

Hi. I'm John Broderick, president of Old Dominion University, and I'd like to welcome you on behalf of the 3,000 employees and 25,000 students at the university. While this is not intended to be an exhaustive review, I hope this snapshot helps you settle into our wonderful university community.

Old Dominion is Virginia's entrepreneurial-minded doctoral research university. Our energetic residential campus is filled with a rich mix of nationalities, cultures and life experiences. Our nationally ranked faculty members challenge students, and our entrepreneurial approach to problem-solving drives research and collaboration with business, industry and community partners.

Old Dominion's Strategic Plan for 2014-19, with the input of the faculty, students, staff and community, outlines the institution's five priorities:

- academic and research excellence;
- student success;
- quality of university life;
- civic engagement;
- and entrepreneurship and economic development.

These five priorities will chart our direction for the next three years and beyond.

As you can see, even though "Old" is in our name, this is a relatively new institution. Old Dominion became an independent college 54 years ago, and in

1969 achieved university status. This year, we celebrated the 85th anniversary of our founding.

The Old Dominion student body is likely the most diverse in Virginia, in the truest sense of the word. Our students range from the traditional 18-year-old freshman to the returning professional who takes classes online. They hail from nearly every state and more than 100 countries. We're especially proud of the fact that more than a quarter of our students are affiliated with the military.

Old Dominion is the fourth-largest public university in Virginia. Our total enrollment is 25,000 students. We are committed to maintaining this size for the next several years.

Old Dominion has a strong partnership with the Virginia Community College System...

...and enrolls the third-largest number of students from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Old Dominion is one of the largest producers of STEM-H graduates in Virginia, playing a critical role in strengthening Virginia's economic future.

Our students are in the company of top scholars across the nation. Our graduates have received Rhodes and Fulbright scholarships, Truman fellowships and many more honors.

Of course, at the heart of our students' success is our faculty!

At every opportunity, I brag about Old Dominion's faculty and its achievements. Old Dominion has had 29 SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award winners since 1991, and three in the last three years. You may not know this, but Virginia has more than 65 higher education institutions with more than 50,000 teaching faculty. I'm very proud to tell you that Old Dominion has had more SCHEV Faculty Award winners since 1991 than any other institution, with the exception of the College of William and Mary.

In addition to our main campus in Norfolk, Old Dominion has campuses in Virginia Beach, Hampton and Portsmouth. In the course of a year, more than 7,500 students take classes at our regional centers.

We also have a robust international emphasis. In addition to numerous international partnerships, Old Dominion researchers conduct work around the

globe. Our faculty members lead high-quality study-abroad programs, and our campus is home to more than 1,000 international students.

Since the 1990s, Old Dominion has been a recognized leader in distance learning. We offer more than 100 online programs, and nearly half of our students take at least one online course. U.S. News and World Report ranked our online bachelor's programs No. 31 in the nation.

More than 138,000 alumni are part of the Monarch Nation -- and they are located in every state and in 68 countries.

Old Dominion prides itself on being an integral part of Hampton Roads. Our academics, research, programs and initiatives enhance the region in many ways. The university contributes \$2.1 billion annually to the local economy, and we're one of the largest generators of new jobs for the region.

ODU also spurs economic development in the region by growing a new generation of entrepreneurs and innovators. In 2014, Old Dominion launched the Strome Entrepreneurial Center, where future teachers, nurses, engineers, scientists and artists get the expert help they need to turn their passion into an enterprise.

In addition to these efforts, the University's Center for Enterprise Innovation provides companies and organizations of all sizes access to the University's research and business technology. The center's programs include the Hampton Roads Veterans Business Outreach Center, the Women's Business Center and GOV2COM, which helps government contractors expand into the private sector.

Located within the University Village, the two-building IRP is a catalyst for new business and development and is at the heart of ODU's intellectual capital, research infrastructure and innovation.

Initiatives such as Old Dominion University's modeling and simulation program, which was the first in the world to offer a Ph.D. in the subject, propel job creation and economic growth by meshing with regional strengths—federal labs, the port, military bases, the Chesapeake Bay and health care, to name a few.

Old Dominion espouses an entrepreneurial approach to problem-solving, which drives our research and collaboration with business, industry and community partners.

Nowhere is that more evident than our Sea Level Rise Initiative, which engages faculty experts and the region's leaders in developing solutions to the challenges facing coastal communities. Most recently, Old Dominion opened the

Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency, partnering with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to provide technical support to plan for and reduce flooding.

The initiative is also one of many that come under our commitment to community engagement. From outreach and service conducted by our students, to community partnerships, to research and scholarship, Old Dominion is dedicated to leveraging our resources for community success.

I hope you enjoyed that brief overview of Old Dominion. I look forward to working with you! Enjoy your year on campus.