

NEWS AND INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR UNIVERSITY

- WVU ranks nationally in the number of students who have garnered prestigious scholarships, including 25 Rhodes Scholars, 19 Truman Scholars, 30 Goldwater Scholars, 2 British Marshall Scholars, 2 Morris K. Udall Scholars, 1 Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholar, five USA Today All-USA College Academic First Team Members and 11 academic team honorees.
- In 2006, the only student in America to win both a Truman and a Goldwater Scholarship was WVU student Rebecca McCauley.
- Fall 2008 enrollment stood at 28,840, with students from all 55 West Virginia counties, 49 states, the District of Columbia, 2 Territories (Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands) and 99 nations.
- WVU has excellent faculty—16 of whom have been named Carnegie Foundation Professors of the Year. The student-to-faculty ration is 23:1.
- WVU is a Research University (High Research Activity) as classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Faculty conduct \$141 million annually in sponsored contracts and research grants.
- WVU has 13 colleges and schools offering 185 bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional degree programs in the arts and sciences; business and economics; creative arts; engineering and mineral resources; human resources and education; journalism; law; agriculture, forestry, and consumer sciences; dentistry; medicine; nursing; pharmacy; physical education; plus the WVU Honors College and programs at Potomac State College.
- WVU recently became the Federal Bureau of Investigation's lead academic partner in biometrics research. The FBI's Biometric Center of Excellence will rely on biometrics research being conducted at WVU, providing students with an academic opportunity that they will not find at any other institution in the United States.
- Chartered in 1873, the WVU Alumni Association is made up of more than 170,000 graduates worldwide in some 100 affiliated chapters.
- WVU's graduate engineering program was ranked among the best in the nation by the 2007 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* America's Best Colleges.
- More than 800 students participate in University-led study abroad programs and international exchanges.
- Approximately \$8 million a year in scholarships and aid is awarded by the WVU Scholars Program; more than 5,000 students benefit from this program annually. In addition, there are many different types of scholarships available based on academic record, financial need, group affiliation, or some combination of these factors.
- WVU has one of the safest college campuses in America, with 24-hour police protection and 37 outdoor emergency phones. In 2008, Reader's Digest ranked WVU 18th among 135 U.S. colleges and universities for safety. WVU earned an A for its strong commitment to safety, including the addition of a new Web-based text message alert system, improved lighting, student walking patrols, additional first responder training, and more.
- Students can choose from over 300 student organizations, or participate in an active intramural program or variety of club sports.
- The Mountaineer Parents Club, with more than 20,000 members in clubs across the state and nation, fosters success by connecting parents and family members with the student experience.
- WVU's mix of historic and modern facilities includes 188 buildings on 1,099 acres. A Student Recreation Center, Life Sciences Building, library, and residence hall have been added in recent years, and another residence hall is under construction. There have also been major renovations to several buildings.
- The WVU Debate Team concluded the fall 2006 semester ranked 25th in National Debate Tournament rankings while managing a collective 3.82 grade point average.
- WVU was cited as one of the nation's best workplaces for commuters by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation in May 2006 for its innovative and effective transportation services for employees and students.
- A *Woman's Guide to Law School* ranked the WVU College of Law as the number-one school in its category for women seeking a legal education.
- WVU is designated as one of America's 100 Best College Buys by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc.



MEET WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY'S 23RD PRESIDENT

Dr. James P. Clements has been selected as WVU's 23rd president. Carolyn Long, Board of Governor's chairwoman, announced Clements as the BOG's unanimous selection for WVU's highest post at a press conference Friday, March 7, 2009.

Dr. Clements has been Provost of Towson University, the second largest public university in Maryland, since 2007. Clements said he plans to hit the ground running. He'll officially become president June 30, but, in upcoming months, will start his transition work at WVU and will finish projects he started at Towson.

He conveys great enthusiasm and energy for the future of West Virginia University. Dr. Clements envisions WVU as a Carnegie "very high research activity" institution with innovative academic and student life programs that contribute to higher retention and graduation rates. He said he plans to increase WVU's graduation and retention rates, work to keep tuition affordable and expand financial aid, "pump up" recreation sports, work to increase faculty salaries and benefits, recruit and retain quality faculty members, reduce the student-to-faculty ratio, improve WVU's relationship with the community, and increase funding for research.

Prior to becoming provost, Dr. Clements served at Towson University as vice president for economic and community outreach from 2004-2007, executive director for the Center for Applied Information Technology from 1999-2003, and chair of the Department of Computer Information Sciences from 1997-1999, where he had been on the faculty since 1989. As vice president for economic and community outreach, he forged stronger links between the university and community, ultimately securing more than \$50 million in external funding during a four-year period.

Dr. Clements has a B.S. in computer science and an M.S. and Ph.D. in operations analysis from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as an M.S. in computer science from Johns Hopkins University. His project management textbook, in its 4th edition, is used in more than 20 countries and is published in four languages. He and his wife, Beth, have one son and three daughters: Tyler, 16; twins Hannah and Maggie, 13; and Grace, 8.

ABOUT US...

From quality academic programs and outstanding, caring faculty to incredible facilities and a campus environment that focuses on students, WVU is a place where dreams come true. A tradition of academic excellence attracts exceptional high school seniors.

Unique student-centered initiatives extend learning beyond the classroom. Resident Faculty Leaders live next to the residence halls to mentor students, and WVU All Night provides free food and activities on weekends as an alternative to the bar scene. The Student Recreation Center includes athletic courts, pools, weight/fitness equipment, and a 50-foot indoor climbing wall.

WVU is classified as a Research University (High Research Activity) by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching based on the complexity and breadth of its mission. Funding from external sources for total sponsored programs is \$138 million. WVU is affiliated with the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute, dedicated to the study of Alzheimer's and other diseases that affect the brain.

The Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center is located on the Evansdale Campus and houses the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy. These schools grant doctoral and professional degrees in 16 different fields, as well as a variety of other Master's and Bachelor's degrees. For 2009, U.S. News and World Report ranked WVU's Medical School ninth overall in the nation for rural medicine.

Also located on the Health Sciences Campus is WVU's local teaching hospital, Ruby Memorial Hospital, which is one of only two designated Trauma I hospitals in the state and has also been designated a magnet hospital for its ability to attract and retain high quality nursing staff.

West Virginia University was the first in the world to establish a bachelor of science degree in Biometric Systems. In 2003 the university also founded the initial chapter of the Student Society for the Advancement of Biometrics. The program, located in the Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, provides a firm understanding of the underlying electrical engineering and computer engineering disciplines that support biometric applications.

In addition to its 15 colleges and schools, WVU also has a nationally recognized forensic science program. Originally created through a partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the program is accredited by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and is the official library holdings repository for the International Association for Identification. Forensic facilities include "crime-scene" houses and vehicles that can be altered and adapted to give students hands-on experience, as well as traditional laboratories and classrooms which are now housed in the recently renovated Ming Hsieh Hall adjacent to Oglebay Hall.

More information about the University can be found at www.wvu.edu.