

belong
believe
be better



what does it mean to **belong?**

There's nothing quite like stepping onto Grounds. Familiar but constantly developing, historic but looking towards the future, celebrating old connections while treasuring new ones, and it all narrows to a single thought:

..... ***"I'm home."***

Belonging means reconnecting with "the people who knew you when," laughing at an old inside joke, and taking part in a tradition at a football game. It's seeing a fellow Hoo in their orange and blue a thousand miles from Grounds and talking like lifelong friends. **At the UVA Alumni Association, our calling is to ensure that every one of our 250,000+ alumni know they belong.**

Two alumni greet each other during a Reunions weekend.

All Hoos and Hoos-at-heart are welcome—and your gift will help us kick off this fiscal year building more connections and ways to belong than ever before.



Support
more ways
to belong.



what does it mean to **believe?**

Sometimes believing looks like a child dreaming of what they want to be when they grow up, or like a fan crossing their fingers as a football sails towards a goalpost. But it can also look like the strength of conviction—to believe in an ideal because you believe in everything behind it. Believing means having the confidence to trust in what’s coming next, because you know that your time and efforts will have an impact.

At the UVA Alumni Association, **we believe in changing lives in ways big and small.** The Ridley Scholarship Program gives Black scholars the support to take them from remarkable to incredible, while the Jefferson Trust makes ideas and initiatives worthy of believing in into a reality. Our scholarships support hundreds of students in achieving their dreams, and events like Black

Alumni Weekend, Juntos, and Reunions unite alumni under one banner:

***“there’s
nothing
quite like
being a Hoo.”***



The Ridley Scholarship Program seeks to attract Black students of the highest caliber to the University of Virginia.

Believe in what
your gift to the
UVA Alumni
Association will
do, because
you’ve lived it.



what does it mean to be **better?**

UVA isn't just a place. It's also a feeling, an experience, and a happy memory for tens of thousands of people from all walks of life and from around the world. For 185 years, the Alumni Association has been committed to building the strongest bond among alumni and between alumni and the University of Virginia while representing the diverse voices and perspectives of alumni.

But we couldn't take a single step forward without being **willing and eager to change with the world around us.**

The Rotunda Planetarium, funded by the Jefferson Trust, lights up the inside of the iconic UVA landmark.



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..... ***Our greatest desire is to be, give, and do better for every Hoo and Hoo-at-heart we serve.***

We do better by providing more student experiences to help our newest Wahoos feel welcome on Grounds. We do better by hosting alumni events like career development seminars, Football Weekends, affinity programming, and more, and by providing grant money to innovative projects that

change hundreds or thousands of lives. Living life often means changing for the better, and your gift to the Alumni Association enables us to improve the experiences and meet the needs of every Hoo.

Help us strive for more!



Help us better the
UVA community on
Grounds and beyond at
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about us

The **UVA Alumni Association**, founded on July 4, 1838, is an independent non-profit organization committed to building the strongest bond among alumni and between alumni and the University of Virginia while representing the diverse voices and perspectives of alumni. The needs of our Hoos and Hoos-at-heart are constantly evolving, and our work extends beyond the walls of Alumni Hall and even beyond Grounds. Your support of the Annual Fund provides the resources and flexibility to connect, serve, invest in, and inform our alumni, students, and friends in both trusted and new ways.

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