John R. Broderick
His first decade as president of Old Dominion University has sparked growth in research, enterprise and increased access to an affordable first-class education.

President John R. Broderick’s leadership emphasizes innovation, inclusivity and entrepreneurial thinking.

President Broderick has inspired a diverse and inclusive student population to enroll at ODU – and graduate. ODU ranks nationally in the top 15 percent for its social mobility efforts to graduate students from all backgrounds and propel them into jobs that advance their economic opportunity. The University recorded its highest graduation rate last year.

He is a champion of innovation, shepherding research programs including bioelectrics, digital shipbuilding and cybersecurity that will impact Virginia’s and the nation’s future.

President Broderick recognized early on the threat rising sea levels pose to our area and launched a multipronged effort to mitigate the impact. He helped bring together scientists, the military, government, businesses and citizens to find solutions.

An $11 million gift from the Strome Family Foundation established the Strome Entrepreneurial Center, an innovative co-curricular program that helps ODU students launch their own businesses.

Received its largest gift ever, a $35 million donation from Richard and Carolyn Barry, to establish the Barry Art Museum. It is the latest gem in ODU’s Arts District.

The Broderick Dining Commons is distinctive among many new ODU buildings. It is the University’s first stand-alone dining facility named for First Lady Kate and President John R. Broderick at the request of student leaders for their commitment to inclusion and student success.

SPECIAL THANKS TO FIRST LADY KATE BRODERICK

National champion for social change in public higher education and beyond for more than 30 years.

Innovative advocate for students with disabilities and former director of ODU’s Office of Educational Accessibility.

Co-founder of the Women’s Initiative Network (WIN) and WIN mentor program.

Architect of Bridge the Gap, a fund to assist ODU students and help them be successful.

10 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Graduated 50,000 students, the majority of which live in Virginia and contribute to its economy.

Added nearly 150 faculty positions and enhanced student to faculty ratio from 21:1 to 18:1.

Completed nearly 25 new buildings.

Received $51 million in research funding each year.

Contributes $2.6 billion each year to the Virginia economy.

Increased endowment fund to $249,735,351.

Increased public and private funding by more than $800 million during his tenure.

Is the 3rd largest employer in Norfolk.
John R. Broderick
His growing influence nationwide has raised ODU’s stature, too:
Chairman, Council of Presidents, Southeastern Universities Research Association.
Former chairman, Virginia Council of Presidents of colleges and universities.
Only college president on Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority board.
 Ranked No. 4 on Inside Business’ Power List of Hampton Roads for second consecutive year.
Former chairman, C-USA Board of Directors
Completed three-year term as one of 30 presidents on NCAA Presidential Forum

Old Dominion University
A beacon of diversity, opportunity and student success:

Top 15 in the country in graduating African-American students, according to Education Trust.
25 percent of students affiliated with military.
Athlete scholars: The most student athletes on the Conference USA Commissioner’s Honor Roll.
Most affordable tuition among Virginia’s doctoral four-year institutions.

Selected Buildings
Barry Art Museum
Barry Arts Building
Baseball Deck
Brock Commons
Broderick Dining Commons
Child Study Center
Diehn Fine Arts & Performing Center II addition
Dragas Hall renovation
Education
Engineering Systems
Game Day
Goode Theatre
Hixon Arts Studio and Annex
Hugo A. Owens House – under construction
Jarrett Athletic Administration
Learning Commons
Mitchum Basketball Performance Center
Quad II Residence Halls
Student Success Center
Women’s Rowing Center

Selected Initiatives
$250 million fundraising initiative
Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research
Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Initiative
Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding and Resiliency
Football
Frank Reidy Research Center for Bioelectrics
Graduate School
Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Resilience Collaborative
Sea Level Rise Intergovernmental Pilot Project
Strome Entrepreneurial Center
Student Engagement and Enrollment Services
Student Success Initiative
Women’s Volleyball