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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

February 2016



WVSU is celebrating 125 Years of Service with events and activities throughout 2016!

Upcoming Events

February 25 **Lecture: 125 Years of History at West Virginia State** - Professor Dr. Billy Joe Peyton, *Institute, W.Va.*

February 26 **Earl Lloyd Day Tribute**, *Institute, W.Va.*

March 16-18 **WVSU Founders Day Celebrations**, *Institute, W.Va.*

March 17 **WVSU Day of Giving**, *Institute, W.Va.*

April 8 **WVSU Black & Gold Gala**, *Charleston, W.Va.*

April 23 **WVSU Cares Day**, *Institute, W.Va.*

May 4-7 **WVSU National Alumni Association National Conference**, *Chicago, Ill.*

[More information about Upcoming Events](#)

WVSU Celebrates 125 Years of Service

University's rich history to be highlighted in 2016 events

On March 17, 2016, and throughout this year, West Virginia State University celebrates 125 years as an institution dedicated to service, access, and opportunity benefitting the State of West Virginia and its citizens. West Virginia State University is an institution with a rich, storied history that has served with enduring purpose and unwavering drive, resulting in a monumental impact. In this, our 125th year, the West Virginia State family has a unique opportunity to reflect upon the University's significant service to the communities in which we live and work—service that is bolstered by the incredible progress of the past 125 years. Join us at these free, public events, celebrating our history and anticipating our future.

[View Scheduled Events](#)



24 Hours - 125 Donors

WVSU Day of Giving to be held Founders Day - March 17, 2016

Help celebrate WVSU's 125 years of service by making a gift of any size on March 17! The WVSU Day of Giving is a day dedicated to giving back to West Virginia State University. Aligned with our 125th anniversary celebration on March 17, 2016, alumni and friends from around the country will come together in support of State. Funds from the Day of Giving will support WVSU students and programs throughout the year. Participants can give via our website at connect.wvstateu.edu/donate or by phone at (304) 766-3322.



A Place We Love So Dear

Dr. R. Charles Byers' collection of campus drawings available for pre-order, book signing set for March 17

On March 17, 2016, the first copies of "A Place We Love So Dear, A Collection of Campus Drawings" by Dr. R. Charles Byers, former Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs with more than four decades of service to West Virginia State, will be available to those who pre-ordered copies. A limited number of additional copies will be available for purchase, and the author will be on hand to personally sign the books to commemorate this historic celebration. From Atkinson



Hall to the James C. Wilson University Union, the book features drawings of West Virginia State's campus buildings and landmarks, past and present. The book is still available for pre-order through the University at the low price of \$35, including shipping. This price will increase after March 16.

[Pre-order your copy, today!](#)

It Springs from an Epic Love Story

In the early 1800's a rich plantation owner named Samuel Cabell fell in love with one of his slaves and chose her for his lifelong mate. Sadly, Cabell was murdered in 1865. However, before his untimely death, he took elaborate legal steps to guarantee that his true love, Mary Barnes Cabell, and their 13 children whom he accepted proudly, would inherit all his money and land and be guaranteed full legal rights and access to an education. The Cabell family sold their lots of land to the state of West Virginia to help create the campus of the West Virginia Colored Institute, now known as West Virginia State University. Samuel and Mary Barnes Cabell, who passed away in 1900, are buried beside one another in a cemetery on campus grounds.



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[Read the full story about the Cabell Family.](#)

Love Stories of WV State

Alumni who fell in love at West Virginia State share their stories

Throughout our 125 year history, countless WVSU Alumni have met and fallen in love on the campus of West Virginia State throughout the years! Visit connect.wvstateu.edu/lovestories to view love stories submitted by Courtney ('03) and Erin ('05) Shannon, Edgar ('79) and Belinda ('80) Randall, Gary ('70) and Kathi ('70) Swingle, and Joseph ('58) and Althea ('54) Millner.

If you have a love story you would like to share, please send it to alumni@wvstateu.edu.



View love stories from WVSU Alumni at connect.wvstateu.edu/lovestories.

WVSU Black & Gold Gala

Fourth annual event to feature silent auction and special Campaign for West Virginia State University announcement

The WVSU Black & Gold Gala is set for Friday, April 8, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences in Charleston, W.Va. Attendees will enjoy an elegant reception and dance in recognition of West Virginia State University's profound contribution to the region and those who make it possible. The event will feature a silent auction as well as a special Campaign for West Virginia State University announcement. All proceeds benefit the WVSU Foundation to support the University's students and programs. Black tie. Please RSVP by March 30. For further information, visit connect.wvstateu.edu/gala, call (304) 204-4051 or email gala@wvstateu.edu.



Back by popular demand for this year's Gala, The Motown Sounds of Touch!

WVSU Cares Day

Annual event scheduled for April 23, 2016

WVSU Cares Day brings together Yellow Jacket students, faculty, staff and alumni for a one-of-a-kind service opportunity. Project sites around the community of Institute, and in Kanawha and Putnam counties, have already been identified. The projects may include outdoor clean-up, working with youth, literacy education, serving meals, office work, and a variety of other worthwhile endeavors.

WVSU Cares Day is West Virginia State University's largest community service event and is a great opportunity for WVSU students to learn about local organizations and agencies and to join with the entire State family in service to others.



Sign up as a volunteer for WVSU Cares Day 2016 at wvstateu.edu/caresday.

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, May 4-7, 2016, for the WVSU National Alumni Association's 23rd National Conference. The conference will focus on the importance of alumni support for 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.



The 23rd National Alumni Association Conference will be held

in Chicago, Ill. at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, May 4-7, 2016.

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.

[Register for the conference and view lodging information](#)

WVSUNAA Nomination of Officers

The Raleigh-Durham Alumni Chapter was appointed by WVSU National Alumni Association President Charles Boddy to serve as the Nomination and Election Committee for the 2016 election of President, 1st Vice President, Financial Secretary and Executive Secretary. The term of office for each position will be four (4) years commencing October 1, 2016 and expiring October, 2020.

Current financial members of the WVSU National Alumni Association are encouraged to nominate a candidate for the offices listed above. Be sure to obtain approval from candidates before submitting their names. A candidate profile is required for each candidate and all nominations are due by May 7, 2016. Nominations will be closed during the National Alumni Association business meeting May 7, 2016 in Chicago. Please mail nominees' Candidate Profiles to: Cleriece Pressley, Raleigh-Durham Alumni Chapter, 507 N Country Club Drive, Oxford, NC 27565.

[Nomination Form](#)

[Candidate Profile](#)



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Headlines and Announcements

- Feb. 18 - [WVSU Honors Program sponsors Night of the Arts to benefit Relay for Life](#), WVSU
- Feb. 16 - [West Virginia State University Day at the Capitol set for Tuesday, Feb. 23](#), WVSU
- Feb. 16 - [Abstracts, posters accepted for Conference on International Human Rights](#), WVSU
- Feb. 09 - [WVSU to begin celebrating 125th anniversary this month](#), *Charleston Gazette-Mail*



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