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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

September 2014



Stinger and the Yellow Jacket Cheerleaders pose with Dr. Samuel Lynch '61, the first male cheerleader at State, during Homecoming 2013.

Coming Events

- September 18 - 19 [The Donna Skeen Visiting Theatre Artists Series: Carlyle Brown, Institute, W.Va.](#)
- September 25 [West Virginia Symphony Orchestra Concert, Institute, W.Va.](#)
- September 28 [The Donna Skeen Visiting Theatre Artists Series: Dan Shoemaker, Institute, W.Va.](#)
- October 9-11 [Homecoming at W.Va. State, Institute, W.Va.](#)
- October 16 [Kanawha Classic: WVSU vs UC at Laidley Field, Charleston, W.Va.](#)
- October 28 [The Donna Skeen Visiting Theatre Artists Series: Baron Kelly, Institute, W.Va.](#)
- November 15-16 [Earl Lloyd Classic Tournament, Institute, W.Va.](#)

For more information about Coming Events visit connect.wvstateu.edu

Headlines

- Sept. 08 - [West Virginia State University hosts forum to discuss behavioral issues, State Journal](#)
- Sept. 02 - [W.Va. State hosting year-long series on dramatic arts, Charleston Daily Mail](#)
- Aug. 30 - [WVSU Creators Program announces fall calendar, The Herald-Dispatch](#)
- Aug. 20 - [West Virginia State University in Institute, W.Va. reports enrollment increase, WOWK](#)
- Aug. 20 - [Governor's garden gives back to the community, Charleston Daily Mail](#)

West Virginia Symphony Orchestra to Perform at WVSU Sept. 25

Reserve your free tickets today!

West Virginia State University and the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) are partnering on a series of educational offerings during the upcoming year, including a concert on the school's Institute campus Thursday, Sept. 25. Taking place in the auditorium of the Davis Fine Arts Building, the 8 p.m. concert is free and open to the public but tickets must be reserved in advance.

“This really is a wonderful opportunity for our students, faculty and staff to experience a world-class musical performance taking place right here on campus,” said Scott Woodard, interim dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at WVSU. “In addition, the Symphony will be rehearsing two days on campus prior to the performance and our students will have the opportunity to attend and observe these rehearsals.”

Tickets for the Sept. 25 concert may be reserved by calling the WVSU College of Arts and Humanities at (304) 766-3196. Tickets can then be picked up at the box office in the Davis Fine Arts Building beginning at 6 p.m. the evening of the concert.



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Countdown to Homecoming

Less than a month remains until Homecoming!

Homecoming at WVSU will be held October 9-11, 2014, and 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 Keith Scholars Hall for an exciting announcement from President Brian O. Hemphill. Together we can realize the promise and deliver the future for so many students!

A detailed schedule, registration, lodging information, and frequently asked questions are available at connect.wvstateu.edu/homecoming.



Don't forget to join President Hemphill and the WVSU Family for a special announcement after the parade in front of Keith Scholars Hall!

Yellow Jacket 5K Run/Walk

Online registration available

Join us on Saturday, October 11, for the third annual Yellow Jacket 5K Run/Walk. Proceeds will benefit the Students Matter Most fund for WVSU students needing assistance. Pre-registration is available at tristateracer.com. Registration is \$20 in advance and \$25 on race day. The first 100 registrants receive a free t-shirt.

Registration and check-in will be from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. in the Keith Hall Portal. The race will start at 7:30 a.m.



Racers during last year's Yellow Jacket 5K Run/Walk line up at the starting line.

Award Recipients & Inductees Named

Alumnus of the Year, Young Professional Award Winner, ROTC and "W" Club Inductees to be honored during Homecoming

Congratulations to this year's award recipients and inductees as well as the reunion classes ending in 4 and 9!

Alumnus of the Year - Glover L. Smiley, Jr., '77

Young Professional - Autumn Anderson, '05

ROTC Hall of Fame Inductees: Commissioner (RET) Anthony Conyers, Jr., '69; LTC (RET) Haywood Holder, '64; LTC (RET) Kenneth Rainelle Mosley, '68; LTC Robert Lee Smith, '90

Honorary ROTC Hall of Fame Inductees: (RET) Richard Neece Ojeda, II, '97; Tuskegee Airmen (Posthumous Inductions): Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins, '40; Henry L. Moore, '50; Mac Ross, '40; Wylie W. Selden, Jr., '43

W-Club Inductees: FOOTBALL- Greg Banks, '88; Wilfredo C. Collazo, '80; Malcolm Spence, '92 BASKETBALL- Patricia King, '85; Carl Chadband, '02; Michael Taylor, '04 TRACK- Lynn Smith, '62 BASEBALL- Reggie Coleman

View more information about this year's award recipients at connect.wvstateu.edu.



WVSU's Alumnus of the Year for 2014 is Mr. Glover L. Smiley, Jr., '77

Open Houses and Tours during Homecoming

Come see the great things happening at W.Va. State!

See the wonderful transformations happening on campus and tour our first-class facilities including the new Judge Damon J. Keith Scholars Hall and the D. Stephen and Diane H. Walker Convocation Center. University Archives at the Drain-Jordan Library will also be having an open house during Homecoming weekend.

Open Houses and Tours will be available on Friday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.



Judge Damon J. Keith, members of his family, and the campus community tour the new facilities in the Judge Damon J. Keith Scholars Hall during the building's opening and dedication.

Kanawha Classic to be Held Oct. 16

WVSU to play UC at Laidley Field

Join WVSU for the inaugural Kanawha Classic on October 16 at Laidley Field and cheer on your Yellow Jackets as they take on the University of Charleston Golden Eagles. Sponsored by Frontier Communications, the Kanawha Classic will feature tailgating areas for WVSU fans as well as an alumni tent. For more information about the game or to buy tickets, please contact the WVSU Athletic Department at (304) 766-3165.



The Yellow Jacket Football team will play the University of Charleston in the inaugural Kanawha Classic on October 16.

Earl Lloyd Classic set for Nov. 15-16

Inaugural event to be held in Walker Convocation Center

West Virginia State University has announced a new basketball classic named in honor of basketball legend and West Virginia State alumnus, Earl Lloyd. Lloyd, a 1950 graduate of West Virginia State, was the first African American to play in the NBA.

The inaugural Earl Lloyd Classic will be held November 15-16, 2014, and will highlight basketball matchups between the Yellow Jackets, Virginia Union, Shaw University and Notre Dame College.



Earl Lloyd, Class of 1950, beside his statue during the dedication of the D. Stephen and Diane H. Walker Convocation Center.

Event Photos Online

View our recent event photos on the web!

Check out photos from our latest events at flickr.com/wvsualumni! We have the latest photos from the WVSU National Alumni Conference, Eastern Region Reception, WVSU Night at Power Park, alumni chapter events and more! If you have photos from an alumni event or meeting that you want featured, simply email it to alumni@wvstateu.edu.



WVSU Night at Appalachian Power Park

Cleveland Alumni Chapter Hosts Picnic

Great food, games and raffles highlight event

The Cleveland Chapter of the WVSU National Alumni Association hosted a picnic August 30th in Eastlake, Ohio at Chagrin River Park. WVSU Advancement's Assistant Vice President Adam Neal was in attendance bringing news and updates from campus and a great time was had by all!



Cleveland Picnic Attendees

Alumni & Friends Labor Day Cookout

Alumni & Friends of WVSU celebrate end of summer

'W' Club Shenandoah Valley Chapter's John Davidson hosted an end of summer cookout during Labor Day weekend. Alumni & Friends, including Director of Development Chris Price, gathered for a turkey and fish fry followed by a morning after party at the Rocky Gap Casino in Maryland.



Maryland Labor Day Cookout Attendees



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