

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY



2026
Spring Commencement

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Eleven O'Clock

West Liberty, WV

The 190th Year



ORDER OF *Ceremonies*

PROCESSIONAL

La Mourisque..... arranged by Gary A. Viebranz & D. Torres (Class of '22)
March of the Priests..... W.A. Mozart, arranged by Viebranz
Led by WLU Wind Symphony, Dr. Alvin Simpson, Director

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER arranged by Jay Althouse
Soloist, Tiffany Sites

WELCOME Dr. Tim Borchers
President of the University

GREETINGS FROM UNIVERSITY Mr. Richard Lucas
BOARD OF GOVERNORS Board of Governors, Member

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL GUESTS Dr. Tim Borchers

REFLECTIONS FROM A GRADUATING STUDENT Mr. Ryan Zumpano
College of Business

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Dr. Tim Borchers

ADDRESS Mrs. Stephanie Shaw '97
Vice President of Global Corporate Products at InterContinental Hotels Group

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE TO STEPHANIE SHAW
Dr. Tim Borchers

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HONORS

PROVOST & VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Dr. Cathy Monteroso

DIRECTOR, HONORS PROGRAM..... Dr. Shannon Halicki

INTERIM DEAN, COLLEGE OF SCIENCES..... Dr. Joseph Horzempa

DEAN, GARY E. WEST COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Dr. Ann Saurbier

DEAN, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN PERFORMANCE... Dr. Sherri Theaker

DEAN, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL & CREATIVE ARTS..... Dr. Cecilia Konchar Farr

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

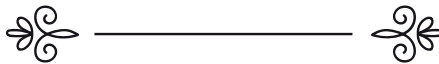
GRADUATE STUDIES..... Dr. Sherri Theaker
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES..... Dr. Joseph Horzempa
GARY E. WEST COLLEGE OF BUSINESS..... Dr. Ann Saurbier
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN PERFORMANCE..... Dr. Sherri Theaker
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL & CREATIVE ARTS.....Dr. Cecilia Konchar Farr
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE PRESIDENT..... Dr. Cathy Monteroso

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES/PRESIDENT’S REMARKS Dr. Tim Borchers

GREETINGS FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS Mr. Rex Lancaster
Assistant Athletic Director, Class of 2016

THE ALMA MATERarranged by Tess Vanek
Led by WLU Singers

RECESSIONAL arranged by Gary A. Viebranz
Recessional and Finalé led by the West Liberty University Wind Symphony



**Please join us for a reception in the Bear’s Den
immediately following Commencement.**

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Stephanie Shaw, Class of 1997

Vice President of Global Corporate Products at InterContinental Hotels Group



Stephanie Shaw is a proud West Liberty University alumna, global technology executive, and servant leader whose career and family legacy are deeply rooted in the Hilltopper community.

A native of Weirton, West Virginia, Shaw graduated from Brooke High School in 1994 before earning her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a specialization in Marketing from West Liberty University in 1997. She went on to earn a master's degree in Labor Relations from West Virginia University in 1998. Her connection to West Liberty spans generations, with her father, Gene Harris, her aunt, Beverly West, and her mother, Carole Harris, all alumni. Her mother also served as a Professor Emeritus in the College of Business. In honor of her mother's legacy, Shaw established the Carole Lynn Harris Scholarship to support future students.

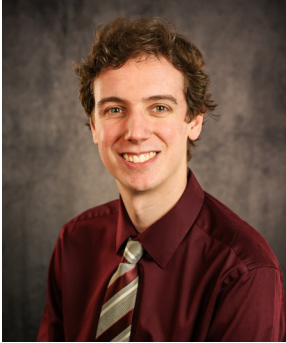
Shaw serves as Vice President of Global Corporate Products at InterContinental Hotels Group, where she leads corporate platforms across human resources, finance, legal, communications, and colleague experience technologies. Her work focuses on modernizing enterprise systems, advancing AI-enabled solutions, and supporting colleagues worldwide. She has also held leadership roles with The Wendy's Company and Oracle.

She serves on the West Liberty University Board of Governors and was inducted into the Alumni Wall of Honor in 2023. Shaw has received national recognition for her leadership in technology and remains committed to service, inclusion, and giving back.

She and her husband, Joel, reside in Atlanta, Georgia, and are the parents of two adult sons, Koel and Gabe.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Ryan Zumpano
College of Business



Ryan Zumpano is a Computer Information Systems major with a double minor in Data Analysis and Marketing.

Ryan is from Shadyside, Ohio and attended West Liberty as an Elbin Scholar, maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout his entire academic career and is now graduating Summa Cum Laude.

During his time at West Liberty, Ryan was a part of the WLU University Band and Wind Symphony for eight semesters, playing tenor saxophone. He also has been a part of Cru Bible Study for eight semesters, serving as a group leader for seven of those semesters, and was president for the last two years.

After graduation, Ryan plans to take his newly acquired skills into the workplace, moving on to a full-time position that came from his summer internship.

Ryan would like to thank God, as well as all of his friends and family who supported him on his journey, as well as all the administrators and faculty at West Liberty who guided him along the way.

ABOUT *Academic Regalia*

Source: An Academic Costume Code and An Academic Ceremony Guide by Eugene Sullivan, American Council on Education 5th Edition© 1997 Walter de Gruyter, Inc.

Higher education's ceremonial regalia is rich with symbolism used to identify different levels of academic achievement and degree-conferring colleges and universities. The academic regalia you see today evolved from the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. Most likely to keep warm, teachers and students at that time dressed in long gowns with hoods covering tonsured heads. It was in the days of Henry VIII of England, that Oxford and Cambridge Universities began prescribing a specific academic dress code.

Much later, the use of color and symbolism emerged. In the 19th century, a code of academic dress became standardized only in the United States. An Intercollegiate Commission made up of representatives of leading institutions was convened to establish a suitable system of academic apparel. The Commission met at Columbia University in 1895 and adopted a code of academic dress, which besides regulating the cut and style and materials of the gowns, prescribed the colors which were to represent the different fields of learning. The American Council on Education revised the academic dress code only three times 1932, 1959, and 1986.

GOWNS

Gowns recommended for United States colleges and universities have the following characteristics. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves, while the master's degree has an oblong, square-cut sleeve, and the gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves.

HOODS

The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, chevron or chevrons, equal division, etc. The various academic costume companies maintain complete files on the approved colors for various institutions.

The binding or edging of the hood is velvet or velveteen, two inches, three inches, and five inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees, respectively; the color should be indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains. In the case of Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree, the

dark blue color is used to represent the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field that is attested to by the awarding of this degree and is not intended to represent the field of education.

CAPS

Black mortarboards are generally recommended, but the doctor's degree may wear a 4, 6, or 8 sided velvet cap. A long tassel is to be fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap only and to lie as it will thereon. The tassel should be black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's cap that may have a tassel of gold.

COLORS ASSOCIATED WITH DISCIPLINE

Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White
Accounting, Business	Drab
Dentistry.....	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Fine Arts, Architecture.....	Brown
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science.....	Lemon
Medicine.....	Green
Music.....	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Work.....	Citron
Speech Language Pathology.....	Silver
Theology.....	Scarlet

Honor Cords, Tassels, and Stoles

Honor Society/Program

Sigma Tau Delta-English
Sigma Phi Alpha-Dental Hygiene
Kappa Delta Pi-Education
Delta Mu Delta-Business
Psi Chi-Psychology
Gamma Theta Upsilon-Geography
Pi Sigma Alpha-Political Science
Music Education National Conference
Chi Beta Phi-Science
Alpha Phi Sigma-Criminal Justice
Sigma Delta Phi-Hispanic
Alpha Phi Omega-National Service
Phi Alpha Theta-History
Alpha Chi-Interdisciplinary
Phi Epsilon Kappa-Health/ Physical
Education/Exercise Phys
Phi Alpha - Social Work
Phi Beta Lambda
Student Research Program
Honors Program
Student Government
Students in Free Enterprise
Residence Life Staff
Pi Alpha - PA Program
Order of the Torch
The Liber Society
Veteran
American Medical Student Association
Student Athletes
Graduate Assistants
Multicultural
NSSLHA

Color/Item

Red & Black
White & Lavender
Purple & Green
Purple & Gold
Gold & Blue
Gold, Blue & Brown
Brass Medallion
Pink
Crimson & Blue
Gold
Red & Gold
Blue & Gold
Red & Blue
Green & Blue
Black & Gold

Blue & Gold
Sapphire or Gold
Silver & White
Black & Gold
Black & Gold
Blue & White
Black & White
Dark Green & Blue
Gold Medallion
Blue & Purple
Red, White & Blue
Blue
Black & White
Gold
Red, Black & Gold
White & Orange

History and Traditions

What is now known as West Liberty University was founded in 1837 as West Liberty Academy, making the school the oldest institution of higher education in West Virginia. In 1870, the school became West Liberty State Normal School and came under state control. With a strong history of teacher education training, the school was renamed West Liberty State Teachers College in 1931. Under the leadership of President Paul Elbin, the institution's mission grew beyond teacher training, and in 1943 its name was changed to West Liberty State College. The college became West Liberty University on May 3, 2009.



THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

Until the mid-1960s, the college's seal was that of the State of West Virginia with "State of West Virginia" replaced with "West Liberty State College." The seal was redesigned in 1965 by Roy Everson, an art and speech major, for an assignment in a course taught by Professor William T. Martin. The new seal was officially approved for use that same year.

The iconic column symbolizes classic civilization, and the book is a symbol of knowledge. The torch is a symbol of the quest for learning, and 1837 is the year the college was founded. The seal was updated to "West Liberty University" following the institution's change in status in 2009.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION



The medallion, also known as a Chain of Office, is one of the oldest symbols of authority, worn by leaders dating back to the Roman Empire. The tradition was passed down through the Middle Ages and coincided with the rise of the university system in Europe. Symbolizing the Office of the President, the presidential medallion is integral to the president's academic regalia worn for official ceremonies such as convocation, commencement, and inauguration.

The WLU version is a 3-inch diameter pendant cast in antiqued bronze, featuring the West Liberty University seal.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE



In medieval and Renaissance Europe, maces were used as weapons of war. Centuries later, maces are ceremonial and symbolize authority. In higher education, maces are used during the official ceremonies such as commencement, convocation and presidential inaugurations.

At the Dec. 14, 1996, inauguration of President Ronald M. Zaccari, Faculty Senate presented the college's first mace in honor of Dr. Lawrence H. "Larry" Talley, emeritus professor of chemistry, dean and vice president. Crafted in walnut, the mace stands 30-inches high by 4- inches wide. Each side features an antique bronze casting -1837 (the year of the institution's founding), a statement dedicating the mace in Dr. Talley's honor, and the seal on two sides.

Academic Distinction

The University recognizes the academic achievements of graduating students through the distinctions of Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude. Honors designation upon completion of courses before the Fall 2025 semester. To be eligible for consideration for graduation with honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 36 semester hours of credit for regular letter grade.

Summa Cum Laude – 3.90-4.0

Magna Cum Laude – 3.70-3.89

Cum Laude – 3.50-3.69

- *** Summa Cum Laude (Gold Stole)
- ** Magna Cum Laude (Gold Lapel Cord)
- * Cum Laude (Gold Tassel)
- £ Student Speaker
- € Banner Carrier – Student with the highest grade-point average in respective College/School
- § Participating Member of the Honors College (White Stole)
- ¶ Elbin Scholar
- χ The Liber Society – The Ranking Women’s Honorary
- ¥ Order of the Torch – The Ranking Men’s Honorary
- ∞ Presidential Scholar
- f Foundation Scholar
- Ÿ Veteran

During the Commencement exercises the University will permit a professional photographer to take a photograph of each graduate as he or she steps onto the stage with the President of the University. The photographer’s studio will provide a proof of the photograph to the graduate for the purpose of taking a sales order. The University derives no monetary benefit from this service. We allow it as a possible benefit to families who are unable to obtain satisfactory photographs of the graduate. The list of fall degree candidates in this program is tentative and is based upon the anticipated successful completion of work undertaken during the fall semester 2025. This document should not be taken as an official record that degrees have, in fact, been awarded, until the diploma has been received.

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Doctor of Education

Dr. Melissa L. Henry
Dr. Michalene Susan Mills
Dr. Denise Mirasola
Dr. Mitchell Thomas Moon
Dr. Sara Nicole Price
Dr. Shawna Lee Safreed
Dr. Brittney Sobota
Dr. Justin John Zimmerman

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Master of Arts in Education

Koby Blaine Bubash
Delani Buckner
Elizabeth Michele Diego
€ **Emma Goliati**
Emily P. Grider
Emma Elizabeth Haley
Jessica Caitlynn Schultz

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Master of Business Administration

Jairika LaNaé Baylor - Accelerated MBA
John Flanagan - Accelerated MBA
Richard Jamal Harrison J.R. - Healthcare Management
Aaron Walter Koons - Healthcare Management
Elise Marie Leonard - Healthcare Management
Ashley McCutcheon - Fraud & Forensic Investigation
Chelsea Anne Reynolds - Accelerated MBA
Brooke Shepherd - Accelerated MBA
Jordan B. Watters - Management
Heather Yoke - Management

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Master of Science in Biology

Loyd Lee Butcher - Biology

Elizabeth Kay Cika - Biology

Montana Rae Fonner - Biology

Tyler Paul Hill - Biology

Hannah Nicole Holbert - Biology

Cleo Anna McMahan - Zoo Science

Kaleb Anthony Norris - Biology

Jaden Malique Rusnak - Biology

Tyler Schwisow - Biology

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Master of Arts in Art Therapy & Counseling

Cerra Dejulis

Elizabeth Louise Eames

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Lily Phuong Thao Duong

MaryEllen Gust

Shelby Cheyenne Simonton

Taylor Sage Wright-Lemasters

Ashley Danielle Yoho

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Master of Science in Criminology

Kayla Marie Gudeczaukas

Mark Aaron Huff

Jacob Sean Jeffries

Zachary Trainum

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Master of Science in Dental Hygiene

Kayla R. Millhone

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Master of Science in Exercise Physiology

Gabriella Guldin

Olivia Kniola

CANDIDATES FOR THE

*Master of Science in Speech Language
Pathology*

Reese Burnside

Alexis R. DeMarco

Shelby Nicole Ferrell

Sydney Elizabeth Hickman

Kara J. Kapiskosky

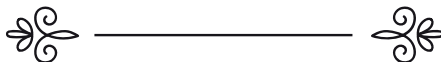
Alessa Luckino

Marlee Claire Porter

Kennedy Paige Rine

Sabrina Townsend Sauer

Samuel Gaston Selph



CANDIDATES FOR THE

College of Sciences

Associates Degrees

	Aliyah Faith Bennett	Dental Hygiene
∞	Sarah Elizabeth Booth	Dental Hygiene
	Kennedy Elizabeth Brown	Dental Hygiene
**	Mikenzie Rae Cieszeski	Dental Hygiene
*∞	Madelyn Grace Cisar	Dental Hygiene
*	Abigail Connolly	Dental Hygiene
	Emily Marie Crooks	Dental Hygiene
√	Abigale Pigott	Dental Hygiene
*∞	Isabella Grace Dart	Dental Hygiene
*	Isabella Nicole Gilkerson	Dental Hygiene
	Emily Lane Griffith	Dental Hygiene
	Teya Kristine Hall	Dental Hygiene
	Mackenzie Jade Jacobs	Dental Hygiene
*	Jasmine Renee Judy	Dental Hygiene
	Amber Lacienski	Dental Hygiene
***	Leah Nicole Loudin	Dental Hygiene
	Jenna Rae MacAlister	Dental Hygiene
	Ella Michelle McFarland	Dental Hygiene
	Katelyn McGuire	Dental Hygiene
*	Isabella Grace McKee	Dental Hygiene
**	Madison Marie Mumaw	Dental Hygiene
*	Adriana Renee Pratt	Dental Hygiene
	Atrooba Rehman	Dental Hygiene
	Carsyn Nicole Reynolds	Dental Hygiene
	Olivia Nicole Rock	Dental Hygiene
	Marissa Mae Scott	Dental Hygiene
	Ava Nicole Shane	Dental Hygiene
*	Alexis Brooke Sivard	Dental Hygiene
	Madilyn Danae Smith	Dental Hygiene
	Lillian Grace Snyder	Dental Hygiene
	Ashlyn Marie Tapman	Dental Hygiene
*	Daniel Thornton	Dental Hygiene
	Sydney Joy Wedeven	Dental Hygiene
***∞	Isabella Brenae Zobel	Dental Hygiene

CANDIDATES FOR THE

College of Sciences

Bachelor Degrees

*** § ¶	Brett Joseph Adkins	Zoo Science
*** ¶	Leah Brooke Alford	Pre-Professional Speech Pathology/ Audiology
	Beatrice Cyndi Allan	Nursing
* ∞	Allison Virginia Amos	Psychology
	Ayden Ainsley Ash	Zoo Science
*	Rylee James Bachmann	Medical Laboratory Science
*	Angelina Yasmine Baker	Psychology
	Allysa Marie Baldwin	Dental Hygiene
** f	Brynne Jane Barger	Zoo Science
** ∞	Abigail Christine Barki	Biology Pre-Medicine
	Aliyah Faith Bennett	Dental Hygiene
	Alexa Paige Birkett	Nursing
*** ¶	Marissa Ann Bledsoe	Zoo Science
	Audrey Marie Blust	Human Biology
∞	Sarah Elizabeth Booth	Dental Hygiene
	Jasper Lee Brown	General Biology
	Kennedy Elizabeth Brown	Dental Hygiene
*** ∞	Mckenna Ann Calahan	Nursing
	Abigail Nicole Calvert	Nursing
¶	Sage Cassata	Biology, Life Sciences
** f	Madeline Paige Cecil	Zoo Science
	Olivia Erin Charlton	Nursing
*** f	Patrick Childers	Environmental Stewardship and Education
**	Mikenzie Rae Cieszeski	Dental Hygiene
* ∞	Madelyn Grace Cisar	Dental Hygiene
*	Abigail Connolly	Dental Hygiene
** ∞	Jaden Lee Conrad	Human Biology
* f	Kyra Ann Cook	Zoo Science/Environmental Stewardship and Education
**	Covey Mae Critchley	Dental Hygiene
	Emily Marie Crooks	Dental Hygiene
*** € ∞	Ashley Michelle Cudnik	Pre-Professional Speech Pathology/ Audiology

∞	Abigale Pigott	Dental Hygiene
*∞	Isabella Grace Dart	Dental Hygiene
	Shania Davis	Human Biology
**∞	Ryan M. Defibaugh	Psychology
*f	Alexis Jadyndi DiGiandomenico	Human Biology
**	Ashley Dingess	Dental Hygiene
***∞	Maryn Elizabeth Donnelly	Pre-Professional Speech Pathology/ Audiology
	Benjamin D. Foster	Nursing
*	Erin Elizabeth Gamble	Dental Hygiene
*	Isabella Nicole Gilkerson	Dental Hygiene
∞	Natalie M. Gillis	Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology
**	Kearsten Ann Givens	Psychology
	Brianna Rose Glosser	Biology
	Emily Lane Griffith	Dental Hygiene
*	Kinsley Gwinn	Dental Hygiene
	Kayla Renee Hall	Psychology
	Teya Kristine Hall	Dental Hygiene
	Alexandra Elizabeth Harlowe	Dental Hygiene
*∞	Jarynn Lee Hartman	Nursing
*¶	Scott Andrew Hatfield	General Biology
***∞	Taylor Malee Haught	Psychology
	Sarah J. Henry	Nursing - RN to BSN
¶	Emma Jo Hockman	Nursing
	Savannah Marie Holbrook	BA/BS to BS in Nursing
***∞	Gracie Marie Ice	Pre-Professional Speech Pathology/ Audiology
	Mackenzie Jade Jacobs	Dental Hygiene
	Madalyn Emma Johnson	Human Biology
	Lauren Johnston	Zoo Science
*	Jasmine Renee Judy	Dental Hygiene
*f	Chloe A. Kenamond	Pre-Veterinary
**	Marisa Rae Knouff	Zoo Science
	Tara Renee Lanham	Nursing
*¶	Brandon Michael Lawhon	Human Biology
	Carlee Ann-Marie Leidy	Nursing
***	Katarah L. Linger	Psychology

***	Leah Nicole Loudin	Dental Hygiene
	Jenna Rae MacAlister	Dental Hygiene
	Hannah Kaylyn-Joy Main I	Psychology
	Camryn Joy McClellan	Psychology
	Ella Michelle McFarland	Dental Hygiene
*	Isabella Grace McKee	Dental Hygiene
	Nia Marie Miranda	Nursing
*f	Kaitlynn Mirides	Zoo Science
**	Madison Marie Mumaw	Dental Hygiene
***	Kaelyn Brooke Oliver	Psychology
¶	Lakin C. Plott	Medical Laboratory Science
*	Sofia Elizabeth Poludniak	Zoo Science
***¶	Allison Elizabeth Post	Zoo Science/Pre-Veterinary
*	Adriana Renee Pratt	Dental Hygiene
	Atrooba Rehman	Dental Hygiene
	Carsyn Nicole Reynolds	Dental Hygiene
**	Brookelyn Danae Reynolds	Pre-Professional Speech Pathology/ Audiology
∞	Savana G. Rinchetti	Nursing
**¶	Kayla Ann Robare	Medical Laboratory Science
	Emma Rogers	Pre-Professional Speech Pathology/ Audiology
*	Stephanie Anne Santilli	Pre-Professional Speech Pathology/ Audiology
*	Alexis Scott	Human Biology
	Marissa Mae Scott	Dental Hygiene
**¶	Nicholas D. Sessums	Environmental Stewardship and Education
f	Brooke Michal Shaffer	Zoo Science
∞	Haeley Marie Shaffer	Pre-Veterinary
	Nolan Chance Shimp	Zoo Science
**	Matthew S. Shuttleworth	Zoo Science
*	Alexis Brooke Sivard	Dental Hygiene
	Madilyn Danae Smith	Dental Hygiene
*** €¶	Halley Theresa Smith	Medical Laboratory Science
*∞	Grace Ellen Smith	Nursing
	Lillian Grace Snyder	Dental Hygiene
	Jessica L. Sonda	Nursing
***∞	Emily Kate Stotts	Interdisciplinary Studies

	Ashlyn Marie Tapman	Dental Hygiene
*f	Alexandria Marie Tarr	Biology Pre-Medicine
*f	Tiana Tauber	Nursing
**	Abigail L. Templeton	Psychology
***∞	Elisa Laurene Thompson	Zoo Science/Environmental Stewardship and Education
*	Daniel Thornton	Dental Hygiene
*	Sydney Toriseva	Psychology
	Tatum Rylie Verner	Zoo Science
*∞	Matthew Jacob Weber	General Science Education
	Sydney Joy Wedeven	Dental Hygiene
*	Emily Faith Weekley	Pre-Professional Speech Pathology/ Audiology
	Hailey West	Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology
f	Benni Nicol Winland	Medical Laboratory Science
***¶	Caroline Woody	Human Biology
**∞	Lauren K. Wright	Nursing
**¶	Alison Kate Wyer	Zoo Science
***	Katie J. Yohman	Psychology
**	Victoria Hope Yost	Nursing
*** €∞	Mia Eva Zecca	Biology Pre-Medicine
***∞	Isabella Brenae Zobel	Dental Hygiene
*	Makayla Rae Zoellers	Zoo Science

CANDIDATES FOR THE

Gary E. West College of Business

Bachelor Degrees

**f	Robert MacKenzie Allen	Sport Management
	Jaedon Alston	General Business
	Alexander Michael Anderson	Accounting
*	Emily Bailey	Marketing
***∞	Olivia Renee Baker	Accounting/Computer Information Systems
*	Kaiden Beck	Management
***∞	Parker Bentley	General Business
	Sidney Marie Blankenship	Management
	Nikolas A. Brown	Computer Information Systems

*** € 11	Brianna Burruss	Marketing/Health Care Management
*** ∞	Logan James Carpenter	Accounting
	Kaylee Nicole Church	General Business
*** € f	Dominic Joseph Cipriani	Financial Planning
	Ella Marie Costain	Marketing
** f	Michael Allen Dauch	Accounting
	Ryan Dinger	Accounting
*** € ∞	Dorde Donovic	Accounting/Financial Planning
*	Matthew Englehardt	Management
** ∞	Aiden Ferguson	Computer Information Systems/ Cybersecurity
	Zachary Fluharty	Sport Management
**	Ellinor Anna Rebecka Jansson	Marketing
	Brayden Michael Kell	Management
	Ridge Leelas Kidder	Accounting
	Julian Lamb	General Business
	Matthew Craig Lancaster	Computer Information Systems
*** ∞	Waylon Cash Moore	Cybersecurity/Computer Information Systems
**	Nia Moore	Marketing
	Kayla Rose Moore	General Business
	Jarrett Moore	General Business
*	Jacob Cole North	Marketing
	Tanner Patrick Pelaez	Management
	Brooke Lanie Perri	Media Communication
	Ryan A. Pigott	General Business
	Devon Edric Rayford II	Marketing
	Murahari Sampathkumar	General Business
	Mouhamed Sidibe	Accounting
**	Max Silverthorn	Sport Management
***	Jillian Brooke Timberlake	Accounting
	Liam Edward Vinskovich	Computer Information Systems
**	Oskar Friedrich Voges	Accounting
	Alexander Watt	Sport Management
	Brianna R. Wolfe	Management
***	Grace Yoder	Sport Management
*** £ 11	Ryan Gabriel Zumpano	Computer Information Systems

CANDIDATES FOR THE

College of Education and Human Performance

Bachelor Degrees

	Toby John Abbott	Health & Physical Education
	Shane Micheal Anderson	Health & Physical Education
	BriJaun Cortez Baylor	Health & Physical Education
**∞	Leah George Baynham	Elementary Education
	Nate I. Black	Social Studies Education
	Navaeh Raelyn Cook	Exercise Physiology
***€	Andrea Gabrielle Dubiel	Art Education
***€∞	Olivia Fankhauser	Elementary Education
***€¶	Delaney Lee Finsley	Elementary Education
*	Mark Daniel Gescheider	Art Education
f	Curtis Nicholas Hayes	Health & Physical Education
**	Ally R. Hicks	Exercise Physiology
	Jenna Marie Hill	Elementary Education
***∞	Grace Hill	Elementary Education
	Marissa Jacklyn Howard	Exercise Physiology
	Avery Elizabeth Kemp	Social Studies Education
	Lillian Grace Koval	Inclusive Early Childhood Education
	Gavin Thomas Lake	Exercise Physiology
	Adreanne Langley	Elementary Education
f	Hailey M. Lewis	Music Education
**	Luke Anthony Marsh	Exercise Physiology
*	Josie Lynn Martin	Elementary Education
	Dominic C. Mazur	Health & Physical Education
*¶	Ciarán Emerson Moyer	Social Studies Education
*	Bryson Charles Neidigh	Elementary Education
f	Bryson Phipps	General Science Education
***€	Zoe Margaret Porbin	Exercise Physiology
**	Jacob Shimble	Social Studies Education
	Katarina Elizabeth Shultz	Exercise Physiology
	Sara Grace Simon	Exercise Physiology
	Skyelar Raine Smith	Exercise Physiology
	Alyssa Dawn Stock	Music Education
**	Steven Edward Street	Music Education

	Francis Richard Toohey	Health & Physical Education
**	Kaylee Marie VanSickle	Elementary Education
**f	Maria Catherine Yates	Music Education

CANDIDATES FOR THE

College of Liberal and Creative Arts

Bachelor Degrees

*	Alex L Baker	Broadcasting
*	Jaeden Blake	Social Work
	Sydney Nicole Bodak	Visual Communication
***¶	Breanna Autumn Boogaart	Visual Communication
	Pearce A. Butler	Digital Media Design
	Madison Mae Cadle	Social Work
**	Mia Elizabeth Camilletti	Social Work
	Luke Patrick Canestraro	Criminal Justice
	Rhiannon Caitlyn Christmas	Criminal Justice
*	Grace Anne Clifton	Social Work
	Morgan Cowgill	Visual Communication
	Lexee Taylor David	Political Science
**§¶	Daisy G. Deaton	Theater
**	Travis Degarmo	Regents Degree Program
	Jordan Marie Derring	Theater
	Hunter Andrew Dodson	Media Communication
***€§¶	Abigail Faith Farnsworth	Social Work
*	Cheyenne Kateri Fillipovich	Visual Communication
	Brady Harman	Criminal Justice
	Deborah Lee Headley	Regents Degree Program
	Ethan David Hines	Criminal Justice
∞	Jaedyn Briuana Hissam	English Pre-Law
**	Morgan Paige Howard	Visual Communication
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THE *Alma Mater*

West Liberty University's alma mater was created by Paul and Helen Elbin. Dr. and Mrs. Elbin wrote the lyrics, setting them to a European hymn entitled "Father in Heaven," composed by Friedrich Flemming. In 1935, the song officially became the institution's alma mater.

Sing of our college, old West Liberty.

High in the hills she stands; higher still her standards.

Pride of the young and old; worthy our devotion

Hail to West Liberty!

**Many thy sons and daughters who have carried
thy name to greater heights in the fields of service.**

May we uphold thy cause as have those before us.

Hail to West Liberty!

**Though we must leave thee, we shall e'er be loyal;
true to thy high ideals and the bonds of friendship;**

striving to serve thee in thy great endeavor,

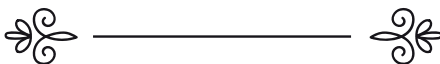
Dear Old West Liberty!



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WLU aspires to offer innovative, inclusive, and inspirational opportunities that prepare graduates to be leaders in their communities and professions.





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