



A Message
from the **PRESIDENT**

Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.

Dear Yellow Jacket Nation:

I hope each of you had a great spring break, are energized and ready to finish the semester strong. It is exciting to have you all back on campus.

Today, I write to share with you another historic moment for our beloved West Virginia State University. Last week, Governor Jim Justice signed HB 2020; the bill strongly supported by the Senate and House, gave West Virginia State University its full state land-grant match for the first time in the history of our University.

As an institution, we collectively, have been fighting this battle for more than two decades. After years and years of failed attempts, I am honored and proud to say this year we got it done! This is a tremendous accomplishment for WVSU, but more importantly for the citizens of our great state, the men, women, children and families whose lives we improve on a daily basis.

This historic achievement is already making headlines, and I invite you to read a recent story that was featured on the WV Metro News statewide network by clicking [here](#).

Our full state match will allow us to extend our land-grant mission, groundbreaking research and extension efforts. We can now move beyond the current 38 counties and the more than 20,000 West Virginians we serve every year.

I would like to thank Governor Jim Justice, all of the 2019 West Virginia legislators, my faculty, students, staff, alumni and friends for their support and belief in STATE. This year, together, we made history. Go STATE!

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