

108<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT AND THE  
INAUGURATION OF THE THIRTEENTH PRESIDENT

May 4, 2024 • 9:00 AM • Hart International Plaza

Processional *	"Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1" <i>Sir Edward Elgar</i>
Welcome	Dr. Delia Heck <i>Provost</i>
National Anthem *	Ms. Emily Blankenship-Tucker, Ms. Rachel Blankenship-Tucker and Ms. Emily Walker '25 <i>Members, Orchestra Appalachia</i>
Invocation *	Pastor Michael Little <i>Chaplain</i>
Announcements and Introductions	Dr. Heck
Introduction of the Chair of the Board of Trustees	Dr. Mirta M. Martin <i>President</i>
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Mr. D. Scott Showalter '73 <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
Investiture	Mr. Showalter
"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" <i>James Milton Black</i>	Ms. Blankenship-Tucker, Ms. Blankenship-Tucker, Ms. Aryahna Tyree '27 and Ms. Walker <i>Members, Orchestra Appalachia</i>
Opening Remarks	Dr. Martin
Introduction of Senior Class Speaker	Dr. Martin
Senior Class Address and Announcement of Senior Class Gift	Ms. M'kayla McBride '24 <i>Senior Class President</i>
Convening of Commencement Ceremony	Dr. Martin
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. Martin

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**Commencement Address**

The Honorable Winsome Earle-Sears  
*Lieutenant Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia*

**Conferral of Honorary Degree**

Dr. Martin

**Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees,  
Conferral of Graduate Degrees and Recognition of  
Graduate Candidates**

Dr. Martin, Dr. Heck  
and Dr. Jason Powell  
*Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs  
and Chief Innovation and Research Officer*

**Presentation of Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees  
and Conferral of Undergraduate Degrees**

Dr. Martin and Dr. Heck

**Recognition of Senior Academic Excellence Awards  
Recipients and Boone Honors Program Scholars**

Dr. Martin, Dr. Heck,  
Dr. Tim Daniels  
*Dean of Faculty*  
and Dr. Lana Whited  
*Professor of English  
Director, Boone Honors Program*

**Recognition of Undergraduate Candidates**

Dr. Powell and Dr. Daniels

**Introduction of Alumni Board of Directors President**

Dr. Martin

**Alumni Association Welcome and Oath**

Mr. J. Glynn Loope '86  
*President, Alumni Board of Directors*

**Closing**

Dr. Martin

**Alma Mater \*\***

Mr. Mike Ferguson '81  
*accompanied by Orchestra Appalachia*

Down in old Virginia where the mountains meet the sky;  
Proudly stands the Alma Mater so beloved that you and I sing  
Hail to dear old Ferrum, we will cherish thee for Ay;  
Strive to bring thee honor as we journey on our way.

**Recessional \***

"Water Music: Allegro and Bourree"  
*George Frideric Handel*

*\* The audience will please stand.*

*\*\* The audience will please stand and sing. Music may be found at the end of the program.*

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