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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

February 2015



Hundreds came to honor the legacy of Coach Cal Bailey on February 7 at the WVSU University Union in Institute. Pictured above are C. Edward Gaunch, '70; Sean Loyd, '95; Cal Bailey, '72; and President Brian O. Hemphill.

Upcoming Events

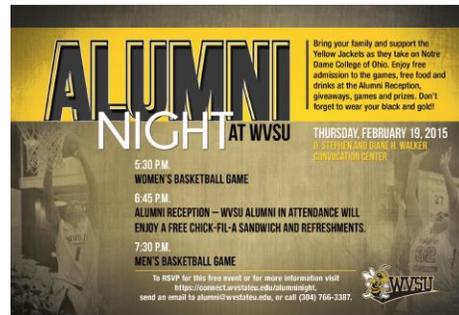
- February 9 President of the National Bar Association, Pamela Meanes, Institute, W.Va.
- February 10 Acting for the Camera (Donna Skeen Theatre Visiting Artist Series), Institute, W.Va.
- February 16 WVSU Day, W.Va. Capitol Rotunda, Charleston, W.Va.
- February 18 Lula Washington Dance Theatre Performance, Charleston, W.Va.
- February 19 Alumni Night at the Basketball Games, Institute, W.Va.
- February 24 WVSU SGA Black History Month Convocation, Institute, W.Va.
- March 28 Metro Charleston Alumni Chapter Diner en Blanc Party, Charleston, W.Va

Alumni Night at Basketball Games

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.

R.S.V.P. for Alumni Night at connect.wvstateu.edu/events



Join us for Alumni Night at WVSU on February 19!

WVSU Connect Member Raffle

January Raffle Winner, February Prize Announced

Congratulations to Drema Woldman, '75! Drema is our January WVSU Connect raffle prize winner and the owner of a brand new WVSU throw!

Show everyone where your heart is with February's prize: A "Home Sweet Home" West Virginia State decorative metal sign! Made in the U.S.A., this sign measures 5.25" x 12". 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). Not a member of WVSU Connect? Create your free profile and get entered to win prizes all year long at connect.wvstateu.edu/new



Show everyone where your heart is with February's raffle prize!

WVSU Celebrates Black History Month

Series of events scheduled

West Virginia State University (WVSU) will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of events, including presentations, lectures and performances, throughout February. This year's events include discussions about current topics relating to social justice, like police and minority relations, and feature a visit from the President of the National Bar Association, Attorney Pamela J. Meanes, performances by hip hop artist Dee-1 and "Avatar" choreographer Lula Washington and her Los Angeles based dance ensemble.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who served as Academic Dean at WVSU from 1920 to 1922, founded Negro History Week in 1926, which later became Black History Month in 1976. WVSU honors the legacy of Woodson and the contributions of African-Americans to our nation and beyond through this year's Black History Month programming.



Pamela J. Meanes, President of the National Bar Association spoke at WVSU on Monday, Feb. 9.

WVSU to present world-renowned Lula Washington Dance Theatre

Limited number of free tickets available

The world-renowned Lula Washington Dance Theatre will perform on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at The Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences Maier Foundation Performance Hall. Well-known as the choreographer for James Cameron's film "Avatar," Washington has been a creative force in dance, education and community development for 35 years. Her work incorporates the dance styles of gospel church, classical ballet, modern, street, theatrical and hip-hop. Critics praise Washington for her artistry, social commentary and roots in African-American culture.



Free tickets are available for the upcoming Lula Washington Dance Theatre performance. Contact Belinda Fuller for more information.

To receive free tickets to this event, please contact Belinda Fuller, Director of Alumni Relations, at bfuller@wvstateu.edu or (304) 766-3387. Please note that free tickets are limited.

Metro Charleston Alumni Chapter to Host Fundraiser

Diner en Blanc set for March 28

The Metro Charleston Alumni Chapter will be hosting a dinner on March 28, 2015, at 8 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Charleston. The event will feature a dinner, cocktails, a silent auction, and will have entertainment provided by the live band, FRIENDS. Tickets for the event are \$30.00 and can be purchased online. Proceeds will benefit the Metro Charleston Chapter student scholarships.



Join the Metro Charleston Alumni Chapter for Diner en Blanc, March 28, 2015, at 8 p.m.

Delivering the Future

Alumni Events highlighting the Campaign for WVSU scheduled

Receptions and regional launches of the campaign are currently scheduled in the Metropolitan D.C., Cleveland, Ohio, and Atlanta, Ga. areas to help spread the word about WVSU's first comprehensive campaign: "Realize the Promise, Deliver the Future" - The Campaign for WVSU. The Washington Metropolitan and Baltimore Alumni Chapters will co-host an event on March 14, the Cleveland, Ohio Alumni Chapter's event will take place on April 18, and the Atlanta, Ga. Alumni Chapter event has been scheduled for June 27.

Every gift made through June 30, 2017, will help the University reach the overall campaign goal of \$18 million and will help West Virginia State University "Realize the Promise" for students today and "Deliver the Future" for generations of Yellow Jackets to come.



Help WVSU become the most student-centered, research and teaching, land-grant university in the state of West Virginia and beyond.

Rehab Property Renovations Preserve History

The West Virginia School for the Colored Deaf and Blind

As buildings on the campus of the former West Virginia Rehabilitation Center have been demolished to make way for property improvements, the West Virginia School for the Colored Deaf and Blind has once more become visible to passersby. WVSU plans to preserve this historic building.

Prior to 1926 in West Virginia and surrounding states, African-American children who were blind or deaf had to go as far as Maryland to attend school due to segregation. During this time, three African-American legislators in West Virginia (T. G. Nutter, Harry Capehart, and T. J. Coleman) pushed for the creation of a separate school in West Virginia. The West Virginia School for the Colored Deaf and Blind was established in 1919, however, funding wasn't appropriated for the school until 1926 when it opened in Institute, W.Va. Following *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Institute school was closed and students were sent to the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney in 1955.



Recent photo of the W.Va. School for the Colored Deaf and Blind.

Public Comment Notice for Reaffirmation

West Virginia State University is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The University will host a visit April 13-15, 2015, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. West Virginia State University was first accredited by the Higher Learning Commission in 1927. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University:

Public Comment on West Virginia State University
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the Commission's website at www.ncahlc.org. Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and all comments must be received by March 16, 2015.

Headlines

- Feb 06 - [President of National Bar Association to Speak at West Virginia State on Feb. 9](#), *WVSU*
- Feb 04 - [West Virginia State University Day at the Capitol set for Monday, Feb. 16](#), *WVSU*
- Feb 02 - [Workshops at WVSU Explore Entertainment Industry](#), *WVSU*
- Jan 30 - [WVSU to Host Site Visit from Accrediting Agency April 13-15](#), *WVSU*
- Jan 29 - [WVSU Celebrates Black History Month with Series of Events](#), *WVSU*
- Jan 28 - [WVSU financial audits show improvement](#), *WV Gazette*



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