



President John R. Broderick's 13th

# STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY



## 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

### MAJOR SUCCESSES AND NEW INITIATIVES

- \$1 billion in new resources in the past 12 years, including \$186 million from ongoing fundraising initiative and recent \$17 million increase in state funding.
- Enrollment growth in the summer and fall semesters, the latter by nearly 3 percent.
- Newly created School of Cybersecurity, the first in the nation with a dual focus on undergraduates and graduate students. Cybersecurity enrollment has shot up from 11 to 800 in the past five years.
- REYES (Remote Experience for Young Engineers and Scientists) summer program, taught by faculty from ODU, NASA, Jefferson Lab and other institutions, attracted 7,400 registrants from 115 countries.

### FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION MILESTONES

- Luisa Igloria named Virginia's poet laureate, ODU's second in last decade.
- Ted Ellis, whose artwork portraying the Black experience in America was featured in Goode Theatre exhibit, appointed scholar in residence.
- Biologist Kent Carpenter won state Outstanding Faculty Award, Old Dominion's 33rd faculty member to receive the honor.
- Ben Stuart appointed dean of Batten College of Engineering and Technology after a national search.
- Anil Nair, chairman of Department of Management, received \$400,000 Kauffman Foundation grant to expand entrepreneurship among veterans and women.

- Carolyn Rutledge and Tina Gustin co-lead Center for Telehealth Innovation, Education and Research (C-TIER) in Virginia Beach, which has become a sought-after resource globally.
- Justin Haegele, in human movement sciences, received a Spencer grant for adapted physical activity programs.

### PROMISING FUTURE VENTURES

- Leader in research and coordination for Virginia offshore wind energy project, which recently began operation of first two turbines.
- Playing major role in new Hampton Roads Maritime Collaborative for Growth & Innovation, with objective of achieving "global prominence" for ODU in maritime endeavors.
- Establishment of Hampton Roads Biomedical Research Consortium, expanding collaboration with Eastern Virginia Medical School and Sentara Healthcare, with the benefit of greater health care innovation for the region.
- Participant in state's Tech Talent Pipeline, with the commitment to produce more than 2,800 graduates in computer science and computer engineering in next two decades.

### SOCIAL MOBILITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- Students of color make up nearly half of enrollment.
- Most affordable tuition among Virginia doctoral institutions.
- Recognized among "Top Performers" in social mobility by U.S. News & World Report.
- Comprehensive commemoration of 400th anniversary of first African landing in North America.

- Strong participation in March for Justice and Zoom discussions and webinars on diversity, inclusion and equity.
- “But we must do more to work toward full equality, from faculty hiring to student life,” President Broderick said.

## NEW BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

- Nearly a quarter of a billion dollars in funding for STEM-H facilities planned or under construction.
- Two buildings opening in spring 2021: Hugo Owens House, 470-bed residence hall named after ODU’s first African American rector, and new Chemistry Building, with 37 labs and 122-seat planetarium.
- New Health Sciences facility on track to open in 2022, and planning permission received for new Biology Building.

## FUNDRAISING

- \$5 million donation from Batten Foundation to endow sailing program.
- \$1 million gift from alumnus Michael Le for digital theater and planetarium in new Chemistry Building.
- \$1 million bequest commitments from James Mills, William Edelstein and Chandra Brooks.
- Significant gifts from Hampton Roads Community Foundation for Recover Hampton Roads program and from GENEDGE for Engineering Makerspace and Invention Center.

## CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

- A nimble transition to remote learning and telework midway through the spring semester.
- Thanks to the work of countless committees, a successful start to fall semester, using a hybrid approach to classes and the University’s own COVID testing center.
- Sustained outreach to meet community needs, including Monarch Pantry to provide food, assistance to K-12 teachers to craft virtual lessons and production of PPE for health care facilities.

## ATHLETIC MILESTONES

- 2019 opening of significantly improved Kornblau Field at S.B. Ballard Stadium.
- 3.47 composite GPA for student-athletes in spring was best in ODU history.
- Ricky Rahne hired to coach football and DeLisha Milton-Jones to coach women’s basketball.
- Cancellation of fall sports placed health and safety first.
- Anticipation of spring season, including for the first time women’s volleyball, coached by Fred Chao and playing in new facility in Jarrett Athletic Building.

**“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”**

**– Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Prize winner**

