



WEST VIRGINIA STATE
UNIVERSITY

2021 POINTS OF
PRIDE

*NASA mathematician
Katherine Johnson
WVSU Alumna*

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About Us

West Virginia State University was established in 1891 as a public land-grant institution. Our rich history as a proud HBCU has left an incredible legacy in the state of West Virginia and beyond as thousands of university alumni have gone on to change the world in the communities, in which they live, work and play. Our students study in four academic colleges that offer 24 undergraduate degree and seven graduate degree programs in a challenging and safe environment that allows them to engage in cutting-edge learning, inquiry and discovery. Today, through our land-grant mission the university offers services in all 55 counties of West Virginia, and our academic programs continue to evolve to meet the needs of the state, region and a diverse global society.

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COLLEGES

24

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

7

MASTER'S DEGREES

Impact

Impact Starts at State

MORE THAN
\$23M

AWARDED
GRANTS • CONTRACTS • CO-OP AGREEMENTS

In calendar year 2020, West Virginia State surpassed a total of **\$23,681,430** in grant awards, contracts and cooperative agreements to support the university's research and outreach efforts. Approximately **\$14,851,877** has supported the Land-Grant Mission for 1890's Research and Extension Programming.

WVSU has a **\$75.2M**
ECONOMIC IMPACT on the state of
West Virginia.*

*According to a 2016 study commissioned by the West Virginia High Education Policy Commission.

Discovery Starts at State

14:1



The university boasts a low student-to-faculty ratio (14-to-1), which allows our faculty to provide individualized learning environments, one-on-one mentoring, and highly effective instruction.

The university's academic programs continue to draw national attention. The Department of Biology has been ranked the **No. 3** program for a biology degree in the country by Best Value Schools, a national online college rating service. The Department of Criminal Justice has been ranked the **No. 15** best program in the country by University Headquarters, an industry-leading educational organization. The Department of English has been recognized by Learn.org as the **No. 14** best in the country for its online bachelor's degree program.

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FOR A BIOLOGY DEGREE

#15

BEST CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

#14

BEST ONLINE ENGLISH PROGRAM

Legends

Legends Start at State

- West Virginia State University became the first historically black college to establish an aviation program. The program played a pivotal role in the development of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African Americans to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corp.
- Alumna and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson helped the United States win the space race with her groundbreaking trajectory calculations.
- Alumnus Earl Lloyd was an All American at State before becoming the first African American to play in the National Basketball Association and being named to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.



- The WVSU ROTC Yellow Jacket Battalion has produced more than 900 Officers, including 15 Generals. More than 100 West Virginia State University alumni have achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or higher.



Winning

Winning Starts at State



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INTERCOLLEGIATE
SPORTS

The university fields 11 intercollegiate athletic teams — five men's sports and six women's sports — that regularly compete for championships at the NCAA Division II level in the Mountain East Conference.

Men's Sports

Baseball
Basketball
Football
Golf
Tennis

Women's Sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Volleyball

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CUMULATIVE
AVERAGE GPA

Our student-athletes have continued their winning ways on the court, the field, and most important - in the classroom. For the fall 2020 semester, the university's student-athletes earned a cumulative average 3.2 GPA -- the fifth consecutive semester our student-athletes combined for a 3.1 GPA or higher.

Service

Service Starts at State

MORE THAN
2.5K
— SERVED —

The Center for the Advancement of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (CASTEM) works to increase STEM participation and retention of underrepresented youth in grades K-12. With locations on campus and in southern West Virginia, CASTEM staff brought science education to more than 2,500 of the state's young people in 2020.

PROGRAMMING IN ALL
55
COUNTIES

With programming in all 55 counties, WVSU Extension Service is providing practical solutions for West Virginians of all ages, including teaching youth about STEM through 4-H; helping entrepreneurs bring their ideas to life; training agricultural producers in new technologies; and providing resources and support to grandparents raising their grandchildren through the Healthy Grandfamilies program. Since the Healthy Grandfamilies program launched, it has served more than 1,500 grandfamilies throughout West Virginia.



Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame member
Earl Lloyd
WVSU Alumnus



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An 1890 Land-Grant Institution

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