

Black Cultural Center Newsletter



In 1984, black student leaders from the class of 1985 proposed the establishment of the Black Cultural Center to correlate with the increase in recruitment of black students. The BCC opened in 1991 in 126 Squires Student Center. The BCC is an important component of Virginia Tech's efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive campus. It is utilized by the campus community for educational programs, exhibits, meetings, and receptions. The BCC includes comfortable space for community building and for studying.

**A Conversation with Alumnus, Award-Winning Filmmaker
& Author**

Sankofa Business Alumnus in Residence
Reaching back to the next generation: The InclusiveVT Difference



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independent film production
companies on the East Coast.
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OCTOBER 7, 2021

TIME: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET
LOCATION: SQUIRES STUDENT
CENTER

Hosted by Kimberly Clark-Shaw,
Director of the Black Cultural Center

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BLACK CULTURAL CENTER

Social Events for the Month



From Hitchcock High to the NFL: I am Michael Sam

When: October 5 | 6:00pm

Sponsored by: LGBTQ+ Resource Center and the
Black Cultural Center

Location: via Zoom

Sankofa Business Alumni in Residence and Creativity and Innovation

When: October 6-8 | link: <https://www.inclusive.vt.edu/Programs/sankofa.html>

Sponsored by: Office for Inclusion and Diversity

Location: Black Cultural Center

VT Homecoming October 11 - 16

Spotlighting the Black Student Experience

The Rematch

When: October 12 | 6:00pm

Sponsored by: The Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) PPL

Location: Black Cultural Center

EBONY WOMEN of EXCELLENCE

Need a safe community that allows for authenticity, empathy and relevant problem solving, specific to your experience?

This Group Is For You!



OCTOBER 21ST | 6PM - 7:15PM
BCC
NOVEMBER 18TH | 6PM - 7:15PM - VIRTUAL

For more information and to make an accommodation request, visit womenscenter.vt.edu/wow

WOMEN'S CENTER
AT VIRGINIA TECH



SOAR
STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES &
ACHIEVEMENT RESOURCES PROGRAM

Ebony Women of Excellence
When: October 21 | 6:00pm
Sponsored by: The Women's Center, SOAR, and the Black Cultural Center
Location: Black Cultural Center

OCTOBER 28TH
5:00 - 7:00 PM
OWENS BANQUET HALL

B M E N
BLACK MALE EXCELLENCE NETWORK
D I V E N
KICK-OFF EVENT

RSVP

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/XQLSC68SCSKA0C8B6](https://forms.gle/XQLSC68SCSKA0C8B6)

Black Male Excellence Network (B-MEN) Kick off event
When: October 28 | 5:00pm
Sponsored by: Student Success Center
Location: Owens Banquet Hall

Professional Opportunities for the Month

Science Technology Engineering and Math Virtual Webinar

When: October 2 | Morning Session 11-1pm

Afternoon Session 2-4pm

Sponsored by: Gradlab National GEM Consortium

Location: Virtual

Signup link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsECvEoFK1WKjy9aXXYJWA Yk8zaZo3n3MihMFceL8PVTW9Vw/viewform>

Graduate and Professional School Fair at Virginia Tech

When: October 4 | 11:00am

Location: Virtual

Sponsored by: Virginia Tech Graduate School

Signup link:

<https://app.brazenconnect.com/a/vt-grad-school/e/Q85zq>

So, you're in college...what's next?



Image description: Person with black hair and glasses standing, holding a laptop in left hand, and pointing the index finger of right hand in the air. Around the person's head in white text on orange background are the words: Doctor? Game Designer? Professor? Veterinarian? Public Health? Engineer? Business Leader? Lawyer? Teacher?

Explore your options at Virginia Tech's **Virtual Graduate and Professional School Fair Monday, October 4, 2021, 11:00am – 3:00pm** Registration details: <https://tinyurl.com/GPSF-2021> You will meet recruiters from competitive graduate programs located around the nation! You will also have a chance to win free raffle prizes from local Blacksburg businesses.



looking for a job?
don't miss this ...

Interviewing & Microaggressions

Thursday, October 7
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
<https://rb.gy/wdhn6p>

For more information, or if you need an accommodation to attend this event contact: Nina Ha, Ph. D nha@vt.edu or Weston Truss westontr@vt.edu

Interviewing and Microaggressions
When: October 7 | 12:00pm
Sponsored by: Cultural and Community Centers at Virginia Tech
Location: Virtual

Graduating soon?
What comes next?

CONSIDER A 1-YEAR MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS!

Learn more about the MSBA-BA program at our information session!

See how the MSBA-BA program can transform you into a high-impact business analytics leader in only 11 months.

OCT 11 • 6:30 PM • ZOOM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

Pamplin College's Center for Business Analytics (CBA) at Virginia Tech
When: October 11 | 6:30pm
Location: Virtual
Sponsored by: Virginia Tech Graduate School
Sign up link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7eChicuVmmDEBQaXZBD40N6BJgfv9yQEUqgsXEhJ8Y4zBDA/viewform>

WANDERBILT School of Engineering

CONSIDERING GRADUATE SCHOOL OR SUMMER PROGRAMS IN ENGINEERING?

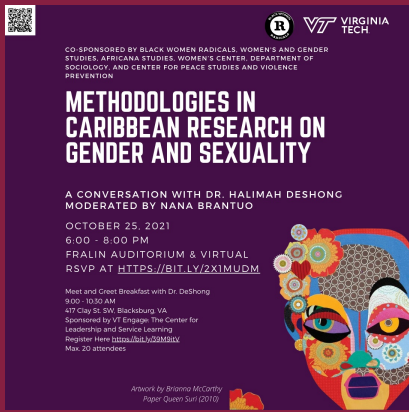
Join the Director of Graduate Recruitment, Gabriel Luis, to learn more about the Vanderbilt University School of Engineering's summer research opportunities, master's programs and FULLY FUNDED PH.D. PROGRAMS

Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Interdisciplinary Materials Science
Mechanical Engineering
Cyber-Physical Systems
Risk, Reliability and Resilience
Engineering Management(online)
Engineering in Surgery and Intervention

Information Session
October 21, 2021 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT

• Online Event in Zoom
• Room Code: <https://vanderbilt.zoom.us/j/5185056379>
• Please RSVP by clicking [here](#) or scan the QR code: <https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/register/vt>
• Email: gradengineering@vanderbilt.edu
• For more information visit: <http://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/gradschool/>

Vanderbilt University School of Engineering
Virtual information Session
When: October 21 | 12:00pm
Sponsored by: College of Science
Location: Virtual



Methodologies in Caribbean Research on Gender and Sexuality
When: October 25 | 6:00pm
Sponsored by: Africana Studies, Department of Sociology, and the Women's Center
Location: Fralin Auditorium & Virtual



Diversifying Science Peer Mentor Program
When: October 31 | 11:59pm
Sponsored by: College of Science - email Jess Hoopengardner at jessh@vt.edu
Apply here:
https://viriniatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0cWplzahbvQBING?Q_CHL=qr

Academic Resources



Organization: Student Opportunities & Achievement Resources Program

Vision: "Our vision is to create a socially just and inclusive community, where students thrive in their experiences with diversity."

Mission: A holistic support program dedicated to welcoming and retaining underrepresented minority students at Virginia Tech and promoting their success through campus collaborations.

For more information click [here](#)

MITRSE is recruiting for the Cybersecurity Futures Program, an internship in partnership with the Prelude Institute (TPI). The team is currently seeking undergraduates for this 10-week paid internship. As an intern you will receive training, mentorship, and hands-on experience tackling critical cybersecurity issues. Applications require a resume. Applications are due by March, 30th.

Apply [here](#).

Special Organization Announcements

From BOC:

The Black Organizations Council now has a new website that can be accessed [here](#) !!

From the Black Caucus:

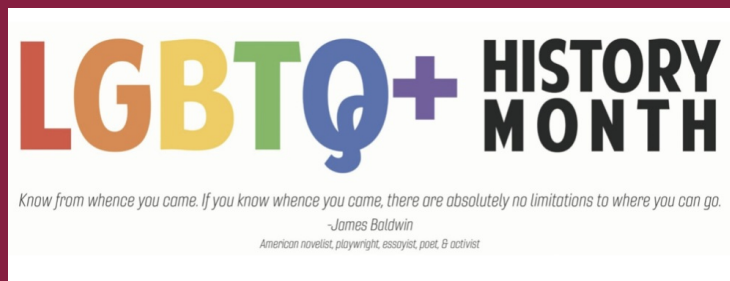
The Black Caucus Newsletter | Click here: [https://us18.campaign-archive.com/?e=\[UNIQID\]&u=bce76da089a6f328b4b1ee74b&id=330d33c6b0](https://us18.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=bce76da089a6f328b4b1ee74b&id=330d33c6b0)

From the LGBTQ+ Resource Center:

LGBTQ+ History Month: October 1 - 31

Click here for upcoming events:

https://ccc.vt.edu/calendar/LGBT_History_Month.html



Study Abroad Opportunity

CLAHS Education Abroad Scholarship

Hoping to study abroad this winter, spring, or summer? Want some help to make it happen? Apply to the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Education Abroad Scholarship.

Application Deadline Wednesday, October 6th, 2021
Learn more and [apply here](#) (click Education Abroad)!

The Inaugural BCC Advisory Board 2021-22

- o Andrea Baldwin*
- o Chontrese Doswell*
- o Dakotah Hamilton*
- o Taylor McFadden*
- o Karen Eley Sanders*
- o Anthony Scott*
- o Tremayne Waller*

Black Business of the month to support

She's International Boutique
*Styles from around the world in one
Roanoke Boutique*

Owned and operated by former



international flight attendant, Diane Speaks, She's International Boutique boasts some of the most unique clothing, jewelry, handbags and accessories curated together for an unparalleled shopping experience. Throughout her 30 year career as a flight attendant, Diane had the opportunity to visit over 15 countries and shop some of the most intriguing shopping districts in the world.

Diane now leverages her international relationships to hand pick fashion-forward items offered together exclusively in the store. At our boutique, you will find products from leading international fashion houses as well as lesser-known designers who are making important statements. Each finely constructed piece claims exquisite craftsmanship, quality fabric and materials, and for many of our brands- She's International Boutique is the exclusive sales location in the United States.

<https://shesinternationalboutique.com/>

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & LABOR RECOGNITION

The American Indian and Indigenous People's Alliance revised the Virginia Tech land acknowledgement to better reflect historical truths and institutional commitments. The statement also includes a recognition of how the labor of enslaved Black people generated revenue and resources for what is now Virginia Tech.

Virginia Tech acknowledges that we live and work on the Tutelo / Monacan People's homeland and we recognize their continued relationships with their lands and waterways. We further acknowledge that legislation and practices like the Morrill Act (1862) enabled the commonwealth of Virginia to finance and found Virginia Tech through the forced removal of Native Nations from their lands, both locally and in western territories.

We understand that honoring Native Peoples without explicit material commitments falls short of our institutional responsibilities. Through sustained, transparent, and meaningful engagement with the Tutelo / Monacan Peoples, and other Native Nations, we commit to changing the trajectory of Virginia Tech's history by increasing Indigenous student, staff, and faculty recruitment and retention, diversifying course offerings, and meeting the growing needs of all Virginia tribes and supporting their sovereignty.

We must also recognize that enslaved Black people generated revenue and resources used to establish Virginia Tech and were prohibited from attending until 1953. Through InclusiveVT, the institutional and individual commitment to Ut Prosim (that I may serve) in the spirit of community, diversity, and excellence, we commit to advancing a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive community.

Social Media

