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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

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Upcoming Events

January 27 **Presidential Search: Conversations with Greenwood Asher**, *Institute, W.Va.*

January 29 **Memphis Alumni Night**, *Hard Rock Cafe - Memphis, Tenn.*

February 4 **Trombones de Costa Rica Master Class and Concert**, *Institute, W.Va.*

February 18 **The Giving Back Project**, *Institute, W.Va.*

February 23 **WVSU Day at the Capitol**, *Charleston, W.Va.*

Presidential Search Update: On behalf of the West Virginia State University Presidential Search Advisory Committee, the campus community is invited to participate in forums/conversations with representatives from Greenwood Asher, a national search firm assisting in the search for the 11th President of West Virginia State University. The forum/conversation for alumni and community members will be held this Wednesday (January 27, 2016) beginning at 9 a.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center. It is anticipated that each forum/conversation will last approximately 45 minutes. The forums/conversations serve as an opportunity to provide feedback regarding desired characteristics and qualities of the University's next leader.

Love Stories of WVSU

Did a brief glance from across the classroom turn into happily ever after? Do you have cherished memories of walking hand-in-hand with your sweetheart through campus? We want to hear from you!

Countless WVSU Alumni have met and fallen in love on the campus of West Virginia State throughout the years and we want to hear your story! Share your State love story with us at alumni@wvstateu.edu and your love story could be featured in our special Valentine's Day Edition of The BUZZ!



Stay CONNECTed with State

Final WVSU Connect 2015 Member Raffle Drawing Winner Announced

Congratulations to Mr. Danny Blair, '68, our December winner of the 2015 WVSU Connect raffle! Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2015 Monthly Member Raffles and all those who signed up to be members of WVSU Connect! Our raffles are over but there are still more surprises in store for WVSU Connect members in 2016!

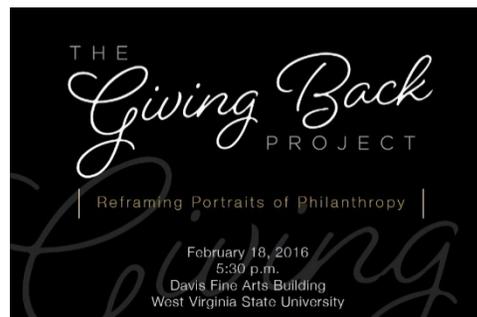


The Giving Back Project at WVSU

Join us on February 18 for a multimedia tribute to African American Philanthropy

The Giving Back Project at West Virginia State University will feature a keynote address by Valaida Fullwood, author of "Giving Back: A Tribute to Generations of African American Philanthropists" on February 18 in the Davis Fine Arts Building of WVSU. The program will begin after a 5:30 p.m. reception, and the multimedia exhibit: "The Soul of Philanthropy Reframed and Exhibited, Pop-Up, Abridged Edition" will be available for viewing the week of February 15 as well as before and after the presentation.

The event is sponsored by African American Philanthropy in Action, the WVSU Foundation, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs, and Velepec, Gibson & Associates - Merrill Lynch. For more information about this event, please contact Bridget Bavetz at (304) 347-2523.



Join us on campus for The Giving Back Project, a multimedia tribute to African American Philanthropy, the week of February 15, 2016.

Calling all Memphis-Area Alumni!

Memphis Alumni Night set for this weekend at the Hard Rock Cafe on Beale Street

The Memphis Alumni Chapter of the WVSU National Alumni Association is in the process of being reestablished! All area alumni are invited to attend a free event from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. this Friday, January 29, at the Hard Rock Cafe on Beale Street in Memphis. Join local alumni, organizer Lea Spencer-Ford and Adam Neal from WVSU for refreshments and appetizers. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lea Spencer-Ford at (901) 626-8061.



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 in May for the WVSU National Alumni Association's 23rd National Conference. The conference will focus on the importance of alumni support to 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.

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.



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