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### UPCOMING EVENTS / DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 5, 9:30 am – Board meeting at Webb Center or join by Zoom  
Guest speaker at 11:00am – Dr. Barbara Blake, Executive Director of Internships and Co-Ops
- May 14-17 – Chesapeake Jubilee
- May 14-17 – Norfolk Greek Fest
- May 15 & 16 – ODU Commencement Ceremonies Spring 2026
- May 19, 5:30-7:30 pm – Annual dinner meeting at ODU's Ellmer Health Science Building  
*Tour begins at 5:00pm*  
*Speaker: Daniela Hines of Blue Star Families*
- May 25 – Memorial Day, multiple events around Hampton Roads. See page 16 for a list of local events.
- June 2 – Board meeting at Global Freindship House. *Guest speaker: Elaine Roriquéz*

NO WINTER LASTS FOREVER. NO SPRING SKIPS ITS TURN.

# AROUND CAMPUS

## SPRING COMMENCEMENT 2026



- **Friday, May 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** - Ceremony for Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University (MD Program Only)
- **Friday, May 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** - Advanced Degree Ceremony (All colleges and schools to include Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences EVMS School of Health Professions at Old Dominion University)
- **Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** - Undergraduate Degree Ceremony (All Colleges and Schools). Breakout ceremonies will immediately follow.

- **Breakout Ceremony Locations:**

S.B. Ballard Stadium - Strome College of Business, College of Arts and Letters, College of Sciences

Chartway Arena - Batten College of Engineering and Technology, Darden College of Education and Professional Studies, School of Cybersecurity, School of Data Science

Kaufman Mall - Ellmer College of Health Sciences, Ellmer School of Nursing, Joint School of Public Health

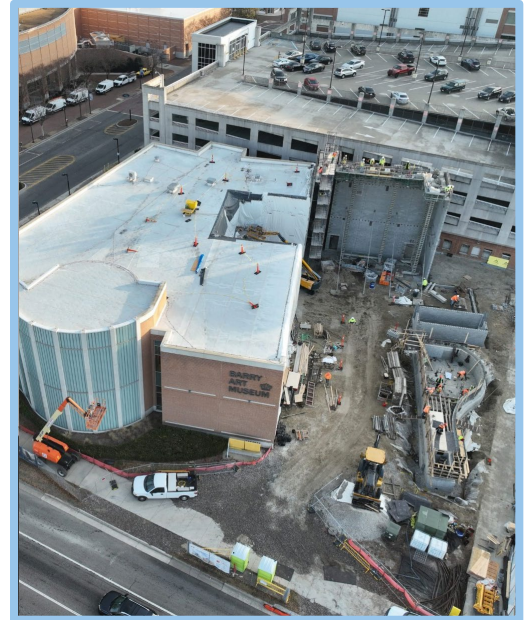
[View details for the Spring 2026 commencement ceremonies](#)

# BARRY ART MUSEUM TO DOUBLE ITS GALLERY SPACE WITH NEW EXPANSION

The “Waitzer Wing” will extend to the south of the existing Museum and encompass three stories of new facilities.

The Barry Art Museum at Old Dominion University will double its gallery space by adding a three-story wing that will include a multiuse event space, a community gallery, an educational laboratory and more. The announcement comes on the fifth anniversary of the museum’s public opening in 2018.

Founded by art collectors Carolyn and Richard Barry, the Barry Art Museum houses a significant collection of contemporary glass, American and Marine paintings and historic dolls and automata. With the gift of the Waitzer Glass Collection in 2022, featuring 165 works of 20th-century and contemporary glass sculpture, the museum collection has expanded beyond the capacity of its current space.



“Embarking on this major expansion within just five years is a testament to the transformative power of art,” said Lewis Webb, Barry Art Museum board secretary. “Whether you’re a student, faculty member or simply a lover of art within our community, the Barry Art Museum showcases the remarkable achievements born from the fusion of our visionary founders and a thriving University.”



Photo by Chuck Thomas/ODU

The lead gift for this project is from the family of Leah and Richard Waitzer, art collecting mentors of the Barrys. The new “Waitzer Wing” will extend along Hampton Blvd. off the existing building and encompass

three stories of new facilities. The addition will add 25,200 square feet to the museum, and construction will begin in fall 2024. The museum has raised \$20 million of its \$25 million goal to fund the project and support expanded operational costs. Additional funding for the expansion comes from approximately a dozen other museum supporters. As with the existing facility, the new addition will be designed by local architect Burrell Saunders and owned and built by the ODU Real Estate Foundation.

“As the gateway to the ODU Arts District, the Barry Art Museum is an artistic and educational destination for students, faculty, staff, and community members,” said ODU President Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D. “In the past five years, the Barry Art Museum has brought a great deal of excitement and intrigue to the region. And, with this expansion, the Waitzer Wing will provide new possibilities and limitless opportunities for the Barry Art Museum, our institution, and our region!”

The “Waitzer Wing” will introduce a range of new amenities to enrich the museum experience for all visitors, including:

- **Expanded multiuse event space:** Extending from the sculpture court, this space will accommodate a variety of events and gatherings, fostering a deeper connection between the museum and the community.
- **New media video gallery:** Featuring cutting-edge technology, this gallery will showcase multimedia artworks, bringing a new dimension to the museum’s exhibitions.
- **Community gallery:** A dedicated space for local artists and community collection exhibitions, fostering a sense of inclusivity and engagement.
- **Educational laboratory:** Art facility where visitors of all ages can engage in hands-on art education and exploration.
- **Expanded art storage:** Safeguarding the ever-growing collection and allowing for more frequent rotations of artwork.

[Story By Jonah Grinkewitz, Asst Dir News & Media Relations](#)



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## ODU'S ELLMER SCHOOL OF NURSING WELCOMES 4-LEGGED CHIEF COMPASSION OFFICER



Ruth, an intuitive yellow lab and certified therapy dog, visits the clinic regularly with her handler **Tina Gustin**, D.N.P. (D.N.P. '11), associate professor for Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Ellmer School of Nursing at Old Dominion University.

At the clinic located in the Housing Resource Center (HRC), an initiative of the City of Virginia Beach Housing & Neighborhood Preservation, Ruth spends time with patients experiencing homelessness, providing comfort during their clinical appointments.

For many patients, the presence of a therapy dog creates an immediate shift.

“You can see that when a patient starts to interact with Ruth, they lose a barrier,” said Morgan Capstick, FNP-C, clinical assistant faculty with ODU Community Care.

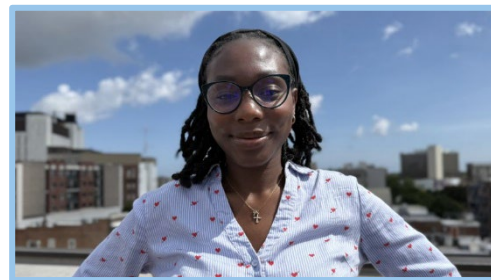
“It takes down a shield and gives us an opportunity to talk about things they might not have shared with us otherwise.”

By Patricia Chourio: [Read the full story here](#)

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## MONARCHS IN THE FIELD: NEW SERIES SHOWCASES STUDENTS EMBRACING INTERNSHIPS

*Monarchs in the Field* is a new series highlighting Old Dominion University student-interns. To kick off the series, ODU spoke with Eugenia Asigbee, a senior political science major with minors in philosophy and criminal justice, about her experiences at the University — and what she’s learned through her internships.



Asigbee has taken advantage of all the University has to offer, from joining an Impact Learning Community as a freshman (which places a group of students together for linked classes and group study and social activities) to working her second internship secured through the Monarch Internship and Co-op Office this summer. She’s also a member of the Monarch Humanities Internship Academy.

Originally from Ghana, Asigbee moved to the United States when she was 9 years old. The Stafford resident was attracted to ODU because of its waterfront location and affordability. After graduation in the spring, she plans to study law.

By Joy Vann: [Read the full interview here](#)



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## ODU'S MONARCH INTERNSHIP & CO-OP OFFICE WINS INNOVATION AWARD FROM THE HAMPTON ROADS WORKFORCE COUNCIL

Old Dominion University's Monarch Internship & Co-Op Office won the 2025 Innovation Award from the Hampton Roads Workforce Council in recognition of its successful efforts to provide students with a variety of internship and work-based learning opportunities, access to resources for professional growth and events and workshops featuring experts who know how to get not just a foot in the door, but a seat at the table.



Old Dominion University President Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D.'s "Forward-Focused" strategic plan aims for 100% of students to complete an internship or other work-based learning before graduation by 2027. Barbara Blake, executive director of internships and co-ops, said the University is poised to do that as evidenced by the award from the Hampton Roads Workforce Council which oversees workforce development programs throughout the region.

“This Workforce Innovation Award from the Hampton Roads Workforce Council recognizes our broader work-based learning initiatives and regional partnerships that expand paid, high-quality internship opportunities that keep ODU students in Hampton Roads,” said Blake, who is also a research fellow with the University’s Dragas Center for Economic Analysis and Policy. “We are so honored because this is the first time ODU has been honored in the history of the awards.”

By Joy Vann: [Read the full interview here](#)



## NARO MINDED: "WESTWORLD" (1973)

Location: The Lê Planetarium

May 19, Doors open at 6:15

Join Naro Video @ ODU Libraries for a FREE film screening projected onto the starry skies of ODU's Lê Planetarium! With a demonstration by ODU Robotics and live music by [@danielclark](#)



About the Film: *A robot malfunction creates havoc and terror for unsuspecting vacationers at a futuristic, adult-themed amusement park.*

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## WAYPOINT: SPRING 2026 SENIOR EXHIBITION

Location: Gordon Art Galleries

May 7-16

Opening Reception: May 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The exhibition features artwork by Spring 2026 ODU art graduates. Mohammad Aslam, Wilmesha Griffin, Kathleen Grimes, Odelia Handy, Laché, Theodore Mayberry, Heather Nguyen, Audrey Redford, Colten Taylor, and Cristina White.



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## GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS BACKPACKING

May 17-22

\$200 per person, Ages 18-100

We're headed to Great Smoky Mountains National Park for an extended backpacking adventure! Backpacking and/or camping experience is highly recommended for this trip. We'll hit the trail on Sunday, backpacking through the Smokies until Thursday, when we'll cap off the journey by celebrating our accomplishment with a visit to Dollywood! Your trip registration fee includes: transportation, Dollywood admission, backpacking meals, equipment rentals, and guidance from a knowledgeable trip leader. Participants will be responsible for meals while traveling to and from the park and meals at Dollywood.



[Register Online](#)



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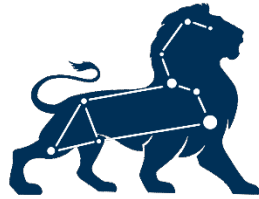


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## Public Planetarium Shows

**Wednesday Nights- 7:00pm**

**\$5 per person**

*Free with any ODU ID for the remainder of the spring semester.*

Tickets are available at the door 30-minutes before the show.

[www.odu.edu/planetarium](http://www.odu.edu/planetarium)



May 6 – Forward! To the Moon



May 13 – Mars: The Ultimate Voyage



May 20 – Sunstruck



May 27 – Phantom of the Universe



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# AROUND TOWN

## PORTSMOUTH ART WEEK AND WALL STREET MURAL FESTIVAL BRING LARGER-THAN-LIFE PUBLIC ART TO THE COMMUNITY



*Aimee Bruce, muralist (left) and John Joyce, SPPA President (right)*

Public art is reshaping Portsmouth's identity as the city prepares to kick off Portsmouth Art Week on May 2. WTKR Portsmouth Neighborhood Reporter Kamilah Williams spoke with the artist behind this year's work about how this movement is creating connection, pride, and new opportunities citywide.

The event brings art and community together for a third year in a row. [Support Portsmouth Public Art](#) President John Joyce says the nonprofit has invested around \$200,000 to place nearly 150 pieces of art across the city over the last 16 years.

Local artists, including muralist and illustrator [Aimee Bruce](#), will show the public how larger-than-life murals get made during a live demonstration on Wednesday, May 6.

Bruce says they will use blank PVC panels and demonstrate techniques ranging from projectors to virtual reality headsets.

"We're really just trying to show people there's different ways to take your idea, your design, and put it on a wall. Anyone can make a mural," Bruce said.

Bruce got her start at Old Dominion University and landed her first mural gig with the city of Norfolk. That experience working on a large-scale project brought an opportunity with Support Portsmouth Public Art to transform a building with boarded windows at the corner of Green Street and High Street into something the neighborhood could be proud of.

"If you think back 10 years ago, nothing was really happening. It was very hard, very slow-moving, you know, you had to get everything approved by certain people in the city, but it's like now Portsmouth is on the up

and up when it comes to public art and making cool things happen. It is just so I'm excited for what the future holds in Portsmouth," Bruce said.

Joyce said working with the city has given them the opportunity to make Portsmouth a vibrant art scene. The city's economic development team recently installed lighting on Wall Street, which will host a block party on May 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

"The economic development put lighting in there for us. It's beautiful. So, we're gonna have a block party from 6 to 9 on the 8th of May. We'll have a band, we'll have refreshments and some art activities," Joyce said.

The Wall Street Mural Fest takes place on May 9 from 12 to 7 p.m. Joyce says the festival will feature visiting artists, breakdancing, skateboarding, a fashion show, a nail competition, 30 to 40 art vendors, and food trucks.

A link to the schedule of events can be found [here](#).

By [Kamilah Williams](#) and WTKR: [See the full article here](#)



## ***'WE REMEMBER THEM': AFRICAN LANDING MEMORIAL OFFICIALLY UNVEILED AT FORT MONROE***



The African Landing Memorial was officially dedicated at Fort Monroe Friday afternoon. The special ceremony unveiled the memorial in honor of the men and women from Angola who were forcibly brought to Point Comfort, now known as Fort Monroe, in 1619.



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*“Over 400 years later, we’re still here,”*  
said Wanda Tucker, a descendent.

Tucker is a descendent of the first enslaved people who arrived here from Angola. Specifically, Anthony and Isabella, who gave birth to the first documented African American child, William Tucker.

Wanda Tucker remembers growing up and hearing her family’s story passed down through oral history. “Through all of the things we just can’t put into words as to what they experienced,” she said. “But here today, we remember them. We remember them for their courage, for their strength, for their ability to survive that journey into nowhere, to arrive in this foreign land. We remember them, those who survived,” Tucker said.

The African Landing Memorial is a sacred public space to commemorate the historic event of the 1619 landing, and Fort Monroe Authority CEO Scott Martin said Friday’s event was the introduction of the landscape.

The journey to bring this memorial to reality began in 2017 and included a long listening period in which Fort Monroe got feedback about what it should include. Now, there’s a granite line in the ground that points directly to Angola, and stones that represent the people that arrived 400 years ago that are also made out of granite from Angola.

And this is just the first phase, with more to come starting in August.

“[That’s] when the first sculptures begin to arrive,” Martin said. “That’ll be another event where we really, instead of elevating the land, we elevate the people that arrived. And then finally, in 2028, 2029, the final sculpture will arrive, and that’s the relief wall. That will be the discussion about what community means in 1619, and what community means today.”

The memorial hopes to present truth, respect, empathy and hope. It also aims to provide education and give people a place to reflect on the history of the space.

Friday’s ceremony not only paid homage to those who were kidnapped and brought here, but also to the indigenous people that were here on the land for thousands of years before 1619.

Gov. Abigail Spanberger, Attorney General Jay Jones, Rep. Bobby Scott, State Sen. Mamie Locke and the ambassador of Angola were all there for the special but solemn occasion.

*“The full American story starts here,”* Spanberger said.  
*“Virginia’s honest story starts here on this ground and at the water’s edge.”*

The memorial is free to visit and is open from 5 a.m. to midnight daily.

**By Cheyenne Paga and WAVY10: [Read the full article here](#)**



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## **VIRGINIA ZOO SEEKS DONATIONS TO PLANT 125 TREES FOR 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

To celebrate 125 years of care, community, and connection, the Virginia Zoo is seeking donations to help plant 125+ trees and shrubs throughout the Zoo's 53 acres. These plantings will bring more than just beauty to the grounds; these carefully curated species will transform the Zoo into a browsable garden, boosting biodiversity, supporting local pollinators, and best of all, enriching the lives of the animals that call the Zoo home.



And when you give \$125, you can turn your gift into a living tribute and make your mark on Zoo history. With a \$125 donation, you receive a small commemorative plaque placed on a browsable tree. A meaningful way to celebrate a graduation, honor someone who loves animals & nature, or to remember a loved one.

[Donate](#)

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## **GIVE LOCAL 757: THE LARGEST SINGLE-DAY FUNDRAISER IN HAMPTON ROADS**



GiveLocal 757 is the region's largest, single-day online fundraising event. The goal is to raise as much money as possible to support hundreds of great nonprofit organizations that provide diverse services and programs to people year-round.

The date this year is Tuesday, May 5, and from 12:00am to 11:59pm. [You can visit Give Local 757's website to find a group to support.](#)

Once there, you can search for an organization by name, by location, or by cause. When you find the group you want or like, you can look at its profile or just click on "Donate."

Last year, Give Local 757 raised \$1.5 million for local nonprofits. Give Local 757 is presented by the [Peninsula Community Foundation](#), and this year is partnering with TowneBank in hopes of bringing in even more to help the Hampton Roads community.

### ***THE LANGLEY WINDS IN CONCERT***

May 4, 7:00-8:30pm

Christ Episcopal Church, Smithfield VA

This wind quintet from historic Langley Air Force Base performs timeless classics to contemporary masterpieces of the chamber repertoire. Five dedicated Air Force musicians deliver a performance that's both captivating and distinctly their own. While sharing the Air Force's mission to honor veterans, inspire patriotism, and connect communities, Langley Winds brings a unique energy to every stage. From timeless classics to contemporary masterpieces, their dynamic repertoire showcases both artistry and innovation. Experience the spirit of America through the sounds of Langley Winds!



Free and open to the public, but we ask that you secure a ticket to ensure seating for all.

[Register Online](#)

### ***SKYWATCH AT NORTHWEST RIVER PARK (WEATHER DEPENDENT)***

Presented by: Back Bay Amateur Astronomers and Chesapeake Parks and Recreation

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm-midnight

Location: Northwest River Park Equestrian Area – 1569 Indian Creek Road

Free & Open to the Public



### ***CHESAPEAKE JUBILEE***

May 14-17

Location: Chesapeake City Park

Includes Amusements of America Rides and Games, Kiwanis Club Shrimp Fest, Fireworks, and many - many Arts & Craft tents as well as Music and Entertainment on Stage. (Bring a chair!)

Prices are \$3 entry plus \$10 on-site parking. Ride tickets are \$35 Sat and \$30 other days

*Cash is required for General Admission, Parking, Beer and Wine.*



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## NORFOLK GREEK FESTIVAL

May 14-17

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7220 Granby St

At the heart of this tradition is the Cathedral's unwavering mission to serve not only our parishioners but the entire Norfolk community. Through the Norfolk Greek Festival, we extend this calling, using the blessings of our culture—**delicious food, joyful fellowship, and cherished traditions**—as a means to give back.

[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)



## CLASSIC CARS & COFFEE

Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center Annex

Saturdays, 9:00am-1:30pm

At the Olde Towne Farmers Market. Join us for informal Classic Cars & Coffee at the historic Olde Towne Farmers Market. Classic cars get FREE up-front, car-show-style parking and FREE gourmet coffee for the drivers. Great spot to bring the spouse and family, 50+ vendors with fresh produce, grilled items, baked goods, sweets, juices, confections, even handmade jewelry and artisan items. Always something different, and very welcoming!



## DISNEY'S THE LION KING

Multiple performances throughout May

Chrysler Hall - [Click here for dates, times, and tickets](#)

Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap. The entire Serengeti comes to life as never before. And as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist. This is Disney's THE LION KING, making its triumphant return to Chrysler Hall!



Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, THE LION KING brings together one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway. More than 100 million people around the world have experienced the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular – one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage.



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# NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES

## Memorial Day - May 25

Memorial Day is a holiday to remember and honor the men and women who sacrificed everything to protect the nation.

**NORFOLK:** Inaugural Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony – Nauticus, Battleship Wisconsin and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum

**VIRGINIA BEACH:** The Naval Aviation Monument Park – After visiting the Naval Aviation Monument Park, you can walk over to the Navy SEAL Monument. A six-foot-tall Naked Warrior statue stands, and around him is the sand from locations where SEALs have served, trained, and fought.

Military Aviation Museum, Pungo – The museum houses one of the largest private collections of World War I and World War II military aircrafts in the world. You can learn about the restored planes and even go for a flight in one.

**PORTSMOUTH:** Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade – A tradition since 1884, Portsmouth's Memorial Day Parade begins at I.C. Norcom High School, traveling down High Street and ending at Water Street. See marching bands, dance groups, veteran groups and floats celebrating our service members.

**SUFFOLK:** Memorial Day Ceremony at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery – The annual ceremony, held at a state veterans cemetery, honors and remembers all of the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service from the Revolutionary War to present day by placing American flags at each grave. The ceremony begins at 10:00 am, but participants and the public are encouraged to arrive by 9:30 a.m.

**CHESAPEAKE:** Ceremony at Chesapeake City Hall – Join the City of Chesapeake while they honor all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. The ceremony begins at 11:00 am.

**HAMPTON:** Ceremony at Hampton National Cemetery – The VA hosts a public Memorial Day commemoration ceremony.

**NEWPORT NEWS:** Virginia War Museum – From 9:00am-4:00 pm, admission is free to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to the country.

**WILLIAMSBURG:** Commemoration on Palace Green – The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation honors the men and women of the US military who sacrificed their lives to defend the nation with a wreath-laying ceremony. A lone bagpiper plays iconic selections from the Governor's Palace as a tribute to those that lost their lives serving in the armed forces.



*4<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**Larchmont-Edgewater Civic League**  
**2026 Memorial Day Parade**  
**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Line-up: 9:15 a.m.**

St. Patrick's School parking lot

**Parade start: 10 a.m.**

**Parade finish: 10:45 a.m.**

Larchmont United Methodist Church parking lot

**Wreath-Laying Ceremony: 11:15-11:30 a.m.**

Larchmont UMC greenspace



**Honorary Grand Marshal:**  
**LTC Brandon Shah**

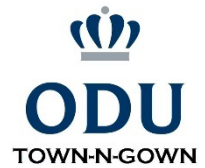


Parade marchers include the Tidewater Pipes and Drums, Maury High School Navy JROTC, classic cars, including the Cape Henry Model A Car Club, Scouts and Cub Scouts, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Norfolk Fire Department!

**Free hot dogs and popsicles following the parade!**

**On Memorial Day, Remember the Fallen**  
*Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

# TOWN-N-GOWN NOTES



## 2026 Annual Dinner Meeting



**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**  
Ellmer Health Sciences  
1019 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Norfolk, VA 23529  
Room 1000 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Parking: 41<sup>st</sup> Street Garage

**5:00pm – Tour of Ellmer College of Health Sciences Building**

*Dean Bonnie Van Lunen*

**5:30pm – Reception and Dinner**

*Choose Salmon or Chicken with RSVP*

**6:35pm – TNG Meeting and Speaker**

*Daniela Hines of BLUE STAR Families*



- RSVP by 5/14/2026 - [townngownodu@yahoo.com](mailto:townngownodu@yahoo.com)
- Choose Salmon OR Chicken with RSVP or let us know if you will be attending by Zoom only.
- Cost: \$40 per person payable to TNG. Payment due by May 14<sup>th</sup>.



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## Town-N-Gown Board Meetings

Members are always welcome at the board meetings as well as attending any associated scheduled tours. Upcoming board meetings:

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 9:30am** – Executive Dining Room in the Webb Center or join via Zoom.

*Speaker:* Dr. Barbara Blake – Director of Internships and Co-Op, 11:00am

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 9:30am** – Global Friendship House at 1241 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> St, Norfolk VA 23508.

Tour facilities with speaker Elaine Rodriquez at 11:00am

## Town-N-Gown Rita M. Costello Community Service Award

Each year, Town-N-Gown recognizes an individual from our larger community who exemplifies community service and demonstrates extraordinary concern for, and commitment to, serving others. To nominate a member of the community or request additional information, contact Jo Hayden at [townngownodu@yahoo.com](mailto:townngownodu@yahoo.com).

## Town-N-Gown would like to welcome our newest members:

Joshua and Erin Lupo

Lance & Sheila Freitag

Michael & Madeleine Gomez

**Town-N-Gown website is live!** If you have not yet seen our website, take a minute to visit! The site has all the essential information about Town-N-Gown as well as history, photos of past events, upcoming events, and the previous issues of the TNG newsletter. Have a look at [www.ODUTNG.com](http://www.ODUTNG.com).

# ***WE ARE FOREVER MONARCH STRONG!***



Our sincerest thanks to *Colley Avenue Copies & Graphics* for their ongoing support of Town-N-Gown. As a gift to our organization, Colley Avenue Copies & Graphics has generously printed and processed our flyers, programs, posters, banners, stationery, and business cards for many, many years. We are most grateful for the generous donation of their time, talent, and treasure!



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*IT'S TIME TO RENEW!*

Dues for 2026-2027 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!*)

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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(List both names if a dual membership)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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