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## [NSU Receives Towering Gift of \\$40 Million!](#)



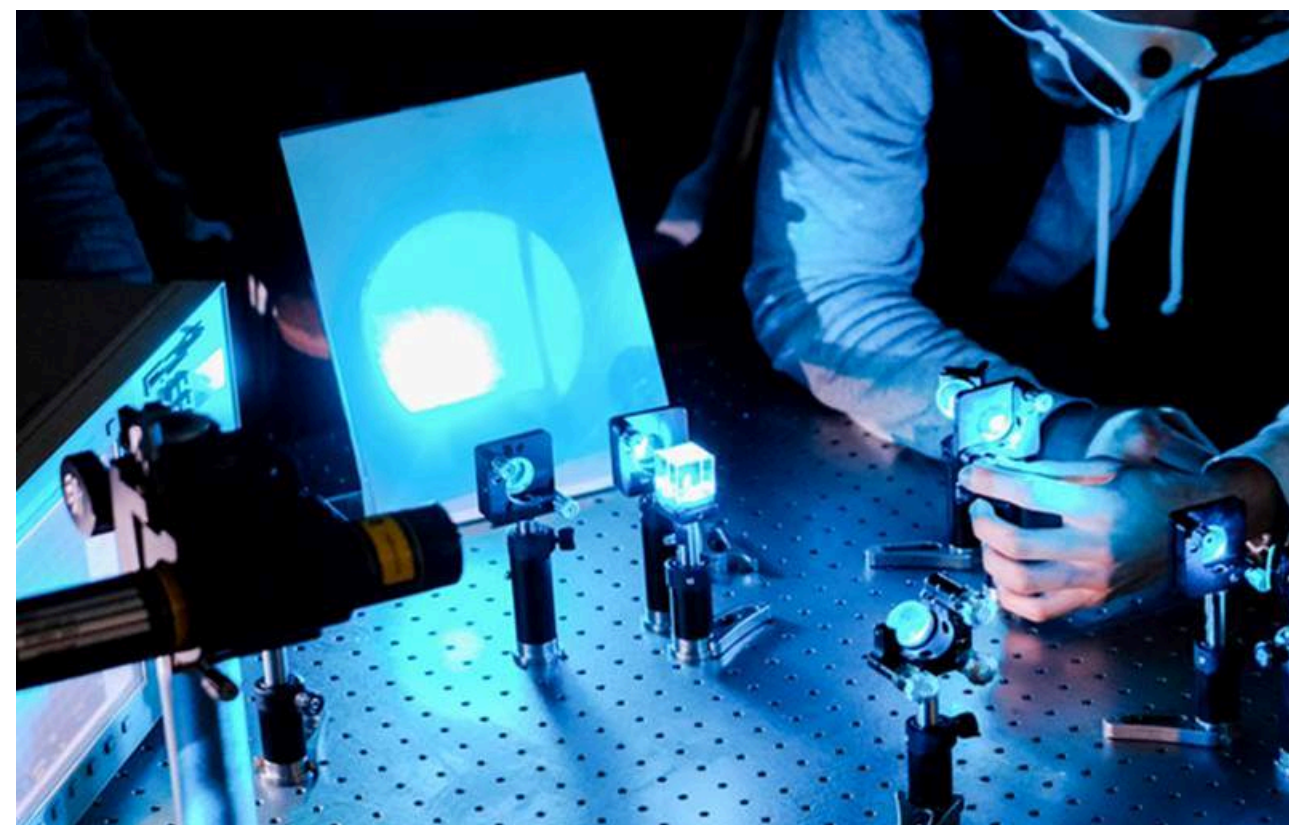
Norfolk State University receives the largest single-donor gift in its 85-year history! President Javaune Adams-Gaston is proud to accept this 40-million-dollar donation from MacKenzie Scott on behalf of the University and notes that this tremendous donation advances the mission of NSU in support of access, student achievement, and academic excellence. [Read more](#)

## [Norfolk State University Honors Graduates in Virtual Ceremony](#)



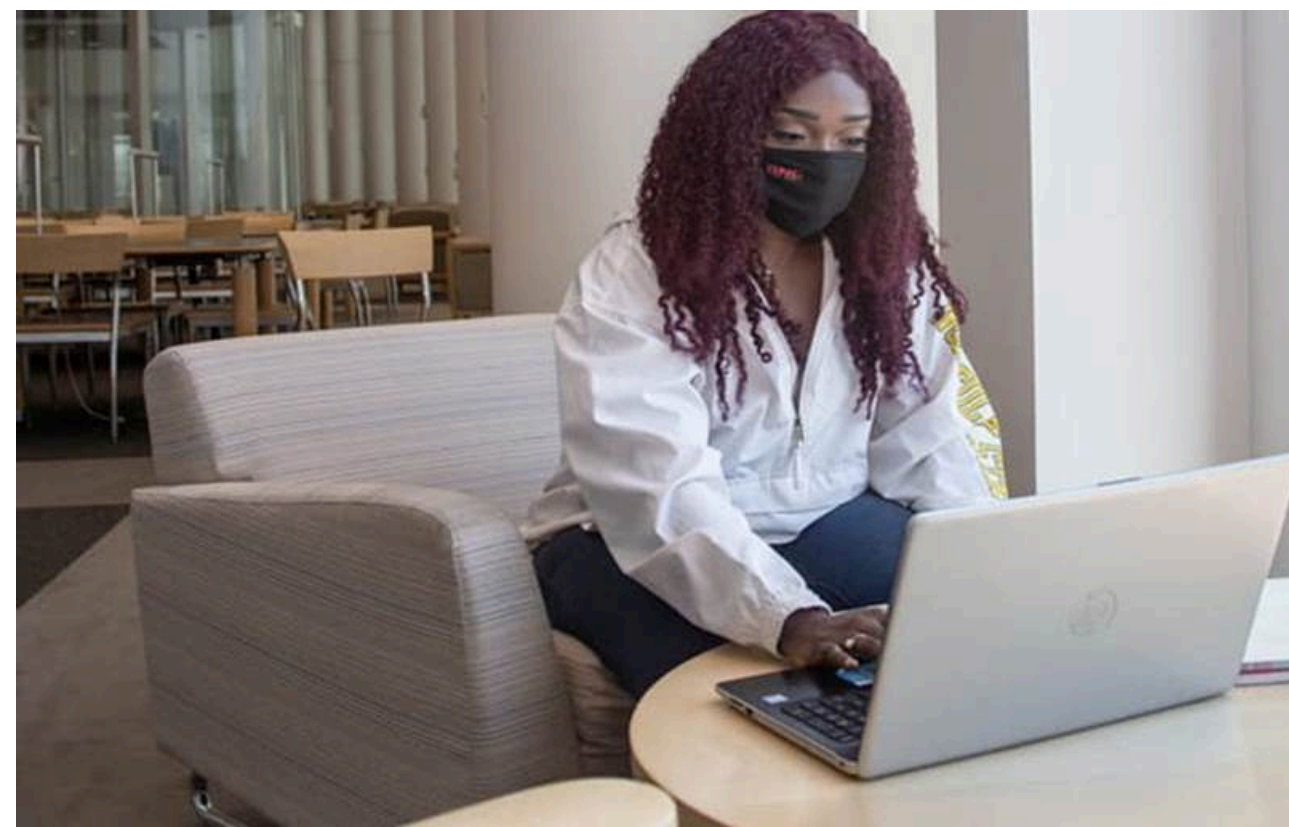
Norfolk State University honored its 2020 May and December graduates in a virtual graduation ceremony held on Saturday, December 12. Approximately 870 graduates were conferred degrees. [Read more](#)

## [NSU Receives Grant from Dominion Energy](#)



Students at Norfolk State University will receive support through a \$2.7 million grant from Dominion Energy designed to enhance student retention and degree completion, among other initiatives. [Read more](#)

## [Black Ambition HBCU Prize Applications Open, Webinar Dec. 16](#)



Hampton Roads native and music icon Pharrell Williams, a friend, and supporter of Norfolk State University, recently announced Black Ambition, a non-profit initiative that will provide a bridge to success for Black and Latinx entrepreneurs who are launching tech, design, healthcare, and consumer products/services start-ups. [Read more.](#)

**Robert Duvall, CEO of Virginia Natural Gas, joins  
Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston to make a \$220k investment in  
NSU**



The Southern Company Foundation will provide Norfolk State University funding for campus technology enhancements to institutionalize a seamless environment of teaching, advising, mentoring, and research by incorporating software plugins to expand the Ellucian Colleague Student Planning Application.

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