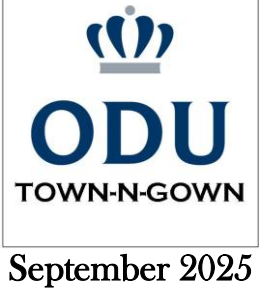


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September 4 - National Food Bank Day
September 6 - National Tailgating Day!!!
September 7 - National Grandparents Day
September 11 - Patriots Day & National Day of
Service & Remembrance
September 14 - National VIRGINIA Day
September 15 - National Online Learning Day
September 18 - U.S. Air Force Birthday (*Happy 78th*)
September - National Suicide Prevention Month



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Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

Sep 2 Town-N-Gown Board Meeting @ 9:30am @ Webb Center
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Sep 17 **Members Reception** (pg 11)
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Oct 4 October Fest (pg 9)
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Oct 7 Town-N-Gown Board Meeting @ 9:30am @ Webb Center
Oct 11 TNG @ Fleet Fest, Naval Station Norfolk (pg 10)

*Membership renewal is DUE NOW! Complete the
Membership Application (page 13) and return. Keep us growing!!*

Around Campus



ODU Expands Safety Resources for Monarch Community

ODU has enhanced its safety services for the new school year, providing students, families, faculty and staff and the broader community with a range of tools designed to promote safety and well-being on- and off-campus.

The University is expanding its reach with ODU Alerts, which notifies the campus community – including ODU’s Eastern Virginia Medical School campus and other auxiliary campuses. Visitors, ODU families and community members and vendors and contractors conducting work on ODU’s campuses will be able to sign up to receive alerts in case of campus emergencies. Students are automatically enrolled for ODU Alerts and others can find information on how to sign up on the University’s website. *ODU Safe* is replacing the LiveSafe mobile app, offering new features and resources to benefit the University community.

ODU Safe, available for free through the Apple Appstore and Google Play, can be accessed by students, faculty and staff using their MIDAS logins. Guest logins are available for members of the broader community.

Credit: Kelsey Kendall, ODU News

Full story [HERE](#)

*It takes as much energy to wish
as it does to plan.*

– *Eleanor Roosevelt*



Hampton Roads Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

Former Monarch multi-sport star Juanita Etheridge, long-time area businessman and philanthropist G. Robert Aston, Jr., who has been a generous donor to ODU athletics; and Harry Minium Jr., senior executive writer for athletics, were all recognized as the part of the newest class for the Hampton Roads Sports Hall of Fame.

The ODU trio will be part of a six-person class to be inducted on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Big Blue Room at Chartway Arena, Jack Ankerson, the hall of fame chairman, announced [August 26th].



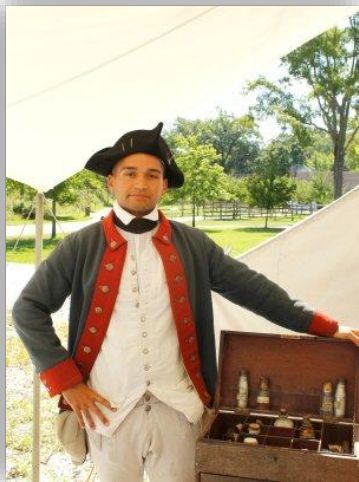
Credit: *Monarch Brew*, ODU

Read all sports news [HERE](#)

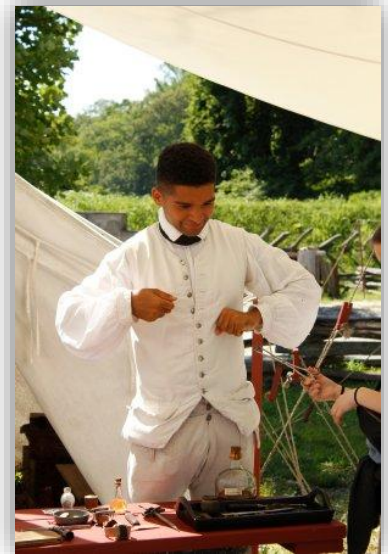


ODU Student Brings History to Life

On a beautiful Friday morning in June, historical interpreters at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown prepared for a new day of visitors. Dressed in 18th-century garb, some made their way from the museum to the recreated farm while others populated the adjacent military encampment.



Avery Johnson, a biochemistry major at ODU, was born and raised in James City County. The Historic Triangle — comprised of Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg — played a prominent role in his upbringing. At 11, he began volunteering for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the state agency that administers two museums of early American history, Jamestown Settlement and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.



Read more about Avery's experience and the ODU Alumni connection [HERE](#).

Credit: Victoria Bourne, ODU News | Photos: Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation



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48th Annual Literary Festival

Suspend Your Disbelief: The 48th Annual ODU Literary Festival

October 5-10, 2025

Literature traps ideas in amber, preserving them to reawaken in future minds. This ancient technology, as potent as magic, requires no power source or machinery—only the willingness of readers to suspend disbelief. The act of surrender unlocks worlds, conjuring dreams, binding us to the shared human project of imagining what might be.

The 48th Annual Old Dominion University Literary Festival honors this leap of faith. To suspend disbelief is to trust the artist, to let the boundary between reality and imagination blur until the written word is a vessel of wisdom and marvel.

—John McManus and Marianne Chan, 2025 Festival Co-directors

All events are free and open to the community!

For more information, please contact the ODU English Department at (757) 683-3991 or email mfagpdassistant@odu.edu.



Beyond Boats and Submarines: ODU, City of Norfolk Celebrate the Opening of the Maritime Autonomous Systems Test Site

ODU and the City of Norfolk, in concert with industry partners, celebrated the beginning of a new era in uncrewed maritime systems with the ribbon cutting of the Maritime Autonomous Systems Test Site (MASTS) at Willoughby Boat Ramp in Norfolk [August 20th].



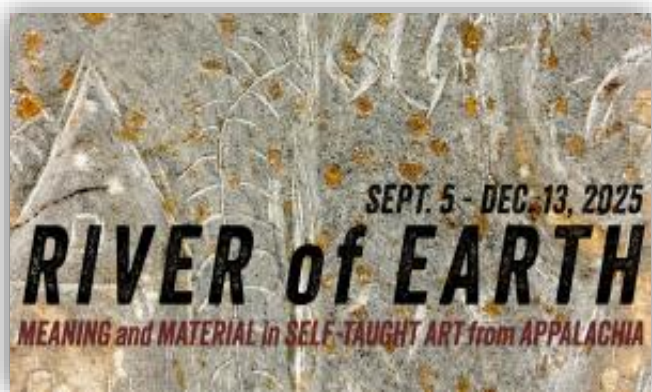
The test site is the result of several years of work between the City of Norfolk, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and ODU leadership to secure funding for the development of unmanned surface and underwater vehicles and make the city a hub of technology. The test site will provide hands-on experience for students and researchers to accelerate the development of maritime autonomy technologies.

...strategically located with direct access to Willoughby Bay, the Elizabeth River, Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, the facility has covered work area, electrical and water service, a 1,000-pound jib crane and a floating dock.

Credit: Joy Vann, ODU News

Full story [HERE](#)

@ The Gordon



River of Earth: Meaning and Material in Self-Taught Art From Appalachia

September 5 - December 13, 2025

The Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries present works from the Self-Taught Art Collection that explore the materiality of self-taught art from the Appalachian region.

Parallel to the stream of millions of tons of coal that have flowed from the coalfields of central Appalachia to the Coal Piers of Lambert's Point just south of the

Gordon Art Galleries, this exhibition follows a metaphorical river of earth comprised of stone, clay, wood, fiber, plants, and animals that make up the landscape of the Appalachian Mountains.

Exhibition is free and open to the public; opening reception September 4th, 6pm – 8pm

Calligraphy, A Journey Without Destination

Works by John Chang

On View: August 29 - November 15, 2025

Born and raised in Shanghai, John Chang is now based in Southern California. His work has been widely exhibited at institutions including the Alexander Brest Museum at Jacksonville University (FL), Fresh Paint Art Gallery (Culver City, CA), Palm Springs Art Museum (CA), COOS Art Museum (OR), and the Massillon Museum (OH).

Chang's work is held in numerous public and private collections, including the San Diego International Airport, the San Diego Civic Art Collection, the Star Hotel in Sydney, Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, the Regis Hotel in New York, and the National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts.



The Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries

Free admission | Tuesday - Saturday | 11am - 4pm

4509 Monarch Way | Norfolk, VA 23529 | (757) 683-6271 | gordongalleries@odu.edu

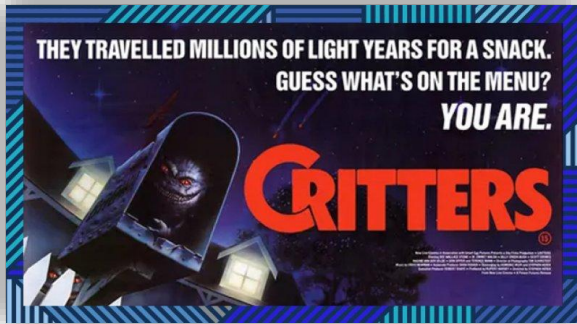
Parking available on-street (metered) or on the 2nd Level, 45th Street Garage

@ The L  Planetarium

Public Shows and “First Friday Bad Movie Night” continue @ The L !

Chemistry Building, L  Planetarium, Room 1001

Show Time 7pm (doors open ~ 6:30pm) | \$4 admission Check the Calendar [HERE](#)



Parking in 43rd & Elkhorn Garage, corner of Elkhorn Ave. & West 43rd St. (*Enter from Elkhorn Ave.*)

Bad Movie Night

September 5, 2025 | 6:30pm Trivia | 7pm Movie | \$4

“A group of small, vicious alien creatures escape from an alien prison, steal a transport vessel, and land near a small farm town on earth, pursued by two shape-shifting bounty hunters.”



September 10 | 6:30pm Trivia | 7pm Movie | \$4

Messengers of Time and Space is a full dome planetarium show from NSF NOIRLab designed to illuminate the imminent revolution in astronomy driven by time-domain and multi-messenger observations. Astronomy of the modern era uses more than just telescopes. A range of tools are now used to observe the Universe. From cosmic ray to gravitational waves, we have many different ways to view the cosmos.



September 24 | 6:30pm Trivia | 7pm | \$4

The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI) is creating the most detailed map of our nearby universe. Installed on the Mayall telescope on Kitt Peak in Southern Arizona, DESI's 5000 independently operated robots can measure the light from millions of galaxies at once. It is currently mapping our Universe at a rate of ~1 million galaxies per month.

Explore the science, instrument, and people behind this global endeavor and reveal the most detailed galaxy map of our Universe!

Waldo Family Lecture Series Presents Admiral Samuel Paparo

September 29, 2025 | Webb Center, North Cafeteria | 7pm



Admiral Samuel Paparo, the 27th commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, will deliver a Waldo Family Lecture Series address titled *Joint Force Strategy in the Indo-Pacific: Peace Through Strength.*

USINDOPACOM, the nation's oldest and largest combatant command, includes 380,000 service men and women and Department of Defense civilians and is responsible for all U.S. military activities in the Indo-Pacific, covering 36 nations, 14 time zones, and 60 percent of the world's population.

Old Dominion University's first endowed lecture series, the Waldo Family Lecture Series on International Relations, was established in 1985. Personal ties to the university and to the Hampton Roads community led the Waldo family to select Old Dominion as the home of their lecture series. Because of the area's significant military presence and proximity to an international port, the family chose international relations as the lecture series' theme.

Over the years, renowned speakers in the fields of government, foreign affairs, journalism, education, and public service have visited the campus and met with students and faculty. Support for the free lecture series comes from the Waldo family, friends, and the business community.

Parking for the lecture will be available in the 49th Street Stadium Garage.

Town-N-Gown members enjoy preferred seating.



Around Town

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Events Calendars [HERE](#)

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Welcome

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Town-N-Gowners are invited to join the Tailgate crowd on Kaufmann Mall!



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Welcome to new members and Welcome Back to returning members! We are pleased to have this year's Members Reception at the ODU Sailing Center on the Elizabeth River. The ODU sailing center is complete with locker rooms, classrooms, showers, offices and a work area. Next door, the boathouse is the centerpiece of the waterfront sailing complex. Located adjacent to the sailing center, ODU's boathouse provides indoor storage

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Admission and parking are free; gates open at 8am; show begins at 10am. The renowned U.S. Navy Blue Angels return to the show and will perform at 3pm Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21.

Team; Air Power Demonstration; The Fleet Flyby; F-35C II Lightning Demonstration Team; Firewalkers International Pyro; Wingwalker Sam; the Smoke N Thunder Jet Truck; and many more!

A formation of four Blue Angels F/A-18 Hornets flying in a staggered line against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The aircraft are painted in their signature blue and yellow livery.

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Now read that right to left!

It's Time to Renew!

Dues for 2025-2026 membership are due now!

TOWN-N-GOWN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership dues are \$25.00 and include a spouse/partner (single address).

Type of Membership: (Check One) New _____ Renewal _____ (*All members must renew!*)

Name(s): _____

(List both names if a dual membership)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

(Cell) _____ (*Please indicate your contact preference!*)

Email: _____

(Email addresses are very important for sending updates and special messages – please update TNG when you change addresses! Town-N-Gown does not share your contact information with any organizations other than the ODU Events Office to use for invitations.)

Make checks payable to **Town-N-Gown** and mail to:

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For questions, contact Mary Lou Speckheuer at (757) 285-2722 | marylou110@cox.net

Thank you for your continuing support of Town-N-Gown and ODU!!