

WVU ACADEMIC MEDIA DAY

Monday, April 24, 2017

Rhododendron Room, WVU Mountainlair

9:30 a.m.	Gather
10:00 a.m.	Welcome John Bolt, senior executive director, University Relations Communications Use of advanced polymer composites for infrastructure systems in WV Hota GangaRao, director, Constructed Facilities Center, Maurice A. and Joann Wadsworth Distinguished Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering. Whether in Washington or in Charleston, improving infrastructure has been singled out as a primary topic of discussion. Hota GangaRao has been searching finding ways to address those issues for three decades.
10:40 a.m.	Battling lung cancer in West Virginia Dr. Patrick Ma, co-leader, Lung Cancer Program West Virginia has one of the nation's highest incidence rates of lung cancer, with a mortality rate significantly higher than the national average. Dr. Ma is leading research as well as treatment in how to battle the disease.
11:40 a.m.	Nothing artificial about AI Dr. Stephany Coffman-Wolph, assistant professor, computer science and information systems, West Virginia University Institute of Technology Much has been made lately about the advances in artificial intelligence, and the issues presented. It's not science fiction anymore, if it ever was.
12:10 p.m.	Lunch/Keynote by President Gee
1:00 p.m.	Looking at the numbers behind the violence Dr. Walter DeKeseredy, director WVU Research Center on Violence The Center conducts research and publishes scholarly work to prevent and control violent behaviors. Its researchers study some of the world's most compelling social problems, from sexual assault to environmental crime.
1:30 p.m.	Opportunity for one-on-one interviews
2:00 p.m.	A,E,I,O,U and you Dr. Kirk Hazen, professor of linguistics, director, WV Dialect Project; Audra Slocum, assistant professor of English education, College of Education and Human Services, co-director National Writing Project. Hazen and Slocum are studying differences in dialects among West Virginia teens and how it affects their lives, including education.
2:30 p.m.	Opportunity for one-on-one interviews
3:00 p.m.	Wrapup Sharon Martin, vice president for University Relations
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn