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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

June 2015



Putnam County Alumni gathered in Teays Valley, W.Va. for a special alumni event at Wine Valley on June 10.

Upcoming Events

June 25 Downtown Charleston ArtWalk at the WVSU Capitol Center Art Gallery, Charleston, W.Va.

June 27 8th Annual Atlanta Twilight Run/Walk, Atlanta, Ga.

June 28 Southern Region Campaign Launch Reception, Atlanta, Ga.

July 11 Eastern Region Alumni Picnic, Upper Marlboro, Md.

July 24 Raleigh-Durham Alumni Chapter Annual Fish Fry, Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

July 25 Raleigh-Durham Alumni Chapter Annual Cookout, Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

The continuous support of our alumni and friends makes WVSU's progress possible. Please consider making a gift to the WVSU Foundation before our fiscal year ends on June 30, 2015 so that you can be counted as a 2014-2015 donor. Together we can "Realize the Promise" for students today and "Deliver the Future" for generations of Yellow Jackets to come!

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Support WVSU today!

FestivALL ArtWalk June 25

WVSU Capitol Center Art Gallery to Feature Alumni Art and entertainment by the Kanawha Kordsmen

Thursday, June 25, the WVSU Capitol Center Art Gallery will feature new art by WVSU May 2015 graduates Bri'Anna Bass, Dominique Bolling, Emory Carsey, and Kim Shrader. The art will be on display for this special FestivALL ArtWalk and the Kanawha Kordsmen will be performing from 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. outside the art gallery.

Bass's recyclables turned high fashion redefine what "trash" is, Carsey's sensual abstract paintings explore the human form in new ways, Shrader's strange, powerful photos balance beauty and inhumanity, and Bolling's traditional photography shows us the Seven Deadly Sins.

This free event is cosponsored by WVSU Alumni Relations & the WVSU Art Department.



Join WVSU in downtown Charleston, W.Va. on the evening of June 25 for the FestivALL ArtWalk!

Dr. Ann Brothers Smith Elected Chair of WVSU's Board of Governors

Alumna Hopes to Build Upon University's Success

Alumna Dr. Ann Brothers Smith has been elected Chair of the West Virginia State University (WVSU) Board of Governors for the 2016 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. Smith's election came on Thursday, June 18, during a meeting of the Board.

A 1964 graduate of WVSU, Smith worked for many years in the Detroit Public School System as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. She retired in 2007 as the Associate Superintendent for School Leadership for Detroit Public Schools.

"I want to continue to build on the success that we have experienced over the past three years," said Smith, who succeeds Charleston area business leader Tom Susman, who served as Chair of the Board the previous two years. "The momentum we have built in increased student enrollment, reconnecting with alumni and investing in infrastructure and new facilities for our students will only propel the University forward."



Dr. Ann Brothers Smith, '64, serves as President Emeritus of the WVSU National Alumni Association and is a member of the WVSU Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Smith was elected as Chair of the WVSU Board of Governors on June 18.

Monthly Member Raffle

May Raffle Winner, June Prize Announced

Congratulations to Shane Rose, '10! Shane is our May WVSU Connect raffle prize winner! June's prize is a deluxe WVSU Yellow Jacket apron!

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).



June's Raffle Prize is this Deluxe WVSU Bib Apron!

Eastern Region Alumni Picnic

July 11 Event to be held in Upper Marlboro, Md.

Join your Eastern Region Yellow Jacket Family for a picnic at the park on July 11th! The Eastern Region of the WVSU National Alumni Association is hosting an alumni picnic at Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro, Md. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children aged 12-17 and free for children under the age of 12.

For more information about this event, please contact Sarodel Childs at (301) 681-8088 or Lorraine Ross at (484) 557-3135.



Join the Eastern Region for a fun-filled event at Watkins Regional Park on July 11!

Welcome New WVSU Alumni!

Congratulations to WVSU's May 2015 Graduates

West Virginia State University held its spring commencement on May 16, 2015, at the D. Stephen and Diane H. Walker Convocation Center. Each graduate received a newly designed WVSU lapel pin from Alumni Relations along with their free first year membership card for the WVSU National Alumni Association.

Congratulations and best wishes to our newest WVSU Alumni!



WVSU's newest graduates greet family and friends during the May 2015 commencement.

¡Bienvenidos estudiantes!

WVSU Welcomes ESL students from Mexico

International students are now on campus for West Virginia State University's Summer Intensive ESL (English as a Second Language) sessions, part of WVSU's Excellence in Culture and English Language Study (EXCELS) program. Students participate in various activities across campus and in the area and partner with faculty, staff, student leaders and alumni volunteers to help immerse themselves in the English language and American culture and customs.



WVSU's ESL students visit Appalachian Power Park for a baseball game.

Headlines

- June 19 - [WVSU Extension Service and KISRA hosting free agriculture workshops in Dunbar](#), WVSU
- June 19 - [WVSU Extension Service hosting free agriculture workshops in Mount Hope](#), WVSU
- June 17 - [WVSU students eager to educate public on government through FestivALL](#), *The State Journal*
- June 10 - [Dr. J. Paige Carney named Dean of the College of Professional Studies at WVSU](#), WVSU
- June 04 - [WVSU 4-H camp for youth connects STEM learning with transportation careers](#), WVSU
- May 26 - [West Virginia State University launches Master of Public Administration program](#), WVSU
- May 26 - [West Virginia State University offering new degree for fall 2015](#), *Charleston Daily Mail*
- May 16 - [Chief of NASA tells WVSU to 'be fearless, dream big'](#), *The Charleston Gazette*
- May 13 - [WVSU's Carroll Terrace community garden celebrates 11 years](#), WVSU
- May 12 - [WVSU students place in top 100 of international business competition](#), WVSU
- May 09 - [WVSU hosting sessions about ESL courses](#), *The Charleston Gazette*



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