



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022 STUDENT AFFAIRS





STRATEGIC **PLAN** 2021 - 2022

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DIVISION *of*
STUDENT AFFAIRS

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT AFFAIRS CARES

OUR VISION

The vision of the Division of Student Affairs is to ensure that our students graduate from Valdosta State University with a degree that facilitates the pursuit of their professional careers and future aspirations, with a marked sense of civility, unwavering integrity, a passion for practicing active citizenship, and with a life-long curiosity for learning.

CORE PRINCIPLES

CREED (INTEGRITY, CIVILITY, CITIZENSHIP)

We uphold the Blazer Creed and we foster an environment of civility, integrity, and citizenship. We value what each individual brings to the team and the lifelong relationships that develop. We encourage student engagement by fostering meaningful interactions

ACCOUNTABILITY

We are student focused. We foster a division of teamwork while being dedicated to our collective purpose. We maintain purposeful decision making that will enhance personal and professional growth and development. We are fiscally responsible and good stewards of our resources.

RESPECT

We model responsible citizenship by being in the campus community, by being accountable for our actions and developmentally confronting the unfair, unjust, or uncivil behaviors of others and groups. We ensure staff and students understand the importance of an inclusive community and actively seek intentional interaction with individuals different from oneself.

ENGAGEMENT

We have pride in our University and what it means to be a "Blazer". We foster co-curricular learning opportunities that encourage our students to make meaning and understanding from their active participation in practical experiences. We provide experiential learning, connect students to service, promote leadership, and foster employment opportunities for a successful transition to the workforce.

SUPPORT

We assist students in developing affirmative personal values, ethics, and spiritual awareness by exploring and challenging their sense of self. We are committed to ensuring our staff and students realize the importance of health and wellness in accomplishing goals. We are committed to the recruitment and retention of diverse staff that reflects the students we serve.

GOAL #1

The Division of Student Affairs will contribute to Valdosta State University's goal of increasing retention, progression, and graduation rates by creating a campus culture focused on individual student success.

By Fall 2020, the Division of Student Affairs will develop and implement a comprehensive residential curriculum (HIP), including academic and themed living communities, that support a seamless transition into college life, provides students with academic support in the residential environment, connects students with campus programs and services, and is developmentally focused to support student growth.

By Spring 2020, Student Affairs will establish a consistent process to evaluate student engagement each semester and deliver a process for peer intervention of students that have a recorded participation of fewer than ten programs or events in BlazerLink in order to identify factors preventing student engagement and connect students to campus resources in support of increasing student retention.

STUDENT AFFAIRS STRATEGIC PLAN

Adopted Unanimously by Division on February 2019

By Fall 2021, the Division of Student Affairs will collaborate with academic departments, first year programs, and academic advising to integrate the Four-Year Career Plan into the stages of academic progression to help students solidify their academic program of study, understand and identify career readiness skills, identify internship and relevant part-time work experience (HIP) and effectively communicate their skills and experiences in order to achieve their desired professional goals.



GOAL #2

The Division of Student Affairs will contribute to Valdosta State University's goal of increasing student participation in expanded transformational and experiential opportunities through implementing high impact and best practices focused on evolving student needs.

By Fall 2019, Student Affairs will increase the number of campus departments and student organizations that are actively posting student events and collecting student participation data in BlazerLink by 5% each year over the FY18 baseline.

By Fall 2019, Student Affairs will develop an Early Move In and Welcome Week program for new first-year students. Through this program, students will develop a sense of community with VSU, student organizations, and smaller peer networks, develop the skills needed to thrive in the classroom, and identify university expectations.

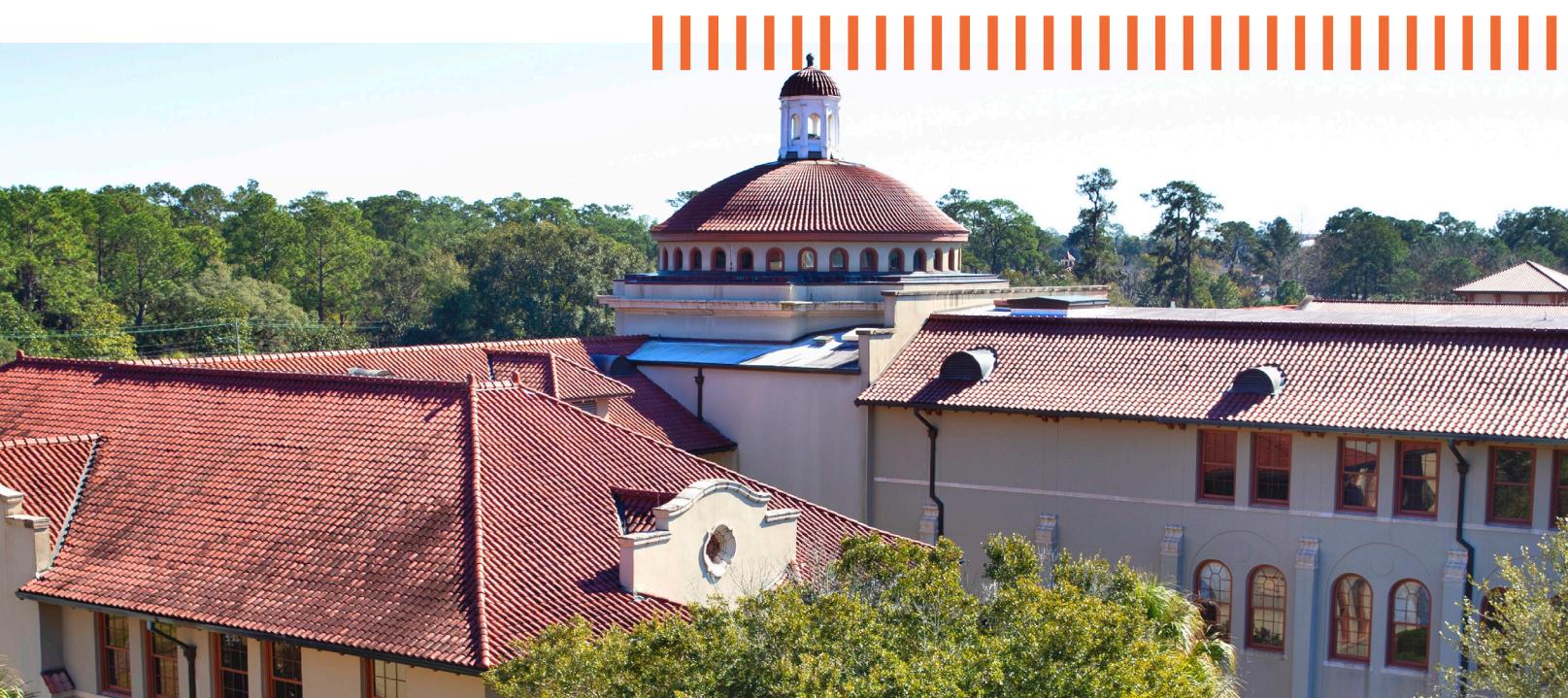
By Spring 2020, Student Affairs will develop a strategic plan for Fraternity and Sorority Life focused on areas of recruitment, risk management, academic success, diversity and inclusion, and guidance on chapter housing/meeting space.

By Fall 2020, Student Affairs will increase the number of volunteer service opportunities (HIP) and hours recorded by students in BlazerLink by 7% each year over the FY19 baseline.

By Fall 2020, Student Affairs will establish a common learning framework to map student experiences to a common set of learning outcomes. This will include the implementation of a student engagement road map to help students identify meaningful learning experiences that leads to competency development, leadership training and mentoring. Student participation will be incentivized through a points-based reward structure.

By Fall 2020, Student Affairs will increase the number of internship opportunities (HIP) and the number of students participating in internships recorded in Blazer Briefcase by 10% each year over

(HIP) = High Impact Educational Practice



GOAL #3

The Division of Student Affairs will contribute to Valdosta State University's goal of increasing community and regional impact through leading development for industry, health care, arts, education, and other changing economic regional needs that support the growth of South Georgia and the communities our students will serve.

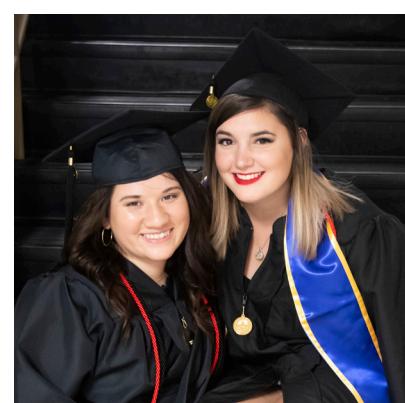
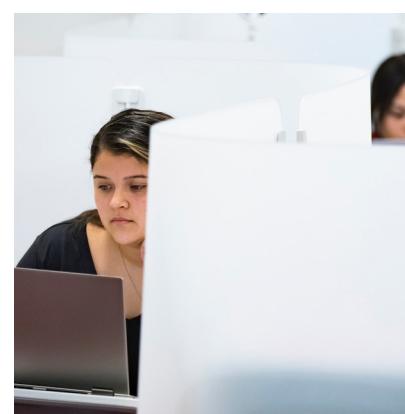
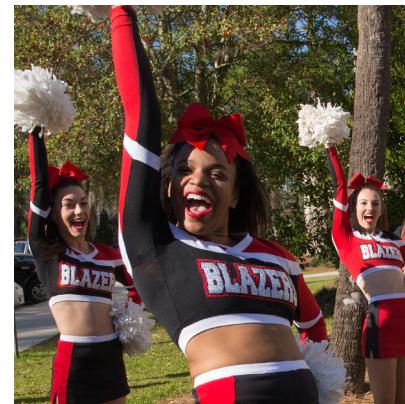
By Fall 2019, Student Affairs will develop and expand divisional marketing strategies with appropriate resources allocated in order to collect evidence-based outcome data and establish communication materials which will highlight the impact of student affairs programs and services and share the information routinely with a wide variety of constituents.

By Fall 2019, Student Affairs will establish strategic partnerships to increase opportunities for students to volunteer in the region and increase our educationally meaningful community engagement opportunities.

By Spring 2020, Student Affairs will develop a community volunteer emergency response plan to provide immediate support in our region for areas that become impacted by inclement weather while offering our students and campus community the opportunity to give back to the region. This includes identifying and maintaining a list of community centers and groups that provide disaster support, a list of common resources (food, toiletries, etc.) needed by people impacted by natural disasters, a communication plan to solicit supply donations and volunteers to provide support, and organize student volunteer response.

By Spring 2020, Student Affairs will create an active directory of resources and services (Red Cross trainings, Outdoor Recreation team building services, diversity training, employment postings, facility and summer conference rental, etc.) available to the South Georgia region to assist the Executive Director for the Center for South Georgia Regional Impact in achieving institutional goals.

By Fall 2021, Student Affairs will increase employer engagement in the career success of current students through growth in career fair participation, employer information networking events, on-campus interviews, and 5% year-over-year growth in the posting of student employment, internships, and full-time employment opportunities in Blazer Briefcase.





GOAL #4

The Division of Student Affairs will cultivate and demonstrate an atmosphere of multicultural inclusion and cultural humility that foster a welcoming, affirming and supportive campus community.

By Fall 2019, Student Affairs will enhance and expand civility education (Blazer Creed, Bystander Training, etc.) with a goal of increasing student participation year-over-year by 10% percent.

By Spring 2020, Student Affairs, in collaboration with campus partners, will develop a USG and University Administration supported plan of response for various levels of campus, community, and national

incidents that helps communicate the values of the Blazer Creed in a timely manner, from the necessary voice, while helping students process and respond to acts of unrest and injustice.

By Fall 2021, Student Affairs will expand the Multicultural Achievement Program to include 100 number of new students and 50 number of upper-class mentors.

By Spring 2021, Student Affairs will establish a consistent search process for professional staff focused on recruiting the best-suited and most qualified applicant pool and providing a meaningful interview experience which showcases the benefits of working in Student Affairs at Valdosta State University and provides adequate opportunities for candidates to experience the department, division, campus, and community culture of South Georgia.

By Spring 2022, Student Affairs will create emergency response plans for facility operations, large campus events, student travel, and other high-risk activities to carefully identify the risks and response necessary in a potential emergency. Active training of these plans

will take place annually with all staff, including student employees and appropriate student leaders, to communicate the expectations of risk mitigation and to ensure each individual understands their role in response to campus crisis.

By Spring 2023, 75% of Student Affairs staff will represent Valdosta State University through service to their field by either being involved in leadership roles in professional associations, presenting at conferences, hosting a conference, participation in external professional development opportunities, or receiving awards and recognition for a program or individual contribution to their profession.

By Fall 2023, 50% of staff will represent the Division of Student Affairs through service to Valdosta State University either through active participation in division or university committees.

GOAL #5

The Division of Student Affairs will enhance organizational effectiveness and encourage professional growth through recruiting, developing, and retaining diverse and qualified staff at all levels in order to be nimble and relevant in our changing professions.

By Summer 2019, Student Affairs will formalize an annual learning plan for the SA Training and Employee Development (SA-TED) committee focused on outcomes identified through assessing the needs of the Division, Professional Competency Areas, and national trends of the profession. SA-TED will establish learning dates and times a minimum of one semester in advance in order to better communicate the commitment to staff and graduate assistants.

By Fall 2019, Student Affairs will formalize an annual staff recognition process to identify and highlight the dedication and contributions of staff to supporting the work of the Division, profession, and service to students.

By Summer 2020, Student Affairs will develop an employee handbook for each type of employee (professional, graduate assistant, student employee) designed to provide important information about Division purpose and values, expectations, and procedures for use with onboarding employees and communicating consistent information related to Division and University strategic goals.





a quick message from

Dr. Vince Miller

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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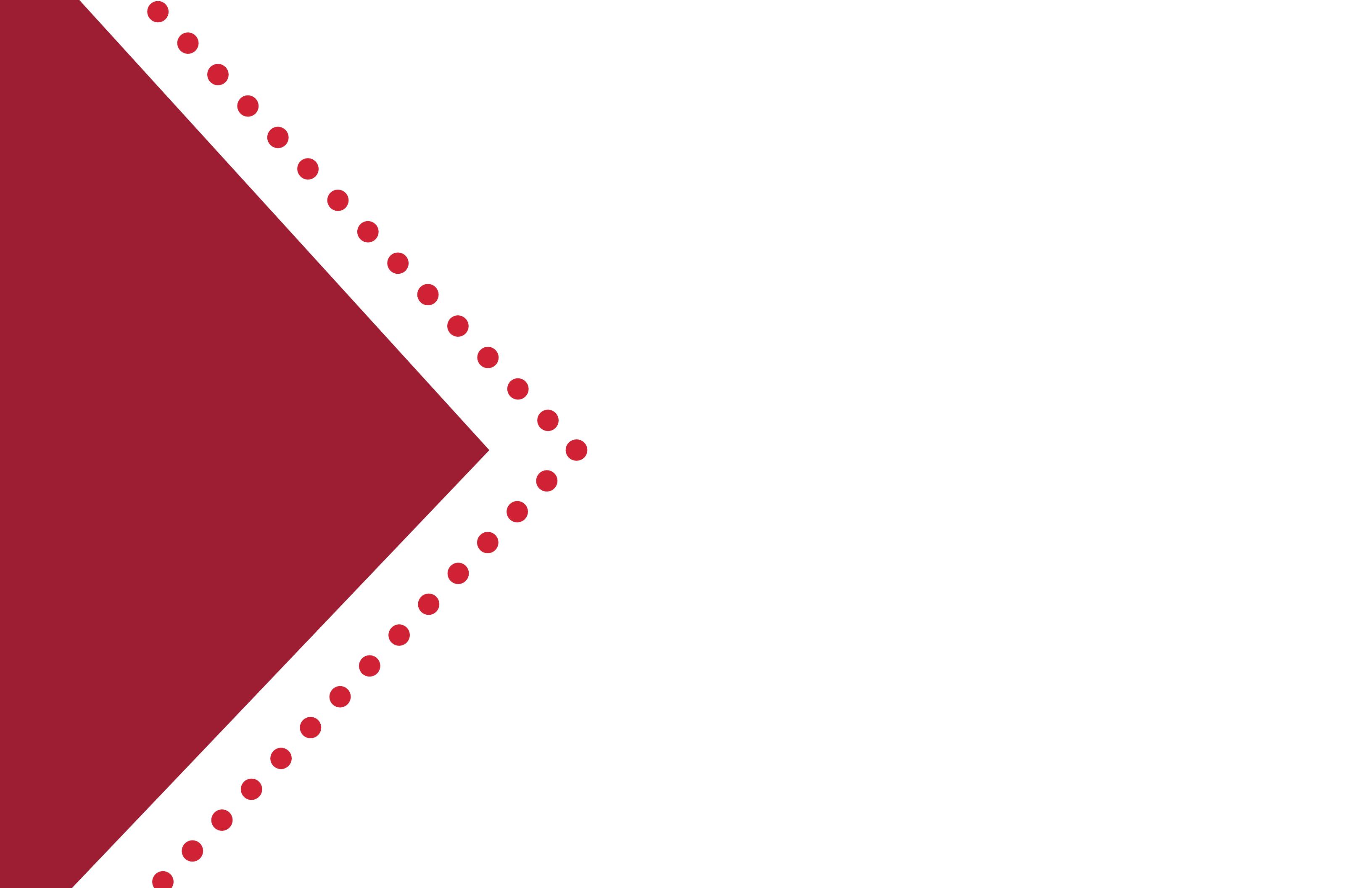
It is my pleasure to share with you the Annual Report for the Division of Student Affairs for the academic year of 2021-2022. This report highlights the accomplishments, challenges, and impact of our team as we continued to strive towards creating a holistic, enriching student experience at Valdosta State University. Throughout the year, we placed a strong emphasis on student well-being, mental health, inclusion and belonging, as well as developing leaders for the future. We implemented several initiatives and programs aimed at fostering a positive and inclusive campus culture, supporting students' mental and physical health, and providing opportunities for personal and professional growth. These initiatives received positive feedback and engagement from the student community, and we plan to build on their success moving forward.

As a student-centered learning environment, the needs of our students often changed. Our professional staff and graduate assistants work to adapt and pivot programming and services to ensure that we continued to meet the needs of our students while prioritizing their wellness and safety. I am proud of the remarkable work accomplished by our team; and we remain committed to supporting our students and fostering a thriving campus community in the years ahead.

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Fall 2018 - Spring 2022 *

Programs Held

700 TOTAL PROGRAMS HELD
in Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

In total, Presence shows that there were 1371 events held on campus, showing that Student Affairs held around 51% of events on campus.

619 TOTAL PROGRAMS HELD
in Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

In total, Presence shows that there were 1317 events held on campus, showing that Student Affairs held around 47% of events on campus.

334 TOTAL PROGRAMS HELD
in Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

In total, Presence shows that there were 844 events held on campus, showing that Student Affairs held around 40% of events on campus.

379 TOTAL PROGRAMS HELD
in Fall 2021 - Spring 2022*

In total, Presence shows that there were 1013 events held on campus, showing that Student Affairs held around 37% of events on campus.



*DATA WAS COLLECTED ON APRIL 7TH, 2022

Recovery from COVID-19...

Student Affairs is proud to be recovering from the impact of COVID-19 on holding events on campus. Despite the impact, we were still able to persevere and hold events for students. We hope to improve our program numbers back to pre-COVID numbers, as our Blazer Nation is resilient and persistent. We are also proud of our faculty and staff for promoting student involvement within a safe capacity, and considering the safety of our students throughout a pandemic.

Student Engagement

THE DATA REPRESENTED IN THIS TABLE IS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WERE SCANNED IN AT EVENTS VIA THEIR 1CARD, AND DOES NOT REPRESENT DUPLICATED SCANS FOR STUDENTS WHO REPEATEDLY ATTENDED MULTIPLE EVENTS.

	FALL 2021 - APRIL 2022	FALL 2020 - SPRING 2021	FALL 2019 - SPRING 2020	FALL 2018 - SPRING 2019
STUDENT LIFE	5,027	4,949	7,821	7,205
CAMPUS RECREATION	2,688	1,601	2,767	3,379
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & VOLUNTEER SERVICES	1,374	552	879	34
STUDENT DIVERSITY + INCLUSION	1,668	1,413	1,445	1,458
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION	538	162	992	2,083
STUDENT LEADERSHIP	—	—	1,188	603
HEALTH + WELLNESS	2,196	1,708	—	—
SPARK	1,183	792	—	—
TOTAL	14,674	11,177	15,092	14,762
PERCENTAGE OF FEE PAYERS	96%	71%	93%	84%

CAMPUS RECREATION



Campus Recreation is proud to have accomplished...

85 events with around **6,425** attendees

THIS IS ALSO ENCOMPASSING 3,505 UNIQUE EVENT ATTENDEES.

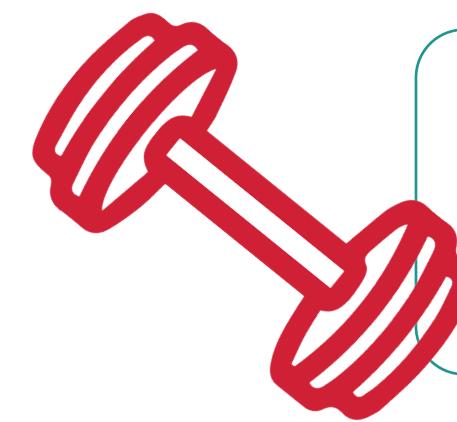
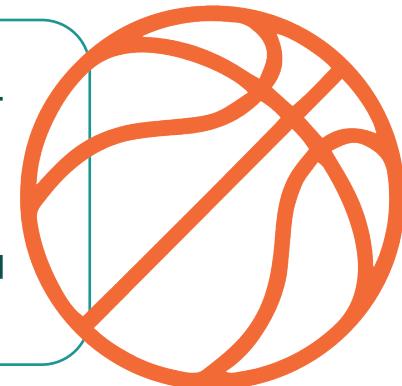
39,976 SWIPES

OVER THE SEMESTERS OF
FALL 2021 + SPRING 2022



WE WERE ABLE TO HOST THE BIGGEST HAUNTED TRAIL EVENT WITH SUPPORT FROM OUR DIVISIONAL PARTNERS! THANKS TO THE OVER 1200 COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT CAME OUT, AND THE OVER 600 STUDENTS THAT REPRESENTED BLAZER NATION.

OUR INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SEASON HAD THE BIGGEST TURN OUT
WITH OVER 40 TEAMS.



CAMPUS REC WAS ABLE TO PROCURE NEW WEIGHTS, BARBELLS, AND DUMBBELLS WITH VALDOSTA STATE'S COLORS AND LOGOS TO HELP BRING MORE BLAZER SPIRIT TO THE STUDENT RECREATION CENTER.

This wouldn't be possible without...

132 STUDENT EMPLOYEES

Career Opportunities



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VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



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Career Opportunities is proud to have
engagement from our Blazers and our community.

308 EMPLOYERS
RECRUITED VIA
CAREER EVENTS

AND 5751 JOB + INTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
ON HANDSHAKE

STUDENTS
INVOLVED IN
CAREER EVENTS

1,169

62
CLASSROOM
PRESENTATIONS

339 STUDENT
APPOINTMENTS

6,953 FACULTY
PARTICIPATION

102 STUDENTS UTILIZING
CAREER AFTER HOURS



was able to help

1,099 students

Volunteer Services

1,687 students engaged in
volunteer opportunities

which led to the collection of...

62%

increase in student
volunteer opportunities.

8,303 LOGGED
service hours

Counseling Center

 @VSCOUNSELING

 VSU COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center was able to help
635 
students on a counseling basis.

449 students counseled on an individual level, and 186 students were counseled in group sessions.

MINDWISE

“an anonymous self-assessment for mental health and wellness”

Est. November 2021

Since the Counseling Center has implemented Mindwise in November 2021, we have had 817 unique screenings completed. This info gives data-driven insight into the concerns and needs of our student body regarding mental health and wellbeing. Such data helps us as we develop new programing and services in the coming months to help our students flourish and achieve their goals.



“Each student is unique and offers so much, not only to our local community but globally as well. My advice would be to foster the gift in you that was always there. The world needs your authenticity and uniqueness.”

Abria Bonner, LCSW
Counseling Center Counselor

HEALTH PROMOTIONS

AND WELLNESS

 @VSUCAMPUSWELLNESS  VSU CAMPUS WELLNESS

College Prevention Program

Health + Wellness established the College Prevention Program partnership for Valdosta State University. College Prevention Partnership (CPP) is our initiative to address the non-medical use of prescription drugs across college campuses in Georgia. We offered programming and education campaigns to reduce drug misuse, provide healthy alternatives to substance use, and promote positive social norms on campus.

gained 10 new members

39 
EDUCATIONAL EVENTS



Diversity + Inclusion is proud to have hosted...

40
events

3,464
attendees

1,770
first-time
attendees

The Shannon Center

SDI was proud to have opened The Shannon Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; which is located on the third floor of VSU's Student Union and houses the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion. Named after Major General Robert L. Shannon, the first African American SGA President and proud alum, the space is for all students to cherish and experience inclusion. The Shannon Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion stands as a visible reminder of VSU's renewed commitment to educate on diversity, enhance equity, and embrace inclusivity and serve as a gathering spot for special programs, mentor groups, and events.

Representation Station

It is important that everyone sees themselves represented in someone or something. Representation Station allows all students to know they are not alone by providing campus partners they can relate to that looks like them, with similar experiences. This helps with a sense of belongingness, helps to strengthen our campus community and improve student outcomes.

The objectives of Representation Station are as follows:

- To help students embrace their most authentic selves.
- To allow students to tell their stories and hear the stories of others.
- To have a faculty, staff and eventually student peer mentor that represents the diversity on our campus.

SDI Online Film Series



SDI Online Film Series objective is to share films about topics that may be controversial or taboo, but bring awareness to oppression and struggles of marginalized groups in order to spark conversation. It is our hope that as these films are viewed in classrooms, with student organizations, or among groups of friends, that the messages will broaden perspectives and allow viewers to learn using the medium of film.

STUDENT DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



Socials

 @VSU_DIVERSITY

 @VSU_DIVERSITY_INCLUSION

 @VSU_DIVERSITY

 VSU STUDENT
DIVERSITY + INCLUSION



STUDENT LIFE



@VSUSTUDENTLIFE



VSU STUDENT LIFE + STUDENT UNION

events on campus

	<i>Number of Events</i>	<i>Number of Students</i>
CAB	47	6,717
E-SPORTS	7	395
FIRE PIT	8	1,119
FRATERNITY + SORORITY LIFE	15	866
STUDENT LIFE	19	3,476
<i>Total</i>	96	12,573



NPHC Plaza

NPHC HOSTED A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO OPEN THE NPHC PLAZA ON CAMPUS, CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF NPHC HISTORY AT VSU.



MGC Expansion

MGC SUCCESSFULLY OPENED FOR EXPANSION AND WILL OFFICIALLY WELCOME A NEW SORORITY TO CAMPUS IN FALL 2022.

558
GREEK
LIFE
MEMBERS



GREEK LIFE

3.17
AVERAGE
GREEK MEMBER
GPA

VS.

3.04
AVERAGE
NON-GREEK
MEMBER
GPA

Introducing **BLAZER READY**

CREATING DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

Blazer Ready is an engaging skill development program designed to help you grow and develop the life skills desired most by students, employers and your community.



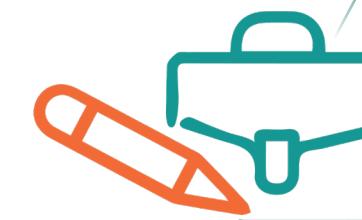
DIVERSITY + INCLUSION



HEALTH + WELLNESS



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

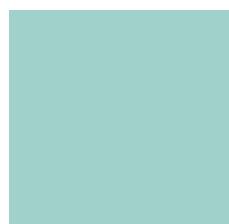
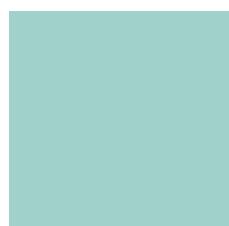
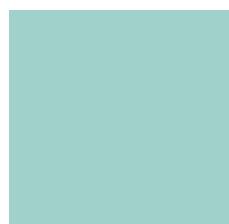


CAREER PREPARATIONS



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

FIVE TENETS



housing and residence life

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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Themed Communities

During the 2021-2022 school year, VSU Housing offered seven themed community experiences: Airforce ROTC, 1st-year Honors, College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), American Sign Language, Greek Life, Wellness, and Sullivan Scholars. Themed communities enhance the living experience on campus while also providing students with opportunities to get involved and share common goals and interests.

Renovations

Housing and Residence Life completed renovations for Brown Hall and began renovations on Lowndes Hall's traditional-style bathrooms. This renovation will transform the traditional community-style bathroom into a spa-style bathroom designed with a toilet, sink, and shower, all behind a lockable door providing students with greater privacy.

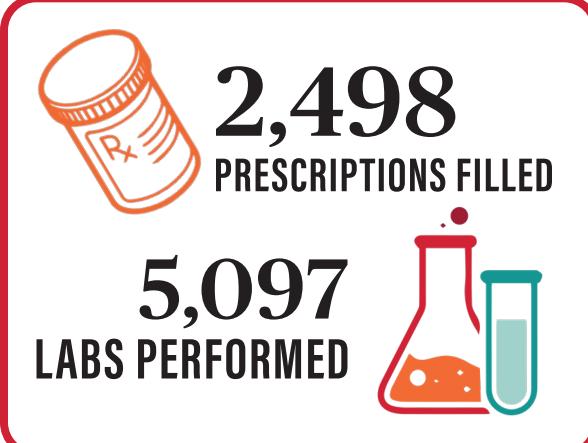
Housing and Residence Life Partnership

A partnership was created between CGL/BHom and VSU Housing to provide the residence halls with facility maintenance management. This partnership has resulted in higher levels of student satisfaction with living on campus and a more positive overall campus living experience.

CORRELATION OF CAMPUS HOUSING + SUCCESS

	LIVING ON <i>campus</i>	LIVING OFF <i>campus</i>
AMOUNT OF <i>Freshman</i>	1,464	1,390
AVG. GPA	2.53	2.59
AMOUNT OF <i>Sophomores</i>	414	1,342
AVG. GPA	3.0	2.89
AMOUNT OF <i>Juniors</i>	244	1,600
AVG. GPA	3.07	2.99
AMOUNT OF <i>Seniors</i>	161	2,132
AVG. GPA	3.17	3.03

6,547
PATIENT VISITS



Student Health Center Successes

- ◆ THE HEALTH CENTER WAS HAPPY TO HOLD A VACCINATION CLINIC THAT INCLUDED VSU STUDENTS, STAFF, FACULTY, VSU FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.
- ◆ OUR HEALTH CENTER PHARMACY IS PROUD TO OFFER OVER THE COUNTER COVID-19 TESTS TO STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF.
- ◆ WE WERE ABLE TO EXCEED OUR REVENUE GOAL FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022.

Acclimating to LIVING WITH COVID-19:



2,075

COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING TO
PREVENT MORE EXPOSURES



COVID-19 TESTS GIVEN:
1,632



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS GIVEN:
1,939



The Student Government Association (SGA) works closely with the Valdosta State University (VSU) administration, faculty, and staff striving for data-driven decision-making solutions to the opportunities and challenges that we face as we move VSU forward. Uniquely, the Valdosta State University Student Government Association serves as the mechanism to ensure VSU students feel heard and valued. SGA seeks to ensure the VSU student experience is continually improving.

Student Government Association

Our Executive Team*



Jalen Smith

Student Body President



Makaya Clinton

Student Body Vice-President



Nigeria Jackson

SGA Treasurer



Justin Bacon

SGA Secretary

Thank You to Our Senators

Our Directors:

Tia Brown, Rebekah Pitts, Vanessa Okojie

Justin Carter, Kevin Eppes, Cooper Andolsek, Demi Bidot-Miles, Sarah Grace Bonner, Mandi Connell, Luisa Garrett, Darius Guinyard, Taliyah Harper, Shemar Holliday, Marcus Houston, Evelyn Inman, Harold Jones, D'aja Lane, Sean Lockhart, Madison Meeker, Ashton Moorman, Yash Patel, Jazmine Rivas, Jwalant Shah, Hailey Wilkinson, Victoria Ahmadu, William Burnett, Sydney Cowart, Montesha Franklin, Khlanna Gibson, Makayla Horner, Damond Hutchinson, Abbi Long, Valentina Lopez Vincero, Chiamaka Nwigwe, Gavin Ponder, Christopher Simpson, Emma Sweet, Jermaine Thomas, Nevaeh Wallace

*As of May 2022

Night on Fire!

Award Winners



Welcome! *Night on Fire* is an awards night dedicated to recognizing and highlighting Student, Staff, and Faculty leaders *who continue to exemplify leadership, engagement, and dedication to Valdosta State University* as they contribute greatly to the success of others on campus.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

THE NIGHT ON FIRE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

AMIYA MILES, CARLA CARTER JORDAN,
EMILY MARTINEZ, GARRETT MCCRACKEN,
LAUREN BONTRAGER, MADISON BEAUMARCHAIS,
MAGGI HOLE, MARISSA HANSON, RACHEL DAWKINS,
VICTORIA MAXWELL, DR. ZDUY CHU

Housing + Residence Life

Resident Assistant of the Year

Sarrah Taouil

Student Assistant of the Year

Madison Wilcox

Facility Assistant of the Year

Nate Reives

HEART Worker of the Year

Nathaniel Arrowood

Residence Hall Director of the Year

Octavio Aguado



Student Life

(includes Student Leadership + Student Union Awards)

Outstanding Program of the Year

“The Sock Doll Project”

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Latin American Student Association, Black Student League, Valdosta Association of Nursing Students, Minorities in Nursing

Outstanding Small Student Organization

Society for Human Resource Management

RSO President of the Year

Andrew Harris

Valdosta Smash Ultimate

Excellence in E-Sports Student Leadership

Joseph Standridge

Excellence in Collaboration

“Think Pink Game”

Zeta Tau Alpha & Athletics

Outstanding Large Student Organization

Collegiate Women of Valdosta State

Advisor of the Year

Linda De La Garza

American Chemical Society

Student Union Employee of the Year

Samantha Irons

Campus Recreation

Recreation Center Graduate Assistant of the Year

Caitlin Carney

Recreation Center Employee of the Year

Carter Gilbert

Recreation Center Rookie of the Year

Sabrina Maine



Career Opportunities + Volunteer Services

Career Engagement Award

Ashley G. Salyers, Shania Patrik, Leslie R. Salyers, Tatianna King

Volunteer Service Excellence Award

Lauren Sheppard

Blazer Pantry + Closet Student Organization(s) of the Year

Xchange Ministries, Minorities in Nursing, and Collegiate Women of Valdosta State

Greek Life

CPC Chapter of the Year

Phi Mu

MGC Chapter of the Year

Sigma Gamma Lambda

Greek President of the Year

Courtney Stansell

Zeta Tau Alpha

IFC Chapter of the Year

Tau Kappa Epsilon

NPHC Chapter of the Year

Sigma Gamma Rho

Outstanding Greek Achiever

Ashton Moorman

Kappa Alpha

New Member of the Year

Rose Compton

Zeta Tau Alpha



Student Diversity & Inclusion

Student Organization Ally Champion of the Year

Student Government Association

Faculty Champion of the Year

Evelyn Davis-Walker

Staff Champion of the Year

Darius L. Anthony

Campus Wellness

Fall Team Player

Ta'Kesia D. Parker

Spring Team Player

Paige Alvarez

Spotlight Award

Emily Brown

Rising Star Award

Khari T. Hardin

Peer Educator of the Year

Daija N. Wilson

Student Government Association

Valdosta State is proud to recognize and honor the SGA Senators that serve the student body. With their help, we have implemented many improvements and benefits for students attending VSU. We are grateful for our Senators. The following senators received the SGA Presidents Award for going above and beyond their duties, showing true dedication to engaging in activities across campus.

Senators Luisa Garrett & Cooper Andolsek

Recipients of the 2022 SGA President's Award



Orientation

ORIENTATION LEADERS

Ally Hudson, Mya Curry, Dylan Taylor, Michele Dowdy, Luisa Garrett, Michael Addison, Ethan Mitchell, Kevin Eppes, Brianna Little, Deborah Pollock, Christopher Robinson, Kaiya Samuel, Ashley Thinnifel, Georgia Wynn, Kirsten Brown, Diana Hernandez

FIRST-YEAR PEER MENTORS

Daijah Miller, Carissa Walker, Mahogany Coachman, Zyaria Wright, Ashton Jones-Obikpo, Khiro Hoilett

Burning Bright Award

This award recognizes students that not only have completed 0-60 credit hours that exhibit outstanding academic and student involvement on campus.

Jai Williams

Julio Contreras

Kelly Hasselberger

Unsung Hero Award

This award recognizes students that contribute greatly to the Valdosta State University community in many ways but may be "behind the scenes" more than anything else.

Darshi Patel

Catera Woods

Brylie Ritchie

Sean Lockhart

Sean has been very involved during his time at VSU. He has been very involved in Housing and Residence Life, contributing as a HEART worker, an RA, a Senior RA, and a HEART Manager, a member of SGA, and not to mention his involvement as a member of Sigma Labda Beta Fraternity Inc where he became the President of the Multicultural Greek council. Despite his many leadership roles, he stays active by dedicating time to the community, mentoring students, and contributing to campus programming. Sean's nominator describes him as "one of the most positive lights we have on campus. He has been an outstanding leader who understands the value of taking in lessons and moving forward towards the person he wants to be." He embodies the Blazer Creed by mentoring housing assistants and SGSC students with lessons rooted in civility, caring for your community, and showing integrity each day by showing up and encouraging others to be their best.

Nicole Trammell

This winner's nominator describes her as "extremely involved on and off campus; she dedicates her time to her organization by attending as many events as she can, taking on leadership positions, and being there for her sisters when they need her. Nicole also participates in Miracle League, food drives, various organization's philanthropy events, babysitting for local families, and maintaining an on or off campus job throughout her collegiate career." In addition to Nicole's work outside the classroom, this winner has been on the Dean's list since 2019 and maintains high academic standards for herself. She has also won various awards on a local and national level through her membership in her sorority. She demonstrates the Blazer Creed through serving her chapter every day and showing compassion to everyone she meets. She shows integrity by striving to do the right thing and living by example for her fellow chapter members. She gains trust as the president of her organization by living the values of her chapter and letting them guide her decisions. She shows citizenship by maintaining a desire to be involved on campus and in the Valdosta community. She participates in everything she can, acts as a change agent for her community, and encourages others to be their best self.

Brandon Quispe

Brandon has served as a RA, senior RA, Enactus SGA parliamentarian and senator, Fraternity member, and a representative of various committees. In addition to his positions on campus and in organizations, he maintains an off campus job, and has created many programs for Housing and Residence Life. Including the RezFest Talent show, Coordinated the Housing and Residence Life pageant, and created a lavender community that will debut in fall 2022 for the residence halls for students that identify as LGBTQ+ and allies to create a safe space. This person has won many awards for their work in the housing department as well. His nominator said of him "his involvement on campus speaks volumes about the time he devotes to creating a positive experience for everyone. He provides support, guidance, resources and ensures that all his residents are cared for." This student embodies the blazer creed and has definitely made a lasting impact on our campus.

Harold Jones

Harold has been a part of our VSU community for quite a while now. While currently serving as a graduate assistant in the housing and residence life office, this student has been building community and making an impact since they stepped onto our campus as an undergraduate. His dedication to the campus has led to his involvement as the chair of the planning committee for housing and residence life where he is able to create programs, manage a budget, and support residents in various endeavors. His nominator said of him "he is one of the best products of VSU. He is committed not only to his own progression but that of the institution. He has never shied away from vocalizing and presenting ideas to ensure execution of a positive and memorable experience" From learning how to lead administratively, communicate better, and take a step into a higher level of scholarship and leadership, he has risen to the challenge of growth and improvement. His nominator notes that this person did not come to VSU to simply get what he could from the university, but to give back to the very place he knew was home. He came to enhance VSU. And we believe he has achieved that goal.

Sarah Evans

Our final recipient, Sarah, is also a graduate student, currently serving in the office of Student Life. This student has been involved on campus since day one. She joined VSU as a member of the Red Hots Dance Team, where she contributed to a national championship winning routine. Outside of Red Hots, this person has made major contributions to her sorority by taking on many leadership roles and even receiving president of the year from Student Life in 2019. She also continues to excel academically and maintain her status on the deans list. Her nominator said the following "Throughout her leadership roles, she was a strong leader who executed large events, enforced the high standards of our organization, and led our members with integrity, civility, and citizenship; the qualities of a true blazer. Since graduating and joining her graduate program, she has become a mentor to other students in the program, encouraging them and inspiring others with her compassion and enthusiasm. Everything this person does is at 200%, and she embodies what it means to be a blazer in every way.



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