

**Inauguration of
President Marie Foster Gnage
WVU Parkersburg
Multi-Purpose Room
Saturday, April 2, 2005, 2:00 P.M.**

Program Script
*(Italics are stage directions,
musical directions or other non-speaking directions)*

1:00 p.m. **OPEN DOORS TO MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

1:15 p.m. *(Robing should be taking place in Student Lounge area. Each group should be assigned to a room with a coordinator: Platform party and VIPs (library), delegates, faculty/staff, WVU and WVU-P Cabinets.)*

1:30 p.m. **PRELUDE** performed by the Eastlawn Brass Quintet.
(At this time, procession line up begins. Delegates line up in the order in which their institutions were founded. Faculty/staff line up behind Delegates. Platform party begins assembling behind Faculty/Staff. Marshals assist with this lineup.)

1:45 p.m. *College Ambassadors (ushers) will escort speakers who are not on platform to special seating and public officials/VIPs/board members not participating in the processional, Marie's family and special friends, Mrs. Hardesty to reserved area. Ushers will also escort WVU and WVU-P Cabinet members to reserved seating behind faculty seating.*

1:50 p.m. *Unfilled VIP seats go to general audience.*

2:00 p.m. *Unseated audience members are held at doors until Processional is completed. Joe Campbell and Jack Neilson advance to stage from side; Campbell goes to podium, Neilson stands in front of his chair.)*

(MUSIC by the *Eastlawn Brass* pauses.)

(Notes - Presidential medallion is attached to front side of podium with ribbon. Mace stand is adjacent to podium.)

ANNOUNCE PROCESSIONAL

2:00 p.m.

CAMPBELL:

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of everyone at West Virginia University at Parkersburg, I bid you welcome to this historic occasion! We are pleased to gather for the inauguration ceremony of the sixth president of West Virginia University at

Parkersburg. In keeping with the dignity of this ceremony, please turn off your cell phones and pagers. Ladies and gentlemen, please stand for the processional.

PROCESSIONAL

(Processional music begins.)

(WVU Parkersburg Grand Marshal Ron Atkinson holding the Mace leads the delegates. When the procession is a third of the way down the aisle...)

CAMPBELL:

Bearing the Mace of West Virginia University, the WVU Parkersburg Grand Marshal, Ron Atkinson, professor of social sciences and chair of the Social Sciences Division

The Distinguished Delegates, representing colleges and universities across West Virginia and the United States...

(Ron directs the delegates to their seating. Ron stays positioned in aisle. Delegates remain standing.)

(Marshals Maggie Berdine and Gary Waggoner lead Faculty/Staff and Cabinets [of those members who choose to march] to their seats on left.

CAMPBELL: *(as Faculty/Staff line begins marching down the aisle.)*

Members of the Esteemed Faculty and Staff of West Virginia University at Parkersburg and Cabinet representatives from West Virginia University and WVU Parkersburg ...

(Once faculty/staff/cabinets are standing in place, Marshals proceed to back of multi-purpose room.)

(The Platform Party is waiting until the floor seating is nearly completed. Ron goes back with Marshals to lead Platform Party to stage. Ron nods to Mr. Campbell when Party is ready to proceed. Ron and one Marshal lead the Party down the aisle with other Marshal following last Platform Party member and before the President. President will march alone.)

CAMPBELL: *(As Platform Party processes down aisle, Campbell announces names. Participants in today's Inauguration ceremony (pause) ...*

David C. Hardesty, Jr., president of West Virginia University

Dr. Gerald Lang, provost of West Virginia University

Kay Goodwin, WV Secretary of Education and the Arts

Chancellor Jim Skidmore of the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education

Bruce Flack, Director of Academic Affairs/Interim Vice Chancellor of State Colleges of the Higher Education Policy Commission

Paul Chewning, president of the WV Independent Colleges & Universities

Dr. Joseph Badgley, dean of academic affairs at West Virginia University at Parkersburg

(Marshal at the head of the Party mounts stage and leads group to seating. Ron waits on stage. Other Marshal remains at back of Party. The President is the last member of the Platform Party and will be announced before she begins walking down the aisle with a fanfare. All the Platform Party should be standing at their seats before this takes place.)

*Processional music changes to **FANFARE** (5-10 seconds) to announce President (pause)*

CAMPBELL:

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, the sixth President of West Virginia University at Parkersburg ...Dr. Marie Foster Gnage *(pause)*

*Music changes to **PROCESSIONAL** after Fanfare.*

(Processional music continues as the President marches { applause } to the stage, walks to chair and stands. [applause] Ron proceeds to place the Mace in holder and then leaves stage to sit with faculty. Marshals move to bell, ring it three times and then join faculty.

CAMPBELL:

And now it is my pleasure to introduce Dr. Gerald Lang, provost of West Virginia University, who will serve as the master of ceremonies. Dr. Lang ...

(Campbell returns to his seat.)

LANG:

Thank you, Chairman Campbell, and good afternoon. Please stand and remain standing for the presentation of colors by Parkersburg Boy Scout Troup 7 followed by the singing of our National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Honor Guard marches in and presents colors.

(Platform party is standing, hands over hearts, look at flag, stage right. Lang leads group in pledge.) Honor Guard exits.

LANG:

The Rev. Jack Neilson, former chair of the college's Board of Visitors, will present meditative reflections.

Rev. Neilson speaks and then returns to his seat.

LANG:

Under the direction of Professor H.G. Young, the College Chorale will perform in honor of President Gnage.

(Chorale performs and then exits)

LANG:

Thank you, Professor Young ... The inauguration of a college president offers an opportunity for reflection, as we envision an institution's moment in time which is part of a much larger intellectual tradition reaching back centuries to the Old World centers of learning. Today, we welcome the Delegates from other colleges and universities.

(applause.)

LANG:

And we greet the members of the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Faculty and Staff.

(applause.)

LANG:

We acknowledge the cabinets from West Virginia University and West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

(applause)

LANG:

We welcome you from the campuses and centers of West Virginia University and its regional campuses, from across the state of West Virginia and from the many regions of this great nation. Your presence acknowledges your commitment to the future of this college under the leadership of Marie Foster Gnage. We are honored to have all of you here as well as to host this distinguished Platform Party, whose members have come together today to bring greetings from the groups they represent as WVU Parkersburg moves forward under the leadership of a new president. I offer the warmest of welcomes to the Secretary of Education and the Arts as well as to the leadership of West Virginia University and of the state's higher education.

I would also like to acknowledge a former president of Bluefield State College who served as director here at the college in its early days in the 1960s and early 1970s. Dr. Bill Coffindaffer, would you please stand and be recognized?

(applause)

Thank you. I am pleased to introduce Dr. Joseph Badgley, dean of academic affairs at WVU Parkersburg. He will offer thoughts on the significance of the occasion we celebrate here today.

(Lang moves off to the side of the podium as each new greeter comes forward.)

BADGLEY:

Thank you, Dr. Lang, and greetings to all of you who have taken time to join with us today as we mark the beginning of a new era of leadership at WVU Parkersburg. "Inauguration" is a word that dates to the mid-16th century and is defined as a rite of passage marking a "formal or ceremonial induction to an office or dignity." Official collegiate presidential inaugurations in the United States originated with the nation's nine colonial colleges in the

17th century. You will forgive us for being a bit late in coming to the party. Our college was first established in 1961 as a branch campus of West Virginia University. We became WVU Parkersburg in 1989. After 44 years and six presidents, this is our first inauguration. A new president is a landmark in an institution's history and therefore, a time of celebration as we join with the larger academic community from around the state and nation and our local community as well to collectively recall our past and share our hope for the future. This is our moment in time. Today's ceremony signals new direction as we carry out our mission as a regional campus of West Virginia University.

(Badgley goes to his seat and Lang advances to podium.)

LANG:

Thank you, Dr. Badgley. And now please welcome to the podium Kirsten Simmons, Student Government vice president. Today she brings the greetings of the student body to WVU Parkersburg's new president.

SIMMONS:

On behalf of the Student Government of WVU Parkersburg, I am pleased to convey our confidence and support of President Gnage as the college's sixth president. For the nearly 3,900 students of WVU Parkersburg, this truly is our moment in time as we prepare for our futures under her leadership. We look forward to working with President Gnage to create exciting opportunities.

(As Simmons returns to her seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Thank you. Next it is my pleasure to introduce Tina Buchanan who is president of the college's Faculty Senate. Today Tina speaks on behalf of all of her colleagues as she offers their greetings to President Gnage.

TINA BUCHANAN:

Thank you, Dr. Lang.

The inauguration of a president provides an opportunity for the college community to join the new president in creating a vision for the future of the institution. President Gnage has turned this inauguration into a celebration of the college. The faculty of WVU Parkersburg warmly welcome President Gnage as the college's sixth president and we enthusiastically embrace our partnership role in taking the college forward to new heights of achievement. Thank you very much.

(As Buchanan returns to her seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Thank you. Now bringing greetings is Rodney Parker, president of the college's Staff Council.

PARKER:

Thank you. On behalf of the college's classified staff, I want to pledge our support in helping President Gnage advance our college toward new goals and new opportunities. We

are pleased to be a part of an institution that makes dreams a reality for thousands of our neighbors and friends. It is a new day at WVU Parkersburg.

(As Parker returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Thanks. Our next speaker is Randy Law, representing the WVU at Parkersburg Alumni Association.

LAW:

On behalf of the thousands of West Virginia University at Parkersburg alumni, it is my pleasure and honor to bring greetings from the WVU at Parkersburg Alumni Association on this most auspicious occasion. As part of the college's past, present, and future, the alumni join you in celebration of this historic moment for our community's college and this great day of installing our sixth President Marie Foster Gnage. The WVU at Parkersburg Alumni Association pledges our assistance and commitment to President Gnage in making this life changing college even greater for the generations of alumni, yet to come.

(As Law returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Representing the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation is Paul Daugherty, Executive Director.

DAUGHERTY:

Thank you, Dr. Lang. This day not only recognizes our history, but the legacy of excellence in higher education that West Virginia University at Parkersburg provides to the Mid-Ohio Valley and beyond. It is my esteemed privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation. We are firmly dedicated to fostering excellence at WVU at Parkersburg by assisting President Marie Foster Gnage in the development and growth of the community's college throughout the future. The legacy of excellence at WVU at Parkersburg will continue.

(As Daugherty returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Bringing greetings from the Higher Education Policy Commission is Bruce Flack, Director of Academic Affairs and Interim Vice Chancellor of State Colleges ...

FLACK:

(Brief remarks ...)

(As Flack returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Thank you, Dr. Flack. Representing the Community and Technical College System is Chancellor Jim Skidmore. Chancellor Skidmore ...

SKIDMORE:

(Brief remarks ...)

(As Skidmore returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Joining us today is Dr. Paul Chewning, president of the West Virginia Independent Colleges & Universities, Inc.

CHEWNING:

(Brief remarks ...)

(As Chewning returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Thank you. Now offering comments on behalf of area public education systems is Bill Niday, superintendent of Wood County Schools.

NIDAY:

It is my pleasure to express congratulatory remarks on behalf of the public school systems in the college's seven-county service area. WVU Parkersburg collaborates with Wood County Schools in many ways to benefit our students and President Gnage has shown her commitment to advancing that partnership. We look forward to working with her to enhance the educational opportunities available to Wood County students and area residents.

(As Niday returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Bringing greetings from the college's legislative delegation is Senator Donna Boley. Senator Boley ...

BOLEY:

I am pleased to represent the Mid-Ohio Valley's legislative delegation in expressing our support and appreciation for President Gnage. WVU Parkersburg means so much to area residents. Through the educational opportunities this college makes possible, the Mid-Ohio Valley is enriched beyond measure. This is a wonderful day for the area and the college.

(As Boley returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Also joining us today is the mayor of Parkersburg, Jimmy Colombo. Mayor ...

COLOMBO:

Thank you, President Gnage, it is an honor to be here today. I am proud to be an alumnus of WVU-P, back when it was called the branch in the 1960's. It is truly remarkable how much the college has grown and how much it means to this area. From a traditional educational facility WVU-P has become an integral partner in our workforce development, small business development, and community development for

our entire area. Dr. Gnage, we are all impressed with your seemingly endless energy and your infectious smile. Without question, we realize you will work tirelessly to continue to advance to educational opportunities at WVU-P for the enrichment for all of our citizens.

(As Colombo returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Secretary of Education and the Arts Kay Goodwin will now bring greetings from the governor and introduce President Hardesty.

GOODWIN:

It is a delight to be here today. I bring greetings from Governor Manchin who had a prior commitment and could not join us. And I want to express my congratulations to you, President Gnage. This college and the surrounding communities are truly blessed to have you leading WVU Parkersburg. In its more than 40 years providing educational opportunities, the Parkersburg campus has delivered on its promise. Under your leadership, Marie, I know that WVU Parkersburg will continue to thrive and grow.

I am now pleased to introduce David C. Hardesty Jr., president of West Virginia University, who brings greetings from the university and comments regarding today's inauguration.

(As Goodwin returns to her seat, Lang returns to podium.)

HARDESTY:

(Remarks ...)

(As Hardesty returns to his seat, Lang returns to podium.)

LANG:

Joining us now is President Gnage's daughter Kendra Foster who will sing "One Moment in Time" ...

(Kendra sings)

LANG:

Thank you, Kendra. And now we come to the focal point of today's ceremony, the investiture of Marie Foster Gnage as the sixth president of WVU Parkersburg. The investiture will be conducted by WVU President David C. Hardesty Jr. and Joe Campbell, chair of the WVU Parkersburg Board of Advisors and member of the WVU Board of Governors.

(Lang returns to his seat. Hardesty and Campbell advance to the podium.)

HARDESTY:

I invite Marie Foster Gnage to join me at the podium. It is my pleasure, in the presence of

this official gathering, to formally induct the new president of West Virginia University at Parkersburg into office.

Marie, by virtue of the authority vested in me as president of West Virginia University, I now install you in the office of WVU Parkersburg, clothing you with the powers, authority and opportunities appropriately pertaining to that position.

We are proud and happy to greet you as the campus president of WVU Parkersburg and regional vice president of WVU. We now formally place the administration of the affairs of the institution in your hands.

This is an historic event as this is the first inauguration ever held at WVU Parkersburg. It is a day of celebration as we look to you, Marie, to encourage, strengthen and inspire all who enter the halls of this institution. As a regional campus, WVU Parkersburg offers unique educational opportunities to the residents of this community and the Mid-Ohio Valley. We commend the responsibility to nurture and enrich this institution to you.

By accepting the President's Medallion, you accept the charge to serve with diligence, dedication, energy, vision and integrity as you carry out the duties of President of West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

In the words of Winston Churchill ... "Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb."

(Other remarks ...)

(Hardesty presents Gnage with medallion.)

HARDESTY:

Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the sixth president of West Virginia University at Parkersburg, Marie Foster Gnage!

([Applause] shakes hands with the president and returns to his seat. President walks to podium to give her speech.)

GNAGE:

Thank you very much.

(Gnage delivers her speech.)

(Once address is delivered and applause takes place, Gnage returns to her seat and Lang approaches podium.)

LANG:

Thank you, President Gnage, for your vision for WVU Parkersburg. We welcome you as President and look forward to working with you as this institution moves into a future that promises high achievement and countless opportunities.

LANG:

The Rev. Jack Neilson will present the closing benediction.

Rev. Neilson speaks and then returns to his seat.

LANG

Thank you for being part of this historic occasion for West Virginia University at Parkersburg. After the recessional is finished, you are all invited to a reception in the cafeteria concourse. I look forward to seeing you there! Please be seated and remain seated throughout the recessional.

(Lang returns to his seat.)

RECESSIONAL

(Marshals advance to the stage steps to help with the recessional. Recessional music begins. Ron Atkinson proceeds to the stage and takes the Mace out of the holder and leads procession down the steps and down the aisle. The recessional proceeds in reverse order.