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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

As we embrace the second semester of our academic year, I am filled with both pride and optimism for the continued growth and success of our university community. The past few months have been a time of incredible achievements, and as we reflect on our progress, we also look ahead with excitement to the opportunities that await us.

To our faculty and staff, thank you for your commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service. Your dedication makes our institution truly exceptional.

I also want to express heartfelt gratitude for the outstanding success of last year's Hayes-Allen Day. Your generosity and passion exceeded our fundraising goals, demonstrating the powerful impact we can have when we come together. This achievement will fuel new initiatives, support our students and faculty, and enhance our reputation for excellence. Let's build on this momentum and set even more ambitious goals for the future.

As we look ahead, let us remain focused on our shared mission: fostering a culture of learning, collaboration, and leadership. Together, we will continue to achieve great things and make a lasting impact. I wish you all a successful and fulfilling year.

With best regards,

Kathy C. Franklin, Ph.D.

President, Virginia University of Lynchburg

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## GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

As we embark on another exciting chapter in our university's journey, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to this edition of our newsletter. Together, we will strive for excellence, pushing boundaries and achieving new milestones in education, research, and personal development.

Let us enter this new academic year with renewed energy, a strong sense of purpose, and a shared commitment to excellence. Together, we will create a dynamic and supportive community that will empower each individual to reach their full potential. Here's to a year of growth, achievement, and success. Let's make it a remarkable one!

Sincerely,

LeRoy Owens, L.H.D.

Chairman of the Board

## SUMMER FAST TRACK

Looking to get an early start on your summer academic career? Virginia University of Lynchburg is offering a Residential Summer Fast Track Program. This program is designed to prepare college freshman students for academic success and to give incoming transfer students the opportunity to advance their academic standing.

The cost of Summer Fast Track may be covered in full (\$3,697.00) by federal financial aid (Pell Grant) for those who qualify. Total program costs include Tuition, Fees, Housing, and Meal Plan.

Freshman courses offered may include: Q.C. 097 Fundamentals of Math (1 CH), Q.C. 098 English/Reading (1 CH), Q.C. 099 Vocabulary Building (1 CH), GS 111 Life Choices/Health/Wellness (3 CH), EDUC 100 Learning Plus (1 CH), EDUC 208 Curriculum Development (3 CH).

In addition to the above courses, transfer students may be offered an additional 16 semester credit hours, which may include: BIOL 130 Human Anatomy & Lab (4 CH), COM 230 Public Speaking (3 CH), ECON 207 Principles of Economics (3 CH), PHIL 230 Introduction to Philosophy (3 CH), and SOCI 112 Introduction to Sociology (3 CH).

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Residence Hall Check In: June 11, 2025 9:00am – 3:00pm Classes Start June 12, 2025 Last Day of Classes June 25, 2025

**Note: Students must complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) using VUL's school code 003762 to determine eligibility and before being accepted.**



# HAYES -ALLEN

## DAY 2024

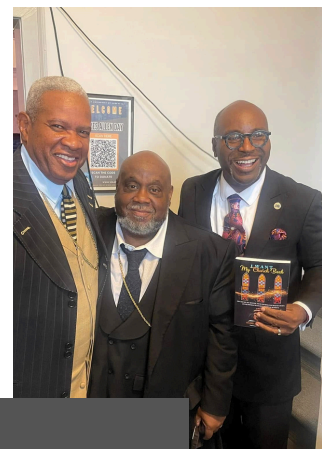


Hayes Allen Day was initially set aside as a day to reflect on the history of Virginia University of Lynchburg which was founded in 1886 by the Virginia Baptist State convents and named Lynchburg Baptist Seminary. Gregory W. Hayes was the second president of VUL serving from 1890-1906. His wife, Mary Hayes Allen, succeeded him as president and served from 1906-1908. Both were educators and activists. Founded on the principles of self-reliance, racial pride and faith, the institution was then known as a movement by Black educators to serve the community primarily by educating ministers, missionaries, and public-school teachers. Today, Virginia University of Lynchburg strives to continue to follow the principles upon which the institution was founded. The Board of Trustees in collaboration with the campus Leadership Team have been intentionally hiring competent staff and faculty committed to the University's educational philosophy and they are putting the final touches on an aggressive renovation project which involved all the buildings on the campus proper including the construction of new modular classroom buildings equipped with state-of-the-art technology.



The Hayes Allen planning team has set an aggressive fundraising/friend-raising goal of \$250,000. We will reach out to every person alive who has received a degree from the University with the goal of reaching a minimum of 1000 alumni to join in the fundraising effort. We will collaborate closely with the member churches and associations of the Virginia Baptist State Convention to establish an annual Founders' Day Gift to the University during the Month of May.

Virginia University of Lynchburg is the oldest institution of higher education in the City of Lynchburg, and she is the only Historically Black College/University in the city as well. It is our sincere prayer that you will help us perpetuate the legacy of self-help and interdependence in the ongoing recreation of VUL from the ashes of the past, better and stronger for future generations.



# HOMECOMING 2025

Plans for Homecoming 2025 are in the works! The Office of Student Affairs is once again taking the lead in planning student activities. The University wants to bring back this tradition within our community to celebrate school pride the traditions on which we were founded, and to establish a bond between the alumni and current students. Friday campus activities will include a field day with students/faculty/staff games, music, and lunch on the quad. The Homecoming game will be on October 4, 2025. The VUL Dragons will take on the South Carolina Central College for the football game, which will be held at City Stadium.

Our goal is to have as many Alumni as possible join us for the Friday night activities and Saturday tail gate and football game. We plan to offer Tailgate spots for the game and a Saturday night closing celebration. We hope to have all plans and costs associated with Homecoming finalized by the next edition of the newsletter. Save the date and we look forward to seeing you on campus!



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## GRADUATION

May 3, 2025

## HOMECOMING

October 4, 2025

## HAYES-ALLEN DAY

December 3, 2025

### Graduation 2025



Join us for the 125th Commencement Ceremony, taking place on May 3rd at 10:00 am in the VUL quad. Arrive early, as seating is limited. Following the ceremony, a buffet lunch will be served, providing an opportunity for guests to mingle with their graduates. The commencement speaker is Delegate Candi M. King. To ensure convenient access, shuttle services will run every 15 minutes to facilitate parking. We invite you to join us on campus for this special occasion and celebrate the achievements of our graduates. Go Dragons!

### 25 for 25 Campaign

Join the 25 for 25 campaign and become a member of the Virginia University of Lynchburg National Alumni Association. We need 1000 dedicated partners committed to building a bridge for future generations by committing to a \$25 monthly tax-deductible gift to the University. Your gift will directly support programs of the college. Our goal is to raise \$300,000.

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