

# The Buzz



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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

August 2016



West Virginia State University's 5th Annual State Stride welcomes the Class of 2020!

## Upcoming Events

August 26 WVSU Night at Appalachian Power Park, Charleston, W.Va.

August 27 Presidential Tour: Atlanta Alumni Meet & Greet, Smyrna, Ga.

September 10 Presidential Tour: Cleveland Annual Alumni Picnic, Cleveland, Ohio

September 18 F<sup>2</sup>Q: Fall Festival on the Quad, Institute, W.Va.

September 21 Creators Program with West Virginia Poet Laureate, Marc Harshman, Charleston, W.Va.

September 22 7th Annual West Virginia Symphony Orchestra at WVSU, Institute, W.Va.

September 29 - October 1 Homecoming, Institute, W.Va.

## Headlines and Announcements

Aug 23 - [Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr. and Poet Laureate Marc Harshman headline Creators Program](#), WVSU

Aug 22 - [West Virginia State University Chapter of Psi Chi named a model chapter](#), WVSU

Aug 16 - [Professor collects donations for flooded school labs](#), WV Public Broadcasting

Aug 15 - [Students return for fall semester at WVSU](#), WV Metro News

Aug 04 - [WVSU Sports Studies program earns national recognition](#), WVSU

July 29 - [WVU partners with WVSU to offer pre-med track program](#), WSAZ

July 18 - [West Virginia State University professor honored by American Chemical Society](#), WVSU

July 13 - [WVSU receives \\$300,000 National Science Foundation Grant for bioenergy research](#), WVSU

## WVSU Night at Appalachian Power Park

Tickets still available for August 26 event!

Join alumni and friends of the University this Friday at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston, W.Va., for an exciting evening of food, fun and baseball! Tickets for the event include admission to the game and all-you-can-eat food and drink. Kids 12 and under receive a FREE wristband for unlimited play in the Fun Zone.

Attendees will enjoy a spectacular fireworks display following the game and will have the chance to win great prizes from WVSU and the West Virginia Lottery! Dr. Anthony L. Jenkins, the 11th President of WVSU, will throw the ceremonial first pitch.



Show your State Spirit and join us at WVSU Night at Appalachian Power Park on Friday, August 26!

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## Presidential Tour Kicks Off

President Jenkins begins Presidential Tour with stops in Maryland and New York

President Jenkins kicked off his Presidential Tour on Saturday, August 20, in Beltsville, Md., at a meet and greet with Baltimore "Charm City" and Metropolitan Washington Alumni Chapter members. On Sunday, the President and WVSU staff members headed to Brooklyn, N.Y. for the New York / New Jersey Alumni Chapter Annual Fundraiser. To view photos from these events, please visit [flickr.com/wvsualumni](https://www.flickr.com/photos/wvsualumni/).

The next stops on the tour include WVSU Night at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston on August 26, where President Jenkins will throw the ceremonial first pitch, followed by the Cleveland Alumni Chapter Annual Picnic on September 10.



President Anthony L. Jenkins; Belinda Fuller, Director of Alumni Relations; and Charles Byers, WVSUNAA New York/New Jersey Alumni Chapter Co-President

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## F<sup>2</sup>Q: Fall Festival on the Quad

West Virginia State's Inaugural Fall Festival Fundraiser

Fall is a beautiful time to be outdoors in West Virginia. There's no better way to enjoy fall than on the quad at the state's only Tree Campus USA – that's West Virginia State University in Institute! Come relax under the fall foliage of West Virginia State's beautiful oak trees at the First Fall Festival on the Quad, or F<sup>2</sup>Q, Sunday, September 18th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This picnic themed event offers fine dining, exceptional wine and craft beers along with live music, student and professional artisans. With delicious Bluegrass Kitchen and Café Cimino signature meals in each picnic basket, pre-order is a must! Each basket comes with two drink tickets per person. Fill your collectible glass with fine wine or craft beer from Big Timber and Chestnut Brew Works, or Cider from Hawk Knob Cidery! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a beautiful fall festival on the quad at West Virginia State University in Institute!



Pre-purchase your picnic basket for F<sup>2</sup>Q online at [connect.wvstateu.edu/f2q/](https://connect.wvstateu.edu/f2q/)

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# Countdown to Homecoming 2016

Register NOW for Homecoming 2016!

Homecoming is quickly approaching at West Virginia State. Are you registered? Visit [connect.wvstateu.edu/homecoming](http://connect.wvstateu.edu/homecoming) to register online, view lodging information and view the updated schedule of events.

As you scan the events schedule and decide which activities you plan to attend, please be sure to leave time in your schedule to tour the beautiful campus and its many new facilities. We hope you join us for our alumni dinner and silent auction, awards banquet, dances, open forums, the traditional Homecoming parade, football game and all other activities this weekend has to offer. There is truly something for everyone during Homecoming at State! We would especially like to wish a happy 90th Anniversary to Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Theta Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.! For more Greek events, visit [connect.wvstateu.edu/homecoming](http://connect.wvstateu.edu/homecoming).

The Brothers of Groove Phi Groove S.F. Inc., YJC#II, in conjunction with WVSU Alumni Relations, will also be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Wear a White Ribbon Campaign. All Homecoming 2016 attendees are encouraged to wear a white ribbon in honor and in remembrance of our loved ones.



*Kick off Homecoming on September 24 with the [5th Annual Yellow Jacket 5K Run/Walk!](#)*

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## Help raise "Dollars for Scholars"

National Alumni Association Homecoming Donation Drive

At the National Conference in Chicago earlier this year, the WVSU National Alumni Association voted to start a new initiative called "Dollars for Scholars." The Association hopes to collect "pocket money" during Homecoming to help subsidize the yearly regional scholarships formerly funded by the purchase of engraved name plates on the Carillon Clock Tower. Because the name plate purchases have slowed, the Association has chosen this as a way to raise the critical funds necessary to keep the scholarship program viable.

There will be "Dollars for Scholars" boxes located on campus in the tailgate area and the football field entrance as well as registration and outside banquet rooms at the Embassy Suites. Please take on of these opportunities to support this effort for our current and future students. After you donate, you will be given a sticker that says, "I supported the students of WVSU today!" We ask that you wear it not only as a source of pride for your school, but so that the National Alumni Association can see the support of our alumni in this easy new fundraising initiative.



*Donate to "Dollars for Scholars" during Homecoming 2016 and help support WVSU students!*

# West Virginia Flood Relief Continues

**"Orchestra of the Hills" supports high school music programs affected by June flooding**

A free concert and choir performance supported by West Virginia State University and the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra was held on Saturday, July 30, at Haddad Riverfront Park in Charleston. The performance benefited high school music departments in West Virginia impacted by June's flooding and featured more than 100 instrumentalists and vocalists who volunteered their talents in support of the flood relief effort. The performers, some from as far away as Arkansas, came from a variety of professional and community music groups. High school music departments deeply affected by the June 23 flooding were Herbert Hoover High School in Kanawha County, Richwood High School in Nicholas County, and Greenbrier East High School in Greenbrier County. Donations were collected onsite during the July 30 performance and online through Aug. 15.



*Instrumentalists and vocalists perform at "Orchestra of the Hills."*

Over \$8,500 in cash donations have been raised for this initiative in addition to in-kind contributions of various musical instruments. For more information about this and other flood relief initiatives at WVSU, please visit [connect.wvstateu.edu/floodrelief](http://connect.wvstateu.edu/floodrelief).



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