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key

*Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we bailed 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

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.*



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