

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

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Highlights 2017-2018

- Obtained UVA Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) to support the UVa-Wise Innovation Ecosystem, \$3.5 million, leading to the hiring of four new members of faculty in cybersecurity, entrepreneurship and math for Fall 2018
- Supported 126 undergraduate research presentations at local, regional, national and international conferences
- Established the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and commissioned the Students of Color Workgroup to identify barriers to educational success, leading to the establishment of the UVa-Wise Multicultural Student Center and a new Inclusion and Diversity Intern
- Initiated the College's inaugural Research Day featuring research presentations by faculty and students (classes canceled), April 2018
- Earned American Chemical Society Accreditation for the Chemistry and Biochemistry Bachelor of Science degree programs, April 2018
- Celebrated Appalachia Research Day at UVa-Wise, showcasing research and creative activities relating to Appalachia, March 2018
- Launched a new minor in Public Health, an interdisciplinary minor combining natural and social science to prevent diseases, prolong life and promote health through organized community effort, January 2018
- Hosted the Annual Southwest Virginia Economic Forum, a first of its kind forum in SWVA, bringing together 370+ diverse stakeholders to build a bold vision and to work together toward the common goal of economic revitalization, Wise, VA, May 2018
- Announced plans to join the NCAA Division II South Atlantic Conference (SAC) effective July 1, 2019, enabling student-athletes to reduce travel time to conference competitions and reducing travel costs for the College, April 2018
- Secured \$10 million Carl W. Smith Bicentennial Scholarships and a \$10 million match from the University Bicentennial Fund, the largest gift in UVa-Wise history, which supports scholarships for the best and brightest students in Virginia, known as Chancellor's Scholars; provides scholarships to rural students west of Charlottesville, VA, known as Wise Scholars; and provides scholarship support to student-athletes, December 2017

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- Jointly hosted the Virginia Gubernatorial Debate with the UVA Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy; the first gubernatorial debate to be held in Southwest Virginia in Virginia history, Wise, VA, October 2017
- Hosted more than 100 events and 51,495 visitors at the David J. Prior Convocation Center during the period of January 1, 2018 through July 22, 2018, including the Virginia Dental Association and Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic, July 2018
- Hosted more than 25,000 participants in summer conference events that included: Dark Skies, Bright Kids (astrophysics camp), band camps, church mission groups, athletic camps, field days, >500 Remote Area Medical (RAM) volunteers, Cyber Security Camp, Upward Bound, Governor's School, Southwest Clubhouse Association (SCA) retreat, Catholic Campus Ministries (CCM)

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Preview 2018-2019

- UVA Student and Employee Health Wise Clinic to provide students, faculty, staff and retirees with access to healthcare on campus and through telemedicine links to the University's physicians and specialists, August 2018
- Received five years of grant funding from the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$650,000 to support 25 high-achieving, low-income students in the College's Natural Science Department in the disciplines of biology, biochemistry, chemistry, and environmental sciences (PI – Josephine Rodriguez; Co-PIs – Bruce Cahoon and Floyd Beckford), August 2018
- Publish and disseminate inaugural issue of the UVa-Wise Undergraduate Research Journal, *Lux*, a multidisciplinary, academic journal dedicated to publishing and promoting exceptional academic writing by students (forthcoming Fall 2018)
- Open the Nest Entrepreneurship Hub, “a place where ideas are hatched,” an incubation hub designed to encourage innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit (launched September 10, 2018)
- Initiated the All Steinway School Campaign with the purchase of six pianos this Fall, positioning UVa-Wise among 200 colleges and universities designated as All Steinway Schools; \$16,000 in student scholarships will be available over the span of three years