

CONCORD COLLEGE
Athens, West Virginia
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CITATION

ARCH ALFRED MOORE, JUNIOR
Doctor of Laws

ARCH ALFRED MOORE, JUNIOR, Twenty-eighth Governor of West Virginia and a native of this State, yours now is the awesome responsibility for the well-being of nearly two million people. Former paper boy, theater usher and factory worker, you never assumed that the world owed you a living, but on your own climbed the ladder of success. Combat Sergeant during World War II, you were severely wounded and left for dead on the battlefield. Returning to college, you completed your formal education and entered the practice of law. Politics beckoned: first the State Legislature, next the Congress. Honored often this commencement season, we hope that yet another diploma will not crowd your office! Unlike the graduates before you, who have run the course and passed the finish line for their degrees, you are before them because you have passed the test of an election and because we expect you to pass with high marks the continuing and more difficult final examination of a statesman. We applaud your willingness to face squarely the many problems confronting our State, and your determination to make the decisions you believe to be right, but know to be unpopular; we are pleased with your support of public education; we are confident that you will give West Virginia the leadership needed to translate our State's great economic potential into real economic achievements. As you begin your first year as our Governor, Concord College is pleased to have this opportunity to honor the Chief Executive of our State by conferring upon you our degree of Doctor of Laws.

In testimony of this degree, I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and of the College the ninety-eighth.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President