

Emergency Medical Services LEADERSHIP CEREMONY

December 10, 2022 | 2:00 pm

Invocation.....Dr. Bruce Reed

National Anthem..... Madeline Dankmyer
"The Star Spangled Banner" and Abigail Stapler
By: Francis Scott Key UC Concert Choir
University Singers

Welcome.....President Martin S. Roth

Presentation of Honorary Degree.....Patrick Graney III
Recipient.....Governor Jim Justice

Address.....Governor Jim Justice

Presentation of Certification Recipients.....Professors Anthony Giaimo
and Dr. Dale Retzlaff

Closing Comments.....President Roth

A reception will be held in The Commons after the ceremony on the 2nd floor of the Geary Student Union Building.

For a downloadable program of all the certification recipients of this Emergency Medical Services Leadership Certificate, please scan the QR code:



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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

James C. Justice II

Governor, West Virginia

Honorary Doctor of Laws

Through your leadership and support, today the University of Charleston will graduate over 200 West Virginia Emergency Medical Services professionals who have earned their certificates in leadership.

You have said that heroes like these don't grow on trees. "They're few and far between and we need to act now to bring more of them into our state. Through these new and expanded efforts we will also grow this profession in our state, safeguarding West Virginians for generations to come."

It is just one example of your vision and determination to create a stronger and more resilient state.

You grew up in Raleigh County, where you attended Woodrow Wilson High School. You attended Greenbrier Military Academy and graduated from Marshall University. After graduation, you joined your family's business and went on to lead many others. In fact, prior to being elected governor, you were the president and CEO of 102 different companies.

In 2009, you purchased The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, turning the once-struggling resort back into a thriving destination not only for visitors, but as host to major events, including the PGA Tour, training camps for the NFL and NBA, and more.

You were elected the 36th governor of West Virginia in 2016, guiding the state through many challenges – including the COVID-19 pandemic.

You have been the Charleston Gazette's "West Virginian of the Year," named a "Distinguished West Virginian," and, in a nod to your dedication to youth sports, Mountain Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year," and WV High School "Coach of the Year."

You are married to Cathy, your best friend since high school, and you are parents to two children – James and Jill. You have two dogs, a Boston Terrier named Ellie, and an English Bulldog named Babydog, who has taken on a role as "paw-bassador" for the state.

For your dedication and commitment to the state of West Virginia and those who live here, as well as your support for our EMS professionals and providing educational opportunities to help advance the state, the University of Charleston is honored to present this honorary Doctor of Laws degree, *honoris causa*, to you, Governor James C. Justice II.