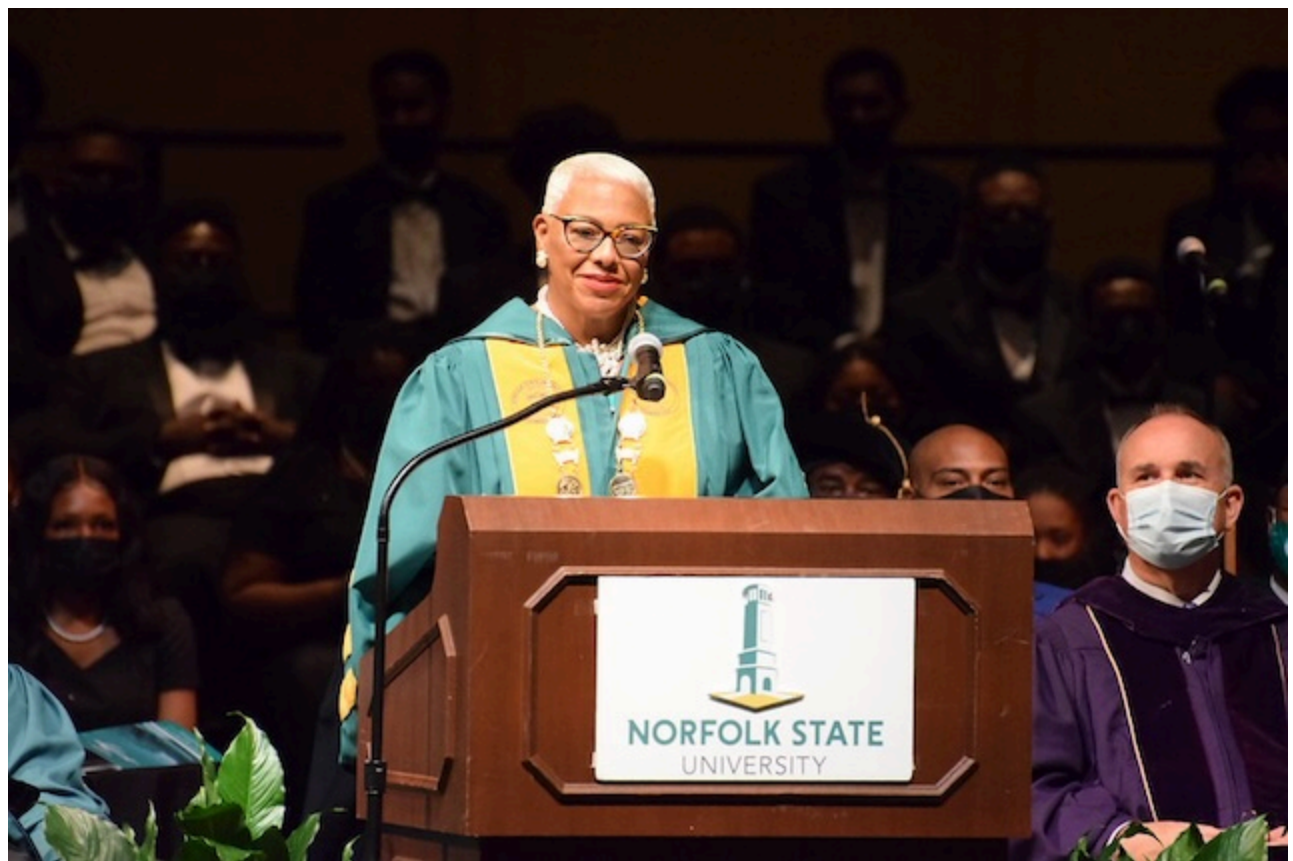


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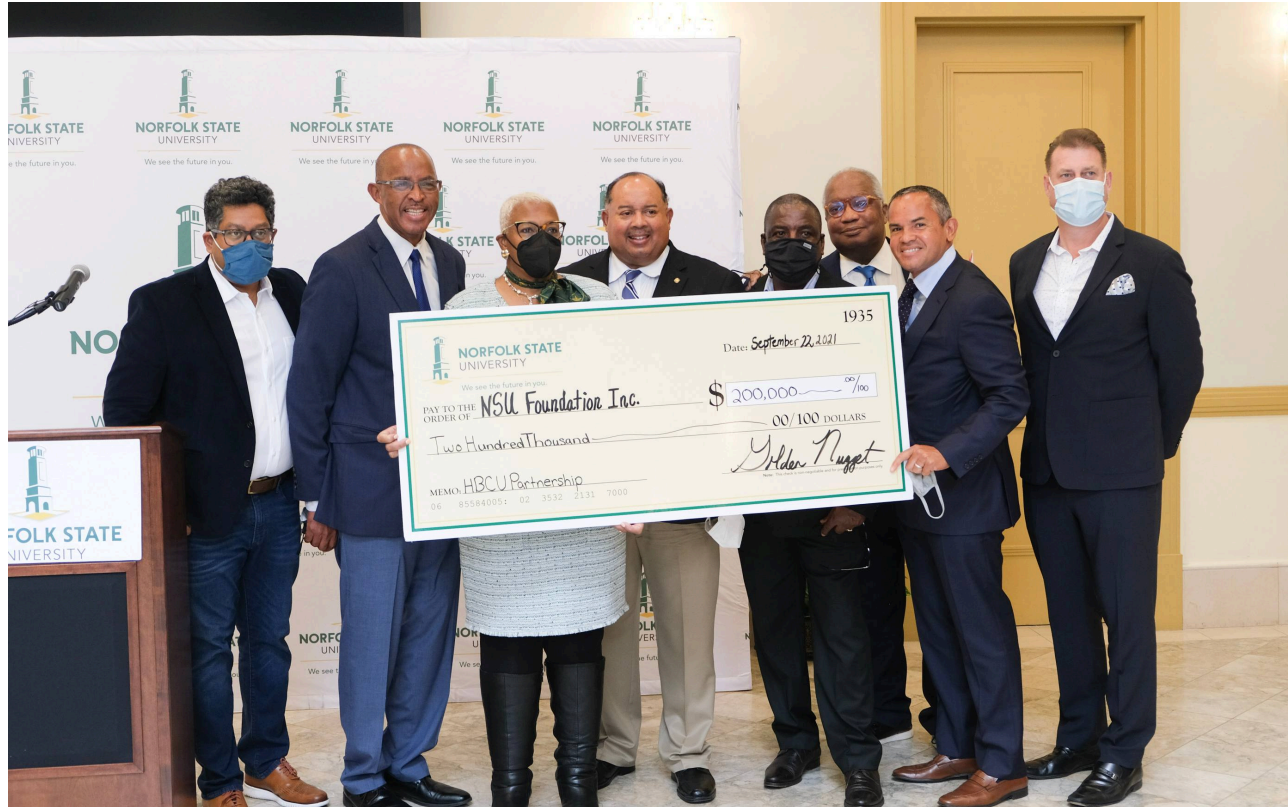
President Installed Amid Founders Celebration



Javaune Adams-Gaston, Ph.D., was installed as the 7th President of Norfolk State University during an investiture ceremony held Thursday, September 16, 2021, at L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center. The week of September 12-18 was a celebration of President Adams-Gaston's inauguration and the 86th Anniversary of the founding of Norfolk State, which included a fundraising initiative that brought in \$219,221 in 86 hours.

[See photos from the event here.](#)

Online Gaming Group contributes \$1M to Virginia HBCUs, Promises Future Annual Contributions



On Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, Golden Nugget Online Gaming (GNOG) and its small, women, and minority (SWaM)-certified equity partner, Virginia Sports Technology Group (VSTG), presented a \$1 million donation to Virginia’s historically Black colleges and universities.

[Read more.](#)

Spartan Innovation Academy Provides Every Student, Faculty Member with Apple Devices



Norfolk State University (NSU) will launch the Spartan Innovation Academy program this fall, a new initiative that will provide students, faculty, and staff with access to industry-leading technology and specialized training for app development. NSU will be the first Historically Black College and University (HBCU) to facilitate a campus-wide deployment of these Apple products to all students and faculty in a first-year program such as this one.

[Read more](#)

Norfolk State Recognized by Bank of America



The Bank of America Charitable Foundation presented Norfolk State University with a \$100,000 check on Sept. 27. The funds will be used to provide direct financial assistance to students for academic services and professional development opportunities that will help to ensure that NSU students leave the University with a college degree and real-world experiences that prepare them for entrepreneurial and workforce success. View a video from the presentation.

Professor Discusses COVID-19 Vaccination Research



Dr. Sharon Alston, assistant professor of social work, appeared on 13NewsNow to discuss the research she is conducting via a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant. Along with funds from the Norfolk State University Center on Excellence on Health Disparities, she is exploring vaccine hesitancy in minority communities and how to bring health equity to those communities as well as influence policy. View the story here.

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