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Above: The Yellow Jackets playing one of their first games on the new S. Lester Raines Court.

Happy Founder's Day, WVSU!

Click [HERE](#) for a special message from President Brian O. Hemphill!

Coming Events

March 17 - **WVSU Founders Day**, Institute, W.Va.

April 5 - **Black & Gold Gala**, Charleston, W.Va. Marriott Town Center

April 23-26 - **WVSU National Alumni Association Conference**, Las Vegas, Nevada

April 26 - **WVSU Cares Day**, Kanawha Valley - W.Va.

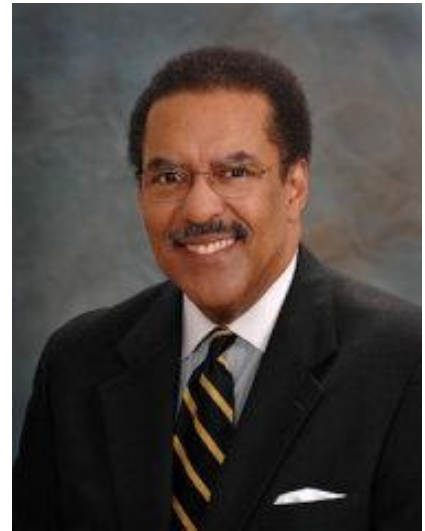
May 3 - **Alumni Night at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park**, Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

For more information about Coming Events, [CLICK HERE](#)

*WVSU pays tribute to Dr. Carter
President Emeritus a strong advocate of quality education*

Services were held on the campus of West Virginia State University for President Emeritus Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr. on February 28. Dr. Carter served as President of WVSU for 25 years from 1987 through 2012.

“Dr. Carter was a strong advocate of quality education and believed in the talents and abilities of our faculty and staff to provide West Virginia State students with the very best,” WVSU President Brian O. Hemphill said.



Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

*WVSU's new Convocation Center Opens
Statue of Earl Lloyd unveiled*

A dedication and opening ceremony was held Friday, Feb. 28, for the new D. Stephen and Diane H. Walker Convocation Center at West Virginia State University and the Center was open for the first time to the public on March 1.

The Convocation Center is named in honor of longtime Kanawha Valley civic leaders D. Stephen and Diane H. Walker and features a 1,350-seat-arena and athletic court as well as a bronze statue of alumnus Earl Lloyd in the lobby.

“This Convocation Center is really a symbol of the future of this school. Having a place like the Convocation Center in today’s education system gives us a good athletic facility, a place for large gatherings, and a place that we can all be proud of, and my wife, Diane, and I are proud to have our name associated with it, very much so,” said D. Stephen Walker.



Earl Lloyd, President Hemphill, and Bryan Poore during Lloyd's statue unveiling during the D. Stephen & Diane H. Walker Convocation Center opening weekend.

*Viva, Las Vegas!
WVSU National Alumni Association Conference April 23-26*

West Virginia State University is heading to Las Vegas for the 22nd National Alumni Conference. Attendees will enjoy various conference activities including two evenings in downtown Las Vegas and a variety of social events at the beautiful JW Marriott Resort & Spa. Connect with fellow alumni, meet your National Alumni Association leaders, and receive the latest news from State from President Brian O. Hemphill and other members of the State family. Special hotel rates are available for attendees.



Join us in Vegas this April!

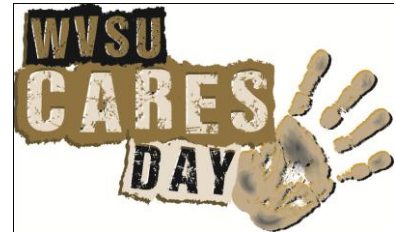
Online registration for the conference is available now at connect.wvstateu.edu/vegas2014. Don't delay, register today!

*Show WVSU you CARE
Second annual WVSU Cares Day to be held April 26*

West Virginia State University Cares Day brings together Yellow Jacket students, faculty, staff and alumni for a one-of-a-kind service opportunity at project sites around the community of Institute, and in Kanawha and Putnam counties.

You can be an integral part of the success of this event as you build relationships and help your fellow Yellow Jackets serve the community. Community service can be a rewarding undertaking for anybody, and WVSU Cares Day will include many fun, hands-on activities that motivate and involve you while offering a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie.

[Register as a WVSU Cares Day volunteer today!](#)



Projects may include outdoor clean-up, working with youth, literacy education, serving meals, office work, and a variety of other worthwhile endeavors.

*Vote for West Virginia State University
Voting for the Home Depot Retool Your School contest open until
April 14!*

West Virginia State University is in the running for one of three campus improvement grants in the Home Depot Retool Your School grant program. Each year, the Home Depot Retool Your School program provides thousands of dollars to eligible HBCUs nationwide.

You can help increase WVSU's chances of taking home a grant by voting for your school at www.retoolyourschool.com. You can also help increase the University's social media score by using the hashtag #wvsuTHDRYS on Twitter, Instagram and Vine. Spread the word and vote each day until April 14. Go State!



Black & Gold Gala
Second annual event to be held April 5

The 2014 Black & Gold Gala will take place on April 5, 2014. Enjoy an elegant evening of dining, entertainment and dancing as we celebrate West Virginia State University's profound contribution to the region, and recognize those who make it possible. This year's keynote speaker will be actor and motivational speaker Glenn Morshower.

Tickets will be available online through Friday, March 21 at connect.wvstateu.edu/gala. All proceeds benefit the WVSU Foundation to support the University's programs and students.



Entertainment from 2013's Black & Gold Gala

National Alumni Association 2014 Elections
Now accepting candidate nominations for executive officers

The West Virginia State University National Alumni Association will be holding elections during this year's Homecoming for the offices of 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.

Alumni are encouraged to submit nominations for candidates by April 26, 2014. To view more information about this year's elections and download nomination forms, please visit connect.wvstateu.edu/wvsunaa.



Newly elected officers being sworn in during Homecoming 2012.

Calling all WVSU Alumni in N.C.
Registration is now available for Alumni Night in Raleigh-Durham

The Raleigh-Durham Alumni Chapter invites alumni and friends to come "out to the ball game" at Durham Bulls Athletic Park on Saturday, May 3 at 5:00 p.m. when the Bulls take on the Columbus Clippers. For further information contact Chapter President Lynn Smith at (919) 450-0977 or LSmith613@nc.rr.com or visit: connect.wvstateu.edu/ncalumninight



Dr. Edward Dickerson, IV, '88, of Fayetteville, N.C., with his daughters Theresa and Adriana at the 2013 NC Alumni event.

Headlines

- Mar. 06 - [Detroit executive pledges \\$250K to WVSU program](#), *Herald Dispatch*
Mar. 05 - [WVSU career office to host teacher job fair](#), *Charleston Gazette*
Mar. 02 - [Games now being played at new WVSU arena](#), *WSAZ*
Mar. 01 - [New era begins at WVSU as Convocation Center opens](#), *WOWK*
Feb. 28 - [Earl Lloyd returns to WVSU](#), *MetroNews*
Feb. 28 - [W.Va. State updates facilities with dorm, convocation center](#), *Charleston Daily Mail*
Feb. 25 - [WVSU seeking regional growers interested in hops production](#), *Herald Dispatch*
Feb. 24 - [College offers classes geared toward gas jobs](#), *Charleston Daily Mail*
Feb. 24 - [WVSU's latest Creators Programs aimed at musicians, filmmakers](#), *WOWK*
Feb. 24 - [Gardening program grows at elementary school](#), *Charleston Daily Mail*
Feb. 22 - [West Virginia State University to Unveil 'Earl Lloyd Lobby'](#), *SLAM Online*
Feb. 22 - [Service for former WVSU president Carter set](#), *Charleston Gazette*
Feb. 12 - [WVSU athletic center construction to begin this spring](#), *Charleston Gazette*

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