HIGHLIGHTS

ENROLLMENT STRENGTH
- Old Dominion matched its record-high freshman enrollment of 3,100 students from last year. ODU’s total enrollment exceeding 24,000 makes it one of Virginia's largest public research universities.

NEW AND EXPANDING PROGRAMS
- The cybersecurity program grew from 11 to 465 students in four short years. It was designated a National Center of Academic Excellence by the National Security Agency.
- The Center for Telehealth Innovation, Education and Research in Virginia Beach capitalizes on technology to improve health care. One initiative links mental health providers with pediatricians across Virginia.
- Old Dominion is now a partner in the Hampton Roads Biomedical Research Consortium and joined five universities addressing opioid addiction, prevention and recovery.
- An agreement with Virginia’s Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy positions Old Dominion to take a leading role in offshore wind energy advances.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS
- Fifty students designed a CubeSat, or miniature satellite, to measure atmospheric conditions for NASA. It was deployed in July from the International Space Station. Lead student Kim Wright is now a flight controller for Mission Control in Houston.
- In May, 23% of our graduates became the first in their families to obtain a college degree.
- Old Dominion was ranked 14th in the country by Diverse Issues in Higher Education by the number of African American students who graduate each year.
- The second annual National Symposium on Social Mobility at ODU attracted 150 professionals to brainstorm strategies to expand student access to higher education. ODU’s Center for Social Mobility will serve as a national data clearinghouse.

FUNDRAISING
- Old Dominion has raised $160 million toward its $250 million fundraising goal.
- A $3 million gift from alumna Joan Brock will allow Old Dominion to hire an international expert to lead the new Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience. The director will serve a dual role as senior resilience strategist for Norfolk.
- It’s now called the Chartway Arena in Ted Constant Convocation Center, thanks to a $4 million-plus agreement with Chartway Federal Credit Union. Chartway also funds athletic scholarships.
- The music program was renamed the F. Ludwig Diehn School of Music after a $3 million donation from the Hampton Roads Community Foundation’s Diehn Fund.
- The Harvey Lindsay School of Real Estate was established at Old Dominion by a significant gift from a fund created by Harvey Lindsay’s late wife, Frances.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- With support from the Commonwealth, ODU recently opened the Virginia Institute of Spaceflight and Autonomy, which will help generate business activity at NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility on the Eastern Shore.
- The Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship has moved its free programs for females, veterans and other businesspeople to downtown Norfolk’s Innovation Corridor. Its Open Seas project will
accelerate innovation and workforce development in maritime and shipping.

- Brooks Crossing, a venture with Newport News Shipbuilding and Huntington Ingalls, opened in the summer. Old Dominion will operate the STEM lab, which provides youngsters cutting-edge experiences in digital shipbuilding and other STEM fields.
- The new Economic Development Catalyst Task Force, chaired by community leader Dubby Wynne and Nancy Grden, executive director of ODU’s Strome Entrepreneurial Center, will prioritize strategies to create new businesses in the region.

FACULTY MILESTONES

- The journal Nature published an article by physicist Larry Weinstein highlighting his team’s work with quarks at the Jefferson Lab.
- Oceanographer Victoria Hill and Petros Katsioloudis, chairman of STEM education, explained their global-warming research in Alaska to NBC anchor Al Roker on the “Today” show.
- The Los Angeles Philharmonic premiered composer Adolphus Hailstork’s work “Still Holding On.”
- Economist Tim Komarek’s research on fracking was cited in the President of the United States’ Economic Report.
- Steven Morrison, chair of rehabilitation sciences, launched the Balance for Life initiative to reduce falls among seniors.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Elaine Luria became the first ODU graduate in Congress, representing Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District.
- Poet Natalie Diaz was the first Monarch to receive a MacArthur Fellowship.
- Ticha Penicheiro was inducted into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

- The men’s basketball team won the Conference USA championship and competed in the NCAA tournament.
- The women’s volleyball team will begin play in fall 2020.
- More than half of student-athletes made the Dean’s List or earned at least a 3.0 GPA.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

- The 2019 football home opener showcased the new S.B. Ballard Stadium and its fan-pleasing amenities. The field was renamed Kornblau Field in honor of a $3 million donation from alumnus Barry Kornblau. Other significant donors included Dennis Ellmer and Priority Auto Group, Ed and Jan Reed and TowneBank.
- The Hugo Owens House, named for Old Dominion’s first African American rector, will open in the fall of 2020, with 470 beds and amenities for STEM students.
- A new Chemistry Building, with 2 ½ times more lab space than its predecessor, also will open in the fall of 2020.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS NEAR AND FAR

- Hundreds of people attended a campus event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The Virginia Symphony Orchestra performed a new composition, “From the Earth to the Moon and Beyond,” and other space-themed music on Kaufman Mall.
- Art students worked with youngsters from the Young Terrace neighborhood to create a vibrant 1,500-square-foot mural now visible on Monticello Avenue.
- Students from Engineering Without Borders went to Guatemala over spring break to design a water distribution system so villagers don’t have to walk a mile each way for fresh water.

“I never waver from believing diversity and inclusivity benefits everyone by inspiring richer dialogue, greater creativity and deeper understanding of other perspectives.”

– ODU President John R. Broderick