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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 11, 2021

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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# 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
- 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 ..... Rev. William Lipscomb, II  
Pastor, The Restoration Praise Temple

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 ..... Amy Shuler Goodwin  
Mayor, City of Charleston, West Virginia

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

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences . . . . . Dr. Robert M. Wallace  
Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

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

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

*The Director of Registration and Records, Roy Simmons, announces the names of the graduates,  
during the conferring of degrees by Interim President Cage.*

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

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

ALUMNI PLEDGE . . . . . Belinda Fuller  
Executive Secretary, WVSU National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER. . . . . Ivy Hodges

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

BENEDICTION . . . . . Rev. William Lipscomb II  
Pastor, The Restoration Praise Temple

RECESSIONAL . . . . . Grand March

*Please remain seated while the graduates recess.*

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AMY SHULER GOODWIN



Amy Shuler Goodwin was elected November 7, 2018, as the first female Mayor of Charleston, West Virginia. Since taking office, Goodwin has prioritized fiscal accountability, transparent and efficient processes, fairness, people-focused solutions, and forward-thinking policies and programming.

Goodwin launched a comprehensive strategy focused on demolition and rehabilitation of dilapidated structures.

In 2019, Goodwin established the Coordinated Addiction Response Effort (CARE) to address the impact of substance use disorder. The CARE Office was expanded to include an equally strong effort to address mental health and homelessness.

Goodwin prioritized infrastructure improvements--doubling paving on city roads; making widespread improvements to city parks, community centers, and recreational programs; and creating a more accessible city through ADA improvements.

In working toward a more efficient city government, Goodwin enhanced the city's data capabilities by implementing a customer relationship management system.

Goodwin established the first Charleston Youth Council, Charleston LGBTQ Working Group and Charleston Council for Outreach and Empowerment (C-COrE) to engage individuals from diverse backgrounds, cultivate relationships within the community, and offer policy/programming recommendations.

Goodwin has served as the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Tourism for the State of West Virginia. Goodwin also served as Communications Director for several governors, a congressman, a presidential candidate and former Charleston Mayor, the late G. Kemp Melton.

Goodwin and her husband Booth have two teenage boys—Joe and Sam.

## 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 BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

#### *Master of Public Administration*

Kaylen Barker \*\*  
Richard Conner Dolin \*  
Ayesha Irfan \*\*  
Shayla Leftridge \*\*  
Jordan Edward Sharps \*

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

#### *Master of Science in Biotechnology*

Chantz Allen Hopson \*  
Subhiksha Khatiwada \*

### COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

#### *Master of Education in Instructional Leadership*

Eric Charles Burnette \*  
Chad L. Butcher  
Jacob James Harms \*  
Lawrence D. Moore  
Samuel John Neff \*  
Christopher Thayer  
Daniel Allen Thomas \*  
Samantha Jordan Tulley

#### *Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration*

Makala Katilynne Cook  
Henry Kafi Forson  
Amanda Lanay Hunter  
Michael C. Johnson  
Alyssa Johnston  
Gracen Elizabeth Masters  
Walter Aaron Stroupe  
Jessica Toney  
Adam Charles Walters

#### *Master of Science in Sport Studies*

Dakotah Booth  
Robert S. Branch, Jr. \*  
Antonio Lee Brown \*  
Katherine Elizabeth Bryant \*  
Scott Delaney Canada \*  
Cassidy Nicole Cash \*

Sheree Nathlia Clayborn \*  
Neil D. Higgins  
Jared Daniel Hunt \*  
Kyle James McCormick  
Heather Ann Mellinger  
Anthony Woods Nelson \*  
Danette Paige Sheley  
Atalie Ann Snow \*

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

#### *Bachelor of Arts in English*

Emily Jocelyn Beane  
Hanna Edens  
Hannah Lynn Fields  
Eric Von York, Jr.\*

#### *Bachelor of Arts in International Studies*

Yasmine AlSaadi  
Sabriyah Fatimah Shahbandy

#### *Bachelor of Science in Communications*

Martin Ahlstrom  
Tristan Eric Broughton  
Austin S. Gessel  
Chase Alan Hastings  
Tina Beth Manley  
Katie M. Neese

#### *Regents Bachelor of Arts*

Jacob Ryan Adkins \*  
Frank Agyemang \*\*  
Sumer Danielle Cooper  
Alma Janette Dawson  
Timothy Rockford Dorsey  
Whitney Nicole Hanshaw \*  
Emma Marie Gardner  
Lori Ann Good-Burdette  
Carreda Gore  
Tara Jean Jeffers \*  
Ernest W. Jenkins, Jr.\*  
Daetron Anthony Jones  
Andy F. Martin  
Allen Conrad McGeehan  
Kelly Miller \*\*  
Kevin Musilli \*  
Trena Marie Nutter

Cassandra D. Petrunyak \*  
Sarah E. Plants  
Brooklyn Pritt  
Abbi Samms  
Myrna Thomas \*\*  
Emily Morgan Thompson  
Zaiah Tucker  
Michael Allan Wiley, Jr.  
Shana Lynn Wood

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Economics*

Ryan Mullins  
Nathanael A. Parrish  
Rebecca Lynn Smith

#### *Bachelor of Arts in History*

Kathleen Allen \*\*  
Rebecca J. Bryant  
Katelyn Damron \*\*  
Ashley Peggs \*\*

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*

India McClanahan \*\*  
Antoine K. Thomas

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*

Yasmine AlSaadi  
Makala Cook \*\*  
Jennifer J. Duffield  
Loretta Fain \*\*  
Ashley Fisher \*\*  
Bailee Hall  
Emily Hoskins  
Stephanie Julious \*\*  
Miranda D. Lacy  
Vikram Narasimhan \*\*  
Madison Shaye Tilley

#### *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*

Luke A. Aliff  
William Jacob Anderson  
Kaylie Joyann Atkins \*  
Vernita Monique Calloway \*  
Jason Chance Cavender  
Cierra Hope Coberly \*



## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



David Michael Cooke  
 Ryan Layne Eary  
 Meredith Foster \*\*  
 Jamal Cato Fox \*  
 Angelica Queen Hightower  
 Douglas Allen Hill \*  
 Alexis Nicole Jenkins  
 Kerry C. Jones  
 Amanda Grace Keene  
 Gracie Lynn Kimble \*  
 Chad Lavender  
 Amanda McCleary  
 Michael Tyler Morris  
 Madisyn Mullins  
 Ryan Mullins  
 Nathanael A. Parrish  
 Jed Daniel Pettigrew  
 Cerena E. Reeves  
 Mason James Rice  
 Cory Nathaniel Riley  
 James V. Rogers  
 Yitbarek Asfera Sahelu \*  
 Jared Skinner  
 Rebecca Lynn Smith  
 Theron Nathaniel Whaples \*  
 Sarah Ann Wilson

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

#### *Bachelor of Science in Biology*

Payten M. Brown  
 Mariana Delgado \*\*  
 Brittany Graham \*\*  
 Haley M. King  
 William August Porter

#### *Bachelor of Science in Chemistry*

Robert Dalton Hill

#### *Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*

Calvin James Hovatter  
 Jarod A. Koon  
 Justin Phillip Smith  
 Samuel A. Temesgen

### COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

#### *Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice*

Haley Brester  
 Hayden A. Burke  
 Chelsea Elizabeth Cordice \*  
 MacKenzie Renee Daniels  
 Nasir Malic Harris  
 Bradley Michael Hodges \*  
 Emily Hoskins  
 Keisha M. Johnson  
 Haley Legg \*\*  
 Austin Wade Martin  
 Gracen Masters \*\*  
 Tyson C. Mitchell  
 Sade E. Moore  
 Brett Alexander Murray  
 Yara Pena \*  
 Alicia Reynolds  
 Ashton Savage \*\*  
 Megan Nicole Simmons  
 Ashley Marie Thaxton \*  
 Latrell Isaiah Warr

#### *Bachelor of Science in Education*

Hadlee Ray Amos  
 Tori B. Chestnut  
 Maggie-Sue N. Dickens  
 Brandi Estep \*\*  
 Olivia Fleck  
 Alexis Harrison  
 Thresa Herndon  
 Ivy Cheyenne Hodges  
 Jordan Elizabeth Jones  
 Noelle E. Joyce  
 Mallory Danielle Kennedy  
 Catherine Ann Lawson  
 Zoey Myers  
 Toni Ord  
 Annie Grace Pauley  
 Ashley Peggs \*\*  
 Tiffany Peters \*\*  
 Mary Elizabeth Pomeroy \*  
 Kelsie D. Poore  
 Christopher Thomas Rock  
 Kelley D. Rogers

Phillip Ruff \*\*  
 Shellie Beth Smith  
 Adam S. Snyder  
 Brooklyn Danielle Stiltner  
 Kayla Ann Taylor

#### *Bachelor of Science in Health Science*

Donnovan Anthony Campbell, II \*  
 Amanda Hill \*  
 Mariah Michelle Horan  
 Lesley Danyel Putillion \*

#### *Bachelor of Science in Social Work*

Brooke Browning \*\*  
 Aleena Davis \*\*  
 Shayna Ellis \*\*  
 Ronald Hoegen \*\*  
 Allison Brooke Johnson  
 Estela Eloisa Jones  
 Breana K. Paul  
 Harold Thomas Rogers \*  
 Brittany Sterling

#### *Bachelor of Science in Sport Studies*

Chelsea Black  
 Rachel Elizabeth Chapman \*  
 David Stephen Childers \*  
 Sheree Clayborn \*\*  
 Nicholas Maxwell Fraley  
 Alysa Shian Meeks  
 Jeffrey Brian Powers  
 Devon Elizabeth Putnam \*  
 Jacob P. Rife  
 Michael Stone  
 Blake Thompson  
 Sydney Brooke White

\* Denotes summer graduate

\*\* Denotes 2020 graduate

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. Sonya Armstrong, advisor  
Payten M. Brown  
Yara Pena  
Ashton Savage  
Samuel A. Temesgen

### ***Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society***

Dr. Cassandra Whyte, advisor  
Dr. Leighann Davidson, advisor  
Nasir Harris  
Emily Hoskins  
Amanda Lanay Hunter  
Keisha M. Johnson  
Gracen Elizabeth Masters  
Sade E. Moore  
Brett Alexander Murray  
Megan Nicole Simmons  
Walter Aaron Stroupe  
Ashley M. Smith Thaxton  
Kayla Tilley  
Adam Charles Walters

### ***Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education***

Billie Hauser, advisor  
Hadlee Ray Amos  
Tori B. Chestnut  
Jordan Elizabeth Jones  
Catherine Ann Lawson  
Zoey Myers  
Annie Grace Pauley  
Kelsie D. Poore  
Christopher Thomas Rock  
Shellie Beth Smith

### ***National Society of Leadership and Success***

Jalessa Nunez, advisor  
Dakotah Booth  
Payten M. Brown  
Brooke Browning  
Rebecca J. Bryant  
Scott Delaney Canada  
Donnovan Anthony Campbell, II  
Rachel Elizabeth Chapman  
Jennifer J. Duffield  
Loretta Fain  
Ashley Fisher  
Meredith Foster  
Emma Marie Gardner  
Brittany Graham  
Nasir Malic Harris  
Neil D. Higgins  
Amanda Hill  
Douglas Allen Hill

Emily Hoskins  
Jared Daniel Hunt  
Amanda Lanay Hunter  
Ayesha Irfan  
Alexis Nicole Jenkins  
Keisha M. Johnson  
Jordan Elizabeth Jones  
Stephanie Julious  
Haley M. King  
Shayla Leftridge  
Tina Beth Manley  
Gracen Elizabeth Masters  
Kyle James McCormick  
Lawrence D. Moore  
Katie M. Neese  
Nathanael A. Parrish  
Lesley Danyel Putillion  
Jacob P. Rife  
Christopher Thomas Rock  
Philip Ruff  
Ashton Savage  
Megan Nicole Simmons  
Rebecca Lynn Smith  
Antoine K. Thomas  
Emily Morgan Thompson  
Adam Charles Walters  
Latrell Isaiah Warr  
Sarah Ann Wilson

### ***Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society***

Lena Lambert, advisor  
Allison Johnson  
Breana Paul

### ***Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society***

Dr. Tae Jin Park, advisor  
Emma M. Gardner

### ***Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology***

Dr. Paula McCoy, advisor  
Yasmine AlSaadi  
Jennifer J. Duffield  
Bailee Hall  
Miranda Lacy  
Madison Tilley

## 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. Frehot Hailou

#### *College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

Dr. Sonya Armstrong  
Dr. Xiaohong Zhang

#### *College of Professional Studies*

Dr. Raphael Mutepa  
Lena Lambert

### *Grand Marshal*

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

### *Faculty Marshals*

Josh Martin  
Dr. Ali Ziyati

### *Stage Marshals*

Dr. Leighann Davidson  
Dr. Walter Stroupe

### *Student Marshals*

Lindsey Good  
Patricia King

### *Sign Language Interpreter*

Cody Cutlip

## 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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