Alma Mater

On the banks of the Great Kanawha
Reared against the sky
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
As the years go by.
Forward ever be our progress,
Honor and Protect,
Hail to thee our Alma Mater
West Virginia Tech.
Commencement Ritual and Attire

The procedure followed for the awarding of degrees at West Virginia University Institute of Technology and most other American universities is based on a practice developed at the University of Paris almost 800 years ago. In those days, the Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop, was responsible for local educational matters. As the new university developed, he quite naturally claimed authority over curriculum and degree-granting. His authority in these matters, however, soon came to be disputed by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of their students.

This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise, under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the bishop for their degrees. In today’s ceremony you will see a secularized version of that procedure. Student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees in a process certified by the academic leaders of the their respective schools. The institution president, as representative of the Higher Education Policy Commission, has replaced the bishop as the governing authority, then authorizes the awarding of the degrees.

The caps and gowns worn by the graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. The black gowns worn by the master’s and doctoral degree holders differ in design and ornamentation, particularly in the sleeves. The cap is the black mortarboard with the tassel worn over the left front. (Undergraduate candidates shift the tassel from the right to the left at the time their degrees are conferred.) The gold stole or cords worn by some undergraduate degree candidates signifies the achievement of academic honors. Red, white and blue cords may be worn by veteran and military affiliated students. White stoles may be worn by student-athletes.

Hoods symbolize the master’s and doctoral degrees, the latter being slightly longer. The lining of the hoods, folded out, bear the official colors of the institution from which the degree was received, and the color of the velvet on all hoods indicates the field of study as follows:

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The mace is a symbolic tradition that originated during the Middle Ages. The University Marshal brings this ornamental staff of authority to the platform and taps it three times to signify the beginning of the ceremony. It represents the official authority of the University president and precedes him or her during Commencement and inauguration.
Commencement Honors

Presidential Leadership Award

The Presidential Leadership Award, established by Dr. Leonard C. Nelson in 1978, is awarded to one student in each college who not only has achieved academic excellence, but also has demonstrated an extensive involvement in campus and community activities. The purpose of the award is to recognize one student from each college who has given unstintingly of their time in leadership positions, while maintaining standards of academic excellence. The characteristics highlighted by the award are academic achievement; involvement in community activities; outstanding representation of the college in local, state and national forums; and outstanding leadership exhibited in student organizations, campus committees or other college-related activities.

Graduation with Honors

WVU Tech recognizes distinguished academic achievement by awarding degrees cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. This distinction can be awarded on initial baccalaureate and specified entry-level professional degrees. Students who received academic forgiveness are not eligible to graduate with honors. All eligible candidates for a baccalaureate with a GPA of 3.8 or higher graduate summa cum laude. Those with a grade point average of less than 3.8, but equal to or above 3.6, graduate magna cum laude. Those with a GPA of less than 3.6, but equal to or above 3.4, graduate cum laude.

The GPA for honors consideration is based on WVUIT baccalaureate-level college work attempted through the final semester. This calculation includes baccalaureate-level college work transferred to WVUIT from higher education institutions attended. Credit hours earned with a grade of P or S are not considered in the determination. However, failing grades are computed as hours attempted. Students must meet residency requirements at WVUIT to be considered for graduation with honors.

Order of Exercises

Prelude

Prelude No. 1 by Johann Sebastian Bach

Proceessional

“Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar

National Anthem

Hillary Parcell, ’08, MSN, RN, CNE
Chair, WVU School of Nursing - Beckley Campus

Greetings to Graduates

Cortney Barko, Ph.D.
Chair, Faculty Assembly
Associate Professor of English
Sam Miller
President, Student Government Association

Conferring of Presidential Leadership Awards and Awardee Remarks

Joan Neff, Ph.D.
Chair, Academic Awards Committee
Professor of Criminal Justice
Makenzie Holley
Presidential Leadership Awardee
College of Business, Humanities and Social Sciences
Carmen Camino Falcon
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Presentation of Candidates for Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas*

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Conferring of Degrees* and Presidential Remarks

T. Ramon Stuart, Ph.D.
President

Tech Golden Bear Alumni Association Induction

Mike Fry, ’84
President, Tech Golden Bear Alumni Association

Alma Mater

Hillary Parcell, ’08, MSN, RN, CNE
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Recessional

“Somewhere”

The Assembly will remain in place until after the recessional.

*Subject to completion of degree requirements.

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- **Elle Linnea Baker**
- **Nathaniel Scott Bayless**
- **Ian B. Bibb**
- **Bridget Dawn Browning**
- **Cole Z. Cline**
- **Candace Paige Crawford**
- **Sydney Jewelian Feazell**
- **Alex K. Head**
- **Coleson Honaker**
- **Emma M. Jarrell**
- **Brooklynn Lafferty**
- **Peyton Lilly**
- **Tyler William Meador**
- **Alexis Renee Moore**
- **Guy Edward Myers**
- **Evelyn Kate Patterson**
- **Paul Payne**
- **Hannah M. Shufflebarger**
- **John Jeffrey Tabor III**
- **Faith Marie Tharp**

### Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
- **Ana Muniz Rocandio**

### Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- **Brooklynn Lafferty**
- **Evelyn Kate Patterson**
- **Faith Marie Tharp**

### Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- **Logan Isaac Allen**
- **Ashley Dawn Lanham**
- **Tyler Wilkinson**
- **Diego Leonardo Lopez**

### Bachelor of Science in Construction Management
- **Dane Edward Chapman**
- **Matthew Randolph**
- **Isaiah L. Smerecanisky**
- **Jacob Sheldon Stone**
- **Nathan Kyle Williams**

### Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- **Dominic Miller Bacho**
- **Landon Michael Bailey**
- **Eric C. Brouwer**
- **Zachary Caleb Bowling**
- **Ryan Joseph Craze**
- **Ethan Christopher Stack**
- **Andrew Kenneth Andersen Stanley**
- **Guillermo Uichchi**

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- **Adam Daniel Cox**
- **Jaden Michael Lagos**

### Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
- **Henry Thaddeus Cerceone**
- **Jacob R. Holcomb**
- **Ethan E. Lamberti**
- **Clayton Wesley Miller**
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- **Ricardo Jubel Rodriguez**
- **Christopher Caleb Smith**
- **Caleb Alan Wells**

### Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology
- **Emily Anne O’Neill LeMaster**
- **Logan Christopher Pennington**

### Bachelor of Science in Information Systems
- **Deon Kayne Clements**
- **Evan Matthew Dawson**
- **Everett Kelly Krantz**
- **Seth A. Lusk**
- **Jacob D. Peters**
- **Andrew D. Richards**
- **Timothy Allen Trader Jr.**
- **John Wetzel Jr.**

### Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- **Carmen Camino Falcon**

### Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- **Brock Nathaniel Arthur**
- **Josiah Alexander Baker**
- **Caleb Ball**
- **Cody Wayne Blankenship**
- **Dylan Shane Davis**
- **Ethan D. Davis**
- **Lachlan Noel Gallagher**
- **Dakota James Kincaid**
- **Alejandro Moreno Escritano**
- **Naushum Nivillac**
- **Josee Nunez**
- **Colton Randolph Pearson**
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