

108TH COMMENCEMENT AND THE
INAUGURATION OF THE THIRTEENTH PRESIDENT

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

Processional *

"Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1"
Sir Edward Elgar

Welcome

Dr. Delia Heck
Provost

National Anthem *

Ms. Emily Blankenship-Tucker,
Ms. Rachel Blankenship-Tucker and Ms. Emily Walker '25
Members, Orchestra Appalachia

Invocation *

Pastor Michael Little
Chaplain

Announcements and Introductions

Dr. Heck

Introduction of the Chair of the Board of Trustees

Dr. Mirta M. Martin
President

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Mr. D. Scott Showalter '73
Chair, Board of Trustees

Investiture

Mr. Showalter

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

James Milton Black

Ms. Blankenship-Tucker,
Ms. Blankenship-Tucker,
Ms. Aryahna Tyree '27 and Ms. Walker
Members, Orchestra Appalachia

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
Senior Class President

Convening of Commencement Ceremony

Dr. Martin

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Dr. Martin

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.