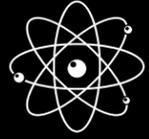


# IMPACTING WEST VIRGINIA

## EXTENSION



Brought hands-on 4-H STEM education to **5K+ kids** in **28** Counties

**\$2.4M** in support of Healthy Grandfamilies since 2015



**7K+** youth activities conducted



**100+** people trained in proper tree care



**80** garden beds installed at schools and community centers



**150+** trees planted in WV communities



**2,500 +** grandfamilies served

## RESEARCH



Seeking **new sources of sustainable energy**



Conducting **water quality** sampling in Kanawha River



Researching **lower-cost, sustainable feed alternatives** for farmed fish



Studying the **reclamation of formerly mined lands**



Building **stronger, more disease-resistant** tomatoes, peppers and melons

# 2022 STATE BUDGETARY & LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES





## OVERVIEW

For more than 130 years, West Virginia State University (WVSU) has stood as a beacon of hope and a pathway to prosperity for thousands of students. There are nearly 13,000 WVSU alumni in the state of West Virginia, with more than 8,000 in Kanawha County alone. Throughout our region, and in every profession you will find alumni of this great university who are working every day to make their lives, and our state, a better place.

Our impact in the state of West Virginia cannot be understated. The University's reach extends to all 55 counties of West Virginia. Through the university's Extension Service we are positively impacting the entire state of West Virginia through programs relating to 4-H, agriculture, health and nutrition, community and economic development, and more.

With our Healthy Grandfamilies program we are helping provide guidance and solutions to grandparents throughout the state who are raising their grandchildren. West Virginia ranks second in the nation in the number of grandfamily households and work done by our university is helping to address this great need in society.

Continued investment by the West Virginia State Legislature will ensure our University's vision as a premier, land-grant institution where an entrepreneurial spirit inspires innovative teaching and learning, transformative research, and relevant community engagement that empowers learners to live a life of impact.

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- 100% state match for federal land-grant funds through the West Virginia Legislature.
- Support the higher education funding formula model being developed by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.
- Permanent funding for West Virginia State University's state-wide Healthy Grandfamilies initiative.
- Secure federal infrastructure funding to support expansion of WVSU's Research and Development campus.

## WVSU Extension Service & CASTEM Service Locations



4-H Youth Development



Agriculture & Natural Resources



CASTEM



Community Economic Development



Family & Consumer Science



### Current Office Locations:

Fayette, Kanawha, Logan, Putnam and Raleigh