



VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 2018



Dear Panther Family,

Greetings! I hope this message finds you well during this season of gratitude, as we enjoy Thanksgiving. We are grateful for so many things. Four are outlined in this letter: 1) our student leaders, 2) improved health and wellness, 3) strengthened community partnerships, and 4) every athletic program. I am excited about the momentum that VUU has built during 2018 and look forward to sharing the details of the many more things we are thankful for in 2019.



First, we are grateful for our student leadership. In November, the 84th administration of SGA, led by President Jamon Phenix, was installed. This team of leaders have worked with great commitment and compassion serving their VUU classmates, along with our Royal Court. Our Beloved Miss VUU, Trinity Gaskins, is currently in Ebony Magazine's HBCU Campus Queens Contest and we are rallying to vote her to success. I encourage you to follow them on social media and engage them as leaders on our campus and in the community.



Second, we are excited about our new Henderson Health Services Clinic on VUU's campus. This is the first HBCU with a federally-qualified health center on campus. The clinic is operated by the Capital Area Health Network (CAHN). It provides primary medical care and counseling services for adults and children on campus and in the community. We welcome you to consider seeking your health and wellness needs at the Henderson Health Services Clinic.



Third, we are grateful for our partnership with the City of Richmond and Richmond Public Schools. In November, we unveiled "VUU is RVA," a community partnership which provides greater access to education and economic empowerment to people who live in the metro Richmond area. For the first time, Virginia Union University will award 50 academic scholarships to 8th grade students.





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Lastly, we are thankful for VUU's athletic program. The football team ended the season with a record of 8-2 including our triumph over Virginia State University during our last home game and nine football players selected to the 2018 All-CIAA Team. We are proud of our volleyball team who finished 2nd in the CIAA Northern Division and our golf team who won 2 fall tournaments. We are now gearing up to cheer on our Women's and Men's Basketball teams as we set out to defend our CIAA Championship title. I encourage everyone to continue showing support to our Athletics program by purchasing season tickets and being present to cheer our Panthers on to victory.

As we continue to journey to "Best in Class," I look forward to sharing an update in December. As always, I appreciate your love and support for VUU. Once again, Happy Thanksgiving!

With Panther Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Lucas'.

Hakim J. Lucas, Ph.D.
President & CEO

