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2024 FREEDOM CLASSIC FESTIVAL

COMMUNITY. CULTURE. CLASSIC.

Welcome to the 2024 Freedom Classic Festival!

The Freedom Classic first began its tradition in Richmond, Virginia, on January 14th, 1996. Twenty-seven years later, this event has evolved into a community staple, connecting thousands of alumni, students, fans and corporations as we commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement.

This Rivalry Runs Deep

HBCUs hold some of the longest-running sports and academic rivalries in history. VSU and VUU prove no different. With only about 25 miles in between them, these two powerhouse institutions have held on to a sports rivalry spanning decades. As the two only HBCUs in this area, VUU and VSU's school pride runs deep.

We hope you enjoy today's double-header matchup between Virginia Union University and Virginia State University women's and men's basketball teams.

Thank you for joining us!



VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY



Virginia Union University was founded in 1865 to give newly emancipated slaves an opportunity for education and advancement. The University is the result of the merger of four institutions: Richmond Theological Seminary, Wayland Seminary, Hartshorn Memorial College, and Storer College. The University's first president, Dr. Malcolm MacVicar, was known as "that man of iron and steel," and wanted buildings to inspire every student that entered their walls. Dr. MacVicar was instrumental in securing the construction of a bridge spanning the Seaboard Railway and connecting the University campus with that of Hartshorn College. Virginia Union University rests in Richmond, Virginia, and though a relatively small institution, has produced some of the nation's most distinguished individuals. Virginia Union is nourished by its African American heritage and energized by a commitment to excellence and diversity with its students, faculty and alumni continuing to remain in the forefront ensuring "The Promise of a Limitless Future."

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY



Virginia State University was founded on March 6, 1882, as the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, making it the first fully state supported, four-year institution of higher learning for Blacks in America. In its first academic year, the University held 126 students and seven faculty, one building, 33 acres, a library holding just 200 books, and a \$20,000 budget. By 1982, the University transformed into a fully integrated institution with a 5,000-member student body, 250 faculty members, a 236-acre campus, 416-acre farm and more than 50 buildings. Today, Virginia State University is one of Virginia's two land-grant institutions and enhances education through the integration of instruction, research, extension, and outreach, encouraging students to "branch out and dig deep." The vast campus sits alongside a rolling landscape overlooking the Appomattox River in the Chesterfield County village of Ettrick. Through challenging academic programs, diverse student organizations, exciting extracurricular activities and outstanding faculty and administration, Virginia State University maintains and advances its long legacy of academic success.

VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

Women's Basketball Roster

2023–2024

No.	Name	Year	PO.	HT.	Hometown
0	Rori Cox	R-SR.	G	5-7	Brooklyn, NY
1	Camary Harris	GR.	G	5-6	Suffolk, VA
3	Hailey Blackwell	SO.	G	5-6	Greensboro, NC
4	Brittini Martin	JR	G	5-5	Potomac, MD
5	Tamyah Webb	FR.	F	6	Chester, VA
11	Ny Langley	SR	F	5-10	Greenville, NC
13	Mahogany Collins	JR.	F/C	6-2	Harrisburg, PA
14	Dakota Joilniss	SO.	G	5-5	Washington, DC
15	Aaliyah Bevans	JR.	F	6-2	Capitol Heights, MD
21	Nevaeh Reaves	JR.	G	5-5	Columbus, OH
22	A'Qoyas Cody	SO.	F	5-10	Atlanta, GA
23	Taniah Johnson	GR.	G	5-7	Roanoke, VA
24	Kiara Shepherd	JR.	F	5-10	Honolulu, HI
25	Bruni Martinez	SO.	F	8	Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic
32	Naeva Rene	GR.	F	6-1	Norwalk, CT
35	Kiana Brittain	FR.	F	6-1	Suffolk, VA



VIRGINIA UNION PANTHERS

Head Coach: Tierra Terry

Assistant Coach: Jessica Freeman

Assistant Coach: Jasalyn Denkins

Assistant Coach: Dexter Price

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Women's Basketball Roster

2023–2024

No.	Name	PO.	HT.	YR.	Hometown
0	Caitlyn Rodriguez	G	5-10	FR.	Chesterfield, Va
1	Cabria Lewis	G	5-7	SR.	New Orleans, La
2	Tiyanna James	G	5-5	JR.	Virginia Beach, Va.
3	Mihjae Hayes	G	5-5	SO.	Philadelphia, Pa.
4	Tanayja London	F	6-1	GR.	New Hacen, Ct.
5	Skylar White	G	5-7	FR.	Fayetteville, N.C.
10	Kamani Jones	G/F	6-0	SR.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
11	Kiara Beal	G	5-7	FR.	Newport News, Va
12	J'Aauna Robinson	G/F	5-10	GR.	Hampton, Ga.
13	Rajja Todd	G	5-8	SR.	Dallas, Texas
15	Kamryn Anthony	G	5-6	JR.	Washington, D.C.
22	Mekayla Furman	G	5-7	JR.	Norman, Okla.
23	Tatiana Jones	F	6-0	JR.	Philadelphia, Pa
24	Alexis Blake	G/F	5-10	FR.	Williamsburg, Va.
30	Trinity Moody	G	5-6	SO.	New Haven, Ct.
33	Amesha Miller	F	6-0	JR.	Suffolk, Va.



VIRGINIA STATE TROJANS

Head Coach: Nadine Domond

Assistant Coach: Kevin Harris

Assistant Coach: Janayla White

VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

Men's Basketball Roster

2023–2024

No.	Name	YR.	PO.	HT.	WT.	Hometown
0	Jakobe Williams	JR.	G	6-3	185	Jacksonville, FL
1	Michael Harrell	SO.	G	6-2	185	Laurel, MD
2	Travis Vaughn	FR.	PG	6	177	Bel Air, MD
3	Josiah Freeman	JR.	G	6-3	200	Manassas, VA
5	Jordan Gibson	GR.	G	6-5	195	Alexandria, VA
10	Kaylen Vines	JR.	G	6-1	170	Clinton, MD
12	Zyir Baskerville	FR.	G	6-2	175	Henrico, VA
13	Ashton Pratt	FR.	G	6	190	Alexandria, VA
14	Joseph Allen III	FR.	F	6-5	175	Clinton, MD
15	Jonathan King	JR.	F	6-7	200	Akron, OH
20	Eric Rustin	JR.	C	7-1	190	Richmond, VA
22	David Pope	SO.	F	6-6	170	Cheltenham, PA
23	Jonathan Salazar	JR.	F	6-6	240	Panama
24	Tahj Harding	JR.	G	6-5	215	Lincoln Heights, OH
30	Anthony Davenport- Thomas	FR.	F	6-8	215	Rockville, MD
31	Deondrae Seeden	FR.,	C	6-10	225	Waldorf, MD
35	Tyrice Fowlkes	FR.	C	6-6	220	Nottaway, VA
44	Joshua Caine	FR.	F/C	6-7	220	Waldorf, MD



VIRGINIA UNION PANTHERS

Head Coach: Jay Butler

Assistant Coach: Frederick C. Burroughs

Assistant Coach: Robert Johnson

Assistant Coach: Jerome Furtado

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Men's Basketball Roster

2023–2024

No.	Name	HT.	WT.	PO.	YR.	Hometown
1	Rafael Jenkins	6	165	G	JR.	Charlotte, NC
2	Daryl Mackey	6	179	G	SO.	Alexandria, VA
3	Imhotep George	6-8	180	G/F	JR.	Laural, MD
4	Jared Clawson	6-2	180	G	JR.	Alexandria, VA
5	Christopher Hill	6	175	G	GR.	Charlotte, NC
10	Xavier Joyner	6-2	175	G	JR.	Harrisonburg, VA
11	Kendall Bynum	6	170	G	JR.	Chesapeake, VA
12	Chris Hampton	6-2	170	G	JR.	Greensboro, NC
13	DeAndre Miles	6-4	175	F	JR.	Broadnax, VA
14/42	Tremere Brown	6-9	190	F	JR.	Phoenix City, AL
15	Kamryn Edwards	6-5	205	F	JR.	Radford, VA
20	Stephan Morris	6-9	200	F/C	JR.	Houston, TX
21	Nyrek Wheeler	6-7	215	F	JR.	Danville, VA
22	Christopher Osobaye	6-7	210	F	JR.	Bronx, NY
23	Johnathan Norfleet	6-2	185	G	JR.	Virginia Beach, VA
24	Izeah Parker	6-8	210	F	SR.	Hopewell, VA
25	Anthony Crosby	6-8	190	F/C	JR.	Woodbridge, VA
32	Dajour Rucker	6-8	220	F	SO.	Virginia Beach, VA
33	Tyrek Williams	6-9	250	C	JR.	Queens, NY
42	Davion Coleman	6-9		C	SO.	Anchorage, AK



VIRGINIA STATE TROJANS

Head Coach: Lonnie Blow, Jr.

Assistant Coach: Ricardo Marsh

Assistant Coach: Waymond Wright V

Assistant Coach: Brian Graves

Grad Assistant Coach: Jahmere Howze

Grad Basketball Manager: Michael Champion

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