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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

September 2016



Homecoming 2016 is next week!

[View the 2016 Homecoming Schedule](#)

Are you Registered for Homecoming 2016?

Online Homecoming Registration will close after **Monday, September 26**. Ticket prices for the alumni dinners will increase to \$70 per person for onsite registrations and there will only be a limited number of additional dinner tickets available for purchase during registration. Tickets for the football game, 'W' Club Dance and WVSU National Alumni Association Dance will be available for purchase at the door for these events. *Ticket pickup and registration will be available ONLY on Thursday, September 29, from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday, September 30, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Charleston.*

[Register Online for Homecoming 2016](#)

Yellow Jacket 5K Run/Walk

Annual 5K starts at 9 a.m. tomorrow, September 24

The annual Yellow Jacket 5K Run/Walk will take place Saturday, September 24 at 9 a.m. at the Wilson University Union. Online registration has closed, however, onsite registration will be available at \$25 per person.

The course runs through the beautiful WVSU campus and adjoining areas in Dunbar. The race will begin and end at the WVSU University Union and awards will be given to the top three male, female and overall racers as well as the top three in each age division. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for West Virginia State University students.



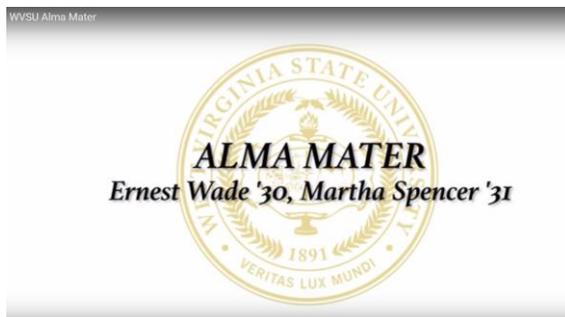
Kick off Homecoming on September 24 with the fifth Annual Yellow Jacket 5K Run/Walk!

There is a Place We Love So Dear...

Practice the Alma Mater before Homecoming

Do you know the WVSU Alma Mater? Maybe you just need to brush up on the lyrics? Through the collaborative efforts of Alumni Relations, Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship and University Relations, a rendition of the Alma Mater that will be heard throughout homecoming was recorded. We Are One Voice: Please join us at half-time of the homecoming football game. Please share with others....there is a place we love so dear!

[View the WVSU Alma Mater and sing along!](#)



Brush up on the WVSU Alma Mater for Homecoming 2016!

2016 Alumni Award Winners

Alumnus of the Year and Young Professional Award Winner to be honored during Homecoming

Alumnus of the Year

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Francisco Beale Newman, Jr., Class of 1953, is being honored as the 2016 WVSU Alumnus of the Year. After graduation, he served 21 years in the military, retiring from the United States Army in 1974. As a civilian, after a stellar military career, he began a second career as a teacher for the Richmond City Public Schools, teaching for 27 years. He is a lifetime member of the West Virginia State University Richmond Central Virginia Chapter and has attended every Homecoming celebration at West Virginia State for the past 30 years. Lt. Col. (Ret.) Newman is also a member of Beta Gamma Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



Alumnus of the Year, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Francisco Beale Newman, Jr., Class of 1953, and Young Professional Award Winner Ms. LaShawn T. Fulmer, Class of 1994, will be honored during the Friday night Homecoming Awards Dinner at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, W.Va. at 7:30 p.m.

Young Professional Award Winner

Ms. LaShawn T. Fulmer, Class of 1994, is being honored as the recipient of the Young Professional Achievement Award. Ms. Fulmer has spent more than 24 years working in human resources for the U.S. Department of Labor where she has made an incredible impact by educating the community on the benefits of obtaining a post-secondary education. She is a lifetime member of the West Virginia State University National Alumni Association, a member of the Metropolitan Washington Alumni Chapter and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Federal City Alumni chapter.

ROTC Hall of Fame Inductees

ROTC Inductees to be honored Friday, September 30, at 11 a.m.

ROTC Hall of Fame Inductees:

Maj. (Retired) Thomas D. Goodwin, Class of 1962, Vietnam Veteran
1st Lt. Maurice R. Gregg, Class of 1966, Vietnam Veteran
Col. Albert C. Johnson (deceased), Class of 1942, Veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam
Col. (Retired) James T. Johnson, Class of 1950
Maj. Lucius V. Reeves, Class of 1963, Vietnam Veteran
Maj. John H. White, Class of 1959, Vietnam Veteran
Lt. Col. Tammy Glenn, Class of 1988
Lt. Col. (Retired) David Coates, Class of 1959, Vietnam Veteran
Maj. Pleas Penny (deceased), Class of 1960, Vietnam Veteran
Lt. Col. (Retired) Tara Lee, Iraq War Veteran



The 2016 ROTC Induction Ceremony will be held Friday, September 30, at 11 a.m. in the Wilson University Union.

Rogers and Johnson Inducted Into ROTC National Hall of Fame

Maj. Gen (Ret.) Charles C. Rogers and fellow WVSU ROTC alumni to be honored during Homecoming 2016

On June 10, 2016 West Virginia State Alumni Maj. Gen. (Ret) Charles C. Rogers and Brig. Gen. (Ret) Walter F. Johnson, III, were inducted into the inaugural class of the Army ROTC National Hall of Fame at Fort Knox, KY. The pair were recognized with the over 300 other inductees as part of the U. S. Army Cadet Command's celebration of the ROTC centennial year. Maj. Gen. Rogers is a 1951 graduate of WVSC and received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam. Maj. Gen. Rogers served for over 30 years and died in



Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Walter F. Johnson, III, was inducted into the inaugural class of the Army ROTC National Hall of Fame in June 2016.

1990. Brig. Gen Johnson is a 1961 graduate of State and served in uniform for more than 25 years. Brig. Gen. Johnson continues to support young people and the University to this day.

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Charles C. Rogers will also be honored during Homecoming 2016 with the unveiling of his bust and the ROTC Wall of Stars in the Wilson University Union at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 30.

On-Campus Alumni Group Photo

Alumni Group Photo to follow VAAN Training, Presidential Forum on Friday, September 30

Be part of this year's alumni group photo! The photo will be taken in front of Judge Damon J. Keith Scholar's Hall following the Volunteer Alumni Admissions Network (VAAN) Training at 2 p.m. and Presidential Forum with President Jenkins at 3 p.m. in the Dr. Ann Brothers Smith Conference Room of Keith Scholars Hall.



Group Alumni Photo from Homecoming 2012

Learn More about WVSU's Legacy Society

Legacy Society Reception to be held Friday, September 30, at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Charleston

The Legacy Society at WVSU recognizes individuals who have affirmed their deep bond with the University and support for its mission by including the WVSU Foundation in their charitable estate plans.

Join us at the WVSU Legacy Society Reception as we recognize those who have provided for a future gift to the WVSU Foundation through their estate plans and learn about the many ways you can establish your own legacy at State. This reception will provide you with an opportunity to mix and mingle with Legacy Society Members, hear testimonials, ask questions of WVSU Foundation staff and take home the information you need to make your own legacy gift to WVSU.



Join us at the Embassy Suites in Charleston at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 30, for the Legacy Society Reception and learn how you can establish your own legacy at WVSU.

Alumni & Friends Welcome Reception

Reception to honor alumni award recipients and past Mr. and Miss State recipients

Alumni & Friends are invited to a reception at the Erickson Alumni Center on Saturday, October 1, following the Homecoming Parade. This year's Alumnus of the Year and Young Professional Award Winner will be honored as well as past Mr. and Miss State recipients. A photo op for this event will take place at 12:30 p.m.



If you were crowned Mr. or Miss State during your time at West Virginia State and you will be attending the Welcome Reception, please let us know at alumni@wvstateu.edu or by calling (304) 766-3387.

Join us for the Alumni & Friends Welcome Reception following the parade on Saturday, October 1, at Erickson Alumni Center.



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