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.


- 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