VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG

INTEGRITAS IMPRIMAS

A Special Message from the President

Dear VUL Family, Alumni, Friends, and Supporters,

It is with tremendous joy, gratitude, and anticipation that I extend a heartfelt invitation to you to join us for our **Annual Hayes-Allen Day Fundraising Celebration on Wednesday, December 2, 2026, 11:00 am**. at Virginia University of Lynchburg.

Hayes-Allen Day is more than an annual fundraising event. It is a celebration of our rich history, our enduring faith, and the extraordinary legacy of an institution that has been educating, inspiring, and transforming lives since 1886.

For 140 years, Virginia University of Lynchburg has remained committed to providing educational opportunities, particularly for students who might otherwise find the dream of a college education beyond their reach. Our mission continues to remind us that every student possesses gifts, talents, and possibilities worthy of being developed.

This year, I am asking every member of the VUL family to make Hayes-Allen Day a priority.

I am calling upon our alumni, faculty, staff, students, Board of Trustees, churches, community partners, businesses, and friends of the University to come together in an extraordinary demonstration of love and support for this historic institution.

Your participation and financial contributions are essential to the continued growth and success of Virginia University of Lynchburg. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Your generosity helps provide scholarships, strengthen academic programs, improve campus facilities, and create opportunities for students to achieve their educational goals.

I also have some very exciting news to share!

During this year's Hayes-Allen Day Celebration, I will personally make a **special announcement concerning the future of Virginia University of Lynchburg.** I will also provide an important University Update highlighting our accomplishments, ongoing initiatives, institutional progress, and plans for the future.

I am especially excited about what lies ahead for VUL, and I want our alumni, supporters, and friends to hear this news firsthand. I encourage you to be present as we share this important moment in the University's history.

We are especially delighted that our staff composed of the "Virginia University of Lynchburg Ensemble" will be featured during our celebration, bringing inspiring music that reflects the faith, joy, and rich spiritual heritage of our beloved institution.

We are also planning a wonderful day of fellowship, celebration, and appreciation. As a special expression of our gratitude, **an extraordinary luncheon will be served to all attendees, free of charge.** We want everyone to come, enjoy the fellowship, and celebrate the University's continued journey.

As we look toward the future, we must remember that the strength of Virginia University of Lynchburg has always been found in the faith, sacrifices, generosity, and commitment of those who believe in its mission.

We cannot accomplish our vision for the future without you.

I am asking you not only to attend Hayes-Allen Day, but also to make a meaningful financial contribution, invite others to participate, and renew your commitment to the University.

Let us come together on December 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. with grateful hearts, renewed determination, and a shared commitment to ensuring that Virginia University of Lynchburg continues to flourish for generations to come.

I look forward to seeing you on Hayes-Allen Day, where we will celebrate our legacy, share exciting news, and embrace an extraordinary future together!

May God continue to bless each of you, and may God continue to bless Virginia University of Lynchburg.

With sincere appreciation and warmest regards,

Dr. Franklin

President

Virginia University of Lynchburg



"Honoring Our Legacy
Investing in Our Students • Building Our Future"

A HISTORIC OCCASION!

Virginia University of Lynchburg Proudly Welcomes Former Governor L. Douglas Wilder as Our 2026 Hayes-Allen Day Keynote Speaker! Wednesday, December 2, 2026, 11:00 A.M.



Annual Hayes-Allen Day Fundraising Celebration Theme: "Turning Around For Us"

Virginia University of Lynchburg is honored and excited to announce that **The Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, 66th Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia,** will serve as our distinguished keynote speaker for the **2026 Hayes-Allen Day Fundraising Celebration**, scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

This year's celebration promises to be an extraordinary occasion as we welcome one of the most historic and influential figures in American political history to our university community.

A Trailblazer, History Maker, and Distinguished Public Servant

Governor L. Douglas Wilder holds a remarkable place in American history. In 1989, he became the first **African American elected governor of a U.S. state**, serving as Virginia's 66th Governor from 1990 to 1994.

His historic election represented a defining moment in our nation's journey toward greater opportunity, representation, and equality.

Before becoming Governor, he served in the Virginia Senate and later as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. His distinguished career also included service as Mayor of Richmond, Virginia.

Throughout his public life, Governor Wilder has been recognized for his leadership, determination, commitment to public service, and contributions to the advancement of educational and economic opportunities.

A Special Connection to the Legacy of Historically Black Colleges and Universities

As a graduate of Virginia Union University, a historically Black institution, Governor Wilder understands the importance of educational access, leadership development, and the transformative power of higher education.

His journey from the classrooms of an HBCU to the Governor's Mansion stands as a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished through education, perseverance, and determination. His presence at Virginia University of Lynchburg will be particularly meaningful as we celebrate our institution's enduring mission of providing educational opportunities, developing leaders, and transforming lives.

Hayes-Allen Day: A Celebration of Faith, Legacy, and Giving

Hayes-Allen Day is Virginia University of Lynchburg's annual fundraising celebration, bringing together alumni, faculty, staff, students, friends, community leaders, and supporters to honor the university's rich history while investing in its future.

Under this year's inspiring theme, **"Turning Around For Us,"** we will celebrate the progress of Virginia University of Lynchburg, reflect upon our accomplishments, and share an exciting vision for the years ahead.

This celebration is also an opportunity for every member of the VUL family to demonstrate their commitment through financial contributions that support student scholarships, academic excellence, campus improvements, and the continued growth of our historic institution.

You Do Not Want to Miss This Historic Celebration!

We invite our alumni, supporters, friends, and the entire community to join us for an unforgettable Hayes-Allen Day as we welcome Governor L. Douglas Wilder to Virginia University of Lynchburg.

Come prepared to be inspired, to celebrate the university's progress, and most importantly, to make a meaningful contribution toward its future.

One University. One Mission. One Future.
Mark your calendars and join us for this exciting and memorable Hayes-Allen Day Celebration!

HAYES–ALLEN DAY 2026 | CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS

Introducing the VUL Ensemble!
One University. One Family. One Powerful Sound!

Get ready for a special and exciting highlight of Virginia University of Lynchburg's annual Hayes- Allen Day Celebration! We are proud to introduce the VUL Ensemble, a unique musical group featuring employees from across our university who come together to share their voices, talents, and love for VUL.

This extraordinary ensemble represents more than music—it represents the unity, fellowship, and family spirit that make Virginia University of Lynchburg so special. Faculty, staff, and university employees will join together to perform musical selections that promise to inspire, uplift, and bring joy to this memorable occasion.

Music has always been a powerful expression of our University's Christian heritage, bringing people together and reminding us of God's faithfulness throughout our journey.

We invite our alumni, faculty, staff, students, churches, community partners, and friends to join us for this special musical presentation as we celebrate 140 years of faith, perseverance, educational excellence, and service.

As we gather for Hayes-Allen Day under the theme "Turning Around For Us," the VUL Ensemble will remind us of the power of coming together, celebrating our shared commitment, and supporting the institution we love.

You know VUL for its rich history, academic excellence, and enduring legacy. Now, get ready to experience VUL in a whole new way!

You don't want to miss this! Come out, show your VUL pride, and witness our very own university family making beautiful music together in celebration of Virginia University of Lynchburg!

The VUL Ensemble is coming—and we are ready to make a joyful noise!





GET READY FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY MUSICAL EXPERIENCE!

Virginia University of Lynchburg Proudly Welcomes Saxophonist Sean McClure

Get ready to experience the inspiring sounds of the saxophone as Virginia University of Lynchburg proudly announces Sean McClure, M.Div., accomplished saxophonist, music educator, ordained minister, and scholar, as a featured musical guest for our 2026 Hayes-Allen Day Annual Fundraising Celebration!

Blending musical excellence with a deep appreciation for faith, culture, and education, Sean McClure brings a unique and captivating musical presence that promises to make this year's celebration even more memorable.

A Gifted Musician with a Passion for Faith, Music, and Sean McClure is an accomplished musician whose remarkable journey reflects his commitment to artistic excellence, education, and ministry.

He studied Music Education and Saxophone Performance at Appalachian State University, earning a certificate in Jazz Studies. He later received his Master of Divinity from Wake Forest University and is currently pursuing doctoral studies in Cultural Foundations and Jazz Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

In addition to his musical accomplishments, McClure serves as Senior Program Coordinator in the Office of the Dean at Wake Forest University School of Divinity.

An ordained minister and dedicated educator, he spent nearly a decade as a high school band director and founded the School of Urban Music, a community music school devoted to teaching young musicians the rich musical traditions of the African diaspora, from jazz to hip-hop.

Through his performances, teaching, and ministry, McClure continues to demonstrate the powerful connection between music, faith, culture, and community.

An Inspiring Addition to Hayes-Allen Day!

As we gather under our 2026 theme, "Turning Around For Us," Sean McClure's special saxophone performance will add a beautiful musical dimension to this year's celebration.

His appearance will be part of an exciting Hayes-Allen Day program featuring our distinguished keynote speaker, The Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, former Governor of Virginia, along with special presentations, musical selections, and important university announcements.

You Don't Want to Miss This!

Join us for a day of inspiration, celebration, fellowship, and giving as we honor the rich legacy of Virginia University of Lynchburg and invest in its promising future.

Come hear the music! Experience the inspiration! Celebrate the legacy! Support the mission!



Hayes-Allen Day 2026 – Hotel Accommodations

Hilton Garden Inn Lynchburg • 4025 Wards Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24502
Reservations: (434) 239-3006

Please ask for the special "VUL Rate" when making your reservation.
Confirm the availability of the "VUL Rate" directly with the hotel.

Guests traveling to Lynchburg may inquire about accommodation at the Hilton Garden Inn on Wards Road in Lynchburg, Virginia. When making your reservation, please ask for the "VUL rate." Room availability and applicable rates should be confirmed directly with the hotel. We encourage our out-oftown- alumni, friends, and supporters to make their reservations early.

A Special Presidential Announcement
Exciting News is Coming to VUL

During our Hayes-Allen Day Celebration, President Franklin will deliver a special University update and share exciting news concerning the future of Virginia University of Lynchburg.

Join us to hear firsthand about the University's progress, new opportunities, institutional developments, and the vision for years ahead.

This is an announcement you will not want to miss!

Your Support Makes the Difference

Hayes-Allen Day is our annual fundraising celebration. We encourage every alumnus, friend, employee, and supporter to participate through attendance, a financial gift, or both. Your generosity helps sustain the University's mission and expands opportunities for our students. Let us demonstrate our commitment to VUL through meaningful support on December 2.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HAYES-ALLEN DAY CHAIRMAN



Greetings to the Virginia University of Lynchburg Family, Alumni, Friends, and Supporters!

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I invite you to join us for our **Annual Hayes-Allen Day Fundraising Celebration on Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**

This year's theme, "Turning Around For Us," reminds us that through faith, unity, commitment, and generosity, we can accomplish great things for our beloved University.

We are especially honored to welcome **The Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, former Governor of Virginia,** as our distinguished keynote speaker. Our celebration will also feature accomplished saxophonist **Sean McClure, M.Div.**, and a special performance by our very own **VUL Ensemble.**

While we look forward to an exciting and inspiring celebration, let us remember that **Hayes-Allen Day is first and foremost a day of giving!** Every contribution, large or small, helps strengthen our University, support student scholarships, and secure a brighter future for generations to come.

I encourage every alumnus, faculty member, staff member, student, church, and friend of VUL to attend and make a generous financial contribution. If you cannot attend, please send your donation by mail or visit **www.vul.edu**, select **"Support VUL,"** and click **"Hayes-Allen Day Donations."**

As Psalm 126:3 reminds us, "The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Together, we can make Hayes-Allen Day 2026 a tremendous success!

With gratitude and blessings,

Dr. Philip Campbell
Chair, 2026 Hayes-Allen Day Celebration
Virginia University of Lynchburg

"Turning Around For Us —
Together We Can Make It Happen!"

A SPECIAL HAYES-ALLEN DAY LUNCHEON

An Extraordinary Luncheon — Our Compliments to You!

As part of our Hayes-Allen Day Celebration, Virginia University of Lynchburg is delighted to invite all attendees to enjoy a delicious and extraordinary luncheon. The luncheon will be served FREE OF CHARGE!

Come enjoy wonderful food, warm fellowship, and a memorable celebration with the VUL family.

There is no charge for the luncheon. However, we encourage everyone to make a generous contribution in support of the University's mission and our students



CAN'T ATTEND?
YOU CAN STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If you are unable to join us for Hayes-Allen Day, we invite you to show your love and support for Virginia University of Lynchburg by making a generous donation.

Give by Mail
Virginia University of Lynchburg
2058 Garfield Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Please indicate "Hayes-Allen Day Donation" with your gift.

Give Online
Visit www.vul.edu, select "Support VUL," and click "Hayes-Allen Day Donations."

YOUR PRESENCE IS A BLESSING. YOUR GIFT IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE!
Every gift, large or small, helps us continue our mission of educating and transforming lives.

SAVE THE DATE • WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026, 11:00 am
Virginia University of Lynchburg • Founded 1886

VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG
HAYES–ALLEN DAY 2026

Wednesday, December 2, 2026, Annual Fundraising Celebration

ONE UNIVERSITY • ONE FAMILY • ONE PURPOSE
"TURNING AROUND FOR US"

"The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."
— Psalm 126:3 (KJV)

"At Virginia University of Lynchburg, we believe that God is turning things around for us! What once seemed impossible is becoming possible. What once appeared to be a challenge is becoming an opportunity. Through faith, perseverance, unity, and the unwavering support of our university family, we are witnessing a new season of restoration, growth, and extraordinary possibilities. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad!"

Virginia University of Lynchburg
2058 Garfield Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24510-6417
Phone: (434) 528-4257
Fax: (434) 528-5257

Accredited by tracs

Approved by SCHEV

NON-PROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE
PAID
LYNCHBURG, VA
PERMIT NO.751

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Dear Alumni, Friends, and Supporters of Virginia University of Lynchburg,

Hayes-Allen Day is more than an annual tradition. It is an opportunity for each of us to invest in the continued growth and success of Virginia University of Lynchburg. Your generous contributions help provide student scholarships, strengthen academic programs, improve campus facilities, and preserve the University's historic legacy.

I encourage our alumni, churches, community partners, faculty, staff, and friends to demonstrate their commitment through meaningful financial support. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference.

As we celebrate Hayes-Allen Day 2026, let us remember that the future of VUL is a shared responsibility, and its continued success requires our collective commitment.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and unwavering support of Virginia University of Lynchburg.

Together, we will honor our past, strengthen our present, and secure our future!

Leroy Owens, LHD
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Virginia University of Lynchburg
"Turning Around For Us — United in Purpose, Committed to Excellence!"