Chapter Chat: January 2019

LATANYA WALKER, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS FOR DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Your Host:

Ginny Ritenour
Director of Chapter Programs
Welcome Christi Lineberry!

Basketballs available - $35

President’s Meeting – March 8-10
  ▪ VT vs. Miami basketball
  ▪ Registration open now

Giving Day 2019 – March 19

The Big Event – April 6

Reunion 2019 – June 6-9
  ▪ Early bird registration open
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 21

Celebrating Inclusion & Diversity at Virginia Tech

- Leverage social media throughout the day/week
- Photos of local alumni participating in community service
- Look for and support local events
- Social media highlight posts:
  - Virginia Tech’s Black Cultural Center
  - Black History at Virginia Tech Timelines
  - InclusiveVT resources
  - Black College Institute
  - Black student and alumni milestones
  - Favorite MLK quotes
- February is Black History Month (see above!)
Welcome

Latanya Walker,
Director of Alumni Relations for Inclusion & Diversity and Community Engagement
Potential Partners

- Admissions
- Clubs and Other Organizations
- Companies
- Cultural and Community Centers
- Current Students
- Local Alumni
- Local Community Organizations
- Office for Inclusion and Diversity
- Student Affairs
- MAAB Members
Leverage Cultural Heritage Months

**Hispanic Latino Heritage Month**: September 15 - October 15

**LGBTQ+ History Month**: October

**Native and Indigenous Heritage Month**: October 15 - November 15

**Black History Month**: February

**Women’s Month**: March

**Jewish Cultural Month**: March 15 - April 15 (May)

**Asian American and Pacific Islander History Month**: April (May)

Cultural and Community Centers [https://ccc.vt.edu/](https://ccc.vt.edu/)
Plan Around Regional Cultural Activities

- Pride Celebrations
- Cultural Festivals
- Conventions
- Museum Openings
Virginia Tech Denim Day 40th Anniversary Commemoration as part of 2019 Pride Week
Date: April 5-7, 2019

Theme: Description: Forty years ago, during the week of January 15-19, 1979, the Virginia Tech Gay Student Alliance held the first Gay Awareness week. The Alliance held multiple events to promote awareness of gay and lesbian culture and issues throughout campus. One of these events included Denim Day, which encouraged all students to wear denim in support of gay rights.

Join us the weekend of Virginia Tech Pride Week, as we commemorate this historical event, celebrate how much we have progressed and plan what’s next.
Tuesday, April 2, 2019
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
“Stacks on Stacks” WUVT Interview with Anthony Wright de Hernandez
Panelists: Nancy Kelly, Gay Student Alliance, 1981, Steve Noll, Gay Student Alliance, 1976 Steve Critchfield - founder of Ex Lapide
Linda DeVito - WUTV Radio Interviewer during Gay Awareness Week, 1979
Location: 90.7 or https://www.wuvt.vt.edu/

Thursday, April 4, 2019
6 pm to 8 pm
Virginia Tech Denim Day 40th Anniversary: Ex Lapide Welcome Reception

Friday, April 5, 2019
12:15 p.m.
Virginia Tech Denim Day 40th Anniversary Commemoration: #VTDenimDayDoOver
Ex Lapide Planning Meeting
1:30 p.m.
Virginia Tech Denim Day 40th Anniversary Commemoration: Denim Day Documentary Preview and Staged Reading
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Timeline of LGBTQ+ History at Virginia Tech

Saturday, April 6, 2019
8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Virginia Tech Denim Day 40th Anniversary Commemoration: Ex Lapide and LGBTQ+ Resource Center and Party

Sunday, April 7, 2019
First Friday Documentary Screening
Potential Social Media Connections

- @HokieDardi
- @VT_CCC
- @ElCentroVT
- @VTBCC
- @vt_nphc
- @transspacevt
- @vt_lci
- @hokieprideofvt
- @VirginiaTechSSD
- @womenscentervt
- @VTBMEN
- @vt_natives
- @vtfasa
- @QTPoCvT
- @vtaasu
- @VTVetAffairs
- @inclusiveVT
- @Vtblackalumni
- @VT_BGSO
- @VT_BSA
- @VT_BOC
- @VTCorpsofCadets
- @CranwellCenter
- @vt_saas
- @VTExpressions
Additional Upcoming Diversity Activities

Virginia Tech’s 3rd Annual Powwow
Hosted by NativeatVirginia Tech
April 6, 2019
Student Alumni Reception
April 6, 2019
Additional Events

- LatinX Symposium and Alumni Reception March 21,
- Achievement Ceremonies May 15, 16, 2019
- Ex Lapide Year Zero Celebration May 16, 2019
- Capital Pride Social and Festival June 7 and 9, 2019
- NCR Graduate Workshop July 15, 2019
- Black Alumni Summit August 9-11, 2019
- Charlotte Pride August 17, 2019
Questions???
Thank you for all that you do!
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