



Greetings!

What an exciting finish to our spring semester and academic year it has been for the Yellow Jacket Nation. From the National Alumni Association Conference, to our women's tennis team advancing to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in Arizona, to our softball team winning the Mountain East Conference Championship – it has been a thrilling culmination for our spring semester.

In May, we celebrated more than 230 graduates at our commencement and the commissioning of an outstanding Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet, Delanta Yancey, into the United States Army as a second lieutenant. The commencement speaker, Dr. William McDaniel, professor emeritus of African American music at The Ohio State University, and grandson of WVSU's fifth president, Dr. John W. Davis, shared an inspiring charge for our graduates and their families.

I thoroughly enjoyed attending my first WVSU National Alumni Association Conference in Atlanta and engaging with so many of you. It was a wonderful conference filled with lots of ideas, camaraderie, and planning for the future of the Yellow Jacket Nation. Thank you to all of you who attended and shared your thoughts, helped us recruit students, and helped raise nearly \$25,000 towards our statue dedication for our beloved WVSU Alumna Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson.

Plans are underway for the dedication, and I am looking forward to the wonderful celebration that will take place on campus on August 25, 2018, beginning at 11 am.