



Virginia State University

Academic Affairs & Student Affairs Committee

Thursday, April 25, 2024



Agenda Overview

I. Academic Affairs Updates

Dr. Tia A. Minnis (Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

II. The College of Humanities and Social Studies Overview

Dr. Isis Walton (College Dean)

III. Spring Enrollment Updates

Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter (VP, Student Affairs & Enrollment Management)

IV. FASFA Update

Ms. Myra Phillips (Director of Financial Aid)

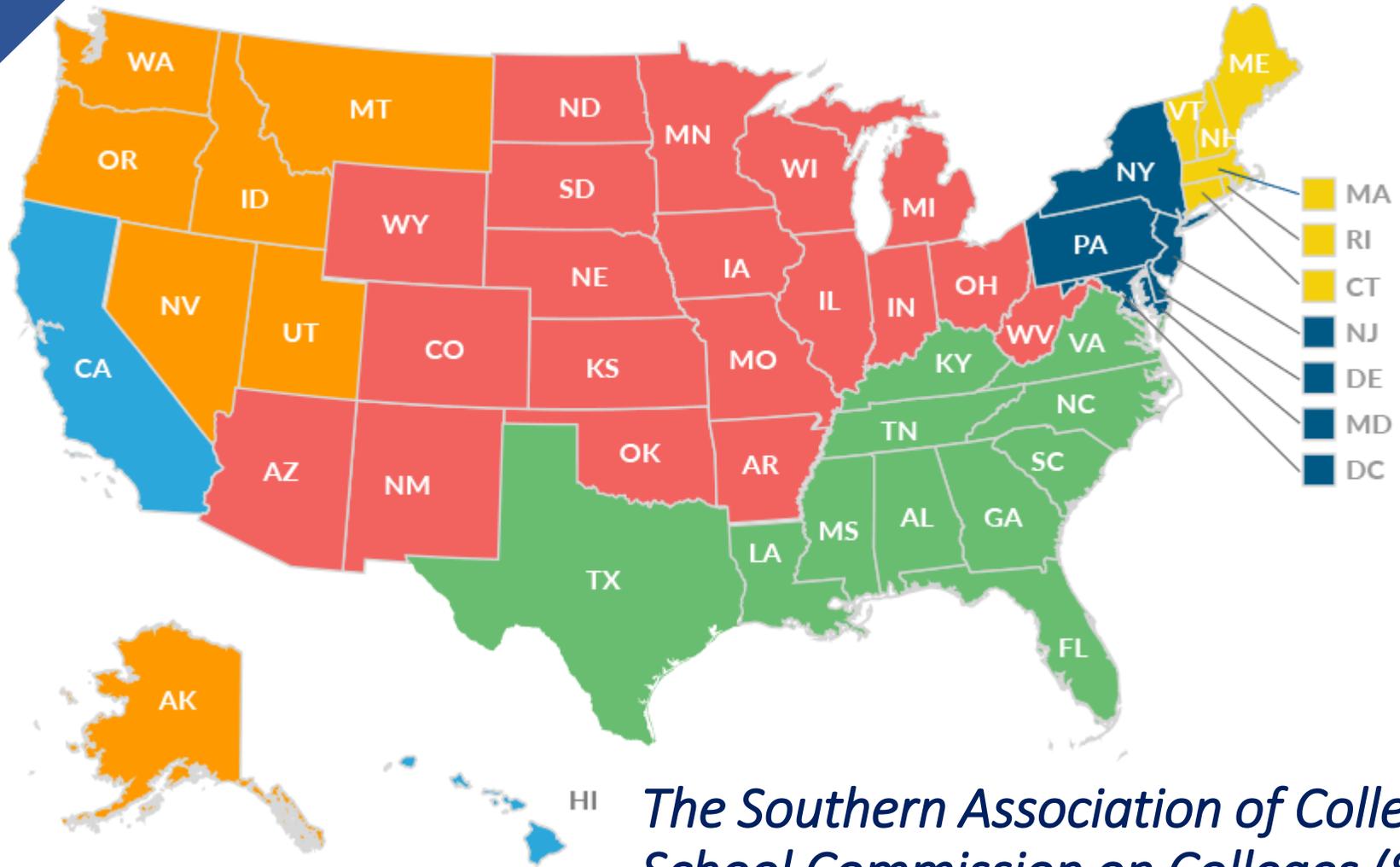


Tia A. Minnis

Institutional/Reginal Accreditation



Accreditation Overview



The Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

Accreditation Overview

- *The Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)*
 - *Continuing Commitment to Quality and Integrity*
 - Resources and Capacity for Effective Programs and Services
 - Overall Institutional Effectiveness – Mission Attainment
 - Prestige and Reputation in Academia
 - Recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE)
 - Regional Accrediting Body – “Gate Keeper” for Title IV
 - Federal Financial Aid

Accreditation Overview

- To Gain or Maintain Accreditation with SACSCOC:
 - An institution must comply with the standards contained in *The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*
 - *CR Standards – Core Requirement (17)*
 - *On-Site Review Standards (22)*
 - Policies and Procedures of the Commission
- Requirements Apply to ALL
 - Applicants
 - Candidates
 - Member Institutions

Accreditation Overview

73 Accreditation Standards:

- SECTION 1: The Principle of Integrity (1)
- SECTION 2: Mission (1)
- SECTION 3: Basic Eligibility Standard (3)
- SECTION 4: Governing Board (9)
- SECTION 5: Administration and Organization (7)
- SECTION 6: Faculty (7)
- SECTION 7: Institutional Planning and Effectiveness (3)
- SECTION 8: Student Achievement (4)
- SECTION 9: Educational Program Structure and Content (7)

Accreditation Overview

73 Accreditation Standards:

- SECTION 10: Educational Policies, Procedures, and Practices (9)
 - SECTION 11: Library and Learning/Information Resources (3)
 - SECTION 12: Academic and Student Support Services (6)
 - Section 13: Financial and Physical Resources (8)
 - SECTION 14: Transparency and Institutional Representation (5)
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- **Failure to Demonstrate Compliance**
 - Focus Report
 - Monitoring
 - Sanction (Warning or Probation)
 - Denial of Reaffirmation
 - Removal from Membership

Virginia State University Status

Accreditation Information

VSU is Accredited to Award: Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate

❖ Status

- Accredited

❖ Public Sanctions

- None

❖ Candidacy Date

- N/A

❖ Accreditation Granted

- 01/01/1933

❖ Reaffirmation

- 2018

❖ Distance Education Approval Date

- 11/08/2019

❖ Next Reaffirmation Review

- 2028

❖ Next Fifth-Year Review

- 2024

❖ Degree Level

- V

❖ Control

- Public

What is the 5th Year Interim Report?

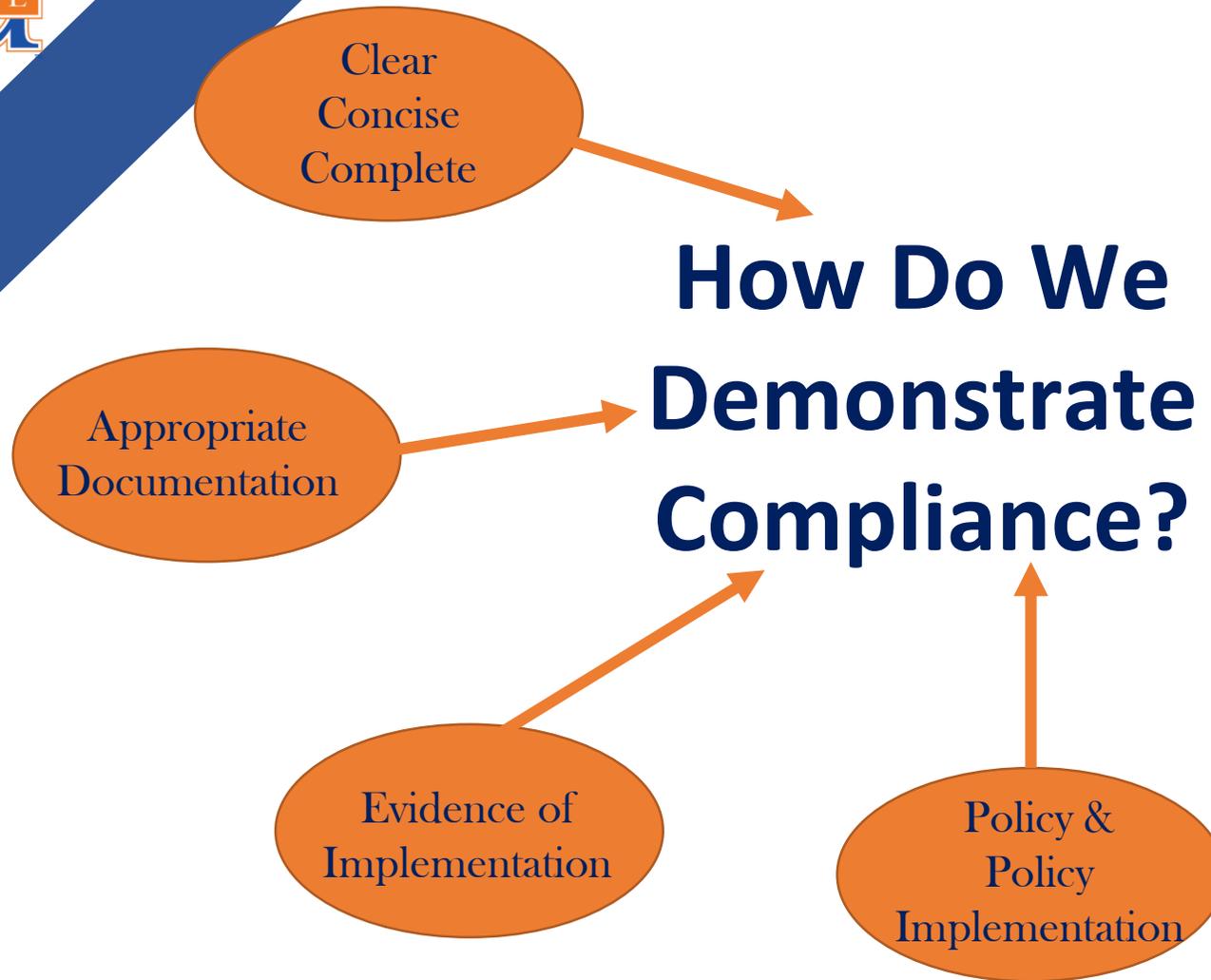


Fifth-Year Compliance Certification

Abbreviated Review

22 Standards - Verification of Continued Compliance

1. 5.4 Qualified administrative/academic officers
2. 6.1 Full-time Faculty
3. 6.2.b Program faculty
4. 6.2.c Program coordination
5. 8.1 Student Achievement
6. 8.2.a Student Outcomes: Educational Programs
7. 9.1 Program Content
8. 9.2 Program Length
9. 10.2 Public Information
10. 10.3 Archived Information
11. 10.5 Admissions Policies and Practices
12. 10.6 Distance and Correspondence Education
13. 10.7 Policies for Awarding Credit
14. 10.9 Cooperative Academic Arrangements
15. 12.1 Student Support Services
16. 12.4 Student Complaints
17. 13.6 Federal and State Responsibilities
18. 13.7 Physical Resources
19. 13.8 Institutional Environment
20. 14.1 Publication of Accreditation Status
21. 14.3 Comprehensive Institutional Reviews
22. 14.4 Representation to Other Agencies



Possible Outcomes

Evaluators

1

No referral

2

Referral to a Compliance & Reports (C & R) Committee

C & R Committee

1

No additional report requested

2

Request a monitoring report

3

Recommend placing the institution on a sanction

4

Recommend removal from membership.





Questions?



Academic Affairs

Highlights & Accomplishments



Academic Affairs Highlights

Career Readiness and Workforce Development

VSU Coursera Career Academy

- Includes 26 Courses
 - Industry Certification or Credential
- 268 Participating
 - 164 Student
 - 104 Faculty & Staff



EXPAND VSU ACADEMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Academic Affairs Highlights

Career Readiness and Workforce Development

LinkedIn Learning Online Courses

- Online Professional Development Courses

Workforce Edge Platform

- Promote Online and Traditional Programs Advertise
- Employer-Sponsored Tuition Assistance



Academic Affairs Highlights

Career Readiness and Workforce Development

Skills Common Academy

- Workforce Credentials and Certifications training for faculty.
- Fall 2024

IBM HBCU All-Freshman Initiative

- All freshmen can take an IBM Getting Started Course
 - Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and/or Threat and Intelligence
 - IBM Badge
 - Eligible to apply for paid micro-internship

IMB SkillsBuild

- Designed to help faculty enhance their courses
- Prepare students for the workforce



Academic Affairs Highlights

Career Readiness and Workforce Development

Military Friendly Institution Designation

- Commitment + Effort + Success
- Silver Status
- Increased Engagement with Military-Affiliated Students
- Restructure the unit to better support our military community



Academic Affairs Highlights

Career Readiness and Workforce Development

Launch EDAP – Employee Degree Attainment Program

- Tuition Assistance for Graduate Degrees
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Criteria
 - Full-Time
 - 2 Years
 - Undergraduate Degree
 - VSU Master or Doctorate Degree
 - Commitment to the Institution



Recent News Coverage

- Dean Corley's Presentation to the Farm Bureau Board of Directors
- VSU's Small Farm Outreach Program Wins Project of Excellence Award
- Student Research Awards
- VSU & Petersburg Public Schools Crimson Garden
- Hosted 2nd Annual Ag Festival

Academic Affairs Highlights

College of Agriculture



Ribbon cutting, groundbreaking ceremony held for Petersburg High School's Crimson Garden

Academic Affairs Highlights

Reginald F. Lewis College of Business

Student Achievements

- Entrepreneurial Success
- Scholarship Award
- Community Service through VITA

Faculty Accomplishments

- Research and Scholarship
- Innovative Teaching

Innovation in Education

- Integration of AI in Curriculum



Recent Initiatives

- Teacher Residency Grant
 - I Too Teach
- Hybrid Education Resident Opportunity (HERO)
- VSUTEACH Growth From 4 to 36 STEM Education Minors
- COE Faculty Presented their Research in Ireland
 - Dr. Melissa Johnson
 - Dr. Tracy Walker
 - Dr. Michelle Belle
 - Dr. Ayana Conway

Academic Affairs Highlights

College of Education

New VSU 'HERO' program to help teacher shortage



Academic Affairs Highlights

College of Engineering and Technology

New Degree Programs

- BS in Mechanical Engineering
- MS in Data Analytics

Student Opportunities

- BEYA Conference in Baltimore, MD (48 Students)
- NSBE Conference in Atlanta, GA (46 Students)
- Dominion Energy Hands-On Student Training

FIRST Robotics Championship

- Participants from across DC, MD, and VA

We started building Our first Quantum Lab

- Classes in Quantum Sensing, Computing, and Cryptography.



Academic Affairs Highlights

College of Natural & Health Sciences

Focused on Accreditation

- Nursing Program Accreditation
 - Final decision before the end of the month
- APA Accreditation Psychology
 - Application submission April 30th

Office of Pre-Health Services & Career Strategy

- Launch 8 professional Health Tracks
- PRIME (Pre-Health & Related Interests Mentoring Experiences)



One Day Women's Event

- Curated to engage, encourage, educate, and invigorate women leaders at VSU
- 4 Panel Sessions
 - Presidents
 - Provost and VP
 - Leaders Across the Institution
 - Student Leaders
- Keynote Speaker
- Networking Opportunities
- K-12 Student Participants
- Over 180 Participants

Women's Leadership Institute Day in LeadHERship Conference





Questions?



College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Isis Walton, Dean





College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Change Agents Activated: The Good, Great, and Greater



College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Our faculty and staff enthusiastically serve our students to provide transformative experiences while preparing them to be change agents for their communities, the nation, and the world.
- We are committed to student success, experiential training, and workforce development.
- We make the world beautiful through innovative artistic expression, community engagement, and compassionate, humanistic intellectualism.



Who are We?

- We are the little engine that could and does the heavy lifting.
- The largest college at VSU, with over 1200 majors, 25% of the total student population.
- We touch every student here at VSU – of the required 33-37 GE electives, 21 credit hours will be taken in CHSS.
- CHSS has over 100 full-time and adjunct faculty

College Departments and Programs

Art & Design

History and Philosophy

Languages & Literature

Mass Communications

Military Science

Music

Political Science & Public Administration

Social Work

Sociology & Criminal Justice

Minors in CHSS

- English
- Homefront Readjustment for the Armed Services
- Mass Communications
- Philosophy
- Public Administration
- Studio Arts
- Military Science
- Africana Studies
- Drama
- French
- Social Work
- Photography
- Film Studies in Literature
- Graphic Design
- Music
- Spanish
- Creative Writing
- Social Justice (Fall 2024)

Innovation Centers & Institutes

John Mercer Langston Institute

Center of Policing Leadership and Social Justice

National HBCU Studies Data Collection and Research Center

Center for Creative and Entertainment Arts

John Mercer Langston Institute



Center of Policing Leadership and Social Justice



- The Center partners with Chesterfield County and other surrounding area governments to provide opportunities to professionals in education, social service, law enforcement, public safety (firefighters), and human services.
- Hosted an Immersive Wellness Retreat for Law Enforcement Leadership, Community Leaders, and VSU Students.

Latorial Faison, Assistant Professor

Department of Languages & Literature



Dr. Latorial Faison
 Virginia State University



BALTIMORE'S 37th ANNUAL CITY CIVIC LEAGUE FESTIVAL

DISMANTLING THE CULTURE OF SILENCE
 IN HONOR OF READERS & WRITERS

PRaising THE MOUTH THAT SPEAKS:
A Spine for the World to Listen. Turn Up the Volume.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th
 from 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
 Chesapeake Shakespeare Company

CHARLES CITY CIVIC LEAGUE, INC.

Consultant, Drexel-Morrell Center, Powhatan, VA

**MLK Program w/Congresswoman McClellan
 Southampton County, VA**



Wes Bellamy, Chair

Political Science & Public Administration

VSU students explore questions about representation as they prepare for the 2024 debate

2024 Presidential Debate at VSU

[Elizabeth Beyer](#)

Petersburg Progress-Index

PETERSBURG—Dr. Wesley Bellamy’s political science class wrestled with a question he posed: What would Hiram Revels, the first African American U.S. Senator elected in 1870, think of Black voter turnout in the 2020 presidential election?

The question elicited animated responses from the students in the Wednesday afternoon Seminar in Black Politics. Their answers were steeped in philosophy, history, and a sharp understanding of current events.

Bellamy said his goal, during the election year, is to equip his students with data and historic context regarding the importance of the Black vote and why it’s really important for HBCUs to have these discussions.



Christin Haynes

Assistant Professor, Social Work



Social Work and Public Health Fellow

Contact Barbara Coleman (804) 203-5105 for more information

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PRESERVING HEALTHY FAMILY RECIPES WORKSHOPS

LOCATION:
 Virginia Community Resource Center (VCRC)
 22 Washington St.
 Petersburg, VA

Cheryl Mango, Associate Professor

Department of History



Historic feature in B.E.T. (Black Entertainment Television) on the new Bob Marley Film. Bob Marley's message of peace and freedom united a nation, if only for one night.

Jemayne King- Associate Professor

Department of Languages & Literature

University Libraries and The Institute of Hip-Hop & Cultural Studies presents:



THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF Hip-Hop

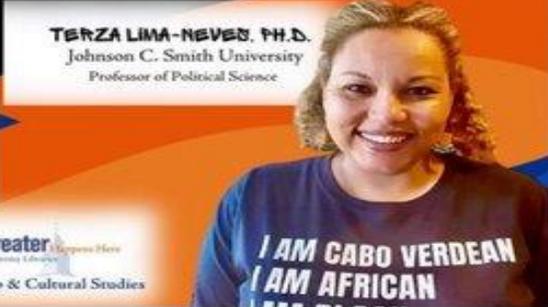
WHAT GOES AROUND:
 HIP-HOP PEDAGOGY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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| THURSDAY 11/07 |  |  | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM |
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Meeting ID: 832 5847 7862
 Passcode: 427735



TYLER BUNZEY, PH.D.
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Assistant Professor and
 Cultural Studies Program Coordinator.



TERZA LIMA-NEVES, PH.D.
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Professor of Political Science

 
 Institute of Hip-Hop & Cultural Studies

*I AM CABO VERDEAN
 I AM AFRICAN*



**HOUSE OF HOOPS
 FIRE
 SIDE
 CHAT**

WITH **DR. JEMAYNE LAVAR KING**

**21
 MAR
 7PM ET**



DISCUSSING SNEAKERS AS MORE THAN JUST FOOTWEAR.

LIVE IN CXMMUNITY DISCORD 

Highlights from Mass Comm



The 2024 Joseph M. Murphy Award for
Outstanding Service to the CSPA

Chris Waugaman, Assistant Professor, Mass Communications, Virginia State University

2024 Citizen Diplomat Award Recipient

Dr. Lenneal Henderson



Left to right, World Learning Senior Program Officer, Anthony Zaun, Dr. Lenneal Henderson, World Learning Program Manager, Ann Driscoll

VSU Students Honored at Inaugural African American Women's Museum of Art & History



VSU Priority 2:
Sustain Academic
Excellence



Joshua "Ray-Hors3"
Branch-Howell
(1st place winner)

Clarence Clark IV (2nd
place winner)

(From left to right) Mary Dance, founder of the African American Women's Museum of Art and History, Andrew Norris, Assistant Professor of Studio Art, and Joshua "Hors3" Branch-Howell, VSU Art and Design student.

Spring 2024: Deja Farquharson-Carter in Japan with the JET Program

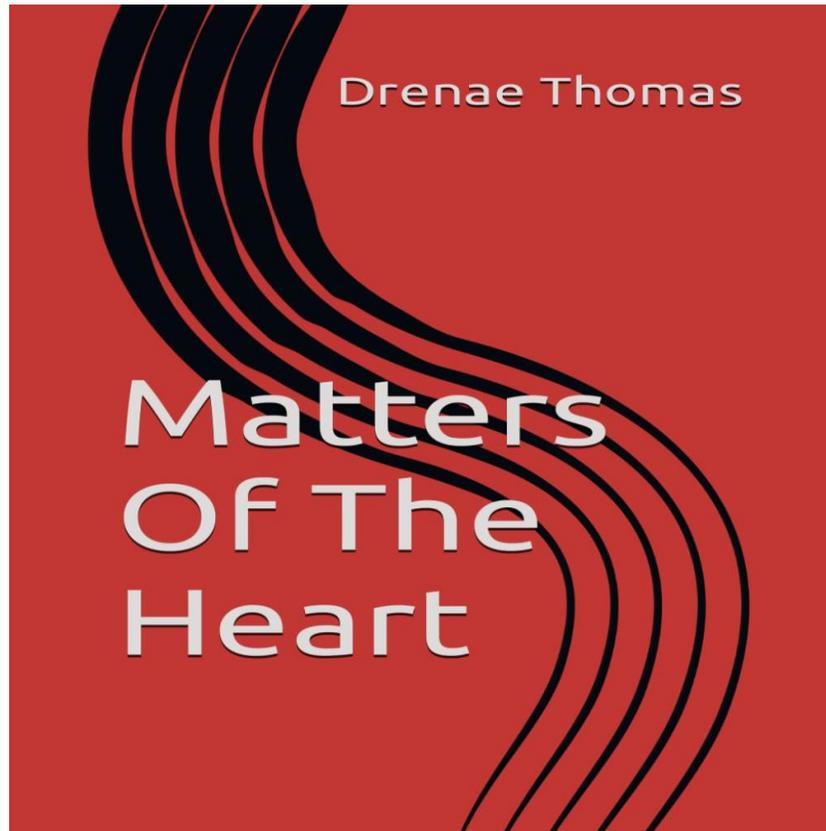


- The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program is through the Japanese Embassy in the United States.
- The JET program receives 4500 applications annually but only selects, on average, 1000 individuals.

Mass Communications



Drenae Thomas, Mass Comm



Sold on Amazon

This book is filled with poems that feed the heart. Matters Of The Heart takes you on an emotional journey that leaves you feeling understood with emotions you thought you held alone. The following poems are from Drenae's own experiences and also pieces of stories that she collected from others over the years.

Annual National Association of Black Social Workers (ABSW) Conference



VSU Gospel Chorale



Trojan Explosion: The Greatest Band in the CIAA!



Virginia State University Concert Choir Spring 2024 Tour



VSUCC with Dr. Roland Carter, the arranger of "Lift Every Voice and Sing"



Department of Art & Design



- Third floor of Virginia Hall – featuring Amaza Lee Meredith
- Women’s History Month (Haus on Market)
- Juried Student Show (PAAL) on display now
- Senior Art Show (Walton Gallery) on display now
- Several students have sold artwork from these shows.
- Attended the Creative South Conference 2024

Department of Music



Military Science/ROTC



VSU Priority 2:
Sustain Academic
Excellence



Future Change Agents!





Questions?



Alexis Brooks-Walter

Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management



Fall 2024 Applications

| | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | Fall 2024 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| | 4/18/2022 | 4/17/2023 | 4/15/2024 |
| Undergraduate | | | |
| Applications | 13,214 | 25,358 | 26,813 |
| Admits | 7,007 | 9,088 | 10,314 |
| Deposits | 655 | 785 | 828 |
| Graduate | | | |
| Applications | 384 | 687 | 1,126 |
| Admits | 25 | 82 | 106 |

Open House



Open House - Comments

- How would you rate your overall experience at Open House?
 - 98% Excellent or Good
 - 2% Average

“Virginia State University has a Great environment. The open house was wonderful and I received a lot of information! I enjoyed visiting campus for the second time. I look forward to attending VSU in the fall.”

“I absolutely loved it and enjoyed the whole thing, it raised my expectations high for the other school i applied to and no other school has succeeded to impress me how VSU has. The hospitality was amazing and everyone was so nice and kindhearted. I truly enjoyed myself.”

“This was by far the best open house I have ever been too. I am very pleased. It made me want to attend a HBCU even more.”

Student Success

VSU
VIRGINIA STATE
VSU

Fall 2024
TROJAN READY
WEDS. & THURS.

04.17.24 4.18.24
11:00AM - 3:00PM

COME TO 2ND FL LIBRARY TO
TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS TO GET
TROJAN READY! ALL OFFICES
AVAILABLE!

- ACADEMIC ADVISING
- FINANCIAL AID
- STUDENT ACCOUNTS
- OFFICE OF REGISTRAR

*You MUST resolve your
HOLDS to register!*

Student Success: Supplemental Instruction: Peer Assisted Study Sessions

WHAT IS SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION?



PEER ASSISTED STUDY SESSIONS

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a powerful tool used by higher education institutions worldwide to support students in historically difficult courses. SI uses peer learning to increase student success and retention, without reteaching or remediation of course materials. We utilize PASS, which is peer-assisted study sessions. It is not tutoring, not remediation, and no re-lecturing.

WHAT ARE SOME STUDENT BENEFITS?



BETTER STUDY METHODS

Understand content more thoroughly. Learn how to manage difficult situations. Gain tools and methods for a current challenging course. Earn higher grades/GPA. Gain collaboration skills.



WHY CHOOSE US AS A SI LEADER?

Gain leadership skills, learn how to manage a study session, earn personalized recommendations, and find more post-graduate study and employment opportunities. ELAH or Stipend eligibility.



WHAT ARE SOME FACULTY BENEFITS?

It would be beneficial to receive feedback from students before the end-of-term evaluations. SIPASS can improve interactions with students during class. SIPASS can increase the number of students who succeed and continue through the course sequence. SIPASS will enhance students' understanding of important concepts. SIPASS faculty can work closely with and mentor high-achieving students, which will be a key strategy for improving outcomes.



WHAT ARE THE SI LEADERS' REQUIREMENTS?

We are looking for students who successfully completed a challenging course and performed well. Exemplify excellent leadership abilities and interpersonal skills. Genuine interest in supporting other students' success. Require interview and faculty letter of recommendation for a student to become an SI leader.

WHAT ARE THE SI LEADERS' DUTIES?

The SIPASS leader sits in the classroom setting as if he/ she is a student. Lead out-of-class study sessions, 2 times a week for the entire semester while frequently attending and observing the class at hand. In addition, the SIPASS leader, will have office hours, submit weekly lesson plans, and have weekly SIPASS leader meetings.

BIOL120
CHEM152
COBU101
COBU155
COBU201
COBU202
CJUS210
CPEG309
ENGL110
ENGL201
ENGL202
ENGL204
ENGR101
ENGR102
ENGR203

ENGR261
HIST122
HIST123
MATH112
MATH113
MATH120
MATH150
MATH121
MATH260
MATH261
MATH300
POLI210
STAT210
MUSI182
MUSI281



SGA 50th Anniversary Celebration
The Legacy of Leadership Extravaganza
Keynote Speaker
Delegate Marcia "Cia" Price

Saturday, April 20th, 2024 • 6-9 PM
Gateway Dining and Events Center at VSU
2804 Martin Luther King Dr.
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY, VA 23806



Student Leaders





Questions?



Myra H. Phillips
Director of Financial Aid



Financial Aid Office Staff



- Director
- Associate Director
- Financial Aid Systems Manager
- Nine Support Staff
- Two Vacant Positions
- Temporary Assistance from EdAdvancement & Financial Aid Services (FAS) Consultants

2023-2024 Financial Aid Summary

- Offered financial aid to over 9,845 students
- Over 95% of VSU students received some form of financial aid
- Disbursed over \$105 million in financial aid funds – including federal, state, institutional and other sources
- Almost 70% of VSU students receive the Federal Pell Grant (\$19 million)



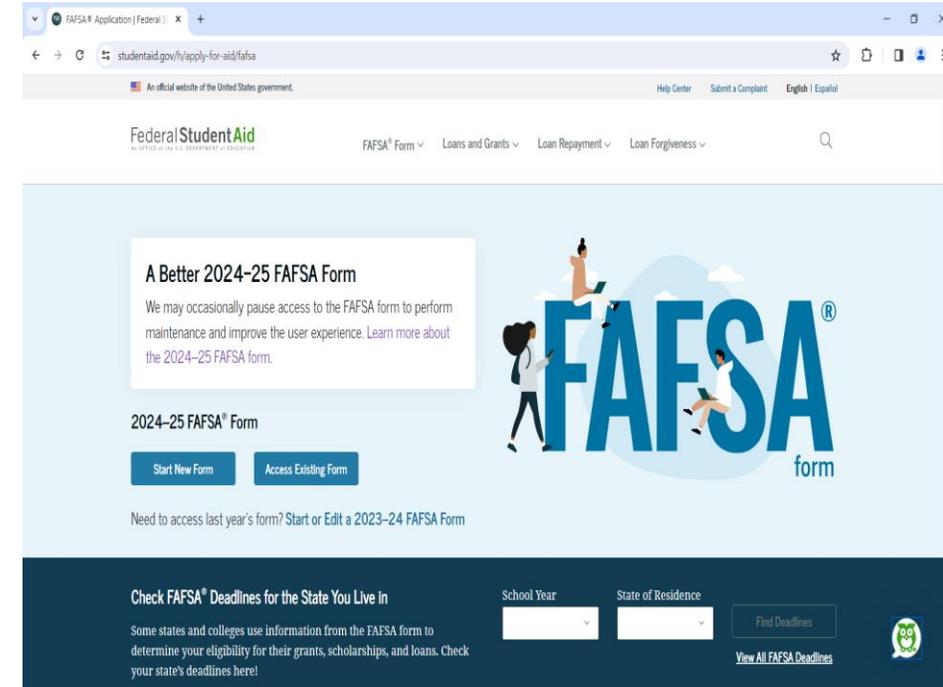
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- In 2020 Congress passed the FAFSA Simplification Act.
- Major changes to the 2024–25 FAFSA® form include:
 - Integration to allow users' federal tax information to be retrieved and transferred directly into the FAFSA form via IRS direct data exchange
 - Replace Expected Family Contribution (EFC) with the Student Aid Index (SAI)
 - Dependent students must invite their parent(s) to contribute to their form
 - Everyone (all students and parents) must provide consent to receive financial aid



2024-2025 FAFSA Simplification & Delays

- **December 30, 2023:** FAFSA opens with significant outage periods
- **January 7, 2024:** FAFSA Issue Alerts page created documenting many issues impacting applicants' ability to complete the form (social security number)
- **January 30, 2024:** ED announces students will not be able to make corrections to submitted FAFSAs until March and FAFSA delivery to schools and states will be further delayed
- **February 20, 2024:** ED announces resolution for FAFSA contributors without an SSN coming in March; releases 9-step temporary workaround



2024-2025 FAFSA Simplification & Delays

- **March 11, 2024:** First small batch of FAFSAs sent to limited number of schools
- **March 12, 2024:** ED announces that most contributors without an SSN can now complete FAFSA
- **March 15, 2024:** As larger batches of FAFSAs received, schools report seeing higher than normal rates of students applying for unsubsidized loan only
- **March 25, 2024:** ED announces delay in applicants' ability to make FAFSA corrections until April and reprocessing of FAFSAs impacted by SAI formula issue that ignored dependent student assets
- **April 4, 2024:** ED announces it will reprocess all FAFSAs impacted by inaccurate IRS data transfer



2024-2025 Financial Aid Summary

- Ellucian (Banner) Implemented in Phases – Upgrade 3 Scheduled for April 21
- New Financial Aid Offer Process with Ruffalo Noel Levitz (RNL) and EdAdvancement (Tentative Date of April 30)
- Outsourced Verification Process with Inceptia
- Staff training provided by Financial Aid Services (FAS) Consultants
- Hiring additional staff for “Virtual Appointments”



2024-2025 Financial Aid Summary

- Received over 8,000 2024-2025 FAFSAs
 - 37% of currently enrolled students have completed
 - 42% of new students have completed
 - Outreach campaign for FAFSA on May 15 & June 15 (tentative dates)
- [Merit Videos for New Students](#)
- “R U Trojan Ready” Initiative – April 17 and 18
- Fin Aid Friday WebEx Series



NOW LIVE

BANNER
SELF-SERVICE 9

Virginia State University
2024-2025 Financial Aid Offers

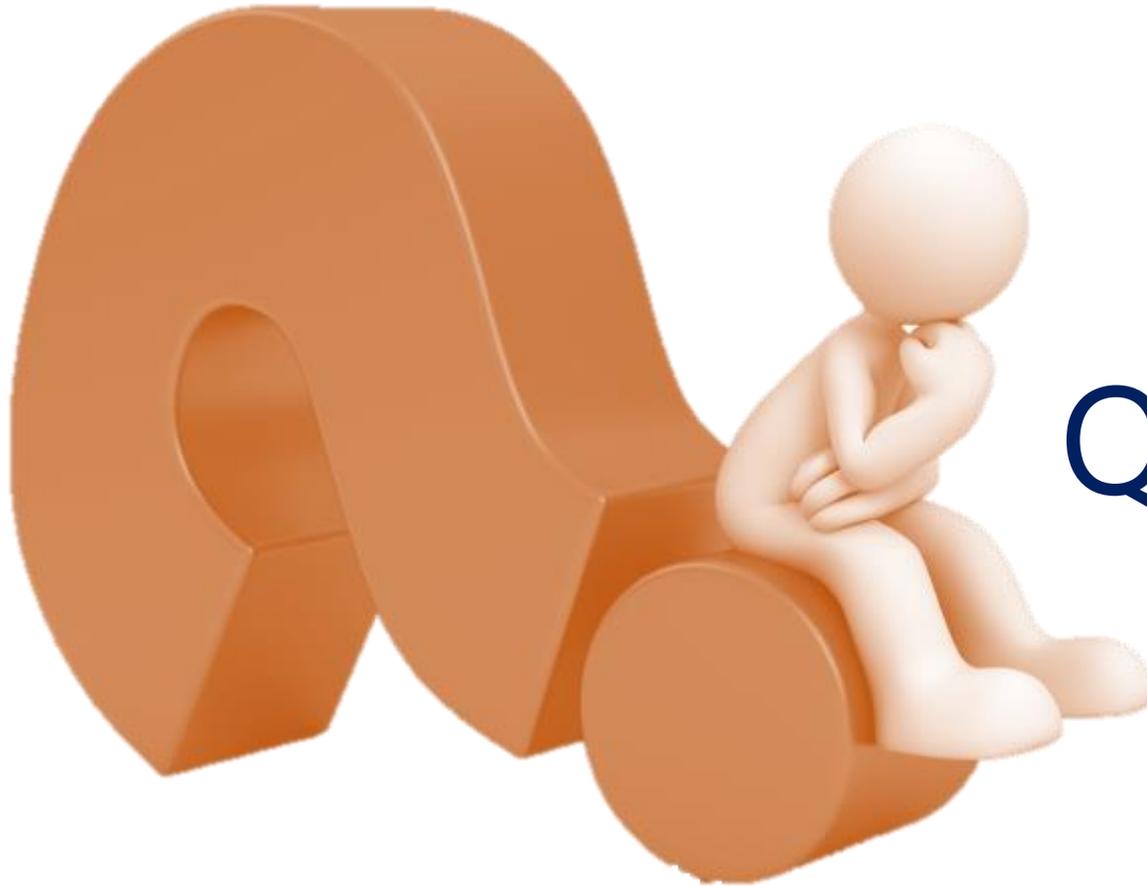
Congratulations on becoming a VSU Trojan!
Our tentative start date for financial aid offers is April 30, 2024.

1. You will receive a video text message; it will be sent to the phone number you provided on your VSU Admissions Application.
2. You will receive a video email; it will be sent to the personal email you provided on your VSU Admissions Application.
3. Once you "activate your student account" with the Admissions Office, you can access your financial aid offer online using our student portal, Banner Self-service 9, at <https://www.vsu.edu/trojanlink/banner/>.



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Questions?