OUR MISSION

Virginia State University, a public, comprehensive 1890 Land Grant institution and historically black college/university, is committed to the preparation of a diverse population of men and women through the advancement of academic programs and services that integrate instruction, research, extension, and outreach. The University endeavors to meet the educational needs of students, graduating lifelong learners who are well equipped to serve their communities as informed citizens, globally competitive leaders, and highly effective, ethical professionals.

ACADEMIC COLLEGES

College of Agriculture
Reginald F. Lewis College of Business
College of Education
College of Engineering and Technology
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
College of Natural and Health Sciences

The Virginia State University Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) program is nationally ranked in the country. Two alumni are in the United States Army Cadet Command Hall of Fame.

OTHER COLLEGES

- College of Graduate Studies

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PRESIDENT

Makola M. Abdullah, Ph.D.

ACCRREDITATION

Virginia State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, masters and doctorate degrees.

COLLEGE & PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS

AACSB
Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

ABET
Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology

ACEND
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

ACPHA
Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration

ATMAE
Association of Technology Management and Applied Engineering

CAEP
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation

CSWE
Council on Social Work Education

NASAD
National Association of Schools of Art and Design

NASM
National Association of Schools of Music
In 2020, Virginia State University unveiled an initiative that provides access for an estimated 300 students who live near the VSU campus to attend the University at no cost for tuition. The initiative is part of The Virginia College Affordability Network (VCAN) which seeks to address the regional needs relating to access and completion.

In 2020, Virginia State University was named the Best Most Affordable Four Year University in Virginia.

In 2021, Virginia State University announced the John Mercer Langston Institute (JMLI) for African American Political Leadership. The JMLI is devoted to developing, empowering, and cultivating African American leadership in the Commonwealth of Virginia through innovative training, policy collection and assistance, programming, research, and networking.

In 2021, Virginia State University unveiled an innovative new initiative that will position the University to address public health disparities within underserved communities. The newly created VSU Public Health Institute (VSUPHI) serves as a resource for marginalized communities and seeks to improve public health outcomes.

In 2020, Virginia State University received the largest single donor gift in the 138-year history of the University. Author and Philanthropist MacKenzie Scott gifted VSU $30 Million. The University will use the funds to continue to transform lives through education as the University works to fulfill its mission and the tenets of the University’s new strategic plan.

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