

Letter from the Chair

Virginia State University, a public, comprehensive 1890 Land Grant institution and Historically Black College/University (HBCU), is committed to supporting the development 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 by graduating lifelong learners who are well equipped to serve their communities as informed citizens, globally competitive leaders, and highly effective, ethical professionals.



For more than 63 years, the Virginia State University Foundation has supported the mission of Virginia State University by receiving, managing, and distributing donations and contributions that aid in the enhancement and growth of the University, its students, and the community. This year the Foundation has focused on implementing its newly adopted Strategic Plan. The Board has leveraged its talents to focus on components of the Plan. This Plan is in lock step with the University's Strategic Plan and in direct support of it.

I invite you to invest in Virginia State University and its mission. Your investment will be well rewarded. For example, Virginia State University is one of the few, if not the only, university in the country that has produced a National Teacher of the Year, a National University Teacher of the Year, and a National ACTE (Association for Career and Technical Education) Teacher of the Year. You will be pleased with these types of returns for your investment.

The University has produced many legislators who have served in the General Assembly of Virginia, a federal judge, a member of Congress, and the first black billionaire. Additionally, many University alumni are phenomenal mentors for our families, friends, and communities.

Please [make a gift](#) at vsu.edu. Make the contribution of choice. I thank you, in advance, for your invaluable support!

Hail State!

Brenda Stith Finch
Class of 1971