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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

December 2015



Nearly 200 students graduated from West Virginia State University (WVSU) on Saturday, Dec. 12, during a commencement ceremony in the D. Stephen and Diane H. Walker Convocation Center. Kyle Mork, president of Energy Corporation of America (ECA), served as the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

Upcoming Events

December 19- January 3 **Campus Closed for Winter Break**, Institute, W.Va.

January 19 **Spring Semester Begins**, Institute, W.Va.

January 21 **Alumni Night at WVSU**, Institute, W.Va.

President Brian O. Hemphill Announces Plan to Leave the University

On Dec. 16, 2015, President Brian O. Hemphill shared with the West Virginia State University family that he has accepted the position of president of Radford University, effective July 1, 2016. In his message to students, faculty and staff, President Hemphill shared his commitment to leading WVSU throughout the spring 2016 semester.

“My family and I will forever remain a part of the State family, and we will take a piece of West Virginia State University with us,” President Hemphill stated. “We will never forget the love and support shown to us or the wonderful experiences and memories that have occurred on this beautiful campus. We are not only leaving a University, but a community of friends and loved ones who have embraced us in ways we never imagined possible.” President Hemphill has served as the University’s 10th president since July 2012. The West Virginia State University Board of Governors will convene an emergency meeting Dec. 21 to begin the process of searching for President Hemphill’s successor.



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Are You CONNECTed?

Get CONNECTed with WVSU! Sign up for your FREE account, today!

Congratulations to Ms. YLonne Fullen Swails, '72, our November winner of the WVSU Connect raffle!

Members of WVSU Connect will automatically receive an entry into the raffle each month and can gain additional entries and increase their chances of winning by participating in various social media challenges (such as liking WVSU Alumni Relations on Facebook and sharing Facebook posts about the raffle, following us on Twitter and Re-Tweeting about the contest).



December
ALUMNI CANDY JAR

WVSU Connect
2015 MEMBER RAFFLE



What better way to display your holiday treats than with this WVSU Alumni candy jar, December's WVSUConnect monthly member raffle prize!

Alumni Night at WVSU

Join us on January 21 for food, fun and basketball!

WVSU Alumni Relations will hold our annual Alumni Night at the Women's and Men's Basketball Games on January 21, 2016! Bring your family and support the Yellow Jackets as they take on the University of Charleston's Golden Eagles at the D. Stephen and Diane H. Walker Convocation Center. Alumni can RSVP online to enjoy free admission to the games, a special reception between games as well as activities and prizes throughout the evening. Tip-off for the women's game is 5:30 p.m. and tip-off for the men's game is 7:30 p.m.



Join us for Alumni Night at WVSU and cheer on the Yellow Jackets as they take on the UC Golden Eagles on January 21!

WVSU Alumni Association National Conference

23rd National Conference to be held in Chicago, May 4-7, 2016

Alumni from around the country will gather in Chicago next May for the WVSU National Alumni Association's 23rd National Conference. The conference will focus on the importance of alumni support to the continuous growth of West Virginia State University and will feature seminars, presentations, luncheons and dinners as well as sight-seeing tours and activities in and around Chicago.

Full registration for the event is \$150. The registration deadline for the conference, which will be held in the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, is April 22, 2016. Hotel discounts are also available for registrants.



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