

YOUR GUIDE TO
VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL



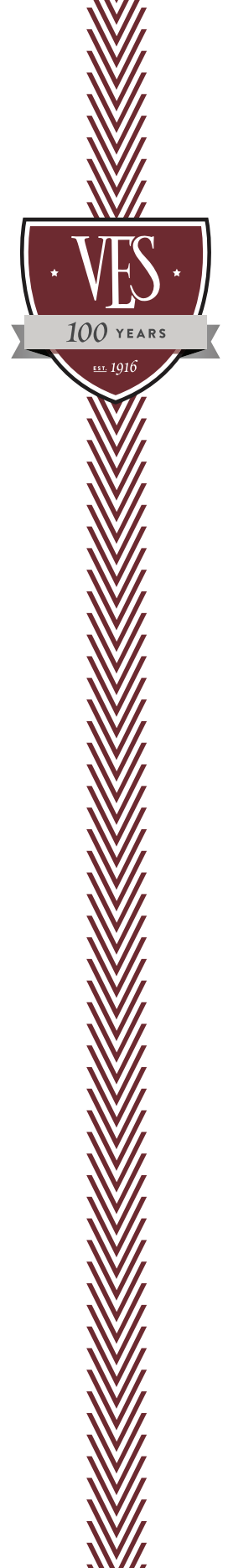
100
YEARS OF
EDUCATIONAL
LEADERSHIP



100 YEARS AGO,
ROBERT CARTER JETT
SET OUT TO ESTABLISH
"A *SCHOOL* THAT WILL
DRAW OUT THAT WHICH IS
NOBLEST AND FINEST
IN EACH STUDENT."

VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
LYNCHBURG, VA





GET READY *FOR* AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

FOR GENERATIONS, WE'VE BELIEVED THAT INSTILLING STRONG CHARACTER AND NOBLE VALUES IS THE SUREST PATH TO ENSURING EACH STUDENT IS PREPARED TO FACE COLLEGE WITH CONFIDENCE AND PURPOSE. AT VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, STUDENTS MAKE THE JOURNEY **TOWARD FULL STATURE**, STRIVING FOR THEIR BEST AND MAKING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN WHAT THEY LEARN AND WHAT THEY WISH TO BECOME.

THIS GUIDE
BELONGS TO



FIND YOUR PATH

EACH STUDENT AT VES
IS ON AN *INDIVIDUAL*
JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF
THE PERSON HE OR SHE
IS **MEANT TO BE.**

Our role is to help students harness their youthful energy in aspiring to the highest standards of academic achievement, and to help them carve out a meaningful, ethical, productive life—a full life. It's a role we embrace with awe and determination. Awe of the potential that resides in each individual. And determination that our teaching awakens the very best in each.



6:1 STUDENT
TEACHER
RATIO

57% OF FACULTY
HOLD ADVANCED
DEGREES





A PLACE OF EXCELLENCE

*There is only one **VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL.***

SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1916, THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES HAVE TRUSTED VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL WITH THEIR CHILDREN. BY DESIGN, VES IS A SMALL, INTIMATE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS AND RESIDENTIAL FACULTY. OUR STUDENT BODY HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE EARLY DAYS, AND NOW INCLUDES YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD. EACH DAY WE LIVE OUT THE VISION OF OUR FOUNDER, DR. JETT, CONTINUALLY STRIVING, CONSTANTLY GROWING, BUT IN A COMFORTABLE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT IN SO MANY WAYS IS HOME.

81% OF FACULTY
LIVE ON
CAMPUS

VES COMMUNITY

WE'RE NOT JUST OFFERING A SCHOOL. WE'RE OFFERING
ACCEPTANCE INTO AN *ENGAGING COMMUNITY*.

We've seen students accepted to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities across the United States, including Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, UVA, Emory, Princeton, UNC, Vanderbilt, and Yale.

Small class size means VES teachers get to know students well. Doors are always open in teachers' offices and homes, keeping an open channel of

communication for questions and guidance. The trusting relationships which are formed instill self-assurance and provide students the academic and emotional support they need to succeed.

And as our boys and girls move on to college and beyond, a supportive network of VES graduates is ready and willing to lend them a hand.



ENGAGE IN A VIBRANT STUDENT LIFE

At VES we specialize in developing well-rounded students: scholars, athletes, and leaders who are also seekers, participants, and enthusiasts. Each student brings his or her own talents and interests, which enhance a campus already rich in diversity. You'll encounter serious shutterbugs, aspiring movie directors, equestrian enthusiasts, budding chefs, and robotics geniuses. Throw your hat into the ring with student government as it grooms future leaders, one of which can be you. Clubs gather to revel in old movies, NC barbecue, and chess. Even wallflowers bloom when engaging in our theatrical performances or in the many student art exhibitions that occur each semester on and off campus.

To be well-rounded one must have multiple opportunities to explore, experience, and engage. That describes a typical day at VES, and you're invited to join us.

160 ACRE
CAMPUS

240 TOTAL
STUDENTS

12 AVERAGE
CLASS
SIZE

2.2 MILES TO
STARBUCKS





LYNCHBURG, VA IS YOUR *HOME*, THE *WORLD* IS YOUR **CLASSROOM.**

Being a student at VES can be, and should be, an adventure. Early in the day academics consume the attention of students and instructors. Around three o'clock, a campuswide shift to a vast array of activities occurs, all enlivened by the four-season Virginia climate. With just 240 students, friendships spring up easily among teammates and fellow club members.

What do our students do on the weekend? Some hike or bike here in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Just down the road is Lynchburg, a vibrant historic town and a safe place to find respite. You'll discover movie theaters, paintball venues, a shopping mall, a snowboard park, and even a major ski resort that's just over an hour away.

Over school breaks there are group travel adventures both in the United States and abroad.





VES PROFILES



JAMES JENKINS '15
SENIOR AND HEAD
COUNSELOR

The thing I enjoy most at VES is having the ability to sculpt my time here into anything I want it to be. Because it is a small school and the faculty are so supportive, students at VES can take a passion or idea and turn it into something real. Last year, I wanted to create the first VES skateboarding team. I talked to the athletic director and made it happen. This year, I have taken my passion for surfing and started planning a service project in which I will teach fellow VES students how to surf in order to fundraise for a clean water project in Nicaragua. I talked with my advisor, and he is helping me make it happen. It is the little things like this that truly make VES what it is.

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My parents told me that I would love boarding school, but I wasn't convinced, and my heart broke at the thought of leaving the familiarity of home. These feelings didn't even last a day. Students embraced me like we were lifelong friends, and teachers were quick to invite me to meet their families and call them if I needed anything. It didn't take long for me to see that I had just become a part of a whole new set of friends (soon to be family), teachers that care about things beyond a number on a piece of paper (though important), and sleepovers every night in the dorm.



CHRISTIAN HICKS '15
SENIOR AND CHAIR,
HONOR COMMITTEE



VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OFFERS ITS STUDENTS A **SAFE AND STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT** IN WHICH TO GROW, AND SENDS THEM OUT INTO THE WORLD, **READY TO MEET ANY CHALLENGE.**

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G. THOMAS BATTLE, JR. '83
HEADMASTER, WITH MARY STUART BATTLE

FACE THE CHALLENGES

AT VES
OUR MISSION
IS TO SEND OUR
STUDENTS
INTO THE WORLD
INSTILLED WITH
A LIFELONG LOVE
OF LEARNING,
FULLY PREPARED
TO EXCEL AT
THE NEXT LEVEL.

At Virginia Episcopal School, we understand how students learn and how to help them succeed. As a VES student, you'll face the challenge of a college-preparatory, broad-based liberal arts curriculum. You'll also find teachers who are passionate about what they teach and completely invested in you as a student. Our intent is for all students to realize their highest intellectual and creative potential by learning to think critically and independently.

We hope to guide you toward a love of lifelong learning, to gain the self-awareness to push boundaries and expand your horizon, a deep sense of integrity and honesty, and the desire to use your gifts to impact the world.





DOCUMENT YOUR JOURNEY

THE JOURNEY TOWARD FULL STATURE GAINS RICH PERSPECTIVE THROUGH THE USE OF DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS, IN WHICH STUDENTS ARCHIVE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, CLASS PROJECTS, AND OTHER MATERIALS.

Students are required to include examples of substantial work in their academic courses, plus their involvement in athletics and the arts.

Another major component of Digital Portfolios centers on goal-setting and personal reflection. Each fall, students create academic, athletic, social, and personal goals. Throughout the year, they spend time reflecting on their personal growth and experience at VES as it relates to their goals and to life in general.

Upon graduation, Digital Portfolios become a rich chronicle of the growth students have experienced during their time on campus, and also an excellent repository for remembering the people, activities, events, successes, and challenges that have guided them on their journey Toward Full Stature.

71% ATTEND THEIR
TOP COLLEGE
CHOICE

16 AP
COURSES

4 YEAR COLLEGE
COUNSELING
PROCESS



Toward full stature THE PROGRAM

DEVELOPED AT VES,
TOWARD FULL STATURE IS A
FOUR-YEAR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
THAT IS **UNIQUE** AMONG SCHOOLS
IN OUR NATION.

The Toward Full Stature Program focuses on helping students become disciplined achievers and productive members of their community and the world.

Participants in this program receive special guidance within six key areas: academic, spiritual, wellness, college awareness, character, and leadership. The Program is designed to ensure the VES experience instills the abilities and perspectives necessary to excel academically, ethically, spiritually, and personally.

This is a tiered program, carefully planned to engender steady development year-to-year. Students emerge from this journey of self-exploration as capable leaders, who understand their unique gifts and are exceptionally composed, thoughtful, and self-aware.





26 SPORTS
TEAMS

25 YOUNG ALUMNI
CURRENTLY PLAYING
AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL

4 STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
IN FOUR YEARS

VES ATHLETICS

COME PLAY WITH US



WE'RE **SMALLER**. WHICH MEANS YOU'RE **BIGGER**.
YOUR ROLE CAN BE AS *BIG AS YOU MAKE IT*.

Our school believes deeply in the ideal of a healthy mind within a healthy body. With 26 teams across seven sports and an enrollment of just 240, everyone has a role to play in fielding our teams, and all contribute to our success. We embrace competitive spirit and frequently contend for conference titles, which is a direct result of our attitude of always striving.

As a student athlete at VES, you will experience all the benefits of athletic competition: teamwork, leadership, perseverance, and physical fitness.

COME FOR A VISIT

COME SEE VES FOR
YOURSELF AND **LEARN MORE**
ABOUT HOW WE CAN HELP YOU
ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS.

We love visitors. Whether you come for an overnight or just come for a few hours, we think the best way to get to know a school is to spend time on campus. In addition to showing you around, we want to hear about what interests you most. While you're here, you can literally get a taste of VES with a meal in the dining hall and, if you like, you can also sit in on a class, meet with a coach, or have a conversation with the director of the Toward Full Stature program. We feel that the more you know about VES, the more you'll want to join us.

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