



# ALUMNI

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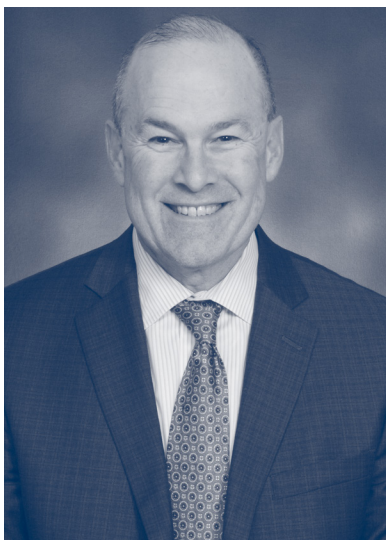
West Virginia University

# COME HOME

## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2025

NOVEMBER 7-8 • MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

# DEAN'S MESSAGE



West Virginia University's Mountaineer Week is all about honoring our traditions and acknowledging our past. I can't think of a better weekend to connect with our alumni and friends than one that's dedicated to celebrating our Mountaineer heritage.

As you spend time on campus and with friends old and new, I hope you'll take a moment to connect with our students and leaders to learn more about what continues to make our School of Medicine the best place to grow and learn.

Thank you for joining us for the 2025 MD Alumni Weekend. Let's Go!

Clay B. Marsh, MD, 1985

Chancellor and Executive Dean for Health Sciences

## QUESTIONS?

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is requested. Return the registration form in this brochure along with remittance to the School of Medicine Office of Alumni Affairs. Make checks payable to WVU Foundation, Inc., or you can pay by credit card online at: [medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/alumni/about/alumni-weekend](https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/alumni/about/alumni-weekend). Pre-registrations will be acknowledged with a confirmation email.

## REFUND POLICY

We will issue refunds on a case-to-case basis. Contact the Alumni Office for assistance. No refunds on football tickets.

## LODGING

Rooms have been blocked at **HOTEL MORGAN**. Morgantown's epicenter of history, culture, celebration, and connection for nearly a century, **HOTEL MORGAN**, a Wyndham Hotel ushers in a new era of style and sophistication on High Street. Completely renovated and reimaged in 2020, the hotel pairs historic charm with contemporary amenities, striking the perfect balance between new and nostalgic. Room block reservation cut-off is Wednesday, October 8. To book your rooms, call 304-292-8200, [booking code is: 110625QTF](https://www.hotelmorgan.com).

## HOTEL PARKING

Vallet Parking - \$20 per day.

## EVENT CHECK IN

Registration will be at the Erickson Alumni Center in the lobby.

## DRESS

Friday night, business dress. Saturday wear your favorite blue and gold apparel.

## FOOTBALL TICKETS

We have a limited number of tickets for the game with **COLORADO**. You must be registered and attending the alumni banquet to purchase tickets. A maximum of two tickets can be ordered per School of Medicine graduate. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis. No refunds on football tickets.

## GETTING TO THE GAME

Weekend registrants can purchase seats on our chartered bus for \$25.00 round trip. Bus is on a first come, first served basis. Private paid parking is available within walking distance of the stadium if you wish to park on your own.

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TAILGATE

Join us in The Hotel Morgan ballroom for a School of Medicine tailgate. Tailgate begins three hours prior to kickoff. Tailgate is \$40.00 per person.

## GAME WATCH PARTY

For our guests who prefer not to attend the game at Mountaineer Stadium, we are hosting a game watch party at the **HOTEL MORGAN** with a wide-screen TV and snacks.

## POST GAME BUFFET-HOTEL MORGAN

A post game buffet for all weekend attendees, including reunion classes who do not have other evening plans.

## CLASS REUNIONS

Celebrating class reunions are all Two-Year School graduates and the classes of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020. Reunion classes will be seated together at the Friday evening banquet. Saturday after the game will be free time for classes to get together. If you have questions concerning your reunion, please call Kim Helmick at 304-293-5110 or email [kim.helmick@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:kim.helmick@hsc.wvu.edu).

You can nominate and recognize deserving graduates for WVU School of Medicine Alumni Association awards online. Just go to <https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/alumni/>, select Alumni Awards and nominate your person for the award of choice. You will find criteria and instructions for nominating.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Loyal West Virginia Physician Award

WVU School of Medicine Early Career Award

WVU School of Medicine Outstanding Resident or Fellow Award

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

### **ERIN W. PUKENAS, MD, MBA, FASA, FAAP CLASS OF 2003**

Dr. Pukenas is the inaugural Associate Dean for Program Development and Strategic Initiatives and Vice Chair and Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU). She is responsible for spearheading growth of strategic partnerships and the advancement of innovative academic programs for the school and provides overarching strategic leadership of the education and research missions of Cooper University Health Care (CUHC), Southern New Jersey's leading academic health system, in support of their nearly 1500 interprofessional learners. Prior to this, she was the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Enterprise Patient Safety Officer and was part of the original team that launched CMSRU in 2012.



Dr. Pukenas received her Bachelor of Science degree with Honors distinction from West Virginia University (WVU) where she also received her Medical Doctorate and is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She completed her residency at Rutgers/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/CUHC and served as the first Chief Resident in the department of anesthesiology. She completed a fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesiology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and is dual board certified in General and Pediatric Anesthesiology. She later completed a fellowship in Safety, Quality, and Informatics Leadership at Harvard Medical School and is certified in Patient Safety by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. She holds an MBA from the Haslam School of Business, University of Tennessee and completed the prestigious Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine fellowship at Drexel University.

Dr. Pukenas has served in several national leadership positions and is the recipient of various regional and national awards, including multiple New Jersey Top Doctor recognitions and the NJBiz 40 Under 40 Award for healthcare leadership. She received the Learning Communities Institute International Award for Program Innovation and was honored by Rowan University (RU) with the annual Employee Excellence Award. She was recently awarded the RU Women's Alliance Network Leadership Award for her service and commitment to the advancement and professional development of women in higher education. In 2023, she led CMSRU to national recognition by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) for pioneering a holistic model to support and empower learner success.

Outside of work, Dr. Pukenas volunteers as Chief Medical Officer on the national Board of Directors for the Best Day of My Life So Far, an organization dedicated to improving health outcomes for older adults. She is a certified Pilates instructor and has been married to her husband, Bryan, a 2003 graduate of WVU School of Medicine, former captain of the WVU Mountaineer football team, and Associate Professor of Neurosurgery and Radiology at Penn, for almost 25 years. Her proudest achievements are their two children, Jake and Ellie.

# SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

### **5:00 - 6:30 P.M.**

Weekend Registration - the Erickson Alumni Center Lobby

### **6:00 - 6:30 P.M.**

School of Medicine Alumni Reception - the Erickson Alumni Center

### **6:30 P.M.**

Alumni Banquet for **ALL GRADUATES** - the Erickson Alumni Center  
Featuring Distinguished Alumnus Award and Class Reunions

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**Times are subject to change due to game time.**

### **8:00 A.M.**

Annual Business Meeting for Association members - Hotel Morgan  
Honeybee Boardroom

### **9:00 A.M.**

School of Medicine Tailgate - Hotel Morgan Ballroom

### **10:30 A.M.**

Chartered bus departs for football game from Hotel Morgan.

### **12:00 NOON** (time subject to change)

Colorado vs. WVU

### **GAME WATCH PARTY**

Hotel Morgan Breezeway Lobby

### **AFTER THE GAME**

Free time to get together on your own

### **6:00 P.M.**

Post Game Buffett - Hotel Morgan Ballroom

# REGISTRATION

● ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE  
[medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/alumni/about/alumni-weekend](http://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/alumni/about/alumni-weekend)

## PRICE LIST AND ATTENDANCE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7	NUMBER ATTENDING	COST PER PERSON	AMOUNT DUE
Welcome Reception	_____	no cost	
Alumni Banquet (double entree)	_____	\$65.00	\$_____
Vegetarian	_____		
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8			
Football bus to and from game	_____	\$25.00	\$_____
Football Tickets (2 maximum) tickets are discounted	_____	\$105.00	\$_____
● You must be registered for the Alumni Banquet to purchase tickets.			
School of Medicine Tailgate	_____	\$40.00	\$_____
Game Watch Party	_____	\$20.00	\$_____
Post Game Buffet	_____	\$40.00	\$_____
TOTAL REMITTANCE			\$_____

**PAYMENT INFORMATION ON REVERSE**

**(PLEASE LIST NAMES AS YOU WANT THEM ON NAME TAGS.)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLASS YR: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PAYMENT**

PAY BY CREDIT CARD ONLINE at [medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/alumni/about/alumni-weekend](http://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/alumni/about/alumni-weekend)

☐ Check is enclosed made payable to WVU Foundation, Inc.

☐ \*VISA, \*MasterCard, \*\*American Express, Discover  
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**SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:**

WVU School of Medicine  
Office of Alumni Affairs  
PO Box 9114  
Morgantown, WV 26506-9114