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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

August 2014



A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony was held on August 13, 2014 for the new Judge Damon J. Keith Scholars Hall.

Coming Events

August 14 - 17 **16th Annual BBQ RibFest**, Dunbar, W.Va.

August 21 **State Stride**, Institute, W.Va.

August 22 **WVSU Night at Appalachian Power Park**, Charleston, W.Va.

September 18 **THE FULA FROM AMERICA: An African Journey***, Davis Fine Arts Auditorium

September 25 **West Virginia Symphony Orchestra Concert**, Davis Fine Arts Auditorium

September 28 **Building A Theatre Company From Inception to Success***, Skeen Theatre, Cole Complex

October 9-11 **Homecoming 2014**, Institute, W.Va.

Headlines

Aug 13 - [WVSU dedicates first dorm in decades](#), *WV Gazette*

July 24 - [One huge hug defines Annual Della Hardman Day](#), *MV Gazette*

July 24 - [W.Va. State Athletic Complex nearing its goal](#), *Charleston Daily Mail*

July 16 - [Making things at DigiSo Maker Camp](#), *WV Gazette*

July 13 - [West Virginia State hosting 11th annual 4-H Hip-Hop Camp](#), *Herald-Dispatch*

Judge Damon J. Keith Scholars Hall Opens! Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held August 13

A ceremony was held on August 13 to celebrate the opening of the first new residence hall on WVSU's campus since 1969 and featured remarks from both state and local officials as well as Judge Damon J. Keith, a State alumnus who has served as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit since 1977.

"We are excited to be opening our new residence hall as we begin fall 2014 classes," said WVSU President Brian O. Hemphill. "This remarkable, state-of-the-art facility represents the promise of a bright future in which our students can grow, learn and flourish. It will serve the campus community in new and profound ways and will enhance the lives of current and future Yellow Jackets for generations to come."

The new Keith Scholars Hall features suite-style living with two-, three- and four-bedroom suites, in addition to a study lounge, café and gaming room for students.

Also providing remarks during the momentous occasion were Alana Weyant, a student who will live in the hall; Tom Susman, chair of the WVSU Board of Governors; Mark W. Kelley, chair of the WVSU Foundation Board of Directors; W. Kent Carper, president of the Kanawha County Commission; Paul L. Hill, Ph.D., chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission; and Greg Blais, president of Ambling University Development Group. The ceremony also featured a tribute to Judge Keith by Detroit area entrepreneur William F. Pickard, Ph.D.

To view photos from the dedication ceremony, please visit the University's Flickr page at <http://www.flickr.com/wvsu>



Judge Damon J. Keith and President Brian O. Hemphill during the dedication of the new Judge Damon J. Keith Scholars Hall on campus August 13.

WVSU Night at Appalachian Power Park *Tickets still available for August 22 event*

Join alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the University on August 22 at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston, WV for an exciting evening of food, fun and baseball!

Tickets for the event include all-you-can-eat food, fountain drinks, and adult beverages for those over 21 years old. Kids 12 & under receive a FREE wristband for unlimited play in the Fun Zone. Attendees also will have the chance to win great prizes from WVSU Alumni Relations, the West Virginia Lottery and Liberty Mutual such as a FitBit wireless activity wristband, a brand new Google Tablet, hundreds of scratch off tickets, and much more!

Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. and the game is set to start at 7:05. Visit <https://connect.wvstateu.edu/wvsu-night-at-power-park> to purchase tickets for this exciting event!



Attendees at the 2013 WVSU Night at Appalachian Power Park

DC Young Alumni Cookout

DC Metro Area Young Alums Gather for Food & Fun!

Young alumni living in the DC Area met on August 9 in College Park, Md. for a cookout. Director of Alumni Relations, Belinda Fuller, and Director of Development, Chris Price, were on hand to serve up delicious food and news from the campus. Representatives from the National Alumni Association and local area alumni chapters were also in attendance.

To view photos from this event, visit the Alumni Relations Flickr Page at <http://www.flickr.com/wvsualumni>



Attendees at the DC Young Alumni Cookout on August 9 in College Park, Md.

Summer Alumni Chapter Meetings

Atlanta and Chicago Chapters meet with University leaders

Alumni in Chicago and Atlanta expanded their knowledge of State and discussed ways to support their alma mater during summer chapter meetings. The Chicago Alumni Chapter met July 12 for a luncheon organized by President Larry Potts and hosted by Assistant Vice President for University Advancement Adam Neal. Members learned about University news and ways that planned giving can benefit West Virginia State as well as the donors and their loved ones. The August 9 meeting of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, hosted by YLonne Fullen Swails, '72, and Yvonne Fullen, '73, featured a planned giving presentation by Vice President for University Advancement Pat Schumann. Dennis Boyden, '77, reported on the chapter's participation in the HBCU Alliance 5K Race held in June; WVSU will receive a portion of the proceeds to use for student scholarships.



Atlanta, Ga. National Alumni Association Chapter Members

Homecoming Registration Online

Register now for Homecoming 2014

Homecoming 2014, scheduled for October 9-11, 2014, will feature the annual parade, tailgating, football game, alumni dinners and dances, a masquerade party, 5K Run/Walk and much more! Be sure to join alumni and friends after the Homecoming parade on Saturday in front of the University Union for an exciting announcement from President Brian O. Hemphill. Together we can realize the promise and deliver the future for so many students!

Online registration is live and printed event registration forms are being mailed to all alumni. Online event registration, a tentative schedule, lodging information, and frequently asked questions are available at connect.wvstateu.edu/homecoming.



College of Arts & Humanities Tailgating Tent during Homecoming 2013

Seats Available for DC Homecoming Bus

Reserve your seat on the DC bus to Homecoming 2014!

The Metropolitan Washington Alumni Chapter has a bus available for Homecoming 2014. The bus will depart from Silver Spring, Md. on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 a.m. and will return from Charleston, W.Va. at noon on Sunday, October 12.

The cost is \$140 per person round trip and can be paid via money order or certified check to The Metropolitan Washington Alumni Chapter c/o Mr. J. Hank White (301-261-6044) 1594 Chapman Road, Crofton, MD 21114.

In order to secure transportation, payment must be received no later than September 1st. No refunds after September 1st unless trip is cancelled due to low ridership.

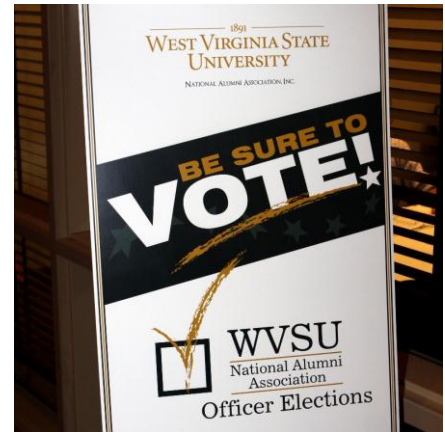


Reserve your seat on The Metropolitan Washington Alumni Chapter's charter bus to Homecoming 2014

2014 National Alumni Association Elections

Voting set for October 9 & 10

Financial members of the WVSU National Alumni Association will have the opportunity to vote for the offices of 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian during the Thursday and Friday of Homecoming 2014. Voting will take place at the Charleston Town Center Marriott and last from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 9 and from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday, October 10. For a full list of candidate profiles, please visit connect.wvstateu.edu/wvsunaa



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