HIGHLIGHTS

ENROLLMENT STRENGTH
- Largest freshman class in ODU history, with more than 3,100 students. Total enrollment of 24,000 makes Old Dominion one of Virginia’s largest public research universities.

NEW PROGRAMS
- Expanding health sciences presence at Virginia Beach Higher Education Center, with increased undergraduate and graduate nursing offerings, new telehealth center and state-of-the-art patient simulation lab.
- Launching master’s degree in cybersecurity. Cutting-edge program awarded first bachelor’s degrees in cybersecurity in May.
- Creating LeADERS program to promote active learning, prepare students for careers and internships and help them build e-portfolios.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS
- Holding nation’s first symposium on social mobility and establishing Center for Social Mobility. Ranked in the top 15 percent nationwide on social mobility, helping lift students’ economic status.
- Reducing tuition by 28 percent for active-duty military undergraduates. The University remains the most affordable public doctoral institution in Virginia.
- Signing more than 200 articulation agreements with community colleges, more than any other four-year institution in Virginia.
- Offering more online programs than any other four-year public university in Virginia. Online Virginia Network, operated by Old Dominion and George Mason, nearly doubled the enrollment target for its first year.
- Awarding second-largest percentage of degrees in STEM-H fields among Virginia doctoral institutions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- Creating the Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, which links Strome Entrepreneurial Center, Center for Enterprise Innovation and Innovation Centers in Norfolk and Chesapeake. The institute will help faculty members maximize commercial potential of their research as well as expand entrepreneurship on campus and beyond.
- Launching Brooks Crossing, a collaboration with Newport News Shipbuilding, which will house an experimental lab introducing K-to-12 students to digital shipbuilding and STEM fields, in 2019.
- Enhancing partnership with Port of Virginia, providing students access to advanced software.

RESEARCH
- Reached a record $51 million in research expenditures. Old Dominion gained membership in Department of Defense’s Systems Engineering Research Center, providing more opportunities for DoD work.

NEW BUILDINGS
- Opening the Barry Art Museum in November, with more than 250 paintings, glass objects – including a 600-pound Dale Chihuly chandelier – antique dolls and other artwork.
- Strengthening child care with opening of Children’s Learning & Research Center for infants through 2-year-olds on 47th Street and Killam Avenue.
Starting construction of Hugo A. Owens House residence hall and new Chemistry Building, as well as beginning planning for new Health Sciences Building. Projects will total nearly $250 million.

**FUNDRAISING**

- Raising more than $115 million for $250 million fundraising initiative. More than $1 million for Bridge the Gap campaign to help students overcome financial hurdles blocking their path to graduation.

**FACULTY MILESTONES**

- Four Fulbright recipients: Deborah Gray (nursing), Rodger Harvey (ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences), Sharon Raver-Lampman (communication disorders and special education) and Greg Raver-Lampman (English Language Center).
- Arts & Letters: Acclaimed books by Jennifer Fish (women’s studies) and Vanessa Panfil (sociology and criminal justice).
- Batten College of Engineering and Technology: Dean Stephanie Adams received Harriet Tubman Award from American Society for Engineering Education for her commitment to promoting engineering for underrepresented students.
- Darden College of Education: Helen Crompton (teaching and learning) was Old Dominion’s 32nd recipient of state’s Outstanding Faculty Award.
- Health Sciences: Lisa Koperna, director of Monarch Physical Therapy, won Entrepreneurial Excellence Award.
- Sciences: Raúl Briceño (physics) received Early Career Research Program grant from Department of Energy.
- Strome College of Business: Wayne Talley (economics) won prestigious international Onassis Prize in Shipping.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Graduate student Mariana Khachatryan received one of eight national fellowships to do research at federal Jefferson Laboratory.
- More than 20 students designed a cube-sat, or miniature satellite, which NASA will launch from International Space Station.
- ODU Symphony Orchestra played side-by-side with Virginia Symphony at Sandler Center.
- Enactus, a social entrepreneurship organization, won another national competition. Students contributed hundreds of thousands of hours in community service, from preparing free tax returns to providing free dental care.

**ATHLETICS**

- More student-athletes on Conference USA Commissioner’s Honor Roll than any other university. One of them, tennis player Sam Perelman, also is a member of NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
- Old Dominion begins its 10th season of football. Men’s tennis and soccer and women’s golf teams competed in NCAA tournaments.
- Beginning construction to rebuild and expand S.B. Ballard Stadium to provide extra seating comfort and new amenities for fans. Work will be completed by 2019 home opener.

**RANKINGS AND HONORS**

- Most affordable Virginia university
  – Business Insider

- Among top 15 in United States for African-American success
  – Education Trust

- No. 1 in Virginia for veterans
  – Military Times “Best for Vets” rankings

- Listed among “America’s Top Colleges”
  – Forbes

“At Old Dominion, we are committed to serving all promising students – valedictorians, veterans, first-generation and international students, those on every rung of the income ladder – offering them a challenging, affordable education, whether it’s on-campus or online.”

– ODU President John R. Broderick