

LONGWOOD OVERVIEW

Founded in 1839, Longwood University is the third oldest public institution of higher education in Virginia after UVA and William and Mary, and one of the 100 oldest colleges and universities in the country.

Longwood's mission is to prepare citizen leaders who will contribute to the prosperity of the Commonwealth and the health of its democracy.

With enrollment surpassing 5,000 for the first time, Longwood has had the highest percentage enrollment growth of any Virginia public institution since 2012-13, at 5.4 percent, and 95 percent of our undergraduates are in-state from Virginia.

Continuing to strengthen retention and graduation rates and keeping higher education affordable are top priorities for Longwood. For the second straight year, Longwood will hold price increases to historic lows. This spring, the Longwood Board of Visitors approved a second consecutive increase of less than 3 percent for tuition and mandatory fees – by far the smallest two-year price increase at any Virginia public university since 2001-02.

ONGOING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Student Success Center: The General Assembly provided funds to construct a 25,000 gross square foot facility that will provide a central location for academic support, career advising and other vital services focused on improving student retention and graduation rates.

Additional Biomass Boiler: The General Assembly provided funds to complete the purchase and installation of a third biomass boiler, underscoring Longwood's commitment to sustainability, cost savings and regional economic development. Burning regionally-sourced biomass to produce heat and hot water for campus buildings typically saves the university between \$4 million and \$5 million per year.

University Center: The General Assembly authorized nongeneral funds to complete construction of a new 80,000 square foot facility, replacing the current outdated student union built in the 1960s.

Admissions Office: The General Assembly authorized detailed planning to replace the current outdated Admissions Office with a 21,000 gross square foot building that will adequately support growth in prospective student visits and enrollment.

New Academic Building : The General Assembly authorized detailed planning to construct a 42,000 gross square foot academic building in the main academic area of campus, which will provide about 75% of the additional academic space required for Longwood's anticipated future enrollment. The New Academic Building will provide space and support for expanded student research and STEM-H programs, such as the summer STEM research program, development of new health profession degrees, and an expanded office of sponsored programs and research.

