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WVSU Alumni and Friends eNewsletter

September 2015



WVSU's newest freshmen and transfer students were honored during State Stride on August 18, 2015.
View Photos from the 2015 Welcome Week at WVSU at [flicker.com/wvsu](https://www.flickr.com/photos/wvsu/).

Upcoming Events

- September 12 WVSU National Alumni Association Cleveland Chapter Picnic, *Cleveland, Ohio*
- September 18-19 WVSU National Alumni Association Far West Regional Summit, *Las Vegas, Nev.*
- September 24 West Virginia Symphony Orchestra Free Concert, *Institute, W.Va.*
- September 29 Cultural Activities - Fracking: In the Beginning Was the Source Rock, *Institute, W.Va.*
- October 1 The Creators Program: Adapting WV History for Stage & Screen, *Charleston, W.Va.*
- October 8-10 West Virginia State University Homecoming 2015, *Institute, W.Va.*
- October 15 Downtown Charleston Art Walk, *Charleston, W.Va.*
- October 20 The Creators Program: Filmmaker Jacob Young, *Charleston, W.Va.*
- November 10 The Creators Program: "Independent" Publishing in WV, *Charleston, W.Va.*
- November 13-14 Earl Lloyd Classic, *Institute, W.Va.*

Headlines and Announcements

- Sept. 09 - [WVSU Extension Service and Habitat for Humanity ReStore Host "ReCraft" Workshop Series](#), WVSU
- Sept. 08 - [WVSU's Dr. Walter Stroupe Appointed to Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction](#), WVSU
- Aug. 31 - [West Virginia State University and Montclair String Quartet Announce Collaboration](#), WVSU
- Aug. 28 - [WVSU and WVPB Create New Media Diversity Fellowship](#), WVPB
- Aug. 25 - [West Virginia State University and New River CTC Announce 2+2 Transfer Agreement](#), WVSU
- Aug. 20 - [WVSU Creators Program Announces Fall Calendar](#), WVSU
- Aug. 13 - [West Virginia State University to Offer Class for Administrative Professionals](#), WVSU
- Aug. 11 - [West Virginia State University Hosts Traveling Multi-media Art Exhibition](#), WVSU
- Aug. 10 - [West Virginia State to Host Urban Agriculture Conference](#), WOWK
- Aug. 10 - [State Stride Highlights Student Welcome Back Activities at West Virginia State University](#), WVSU
- June 2015 - [100 Most Affordable Small Colleges East of the Mississippi](#), GVC

Homecoming 2015

5K Run/Walk, "Savor the Moment" Art Exhibit and Legacy Society Reception Headline Homecoming Activities in 2015

Less than a month remains until Homecoming 2015 at West Virginia State University! In addition to annual events like the Awards Dinner, Alumni and 'W' Club Dances, football game and the 5K Run/Walk, this year will feature new activities for attendees.

Thursday, October 8, at 5 p.m. there will be an opening reception for the "Savor the Moment" Alumni Art Exhibit in the Davis Fine Arts building honoring the artistic and academic legacy of Della Brown Taylor Hardman. Friday's events will feature the Young Alumni Black & Gold Day Party at 3 p.m. as well as a Legacy Society Reception at 6 p.m. for all individuals interested in learning about how to provide for a future gift to the WVSU Foundation through estate plans. Support literacy and donate a new or gently used book for school-aged children (kindergarten through fifth grade) at Erickson Alumni Center during Homecoming. WVSU will provide the donated books, free to children attending the upcoming Oct. 24, 2015 football game.

For a full list of activities as well as information about registration and lodging, visit connect.wvstateu.edu/homecoming. Online registration will continue through Monday, October 5. Want to see who else is registered for Homecoming? WVSUConnect users sign on to connect.wvstateu.edu to see who is coming to Homecoming 2015.



WVSU's Homecoming is scheduled for October 8-10, 2015, and will feature dinners, dances, receptions and much more.

A limited number of tickets for each event will be available during on-site registration on a first come, first-served basis. Please note that Commemorative Alumni T-shirts will not be available for sale or included in package purchases for on-site registration.

WVSU Homecoming Award Winners

Award Winners and Inductees Announced

Congratulations to **Judge Donald Graham, '71**, WVSU's Alumnus of the Year for 2015, and **Dr. Lateef Saffore, '96**, 2015's Young Professional Alumni Award Winner! Judge Graham and Dr. Saffore will be honored during the Friday Awards Banquet at the Charleston Marriott Town Center along with Class Reunion participants with years ending in 0 and 5.

'W' Club Sports Hall of Fame Inductees for 2015 include **John Wesley "Jack" Craig, '61**(Football), **Arnett Hoston, Jr., '98** (Football & Track), **Robert Lee Smith, '83** (Football & Track), **Donald L. Riley, '70** (Track), **Valerie Colquitt Wright, '81**(Basketball), **Edward "Pete" Thurman, '81** (Basketball & Track), **John Simms, '04** (Tennis), **President Brian O. Hemphill** (Honorary), **Gregory V. Monroe, Sr., '80** (Honorary). The 'W' Club Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held Saturday, October 10, at 8 a.m. in the James C. Wilson University Union.

Captains Roland Belcher, '63 and **George Coleman, '62** will be inducted posthumously into the ROTC Hall of Fame on Friday, October 9, 2015, at 11 a.m. in the Davis Fine Arts Auditorium. ROTC Inductees and Sports Hall of Fame Inductees will also be honored during the Saturday Alumni Dinner at the Charleston Marriott Town Center. Additional information about this year's honorees is available on our website.



From Left: Judge Donald Graham, '71, 2015 Alumnus of the Year and Dr. Lateef Saffore, '96, Young Professional Alumni Award Winner for 2015.

Remembering Fellow Yellow Jackets

Honor Alumni Who are Gone but Not Forgotten by Wearing a White Ribbon During Homecoming 2015

The WVSU Alumni Relations Office, in conjunction with The Brothers of Groove Phi Groove S.F. Inc., YJC#II are sponsoring a "Wear A White Ribbon" campaign commemorating those WVSU alumni who are gone but not forgotten. In remembrance, we are encouraging all WVSU supporters attending Homecoming 2015 to wear a white ribbon in honor of our loved ones. Alums unable to obtain their own white ribbons, can request one during registration on Friday, October 9, from WVSU Alumni Relations, Homecoming 2015 volunteers or any member of Groove Phi Groove S.F. Inc., while supplies last.



Are You CONNECTed?

Get CONNECTed with WVSU! Sign up for your FREE account, today!

Congratulations to Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ronald M. McLeod, '61, and Ms. Jessica Staley, '12, our July and August winners of the WVSU Connect raffle!

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!](#)



*Can you keep a secret? We can!
September's Raffle Prize is a Mystery Prize!*

WVSU Event Photos Available Online

View the Latest University and Alumni Photos on Flickr!

Follow [West Virginia State University](#) and [WVSU Alumni Relations](#) on Flickr to view the latest event photos from campus and alumni events! Photos from [WVSU Welcome Week on Campus](#), [WVSUNAA Eastern Region Campaign Reception](#), [Durham Bulls Alumni Night](#), [Teays Valley Alumni WineValley Event](#), [WVSUNAA Southern Region/Atlanta Campaign Reception](#) and [WVUSNAA Eastern Region Picnic](#) are available for viewing.



Alumnae pose with President Hemphill at the Southern Regional Campaign Event in June.

Earl F. Lloyd Stamp Petition

Alumni & Friends Show Support for Commemorative Earl F. Lloyd Postage Stamp

On October 31, 1950, Earl Francis Lloyd became the first African-American to play in an NBA basketball game. In 1955 Mr. Lloyd would become the first African-American to win an NBA World Championship. He would later become the first NBA scout and assistant coach in 1960; and then the first full time NBA bench coach in 1972 with The Detroit Pistons. Earl Lloyd's groundbreaking achievements helped to pave the way for people of color and all minorities, not only in the world of sports but in all aspects of American life!



WVSU Alumnus Earl Francis Lloyd.

The Earl F. Lloyd Foundation is requesting the United States Postal Service Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a Commemorative Stamp in honor of Earl Francis Lloyd. If you would like to sign the petition, please visit Change.org.

If you would like to write a letter to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee to further show your support of this initiative, letters can be mailed to:

United States Postal Service

Attention: Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee
c/o Stamp Development
475 L'Enfant
Washington, DC 20260

Second Annual Earl Lloyd Classic

Games Set for November 13-14

The second annual Earl Lloyd Classic is scheduled for November 13 and 14. Aside from the host Yellow Jackets, other teams involved will be the University of Virginia at Wise, Chowan, and Elizabeth City State.



Second Annual Earl Lloyd Classic set for November 13-14.

Friday, November 13

3:00 p.m. UVa-Wise vs Elizabeth City State
7:30 p.m. WVSU vs Chowan U

Saturday November 14, 2015

4:00 p.m. UVa-Wise vs Chowan
6:00 p.m. WVSU vs Elizabeth City State



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