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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

January 2015



Welcome back, Students! The Spring Semester at West Virginia State began January 20.

Upcoming Events

January 23 - 2015 Winter HBCU Mixer and Scholarship Drive (Atlanta Alumni Chapter), Atlanta, Ga.

February 7 - A Celebration of Coach Cal Bailey's Legacy, Institute, W.Va.

February 16 - WVSU Day at the Capitol, W.Va. State Capitol, Charleston, W.Va.

February 19 - Alumni Night at the Basketball Games, Institute, W.Va.

March 28 - Metro-Charleston Alumni Chapter Diner en Blanc Party, Charleston, W.Va.

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

WVSU Connect Monthly Prize Raffle

January prize announced, winner to be chosen February 1

Members of WVSU Connect, West Virginia State's free Alumni & Friends online community, are in for a treat in 2015! Each month, a different prize will be awarded to one lucky member! January's prize is a lovely [WVSU woven throw](#). The 100 percent cotton throw is made in the U.S.A. and features the Alumni Carillon and Ferrell Hall.

WVSU Connect members automatically receive a raffle entry each month. Members can gain additional entries by participating in social media challenges. Log on and "like" the [WVSU Alumni Relations Facebook page](#), share our Facebook raffle posts with friends and retweet our [Twitter](#) posts to increase your chances of winning.

Not a member of WVSU Connect? [Create your free profile and get entered to win prizes all year long!](#)



Sure to make even the coldest winter a little warmer is this month's prize: A WVSU woven throw!

Atlanta Alumni Mixer January 23

Active chapter engages alumni and recruits new Yellow Jackets

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter of the WVSU National Alumni Association, in partnership with 41 other HBCUs in the Atlanta area, will host the 11th Annual HBCU Mixer on January 23, 2015. The theme for this year's event is "A Night in Paris" and 800 HBCU alums are expected to be in attendance. The Winter Mixer enables the Atlanta Chapter to raise hundreds of dollars for its scholarship drive each year.

The chapter is currently scheduling additional events for 2015 including another Atlanta HBCU initiative, a 5K Run/Walk in June, and is working to enhance its recruitment plan to encourage more students from the state of Georgia to consider attending West Virginia State University. During a recent college fair held at Turner Chapel in October, alumni member Naomi Martin received requests from 37 students to fill out college interest forms to learn more about WVSU. Over 1,200 students from Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina attended this event.



Atlanta, Ga.

A Celebration of Cal Bailey's Legacy

R.S.V.P. online for February 7 event

Join us to celebrate Coach Cal Bailey's legacy on February 7, 2015. There is no charge to attend but online reservations are required. The event is in honor of Coach Bailey's distinguished career as an athlete and coach. You can also help ensure Coach Bailey's legacy lives on at State by contributing to The Bullpen, a fund to support the baseball program.

Please join us in honoring one of the great legends in State history!
[View more information about The Bullpen and RSVP for the reception](#)



Coach Cal Bailey, Class of '71

WVSU Day

Help celebrate all things W.Va. State on February 16!

Join us at the West Virginia State Capitol rotunda on February 16 anytime between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. to celebrate WVSU Day! Departments from across campus will be present with displays and giveaways to help emphasize how very special our University is not only to students, employees, alumni and friends, but to the state of West Virginia and the region.



Join us at the W.Va. State Capitol Building February 16!

February 2015 Alumni Night

Join us February 19 for food, fun, and basketball!

WVSU Alumni Relations will hold Alumni Night at the Women's and Men's Basketball Games on February 19th! Bring your family and support the Yellow Jackets as they take on the Notre Dame College Falcons 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, and 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.



A future Yellow Jacket poses with his prize winnings during 2014's Alumni Night.

Eastern Region Alumni Support the Arts and Fellow Alumna

WVSU Alumna, Antionette "Toni" Hodges, '68, featured artist at N.Y. exhibition

Alumni of the New York and Cleveland Alumni Chapters showed their support by attending an art opening featuring fifteen African-American and Caribbean artists. Antionette Simmons Hodges, '68, of the Metro Washington DC chapter of WVSU is one of the featured artists whose art can be seen January 17 - February 14, 2015. The exhibition is at The Skylight Gallery, Center for Arts and Culture, Bedford - Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., Brooklyn, N.Y.



Pam Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Jeffery, Antionette "Toni" Hodges, Mr. & Mrs. Watson Jennison, Helen Willis, Darnley Osborne, Elinor Agee, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Christian and James Fisher at Skylight Gallery in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Yellow Jacket Football's New Home

Gregory V. Monroe Athletic Complex Nearing Completion

Located in the end zone at Lakin Field in Dickerson Stadium is the new, two-story Gregory V. Monroe Athletic Complex. The building features meeting rooms, a weight training room and a locker room and will open to the public in the spring.

The Athletic Complex is named in honor of Gregory V. Monroe, a 1980 WVSU graduate and former football player for the Yellow Jackets, who recently made a significant contribution to the University.

“Attending West Virginia State was an awesome experience for me. I grew up in Logan, W.Va., and my parents gave me a great start in life, but State expanded my world view. The opportunities that I had there and the support I received from the faculty and staff enabled me to go out and make a life for myself. I would never have accomplished the things that I have without State,” said Monroe, who is now a motivational speaker and executive training specialist, living in Orlando, Fla. “I wanted to give back to the University that did so much for me.”

A limited quantity of lockers are still available for naming within the Gregory V. Monroe Athletic Complex. [Purchase your locker and make your mark in time for the building's opening!](#)



We are only months away from the public opening of the Gregory V. Monroe Athletic Complex at WVSU!

Correction

Robert "Bob" Lewis, Class of 1960

Robert "Bob" Lewis' class year was listed incorrectly in the December newsletter. Bob is a proud 1960 graduate and hopes that his family's generous gift to State will inspire his fellow classmates to continue to help create a bright future for the State students of tomorrow by giving back.

Headlines and News Releases

- Jan 12 - [Dr. Naveed Zaman Named Interim Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics](#), WVSU
- Jan 09 - [West Virginia State University Students Selected for Prestigious Internships](#), WVSU
- Jan 09 - [WVSU Marketing Campaign Published in National Journal](#), WVSU
- Jan 07 - [WVSU Extension Agent Elected to National Community Development Board](#), WVSU
- Dec 18 - [ROTC Yellow Jacket Battalion Members Commissioned as U.S. Army Officers](#), WVSU
- Dec 15 - [WVSU, KISRA Target Minority and Veteran Farmers with New Agriculture Initiative](#), WVSU



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