



# Board of Visitors

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Academic Affairs & Student Affairs Committee

*April 23, 2026*



# Student Affairs

*Strategic Enrollment Outlook and Enhancing the Student Experience*



# Alexis Brooks-Walter

Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management



# Fall 2026 Applications Undergraduate

	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Fall 2026
	4/15/2024	4/14/2025	4/12/2026
<b>Undergraduate</b>			
Applications	26,813	17,526	<b>20,923</b>
Admits	10,314	8,990	<b>13,204</b>
Deposits	828	900	<b>1,198</b>

33% ↑

# Fall 2026 Undergraduate New Student Housing Applications

	2025	2026
Completed Applications	382	471
Incomplete Applications	n/a	88

23%↑

# 2026-2027 Financial Aid Summary

- Received **14,838** FAFSAs
  - 53% of currently enrolled students have completed
  - 40% of new students have completed
- “R U Trojan Ready” Initiative
- Fin Aid Friday WebEx Series



# SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 18, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

VSU Multipurpose Center



Scan QR Code to Register!

Family/Small Group  
(1-9 People)



Large Group  
(10+ People)





# Up Next...



## Dr. Corey Scott

Special Assistant to the Vice President of Student  
Affairs and Enrollment Management



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Enrollment Management



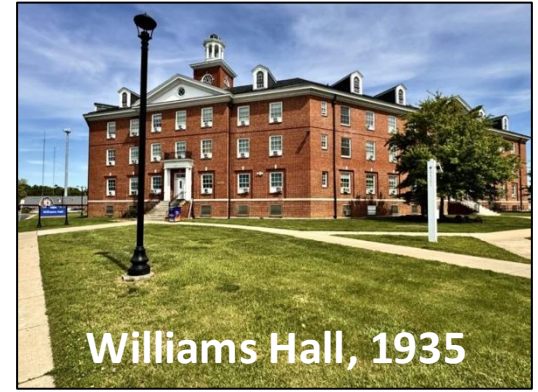
# Dedicated Residential Life Staff







Seward Hall, 1927



Williams Hall, 1935



Howard Hall, 1928



Langston Hall, 1930



Branch Hall, 1951



Campbell Hall, 1928



Whiting Hall, 1958



# Upgrades

- Magnolia Hall
- Renovations
  - Bathrooms in traditional halls
  - Cosmetic modifications across several residence halls



# Housing Capacity

2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026		2026-2027	
3,371		4,076		4,018		3,938		4,169	
3,128 Campus	243 Off-site	3,450 Campus	626 Off-site	3,769 Campus	249 Off-site	3,774 Campus	164 Off-site	4,169 Campus	0 Off-site

## 2023-2024

- Added 166 modular beds
- Added 84 beds at Richard Bland College
- Added 439 temporary hotel beds
- Added River Addison Apartments & Market Street Lofts

## 2024-2025

- Added 92 additional modular beds
- Added River Road Terrace
- Converted Campbell, Howard, and Seward Halls from singles to double occupancy
- Exited Market Street Lofts
- Exited temporary hotel beds

## 2025-2026

- Exited RBC
- Exited River Road Terrace

## 2026-2027

- Built Magnolia Hall
- Exited Addison Apartments

# Residential Living and Student Success

FTIC	Overall Retention	Retention of Residential Students	Retention of Commuter Students
2022	71%	72%	60%
2023	69%	70%	66%
2024	75%	75%	73%

# Supporting Residential Student Success

1. Build Community and Belonging
2. Strengthen Academic Integration
3. Deliver High-Quality Facilities and Services
4. Provide Proactive Student Support
5. Enhance Staff Engagement and Training
6. Use Data to Drive Decisions
7. Streamline Administrative Processes
8. Promote Safety and Security



# Supporting Residential Student Success

- Living Learning Communities
  - 1st Generation
  - Summer Bridge
  - Education
  - Honors
  - Trojan U (leadership)
  - Pre-Medicine/ Health
  - Belonginig
- Residential Partnerships
  - SI-PASS (Supplemental Instruction – Peer Assisted Study Sessions)
  - CCAMPIS (Child Care Access Means Parents In School)
  - Counseling Center
  - Health Services
- PureLiving Housing







# Academic Affairs

*Sustaining Institutional Excellence and  
Strengthening Academic Excellence*



# Showcasing Student Excellence

Student Scholar Spotlight

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*Dr. Tia A. Minnis*

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

# College of Engineering

## Emerging Researcher National STEM Conference

This team of VSU students won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for their research contributions in robotics, additive manufacturing, and quantum systems.

## Congratulations!

- Naima Fagon
- Keman Berry
- Yavette Wilson



Naima Fagon, Keman Berry, and Yavette Wilson

# College of Engineering

## Mastercard x AUC Data Science Initiative Data Challenge

Team Troy Tech earned 2nd place and a \$10,000 prize for their work during an eight-week competition focused on data-driven community solutions.

## Congratulations!

- Favour Adesoye
- Elisha Barnes



Favour Adesoye and Elisha Barnes

# College of Engineering

## InternXL AI Innovation Challenge

These students developed an AI-powered solution to help residents better understand how data centers in Northern Virginia contribute to rising energy costs.

## Congratulations!

- Kyra Evans
- Munso Bwalya
- Samatha A. Collins



Kyra Evans, Munso Bwalya, and Samantha Collins

# College of Engineering

## BEYA Student HBCU Future Leader Award

Desmond Komla, a senior Manufacturing Engineering student with a 3.98 GPA, is currently working as a Manufacturing Engineer at Tesla.

**Congratulations!**

**Desmond Komla**



**Desmond Komla**

# College of Humanities and Social Sciences

## VSU 20<sup>th</sup> Undergraduate Research Symposium

Art and Design student, Bonnie Soto, earned 1<sup>st</sup> place  
for her oral presentation “Unfinished,” a rework of  
Alexandre Cabanel’s *The Fallen Angel*.

**Congratulations!**

**Bonnie Soto**



**Bonnie Soto (pictured front center)**

# College of Humanities and Social Sciences

## VSU 20<sup>th</sup> Undergraduate Research Symposium

Art & Design student Joshua Branch earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his poster presentation “The Cost of Cool: Substance Abuse and the Construction of Jazz Mythology.”

**Congratulations!**

**Joshua Branch**



Joshua Branch (pictured right)

# College of Agriculture

## 50th Annual Association of 1890 Research Directors Symposium

Two first-year students, Nasye Bugg and Jayla Vega, together won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for their presentations at the ARD Research Symposium.



Nasye Bugg and Jayla Vega

## Congratulations!

- Nasye Bugg
- Jayla Vega



# Up Next...



**Dr. Veronica Powell Shuford**

Assistant Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness  
and Accreditation



# Sustaining Excellence: VSU Accreditation Update

Veronica Powell Shuford, Ph.D.  
Assistant Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation  
Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness



# 2025-26 Specialized Accreditations

## Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)

- B.S. in Computer Engineering
- B.S. in Computer Science
- B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering

## American Psychological Association (APA)

- Ph.D. in Health Psychology with Clinical Health Concentration

## Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA)

- B.S. in Hospitality Management

## Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

- B.S.W. in Social Work

# VSU SACSCOC Accreditation

Original Date Accreditation Granted	January 1, 1933
Last Decennial Reaffirmation	2018
VSU Approved to offer Distance Education	November 8, 2019
Last Fifth-Year Interim Review	2024
Compliance Certification Report Submission	September 8, 2027
Next On-site Visit	March 26-30, 2028

# What is SACSCOC?

The **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)** is the body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the **Southern states**. It serves as the **common denominator of shared values and practices primarily among the diverse institutions** that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees.



# Why Accreditation Matters to VSU

- **Affirms Institutional Quality and Integrity**  
Confirms that VSU meets national standards in academics, governance, and operations
- **Ensures Access to Title IV Funding**  
Required for student eligibility for Pell Grants and federal subsidized student loans
- **Demonstrates Accountability and Performance**  
Validates student success outcomes and continuous improvement
- **Strengthens Public Trust and Institutional Reputation**  
Signals credibility to students, families, employers, and policymakers

# Understanding the Decennial Review



## Peer Review Process

Accreditation is assessed by trained peer evaluators



## Comprehensive Institutional Scope

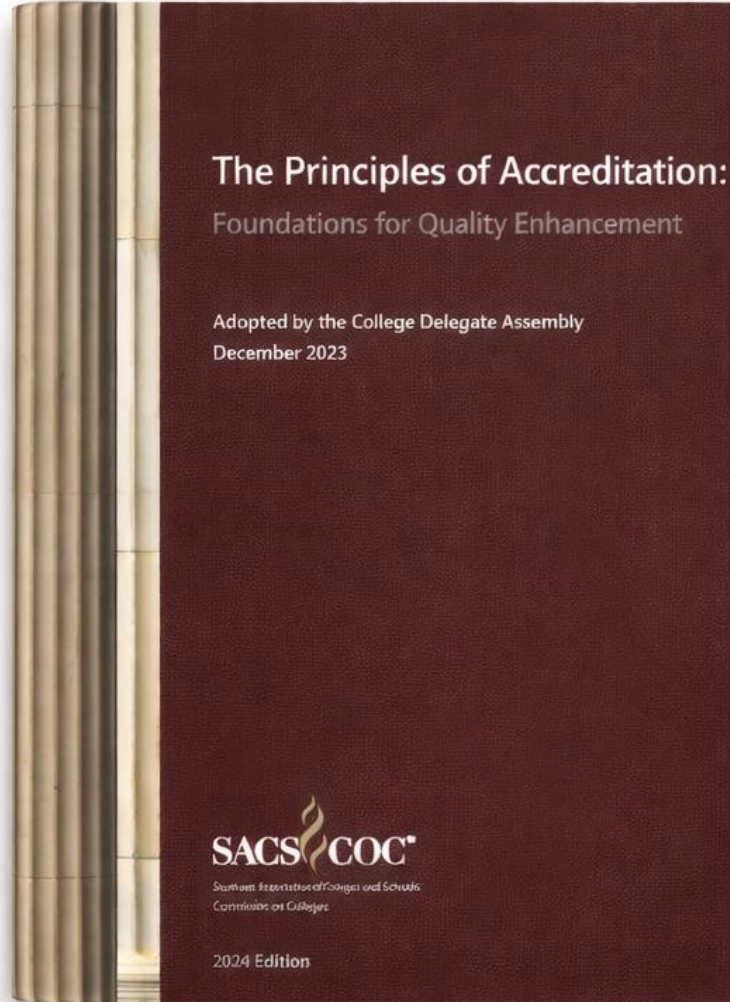
Governance, academics, finance, and student support are all reviewed



## Evidence Demonstrated Over Time

Sustained improvement is required across multiple years

# SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation



**14 Sections**

**73 Standards**



# SACSCOC Reaffirmation Timeline

## **Phase 1: Planning, Governance, and Gap Analysis**

Timeline: August 2025 – January 2026

## **Phase 2: Compliance Certificate Development and Evidence Collection**

Timeline: January 2026 – January 2027

## **Phase 2b: Internal Review, Validation, and Gap Closure**

Timeline: January 2026 – March 2027

## **Phase 3: Submission and Off-Site Review**

Timeline: September 2027 – November 2027

## **Phase 3b: Off-Site Review Response and Focused Report**

Timeline: December 2027 – February 2028

## **Phase 4: On-Site Review Visit**

Timeline: March 26 – 30, 2028

## **Phase 5: Post-Review Follow-up and SACSCOC Decision**

Timeline: May 2028 and December 2028



# SACSCOC Leadership Transition



Dr. Belle Wheelan  
Retired SACSCOC  
President



Dr. Stephen Pruitt  
Current SACSCOC  
President

# Recent Changes Under Dr. Pruitt

## 1. Accountability and Outcomes

- Student success focus
- Workforce alignment

## 2. Governance and Leadership Expectations

- Board and CEO training expansion
- Faster decision and review cycles

## 3. Operational Agility

- Faster substantive change
- Simplified guidance
- Digital tools expansion

# Key Takeaways

## Accreditation Continues To Evolve

- Reaffirmation is not a periodic exercise
- It is a continuous demonstration of institutional effectiveness

## Board Engagement Is Now a Core Expectation

- Governance, oversight, and fiduciary responsibility are evaluated directly
- Board effectiveness is part of institutional compliance

## Performance Matters More Than Process

- Student outcomes, financial sustainability, and leadership stability are central
- Evidence of impact is required, not just documentation



# Questions



# Up Next...



**Dr. Desmond Stephens**  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

# Strengthening Academic Excellence

Faculty Development and AI  
Initiatives

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*Dr. Desmond Stephens*  
*Vice Provost for Academic Affairs*

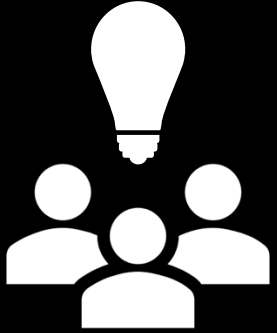


# Dr. Michelle Mosely

Director of General Education and  
Faculty Excellence



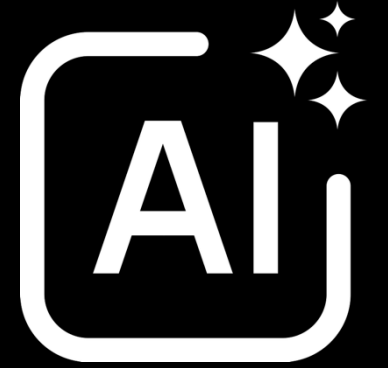
# **Academy of Faculty Enrichment Pillars**



**Pedagogy**



**Professional  
Development**



**AI**

# 2025-26 Academic Year

63

Sessions

638

Participants



*Academic Innovation Center*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room*



*Open Collaboration Space*



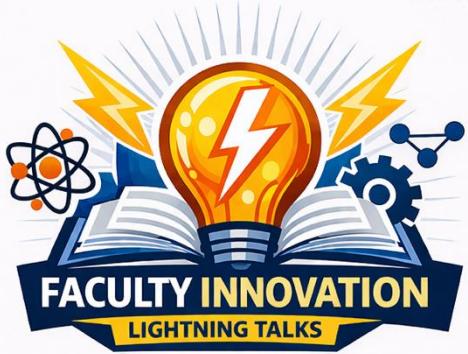
*Collaboration Pod*



*Active Learning Classroom*

# Lightning Talks

Provides faculty with opportunities to share successes and challenges related to integrating AI into classroom instruction.



**FACULTY INNOVATION**  
**LIGHTNING TALKS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**  
**12:30 PM – 1:45 PM**  
**Share. Inspire. Transform.**


**Presenters and Topics:**

- Dr. LaWanda Raines** — Use of AI Tools for Creating and Collaborating
- Dr. Joshua Nyantakyi** — From Passive to Participatory: Student Engagement in the Digital Age
- Dr. Christin Haynes** — From Syllabus to Strategy: Using Google's NotebookLM
- Dr. Shanzhen Gao** — Data-Driven Decision-Making - how AI and analytics tools enhance interdisciplinary teaching and strategic thinking.

**SPARK CONVERSATION. INSPIRE INNOVATION. MAKE AN IMPACT.**

Academic Innovation Center for Teaching and Learning  
Room 202  
*Snacks and refreshments will be served.*

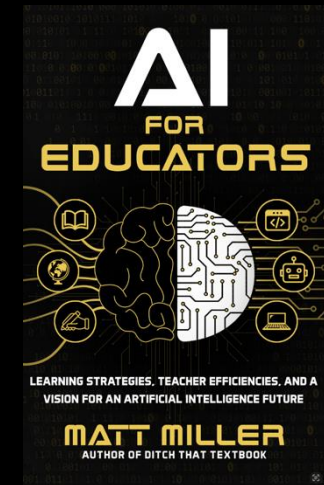
**Register Today:** [vsu.edu/afe](https://vsu.edu/afe)



# Faculty Book Club Series

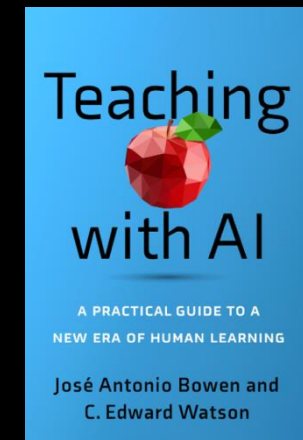
## AI For Educators

Learning Strategies, Teaching Experiences, and  
a Vision for an Artificial Intelligence Future



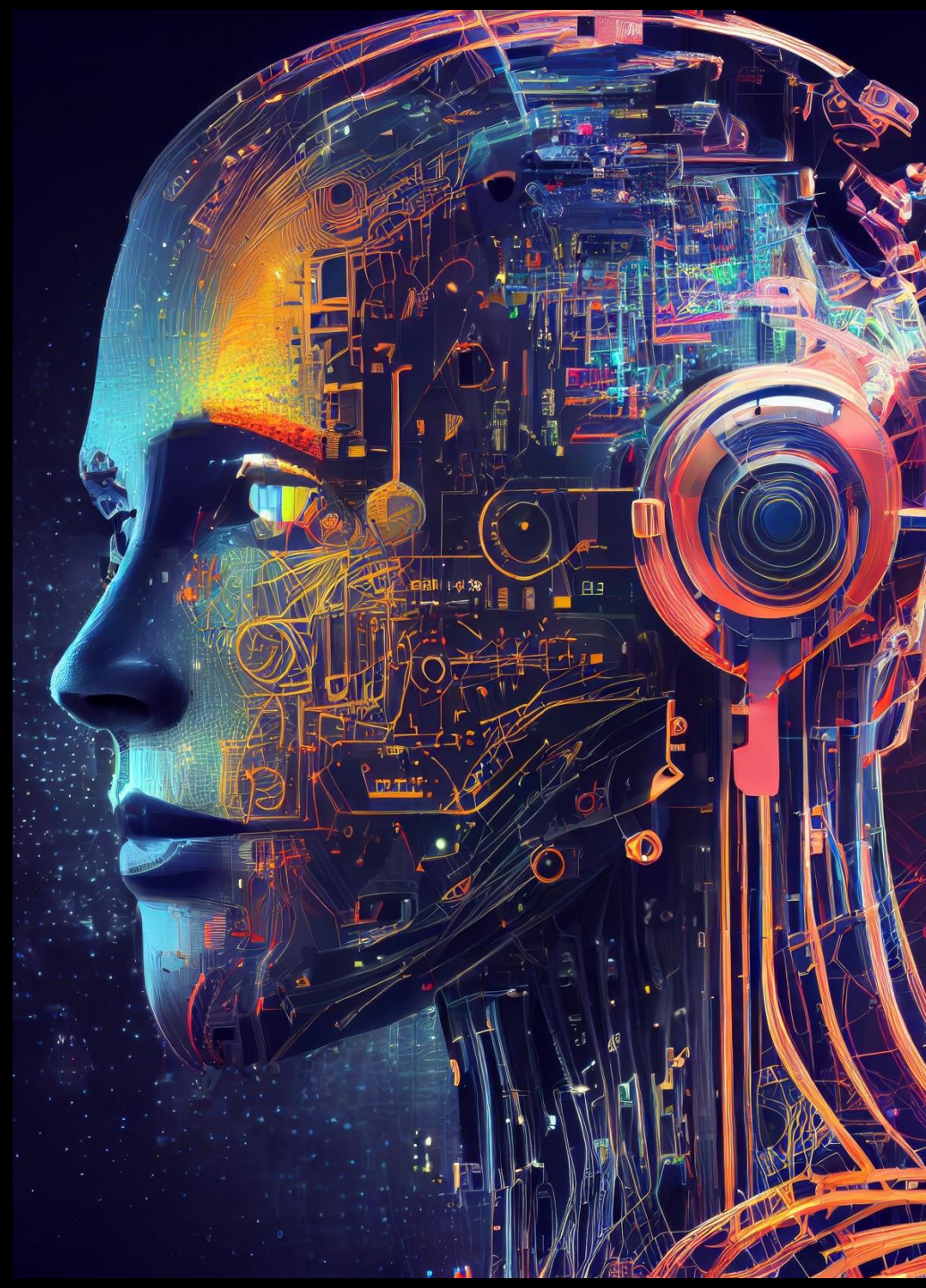
## Teaching with AI

A Practical Guide to a New Era of Human  
Learning



# Reimagining The Future of AI at VSU

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# Meet the President's AI Executive Cabinet



Dr. Desmond Stephens  
Chair



Forrest Black  
DEPS



Dr. Gabriella Waters  
Center for Responsible AI



Derrick Jennings  
CIO



Kerryn King  
CTO



Dr. Brian Sayre  
Academic and Op AI Integration

# Thurgood Marshall

\$2M AI Digital Transformation Initiative

- Empowered Users
- Integrated Decision-Making
- Enhanced Student Outcomes



# Classroom Use of Generative AI Tools

## Exploratory

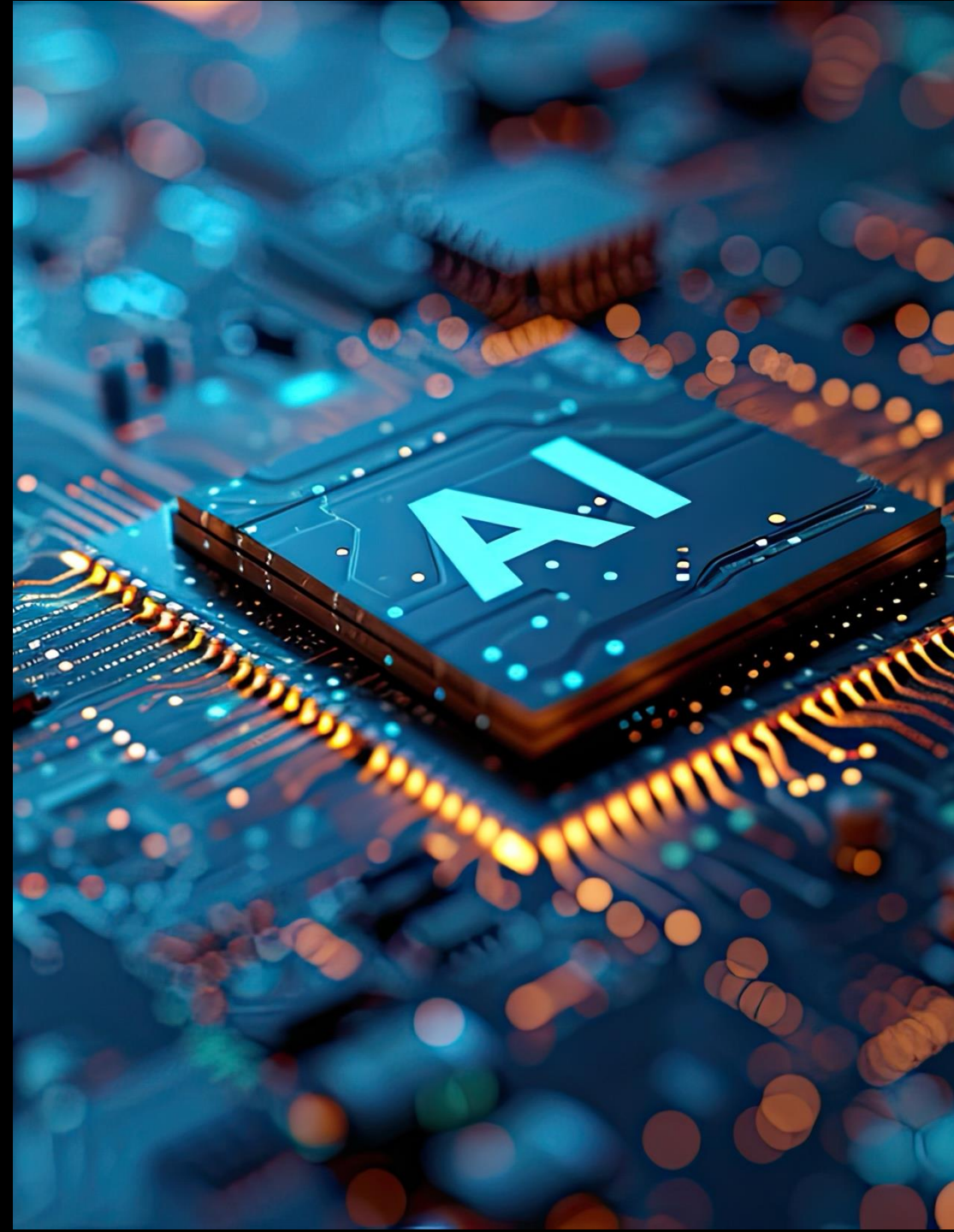
Student AI tools are used without restriction for low-stakes learning activities.

## Hybrid

Student AI tools are used for formative and summative assessments at the instructor's discretion.

## Permissive

Student AI tool use is unrestricted.



**500**

**Plus licenses**

**258**

**Distributed**



# Tiered Training

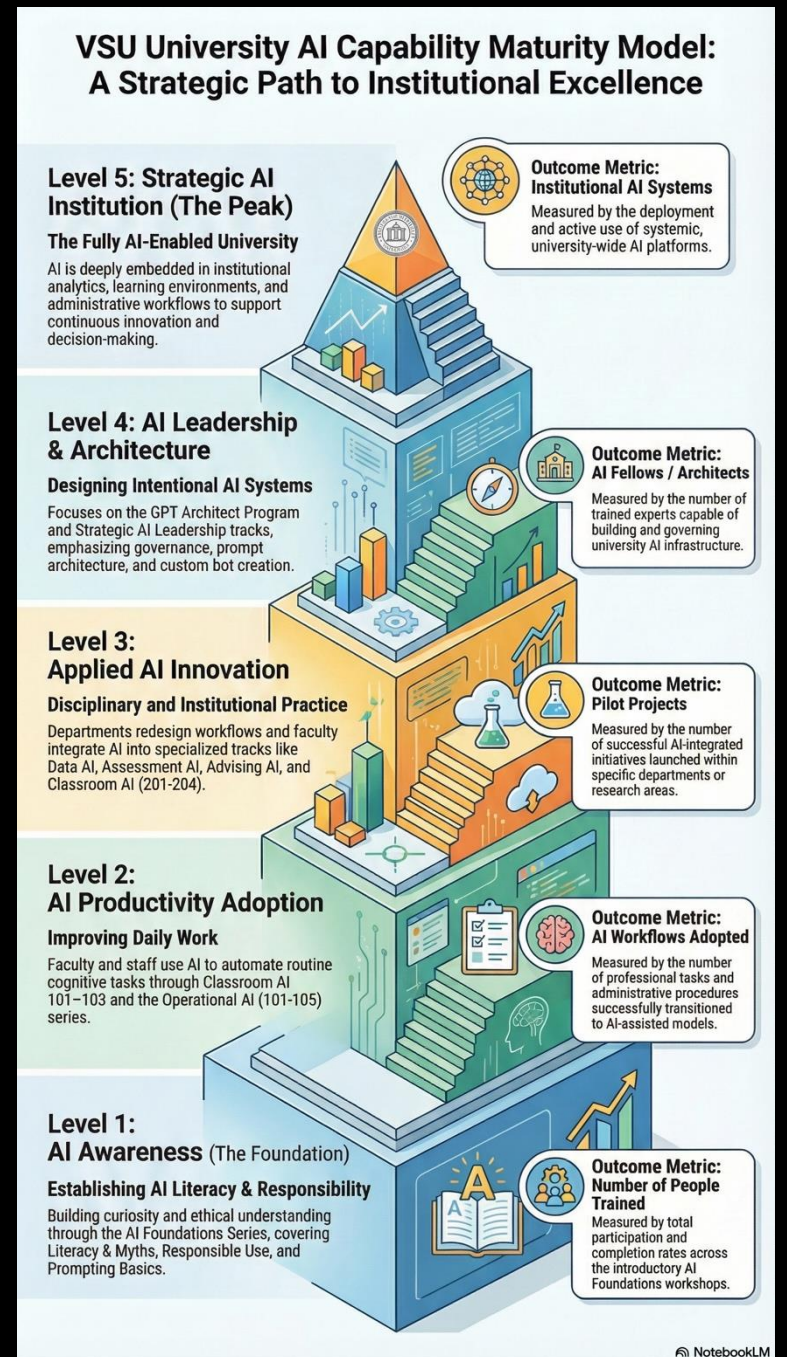
Level 1: AI Awareness

Level 2: AI Productivity Adoption

Level 3: Applied AI Innovation

Level 4: AI Leadership and Architecture

Level 5: Strategic AI Institution



# Introducing Troy



An interactive bot

Trained on VSU data (responsibly)

Collaboration with CampusCore AI

# Center for Responsible AI

Internal and External Training

Research Endeavors

Student Opportunities



<https://www.vsu.edu/about/leadership/vp-for-academic-affairs/crai/>



# Questions

