



West Virginia State University has launched an interconnected and inclusive strategic planning process across the university. Driven by a bottom to top approach, seeking the voices of students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members, and local and state leaders, Future State will create an innovative and bold strategic plan that will carry us into a bright future.

The strategic plan steering committee hosted a kick off event in August to encourage engagement with faculty and staff. Since then, the steering committee has embarked on a plan of extensive conversations among groups of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. A series of listening sessions with these various groups took place September 7, during a campus visit by Dr. Kaye Monk-Morgan, a higher education consultant who specializes in laying the groundwork for effective plans. Under her facilitation, these events created a space for the voices of our on-campus constituents. Further outside listening sessions with alumni, community members, local businesses leaders, and legislative communities are planned to take place over the course of October. The refined themes from these sessions are invaluable in building the foundations for a strong and forward-thinking strategic plan.

The steering committee has also created a survey for all groups on campus and off continuing the endeavor to make all voices heard. We ask everyone to make your ideas heard through this survey. This is your chance to help shape the future direction of our university. Like the in-person meetings, feedback will be collected and used as part of the aforementioned foundational framework for Future State. To take the survey, please [click here](#).

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