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Message from the
PRESIDENT

From advances in our cutting-edge research, new achievements in academic excellence, accolades for our faculty and students, and an exhilarating athletic season, to our renewed commitment to civic leadership and business solutions, the 2009-10 year has been one filled with success and promise for Old Dominion University.

As you’ll see in this Year in Review report, our world-class researchers are partnering with business, industry, government and investment leaders to create answers for society’s most pressing challenges. Our research teams generate $88 million in annual funding and Old Dominion continues to make groundbreaking advances in modeling and simulation, bioelectrics, alternative energies, nanotechnologies and maritime health and systems.

Our nationally recognized faculty garnered a number of their fields’ top awards and honors. They’ve brought that expertise to our classrooms, propelling our academic curriculum to new heights of recognition and providing students with an education that prepares them to succeed anywhere.

Among a myriad of performances and events on campus that suit any interest, Old Dominion athletics thrilled spectators like never before. From the much-anticipated and celebrated kickoff of our first football season in more than 60 years to the post-season play of our men’s and women’s basketball teams, the ODU Monarchs roared!

We closed out the year with the launch of the Old Dominion University Business Gateway, a business-friendly entry point to the intellectual capital, innovative technologies and world-class infrastructure of the university. Responsible for nearly $1 billion in annual regional economic impact, Old Dominion is an active leader in local and statewide economic development. We aim to be the go-to solutions provider for Hampton Roads and beyond, and are building robust partnerships with our communities to enhance the metropolitan area’s reputation as a great place to live and work.

Forward-focused thinking, real-world results. That’s what you’ll find on the pages that follow, because that’s what you’ll find at Old Dominion University.

–JOHN R. BRODERICK, PRESIDENT
President John R. Broderick was appointed by Gov. Bob McDonnell to the Governor’s Commission on Higher Education Reform, Innovation and Investment.

The commission will play a pivotal role in the effort to make Virginia a more highly educated state where businesses seek to locate and good jobs are available. It will focus on eight goals, including increasing the percentage of Virginians enrolled in college and receiving degrees; increasing enrollment in STEM disciplines; forging effective public-private partnerships for business recruitment and workforce development; making Virginia a national leader in higher education opportunities for military personnel and veterans; and crafting a sustainable higher education funding model.

In addition to President Broderick, the commission includes the presidents of seven other Virginia colleges and universities, as well as a number of business, education policy and government officials.
Signifying the university’s commitment to transform the way higher education interacts with businesses, Old Dominion University in May launched the ODU Business Gateway, a business-friendly entry point to the intellectual capital, innovative technologies and world-class infrastructure of the university.

Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade and ODU alumnus James S. Cheng ’82 was on hand for the event, noting, “(This) is precisely the kind of initiative that Governor McDonnell’s administration supports in helping to create economic development opportunities and propel Virginia forward.”

Headquartered in Innovation Research Park @ ODU, the Business Gateway is unique in Virginia and one of only a handful in the country. It provides a dedicated resource to help solve business problems, expand capabilities and create new ventures with services matched to market needs, including unencumbered business and entrepreneurial consulting and services, advanced manufacturing and technology solutions, training and professional development, and veterans business outreach and procurement assistance.
ODU’s Community Development Corporation (CDC) marked a productive year with the groundbreaking for workforce housing and the second annual Hampton Roads Conference for Girls and Young Women. Created by the university, the CDC engages in activities intended to revitalize communities surrounding the campus, develops opportunities for residents, and supports ODU’s community development interests.

In March, ODU President John Broderick, Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim and other local officials broke ground for “43rd Street Norfolk,” a 51-unit townhouse complex for workforce families, including Norfolk Public Schools teachers, police and fire personnel, medical professionals and ODU employees.

In May, more than 400 girls and young women gathered on the Old Dominion campus for “The Power of Sisterhood: Continuing the Journey.” The free, annual conference was developed by the CDC to educate and empower young women, help them build leadership skills, facilitate career development and promote active and healthy lifestyles.

THE BIG READ

Some 650 Hampton Roads residents took part in May in the Darden College of Education’s Big Read, a program funded by the National Endowment for the Arts whose goal is to promote a culture of reading, particularly among those who don’t read books on a regular basis. Organizers of the ODU project, which received matching funds from the Darden College, distributed copies of Amy Tan’s 1989 novel, “The Joy Luck Club.” Participants in the program had opportunities to engage in discussions and take part in various other activities related to the novel’s themes. ODU’s Big Read project targeted all members of the community, from high school age on up, with an emphasis on reaching out to the area’s minority communities.
A goal of ODU’s 2009-2014 Strategic Plan is to build stronger civic and community partnerships to enhance the metropolitan region’s quality of life. A recent survey of faculty, staff and students on their volunteer efforts in our community shows we have a strong foundation on which to build.

53,000 - Volunteer hours of faculty and staff each year
780 - Organizations where ODU employees volunteer
1,000 - Combined volunteer hours of student organizations
60 - Hours per year the average ODU volunteer donates
247 - Number of boards on which ODU employees sit
The Haiti earthquake evoked many responses from the campus community, including students and alumni alike.

The Nu Theta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity collected and donated $500 to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund on Feb. 26, one of several student organizations that raised funds for the island nation.

ODU’s Global Student Friendship organization and the African Caribbean Student Association held a candlelight vigil for the victims of the earthquake the evening of Jan. 19, a week after the tragedy. The program, which took place on Kaufman Mall, included music and poetry readings.

Still other students joined forces with Physicians for Peace when the national organization sponsored a drive on campus to collect prosthetics, wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches from the Hampton Roads community for earthquake victims. Donated items were sent to PFP’s rehabilitation centers in Port-au-Prince.

Art Mowbray ’70 and Chip Wirth ’82, executive director and president, respectively, of the Maison Fortuné Orphanage Foundation Inc., located in Chesapeake, stepped up its efforts to raise funds to support an orphanage in Hinche, Haiti, which it had adopted as its mission. Although the orphanage sustained no physical damage or injuries from the earthquake, the foundation sought donations to expand its capacity to support displaced children from the quake zone.

Homecoming Project Gives New Meaning to Annual Event

Hundreds of ODU students, faculty and staff pitched in to help construct a Habitat for Humanity house for a local Norfolk family, a project that started as part of Homecoming 2009.

Affectionately nicknamed “Monarch Manor” by the volunteers, the house was built on 39th Street in the city’s Lambert’s Point section for LaShawn Jones and her two daughters, Deja and Dijon.

The volunteer crews put in hundreds of hours hammering, painting and landscaping to finish the two-story, three-bedroom house. Despite an epic Nor’easter that did considerable damage to the house last fall, the house was dedicated in the spring and its new owners proudly accepted the keys from Habitat officials.
Fred Dobbs and Maile Lyons led a research team that received $2.3 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study how minute specks of detritus can serve as island-like refuges for the pathogens that pollute our waters.
Federal funding agencies have invested more than $3 million in the recent bionanotechnology work of the Nancy Xu research group. The total includes $500,000 received in 2009 to promote Xu’s studies involving nanoparticle probes of cells for better understanding of multidrug resistance. Xu also won the university’s 2010 Faculty Research Achievement Award.

ODU’s reputation as an international leader in bioelectrics and plasma science grew by leaps and bounds during the year.

The university’s Frank Reidy Research Center for Bioelectrics hosted the 7th International Bioelectrics Symposium, with the center’s director, Richard Heller, a pioneer in electrogene therapy cancer research, serving as chair of the meeting. Reidy Center researchers Jorgen Kolb and Karl Schoenbach were granted a U.S. patent based on their novel use of gases to create a jet of atmospheric plasma for applications, mainly in medicine. Renowned cardiac electrophysiologist Stephen Knisley joined ODU as Batten Endowed Chair in Biomedical Engineering, largely because of his desire to collaborate with researchers at the Reidy Center.

Mounir Laroussi, director of ODU’s Laser and Plasma Engineering Institute, was one of three researchers worldwide to receive the inaugural International Society for Plasma Medicine Award. He also chaired the IEEE International Conference on Plasma Science, which drew 500 top researchers in the field to Norfolk, and was named to the international advisory board of the journal Plasma Processes & Polymers.

ODU’s Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC) was in the spotlight at a 2009 MS&V summit sponsored in Hampton Roads by U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, and at the ModSim World Conference and Expo. John Sokolowski, who had held the top research position at VMASC, was named its executive director.

Researcher Gianluca De Leo, working in medical modeling and simulation, developed smartphone audiovisual and virtual reality applications designed to improve the lives of autistic children and diabetics. Stacie Ringleb is using virtual reality simulators to help the military understand how fitness affects a soldier’s tactical performance.
A seaside location has promoted ODU’s research programs in fields such as oceanography, marine biology and marine chemistry, and this was especially evident in 2009-10.

Malcolm Scully was awarded an NSF Early Career Development grant of $750,000 to support his innovative research of oxygen-depleted areas of the Chesapeake Bay. Larry Atkinson’s expertise in coastal climatology helped national media explain the spread of the oil from the gushing well in the Gulf of Mexico. As director of the Global Marine Species Assessment based at ODU, Kent Carpenter was in the news for his research and advocacy aimed at protecting mangrove species, sturgeon (the source of caviar) and Atlantic bluefin tuna. As leader of a research team that won a $1.4 million NSF grant, Mark Butler is exploring new evidence he has found that may explain the spread of a deadly virus among spiny lobsters in the Caribbean. Ken Mopper and Aron Stubbins were awarded $400,000 from the NSF to develop a sensitive instrument capable of measuring organic carbon in seawater.

Robert Tuleya was co-author of an article in Science that examined global warming’s potential effect this century on hurricane strength.

Alex Bochdansky published an important paper in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, reporting on his novel exploration of biological activity and chemical processes in the deep ocean.
Alternative energy initiatives at ODU made progress on several fronts during the year under the leadership of Patrick Hatcher, executive director of the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium (VCERC) and ODU’s Batten Endowed Chair in Physical Sciences.

Hatcher and Aron Stubbins worked with a New York company to win federal development funds for a new system by which algae are harvested and dewatered so they can be used to produce biofuels. ODU researchers also worked with a California wastewater treatment plant on a process in which algae being grown for biofuels perform the additional jobs of scrubbing harmful nutrients from wastewater and pulling in carbon dioxide from the emissions of industrial incinerators. VCERC released a thick report documenting how Virginia might develop offshore wind farms to produce up to 10 percent of the state’s electricity demand.

In engineering, Ali Beskok received $256,000 from the NSF to study heat transfer at the nanoscale and he was a member of a five-investigator team from ODU that received a $310,000 NSF grant to purchase an advanced scanning probe microscope for nanoscale research. The four other faculty members involved are engineers Shizi Qian and Julie Hao, and biologists Roland Cooper and David Gauthier. Engineer Helmut Baumgart is applying his expertise in atomic layer deposition to create nanoscale pumps.

ODU psychologists Karin Orvis, Debra Major and Sandra Deloatch from NSU (pictured above) received $500,000 from the NSF to promote the access of women and minorities to high-paying jobs in computer science and engineering.

Jean Delayen, the inventor of several types of accelerating cavities that are being used worldwide in existing particle accelerators, was named the first director of the Center for Accelerator Science, newly created by ODU and the Jefferson Lab.

Maglev researchers at ODU led by Thomas Alberts were preparing in spring 2010 for collaborative tests on the Norfolk campus with a Massachusetts firm, MagneMotion, that is developing an urban magnetic levitation train prototype.

Alok Verma, director of ODU’s Lean Institute, led a $775,000 NSF-funded project to promote programs at community colleges that train workers for jobs in shipbuilding.
Old Dominion boasts innovative and engaging teaching in – and out – of its classrooms and 2009-10 proved to be a banner year along this front.

Peggy Hester, a professor in the Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education, received an $800,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs to address the nation’s shortage of academicians in the field of special education.

In January, ODU became the only institution in the country to offer a complete set of degree programs in modeling and simulation – from undergraduate to Ph.D. – with the introduction of a bachelor’s degree. Roland Mielke, the architect of ODU’s academic program in M&S, was named chair of the new Department of Modeling, Simulation and Visualization Engineering.

The Darden College of Education received a five-year, $6 million U.S. Department of Education grant – one of only 28 in the country – to help improve instruction in struggling schools. This Teacher Immersion Residency project, with Portsmouth and Norfolk school divisions as collaborators, will recruit and provide professional development for teachers in high-need content fields.
The College of Arts and Letters’ M.F.A. program in creative writing launched the Barely South Review, a literary journal that presents many voices, especially those that defy easy regional, thematic and stylistic categorization.

Literary biographer Blake Bailey, a 2009 National Book Award finalist, Norfolk resident and the 2010 ODU writer-in-residence for two weeks in the spring, will be in residence for a much longer period when he returns to campus in 2010-11 as a full-time faculty member in the Creative Writing Program.

The Princeton Review recognized the College of Business and Public Administration’s M.B.A. program as among the top 15 in the nation for its global management emphasis. The Review cited the top graduate business schools, as rated by some 19,000 students who evaluated their programs’ preparation in specific categories.

Validating the quality of ODU’s ROTC units, both the Army and Naval ROTC units won the top national awards for instruction. Maj. Michael G. Summers received the Army ROTC Instructor of the Year award, and Lt. Bill Burke was chosen as the Naval Service Training Command Officer Instructor of the Year.

ODU’s 2-year-old doctoral program in counseling was named the top such program in the country by the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.
Eileen Hofmann, pictured at right with John Klinck, Director, Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography, was chosen to lead the international Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosphere Research initiative focused on climate change.
Among the ODU faculty are 75 Fellows elected by prestigious professional organizations. Tapped as Fellows in 2009-10 were Mohammad Karim (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), Cynthia Jones (American Association for the Advancement of Science) and Dayanand Naik (American Statistical Association).

Other faculty highlights:

Adolphus Hailstork won the 2009-10 ASCAPLUS Award in Concert Music from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and was commissioned to produce a choral work celebrating the 200th anniversary of Miami (Ohio) University’s founding.

Lou Lombardo was appointed to the Governor’s Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Alan “Woody” Schwitzer received the 2010 Meritorious Service Award of the American College of Counseling Association.

Donald Swift was the 2010 recipient of the Francis J. Pettijohn Medal for Sedimentology given by SEPM, Society for Sedimentary Geology.

The National Institutes of Health recruited Xiushi Yang to serve on a scientific review panel that helps allocate dollars to social and biomedical scientists who want to do AIDS-related research.

Lynn Tolle, professor of dental hygiene, received the 2010 Tonelson Award, the university’s top faculty honor.

Because of Nora Noffke’s groundbreaking work using microbially induced sedimentary structures to identify early life on Earth, she was tapped to convene a field Sedimentary Geology and to plan a new Gordon Research Conference in geobiology to be held in 2011.

Anna Jeng was appointed to the Virginia State Board of Health, the first member to be chosen specifically for environmental health expertise.

Sandra Waters, assistant dean of ODU’s University College, was appointed chair of the Emerging Leaders Program Advisory Board of the National Academic Advising Association.

Mohamad Alkadry, associate professor of urban studies and public administration, was named the 2009 Khi V. Thai Public Procurement Research Scholar of the Year by the Public Procurement Research Center.

China’s Ministry of Education awarded Jie Chen, professor of political science, the Changjiang Endowed Chair.
Jie Chen, Louis I. Jaffe Professor of political science, and Bruce Dickson of George Washington University, collaborated on “Allies of the State: China’s Private Entrepreneurs and Democratic Change” (Harvard University Press). The authors drew on extensive fieldwork as they explored the extent to which China’s private sector supports democracy.

Annette Finley-Croswhite, professor of English, won plaudits from Publishers Weekly, the Canadian Distributors of Scholarly Books and the New York University Institute of French Studies for her historical mystery, “Murder on the Metro: Laetitia Toureaux and the Cagoule in 1930s France” (Louisiana State University Press). The co-author is Gayle Brunelle of Cal State Fullerton.

Also published were the following selected works:


Maurice Berube, eminent scholar emeritus of educational leadership, and Clair Berube, ODU doctoral graduate in education and currently an assistant professor at Hampton University, “The Moral University.”

Leon Bouvier, adjunct instructor of sociology, and Dudley Poston of Texas A&M University, “Population and Society: An Introduction to Demography.”

Thomas Socha, associate professor of communication, and Glen Stamp of Ball State University, editors, “Parents and Children Communicating with Society: Managing Relationships Outside of Home.”


Edward Neukrug, professor of counseling and human services, “Counseling Theory and Practice.”


Heidi Schlipphacke, associate professor of German, “Nostalgia After Nazism: History, Home, and Affect in German and Austrian Literature and Film.”
Books by Old Dominion faculty members in 2009-10 explored the world from China to South America, and topics from public journalism to hydraulic engineering.
Old Dominion University students continued to excel, in the classroom and in the community, during the 2009-10 academic year.

The Biology Graduate Student Organization, led by core members Matt Semcheski, Todd Egerton and Matt Muller, volunteered their time and expertise in June to restore a wetland area along Colley Bay, a Lafayette River inlet near the campus. The collaborative effort also included the city of Norfolk, Larchmont Elementary School and Highland Park Civic League.

Pamela Richey, who is majoring in Asian studies, was selected for a U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholarship to study Mandarin in Beijing in summer 2010.

Heath Studer, who graduated in May with a B.S. in communication, was one of six students nationwide selected to write first-person diary entries in The Wall Street Journal about their leap into an uncertain job market, a series called the “Hire Education” blog.

Students working with offices in the Division of Student Affairs planned and led Peace Week and Blue Goes Green week in the spring. The two weeks featured dozens of events as diverse as the creation of a sand mandala by visiting Buddhist monks and the dedication of a Peace Garden behind Webb Center, and a Go Green obstacle course and organic food festival.
A team of students from Old Dominion University and Hampton University was selected as one of 20 finalists from around the world to compete in the U.S. Department of Energy’s Solar Decathlon. The ODU and HU students - along with teams from such schools as Ohio State University, Purdue University, Tongji University in Shanghai, China, and Ghent University in Ghent, Belgium - will compete to design, build and operate the most affordable, attractive, effective and energy-efficient solar-powered house. The houses will be erected along the National Mall in Washington, D.C., for two weeks in fall 2011.

Graduate students from the Darden College of Education’s counseling program won a number of awards during the year. A team of students captured first place in the doctoral student category of the American Counseling Association (ACA) Graduate Student Ethics Competition.

Meanwhile, Kelly Emelianchik, a doctoral candidate in counseling, was named 2010 recipient of the Glen E. Hubele National Graduate Student Award from the ACA in recognition of outstanding scholarship, and fellow doctoral student Anita Neuer won the grand prize in the ACA Foundation 2010 student essay competition.

From the College of Arts and Letters, Don Driscoll won second place out of more than 2,000 entries in the StoryPros Awards, a national screenwriting contest. His screenplay, “Chris Gaines Saves the World,” is a sci-fi tale of two friends who travel cross-country to kidnap country superstar Garth Brooks and convince him to take up his failed rock alter ego, Chris Gaines.

Three students were selected to work as interns during the spring session of the Langley Aerospace Research Summer Scholars program at NASA Langley Research Center. John Gardner and Zachary Shiferl, senior mechanical engineering majors, and Sherri Mitchell, a graduate student in elementary education, gained exciting, hands-on research experience working side-by-side with NASA Langley scientists.

ODU students also made news on the campus. Members of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity cut the ribbon in August to their new apartments in the Powhatan II complex, marking the first on-campus housing presence for the university’s growing Greek societies.

A ribbon-cutting took place Feb. 4 at the opening of spacious new headquarters for the Office of Student Activities and Leadership in Webb Center. The new space includes offices for the Student Government Association, the Mace & Crown and a new WODU studio, as well as a meeting room for many other student organizations.
Monarch pride has never been greater than it was during the 2009-10 school year. The year saw Old Dominion field the most successful football start-up program the country has ever seen, a conference championship and a victory over Notre Dame in the NCAA tournament for the men’s basketball team, and a fitting farewell for the retiring Jim Jarrett, after 40 years as ODU’s athletic director.

The football team, under coach Bobby Wilder, garnered headlines coast-to-coast with its incredible inaugural season. A 9-2 record, the best ever for a new program in the Football Championship Subdivision, was matched by unparalleled enthusiasm from ODU fans.

All seven games at Foreman Field at S.B. Ballard Stadium were sold out. The first day that student tickets were distributed for the opening game, hundreds of students camped overnight behind the Ted Constant Convocation Center. The excitement over ODU football reached a crescendo during Homecoming in November, when the Monarchs defeated North Carolina Central in the final home game of their wildly successful season. Redshirt freshman punter Jonathan Plisco earned Associated Press First Team All-America honors.
Not all the achievements of ODU’s athletic teams were on the field of play, however. The Lady Monarchs field hockey team was honored with the 2009 Gladiator National Academic Team Award. ODU topped the list of 63 Division I field hockey teams that achieved a minimum GPA of 3.0 during the first semester of the 2009-10 academic year.

At year’s end, ODU bid farewell to longtime athletic director Jim Jarrett, who helped put ODU athletics on the national map and was a pioneer in Virginia when ODU became the first college or university in the state to award women’s athletic scholarships in the mid-1970s. Among the many former athletes who returned to campus for a tribute to Jarrett were Anne Donovan (basketball) and Wayne Gomes (baseball), along with former basketball coaches Paul Webb and Marianne Stanley.

Jarrett was succeeded in June by Wood Selig, who had his own homecoming. Selig, who came to ODU from his AD post at Western Kentucky, grew up in Norfolk’s Larchmont neighborhood, a stone’s throw from campus.

The men’s basketball team, which had tasted success by capturing the inaugural Collegeinsider.com Tournament following the 2008-09 season, returned its entire starting lineup in 2009-10. Monarch fans’ high hopes were realized when, after a slow start, ODU defeated the mighty Georgetown Hoyas just before Christmas. Entering the conference season with confidence, coach Blaine Taylor’s charges finished 15-3 in the CAA, capturing the regular-season title, then backed it up by winning the CAA tournament crown. Entering the NCAA tournament, the Monarchs were underdogs against Notre Dame, but managed to vanquish the Irish in a thrilling 51-50 victory, marking the school’s first win at the “Dance” in 15 years. The Monarchs lost a heartbreaker to Baylor in round two.

The Lady Monarchs, meanwhile, had their own share of exciting moments. The team defeated American University in the first round of the WNIT at the Constant Center, before losing to Providence.
From Hampton Roads, across the nation and beyond, Old Dominion alumni recorded significant achievements in 2009-10.

**Navy Adm. Robert F. Willard (M.E.M. ’05)** became commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, and as such is responsible for the nation’s military strategy over an area that encompasses about half the earth’s surface and contains more than 50 percent of the world’s population. Willard, who reports to the president through the secretary of defense, directs the operations of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Pacific Air Force, U.S. Army Pacific and U.S. Marine Forces Pacific.

Engineer **Dave Plum ’79**, who, prior to the Haiti earthquake, had designed a system to carry water from an artesian spring to a remote village in the island nation, was thrilled to learn on a subsequent visit that not only did it survive, but that the pipeline was providing water to victims of the disaster. Plum, who was assisted on the project by three other alumni, has since drafted plans to expand the system. On another visit in May, he helped develop a water supply well and community water system for a new hospital.

Two graduates were appointed in January by Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell to cabinet positions: **Terrie L. Suit ’05** as assistant to the governor for commonwealth preparedness and **James S. Cheng ’82** as secretary of commerce and trade. A former House of Delegates member, Suit spent nearly a decade representing the citizens of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. Cheng, who has more than 20 years of experience in information technology and government contracting, is active in angel investment and early-stage entrepreneurial ventures.

In the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, former ODU students were among the thousands of volunteers who visited the island nation to lend a hand. Dr. **Clydette Powell ’72**, a medical officer in the U.S. Agency for International Development’s Bureau of Global Health, spent a month on the Navy’s U.S. Comfort, providing a myriad of clinical and public health services.
The following alumni also made news in 2010:

Gianluigi “Gigi” Ciovati (Ph.D. ’05), a research scientist at Jefferson Lab and an expert in superconducting radiofrequency science, received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

The World Economic Forum named Shamina Singh ’91, chief operating officer of Citi Global Community Relations, to its Young Global Leaders class for 2010. The honor recognizes outstanding leaders from around the world for their accomplishments, commitment to society and potential to contribute to shaping the future of the world.

President Obama on March 2 announced his intent to nominate James L. Taylor ’78 to the key administration post of chief financial officer in the Department of Labor. Taylor, who was serving as deputy inspector general for the Department of Homeland Security, has nearly 30 years of federal financial management experience.

Federal Reserve Board member Betsy Duke (M.B.A. ’83) received the Economics Club of Hampton Roads’ third annual Economic Impact Award in February and an honorary doctorate from ODU in May.

The essay “Edges,” written by Andrea Nolan (M.F.A. ’09), was listed as one of the top 100 notable essays in “Best American Essays 2009,” edited by Mary Oliver.

Anna Tunnicliffe ’05 was named U.S. Sailing’s Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year. She also received the honor in 2008, making her the first woman in 27 years to win the title back-to-back.

Kenneth E. Ampy ’90 and his former ODU roommate, Samuel S. Young Jr., were named 2010 Entrepreneurs of the Year by the Metropolitan Business League in Richmond, Va. Ampy is the CEO, and Young, the president, of Astyra Corp., a national provider of information technology staffing and consulting services.

Comedian Ben Bailey, host of the Discovery Channel’s “Cash Cab,” returned to campus in November to do a show and serve as co-grand marshal of the homecoming parade. Bailey, who attended ODU from 1987 to 1990 but had to leave one semester short of completing his degree, received an Honorary Alumni award during his visit.
Other Notable HIGHLIGHTS of 2009-2010

▲ Garrison Keillor, an author, humorist, singer and host/writer of the popular radio show “A Prairie Home Companion,” visited ODU on May 26, where he shared anecdotes with students and answered questions about how he got started in his career.


▲ Mark Bowden, author of the international bestseller “Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War,” gave the President’s Lecture at the 2009 Literary Festival in October. Bowden’s book was adapted for the film “Black Hawk Down,” directed by Ridley Scott.

▲ President Barack Obama visited ODU in October during a campaign stop for the Virginia gubernatorial election. The president was met with a roar of applause when he thanked President Broderick for the warm welcome and gave a shout-out to the Monarch football team.

▲ Moira Brown, a scientist who has devoted the past quarter century to the study of whales — and especially to efforts to protect North Atlantic right whales — delivered the annual Lytton J. Musselman Natural History Lecture in April. Brown, a Canadian by birth, is senior scientist at the New England Aquarium’s Edgerton Research Laboratory in Boston.
A rare 19th-century Chinese screen was donated to ODU in support of its Asian studies program and China Center. On display in the Baron and Ellin Gordon Galleries, the nine-panel screen is adorned with ivory appliqués of phoenixes, dragons and other Chinese cultural icons.

The Baron and Ellin Gordon Galleries hosted “Dormitorium: An Exhibition of Film Décors by the Quay Brothers” in the fall. The exhibition featured the sets, or décors, used in the creation of the Quay Brothers’ famous stop-action animated films.

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell visited the campus in April to sign important green energy legislation. ODU is the lead institution in the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium, an initiative that conducts research and development in renewable energy.

The Arthur and Phyllis Kaplan Orchid Conservatory on the ODU campus was a stop for Historic Garden Week in Virginia during the spring and more than 1,000 event ticketholders visited the facility. The $2.1 million conservatory, which opened two years ago, houses an orchid collection donated by the late Norfolk physician Arthur Kaplan. It includes more than 275 species in 72 genera.
Famed Notre Dame football player Daniel “Rudy” Ruettiger joined Monarch football coach Bobby Wilder and NFL Hall of Famer Bruce Smith for a screening of the film “Rudy” at the annual OnFilm Festival in March.

ODU celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center in May. Since opening its doors in 2000, the center has been at the forefront of providing access to public higher education in Virginia Beach.

G.I. Jobs Magazine ranked Old Dominion University in the top 15 percent of military-friendly universities, colleges and trade schools in the nation.

Kevin Marbury, director of recreation and wellness, was elected president designee of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) in April. NIRSA is the leading resource for professional and student development, education and research in collegiate recreational sports.

ODU celebrated cultures from around the world with its annual International Festival in March. The Festival featured a children’s village, an international marketplace with ethnic cuisine, music, dance and folklore from more than 20 nations.

A team of ocean science whiz kids from Bishop Sullivan High School in Virginia Beach swamped the competition in March to win the school’s third straight Blue Crab Bowl. The annual event, held in 2010 on the ODU campus, was for teams from throughout Virginia. Victoria Hill, a research assistant professor of ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences, was a coordinator for the Blue Crab Bowl, working with more than 40 ODU faculty members, staffers and students who served as event volunteers.

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