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## ALMA MATER



### *College Heights*

College Heights, on hilltop fair,  
With beauty all thine own,  
Lovely jewel far more rare  
Than graces any throne!

College Heights, we hail thee;  
We shall never fail thee  
Falter never, live forever,  
Hail! Hail! Hail!



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# WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

## COLLEGE RING CEREMONY



*December 8, 2005*  
*Mass Media and Technology Hall*

## SYMBOLISM OF THE RING

### *The Cherry Hall Cupola*

Completed in 1937, Cherry Hall was named for WKU's first President, Henry Hardin Cherry. Cherry Hall sits at the summit of WKU's majestic hilltop campus. The cupola is repeated at the WKU Guthrie Bell Tower. The cupola is a unique architectural feature that identifies WKU.

### *"The Spirit Makes the Master"*

The University Motto, "The Spirit Makes the Master" expresses a theme for Western's educational commitment that is a constant inspiration to faculty, students and alumni. A person can have intellect, education, and opportunity but one must also have an inner drive or spirit to succeed.

This motto is inscribed on the ring's banner challenging all WKU graduates to embody the WKU "Spirit" that does indeed make the master.

### *Western Kentucky University*

Inscribed around the border of the insignia is "Western Kentucky University." Western Kentucky University was founded in 1906 as Western Kentucky State Normal School. WKU became a university in 1966.

## TURNING OF THE RING

Your WKU Official Ring should be worn with the Cupola facing towards you until graduation. At commencement, with the turning of your tassel you should also turn your ring to face the world.

## PROGRAM

### *Welcome and Introduction*

Jeff Baynham '02  
Assistant Director, Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

### *President's Remarks*

Dr. Gary A. Ransdell '73 '74  
President, Western Kentucky University

### *The Ring Tradition*

Jeff Baynham '02  
Assistant Director, Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

### *Ring Presentation & Reading of Names*

Dr. Gary A. Ransdell '73 '74  
President, Western Kentucky University

Dr. Bart White  
Professor, School of Journalism and Broadcasting

### *Ring Placement*

Jeff Baynham '02  
Assistant Director, Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

### *WKU Alma Mater*

College Heights  
Hannah Somers '07, vocalist

*Photographs will be taken and mailed to ring recipients  
compliments of the WKU Alumni Association.*