

VSU is one of Virginia's two land-grant institutions and is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. In spite of a global pandemic in 2020, Virginia State University continued to provide transformative opportunities for students and worked to remain a leader in access and opportunity. Here are a select few of our VSU Points of Pride for 2020.

VSU POINTS OF PRIDE



IN 2020, VSU BEGAN TWO NEW ONLINE PROGRAMS:

RN-BSN Nursing Program ▪ Ed. D. Educational Administration and Supervision

IN 2020, VSU STARTED FIVE NEW PROGRAMS:

Masters of Social Work ▪ Special Education (K-12) ▪ Elementary Education ▪ Intermediate/Middle School ▪ Career and Technical

In 2020, VSU established the John Mercer Langston Institute for African American Political Leadership to assess, develop and empower African American Political Leadership, innovative programming, research, and advocacy.

In 2020, VSU established the Regional Policing Taskforce. The collaborative initiative is designed to bridge the growing divide between police departments and the community, especially communities of color and mental health communities, to achieve a greater level of cross-cultural understanding.

In 2020, VSU began offering the nation's first and only history course in HBCU History.

In 2020, VSU established the VSU Public Health Institute to address health disparities and prepare health professionals.

In 2020, VSU was named one of the "BEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK" schools for a quality and affordable education.

In 2020, Virginia State University learned it will receive a future \$500K gift from former VSU President, Eddie N. Moore, Jr. The gift will be in the form of a bequest from Universal Corporation on behalf of Mr. Moore.

In 2020, Dominion Energy announced that Virginia State University is among 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities that will receive support through a \$35 million initiative aimed at promoting higher education equity.

In 2020, Author and Philanthropist MacKenzie Scott gifted VSU \$30 Million. The gift is the largest single donor gift in the 138-year history of the University.

In 2020, VSU was selected to participate in the Grow with Google HBCU Career Readiness Program, a new initiative to help students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) prepare to enter the workforce through digital skills training.

In 2020, The U.S. Department of Education awarded VSU the Student Support Services grant in the amount of \$261,888 for a period of five years. The SSS Project will provide programs and services to 140 low income, first-generation college students, students with disabilities and/or Veteran VSU students annually, to assist with retention, persistence and graduation rates.

In 2020, VSU President Dr. Makola Abdullah was reappointed to a second term as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) responsible for guiding the organization's work and implementing the accreditation process.

In 2020, The National Council on Teacher Quality ranked The Virginia State University (VSU) College of Education as one of the top undergraduate programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia for new teachers and the only undergraduate program in the Commonwealth to receive an A rating in Clinical Practice and Classroom Management, and it is one of only two programs in the State to score above a C rating in some of the most crucial areas of educator preparation.

In June 2020, the Reginald F. Lewis College of Business was awarded \$10,000 by Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) to support the digital initiatives of the College.

In 2020, VSU was awarded a Tree Campus USA University designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation for the sixth year in a row for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship.

In 2020, newly designed civil rights in education signage was erected on Virginia State University's campus highlighting VSU's role in the civil rights in education movement.

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