



STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

9th Annual Uplifting Black Men Conference Program

February 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Goodwin Hall at Virginia Tech

Free registration

Lunch is provided

The 9th 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:

- More interactive workshops focused on professional and leadership development
- More conversational spaces for students to plan their futures and connect with industry professionals, educators, and community leaders
- An all-new pre-conference event, the Dr. Wayne Scales Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Symposium, where students can share their research
- An awards ceremony to celebrate students who have achieved excellence in research, leadership, and scholarship, as well as faculty and staff who champion black male excellence and achievement

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



Registration

9:00-10:00 am, Goodwin Lobby

Welcome and Cultural Expression

10:00-10:50 am, Goodwin Auditorium (Room 190)

10:00 - 10:10 am

Slideshow Presentation

10:10 - 10:20 am

Welcome Address, Patrick Wallace

10:20 - 10:45 am

National Pan-Hellenic Council, Fraternities at Virginia Tech:

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Reflection, Caleb Dankwa, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Presentations & Performance, All

10:45 - 10:50 am

Closing & Instruction for 1st Concurrent Sessions, Patrick Wallace

Special thanks to VTDITC (Virginia Tech Digging in the Crates) for providing welcome music and transitions.



Academic Exposure Workshops

11:00-11:50 am, Goodwin, 1st Floor Classrooms

Explore one session during this time frame.

<i>Explore Mechanical Engineering</i>	Dewey Spangler	Hallway/Lobby
<i>Explore Aerospace Engineering</i>	Dewey Spangler	Hallway/Lobby
<i>Explore Africana Studies</i>	Onwubiko Agozino	135
<i>Explore Creativity, Arts, and Technology</i>	Justin Kerobo	145
<i>Explore Music</i>	VTDITC	115
<i>Explore Black Masculinity (VT Students Only)</i>	Noel Smith	190
<i>Explore Virtual Reality</i>	Rafael Patrick, Tony Lee	125
<i>Explore Real Estate</i>	Terrell Cook	155

Group Picture

11:50 am, Goodwin Lobby



Resource Fair & Lunch

12:00-12:50 pm, Goodwin Lobby & Auditorium

College of Science	Jess Hoopengardner	Black Male Excellence Network	Israel Oyedare
The Pride Center	Bing Bingham	VT Admissions	Greg Anderson
Career and Professional Development	Krystal Johnson	Cook Counseling	Cameron Johnson & Caroline Hopkins
Center for the Enhancement of Engineering Diversity	Taylor Cupp	Student Opportunities and Achievement Resources	Ashley Offutt
Department of Management	Koehler Slagel	VT Graduate School	Catherine Cotrupi
Students for African American Brotherhood	Keven Turner	CoStar	Ally Clements
Global Education Office	Ginny Ford	Ujima Living Learning Community	Amoré Burch
Graduate School	Jenn Million	The College of Architecture, Arts, & Design	Takiyah Amin
Via College of Osteopathic Medicine	Kojo Minta, Mohamed Abbaker, and Tobias Addis	Apply to Graduate School LLC	Justin Grimes
Student Success Center	Christina Fabrey	First Gen	Page Fetter



Conversational Spaces

1:00-1:50 pm, Goodwin, 1st Floor Classrooms

Explore one session topic during this time frame.

<i>Entrepreneurship & Community Development</i>	Travis Wilkins, Mike Goode, Matt Hull	135
<i>Pursuing Graduate School</i>	Jenn Walters, James Kaindu, De'Yana Hines	145
<i>Career Exploration and the Job Market</i>	Krystal Johnson, Eric Johnston	115
<i>Hip-Hop and Black Male Mental Health</i>	Jacob Loury, Freddy Paige, Craig Arthur, Levi Daniels, Rashad Ferebee	190
<i>Athletic and Scholarship to Navigating College as a First Gen Student Athlete</i>	Eric Glenn, Devin Wilson	155
<i>How to Make the Best of Your College Experience</i>	Andrew Doblin-McNabb, Elizabeth Lantz, Cedric Dunham III, Chris Coleman	125

Professional Development & Career Workshops

2:00-2:50 pm, Goodwin, 1st Floor Classrooms

Explore one session during this time frame.

Resume Workshop	Krystal Johnson	115
Networking & Relationship Building Workshop	Meredith Gerber	125
Interview Skills Workshop	Suzanne Shelbourne	135
Communication Skills Workshop	Carrie Kroehler	145
Financial Literacy Workshop	Lewis Townsend	190



Awards Ceremony and Closing

3:10-4:00 pm, Goodwin Auditorium (Room 190)

3:10 - 3:15 pm

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.

