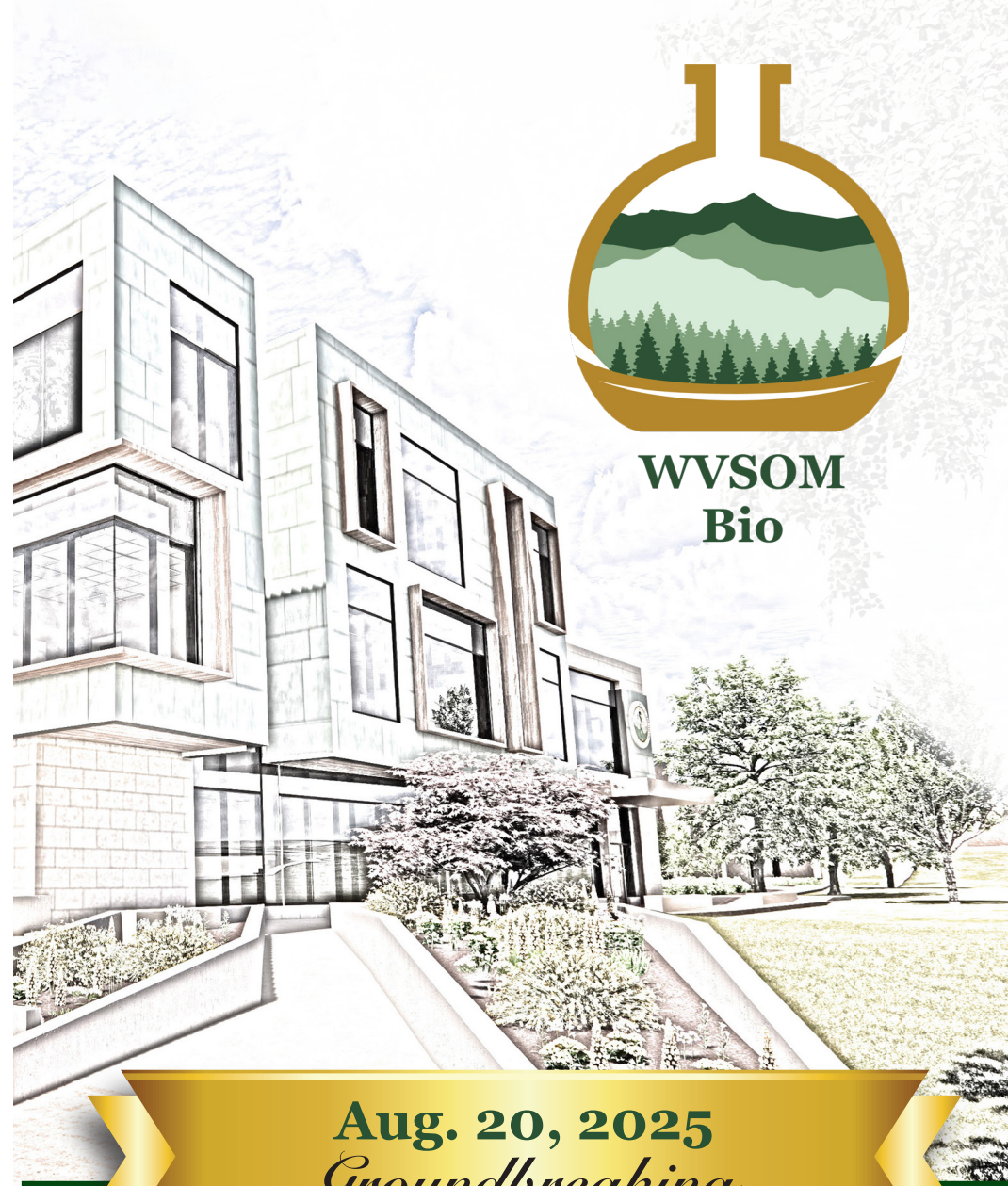




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**Aug. 20, 2025**  
*Groundbreaking*

**Welcome to the ceremonial groundbreaking  
for the \$35 million expansion of the school's  
Fredric W. Smith Science Building.**

## **Agenda**

- 5 p.m. — *Ceremonial groundbreaking under the tent on the parade field.*
- 6 p.m. — *Reception and networking at the President's Parlor in the WVSOM Student Center, located across the parade field from the Fredric W. Smith Science Building.*
- 8 p.m. — *Hill and Holler, 886 Washington St. West. WVSOM encourages guests to visit downtown Lewisburg. WVSOM-sponsored live music will begin at 9 p.m.*

## **Presentations**

- Shelden Mullens, WVSOM Foundation Development Officer, is the announcer for today's event.
- James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM President  
Frederick Morgan, D.O., WVSOM Board of Governors Chair  
Jim Justice, U.S. Senator  
Carol Miller, U.S. Congresswoman  
Vernon Criss, West Virginia Delegate  
Todd Gunter, Senior Field Rep., U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito

## **Groundbreaking participants**

### **First group:**

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Vince Deeds, West Virginia Senator  
Tom Takubo, D.O., West Virginia Senator  
Vernon Criss, West Virginia Delegate  
Jeff Campbell, West Virginia Delegate  
Beverly White, Lewisburg Mayor  
Tammy Tincher, Greenbrier County Commissioner  
Phoebe Patton Randolph, Edward Tucker Architects

### **Second group:**

- James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM President  
Linda Boyd, D.O., WVSOM Chief Academic Officer  
Dovenia Ponnoth, Ph.D., WVSOM Associate Dean for Research and Sponsored Programs  
Justin McAllister, WVSOM Chief Financial Officer  
Drema Hill, Ph.D., WVSOM Chief Operations Officer  
Leslie Bicksler, WVSOM Chief Human Resources Officer  
Brian Hendricks, Ph.D., Executive Director, WVSOM Center for Rural and Community Health  
Ruthana Beezley, Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation  
Kelsey Staggers, West Virginia Division of Economic Development  
Bradley Harris, President, WVSOM Foundation  
Manuel Ballas, D.O., President, WVSOM Alumni Association  
Michael Antolini, D.O., President, West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association  
Matthew Williams, Ph.D., WVSOM Assoc. Professor, Biomedical Science  
Shinichi Asano, Ph.D., WVSOM Assoc. Professor, Biomedical Science