



STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

# 10th Annual Uplifting Black Men Conference Program

**February 22, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**

**Goodwin Hall/ Data & Decision Sciences at Virginia Tech**

Free registration

Lunch is provided

The 10th Annual Uplifting Black Men Conference is back for another year at Virginia Tech, and it's been totally redesigned to better serve students.

What's new:

- Networking with black owned community organizations and businesses
- A panel discussion with industry professionals, educators, and community leaders
- Our second year of the Dr. Wayne Scales Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Symposium, where students can share their research
- Once again celebrating students who have achieved excellence in research, leadership, and scholarship, as well as faculty and staff who champion black male excellence and achievement at the awards ceremony

Join us to empower, honor, and uplift black male students!



## Registration

9:00-10:00 am, Goodwin Lobby

## Welcome and Keynote

10:00-11:00 am, Goodwin Hall | 190

### Conference Photo

11:00 - 11:20 am, Goodwin Atrium

### Workshops

11:30 - 12:00pm, Goodwin Hall | \*\* see rooms below

### Lunch & Resource Fair

12:00 - 1:30pm, Data & Decision Science Building

### Workshops

1:30 - 2:00pm, Goodwin Hall | \*\* see rooms below

### Panel: Leveraging Education to Support Community

2:10 - 3:00pm, Goodwin Hall | 190

### Break

3:00 - 3:15pm

### Award Ceremony & Closing

3:15 - 4:15pm, Goodwin Hall | 190



## Workshops

11:30 - 12:00pm, Goodwin, 1st Floor Classrooms \*\*

Explore one session during this time frame.

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| <b><i>Print, Podcast &amp; Broadcast: Tips for Harnessing Youth Voices for Community Empowerment</i></b>  | Sean Chambers       | 115 |
| <b><i>The Change Within: How university life encourages personal growth through community engagement</i></b>  | Antwyne Calloway    | 125 |
| <b><i>CUBE: A Collaborative Undergraduate Biostatistics Experience to bring Diversity &amp; Awareness to the Field of Collaborative Biostatistics and Health Data Science</i></b> | Dr. Emmanuel Nartey | 145 |
| <b><i>The Art of Hustle: Bridge Building to Purpose and Power</i></b>   | Xavier Duckett      | 155 |
| <b><i>Language Intelligence: Narratives of Wit to Uplift</i></b>  | Dr. Frederick Paige | 190 |



## Resource Fair & Lunch

12:00-1:30 pm, Data & Decision Science Building

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| Global Education Office                      | Ginny Ford         | Ms. Donna Hair Salon                               | Donna Spincer                     |
| Office of Undergraduate Research             | Truitt Elliott     | Cook Counseling Center                             | Charlotte Amenkhienan             |
| Multicultural Academic Opportunities Program | Monica Hunter      | Fraternity & Sorority Life                         | Chandler Crean                    |
| Academy for Experiential Learning            | Franca Del Signore | Hokie Wellness                                     | Carlo Rivera                      |
| Student Success Center                       | Olivia Nartey      | Student Opportunity & Achievement Resources        | Brandon Stokes                    |
| Virginia Tech Emergency Management           | Chris Bolling      | Delicia's Gourmet Ice                              | Delicia Tucker                    |
| College of Architecture, Arts & Design       | Katy Miles         | NABV   | Gabriel Faulcon/<br>Zeke Jennette |
| Virginia Tech College of Science             | Jess Hoopengardner | Chris' Men's Fine Clothing                         | Chris Carter                      |
|  |                    | Montgomery County- Radford City-Floyd County NAACP | Michael Herndon                   |



## Workshop

1:30 - 2:00pm, Goodwin, 1st Floor Classrooms

*Explore one session topic during this time frame.*

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| <b><i>Launching a Career in Advancement &amp; Building Community</i></b>   | Dr. Carl Simien and Brandyn Jordan | 115 |
| <b><i>Analysis of Immersive Virtual Reality on the Engineering &amp; Technology Self-Efficacy of Underrepresented Groups</i></b> | Avery Cunningham                   | 125 |
| <b><i>Telling Yourself You Deserve a Second Chance - Redefining Success &amp; Embracing Your Purpose</i></b>                     | Jeremiah O'Bryant                  | 135 |
| <b><i>Facing the Challenge of a New Age: Where Do We Go From Here?</i></b>   | Dr. Frederick Douglas Dixon        | 145 |
| <b><i>How to Apply: Turning Goals into Graduate Degrees</i></b>  | Jenn Million                       | 155 |

## Panel: Leveraging Education to Support Community

2:10 - 3:00pm, Goodwin Hall

### Break

3:00 - 3:15pm



## Awards Ceremony and Closing

3:15 - 4:15 pm, Goodwin Hall

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*Conference Survey*

**3:15 - 3:20 pm**

*Provost Address, Cyril Clarke*

**3:20 - 3:30 pm**

*Welcome & Recognition, Amir Winfield & Oumar Ndiaye*

**3:30 - 3:45 pm**

*Presentation of Awards, Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. Students & Award Namesakes*

The Tremayne "Trey" Waller Student Advocacy Award

The Dr. Wayne Scales Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Symposium Award

The Tommy Amal Student of Excellence for Leadership and Service Award

**3:45 - 3:50 pm**

*Final Remarks & Closing, Patrick Wallace*

**Special thanks our sponsors for supporting the conference and award recognition.**

