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STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

What's New in the Student Success Center?

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An aerial photograph of a large group of students, many wearing maroon shirts, forming a large number on a green lawn. In the background, there are several multi-story university buildings and trees under a cloudy sky. A white text box is overlaid on the center of the image.

The SSC provides tools and resources within a welcoming environment where undergraduate students can cultivate academic, personal, and professional skills to achieve their goals.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

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SCHOLAR SUPPORT

Presidential Scholarship Initiative

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EMBRACE VT

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PEER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Peer Education Academy
Community of Practice
Journal of Peer Learning

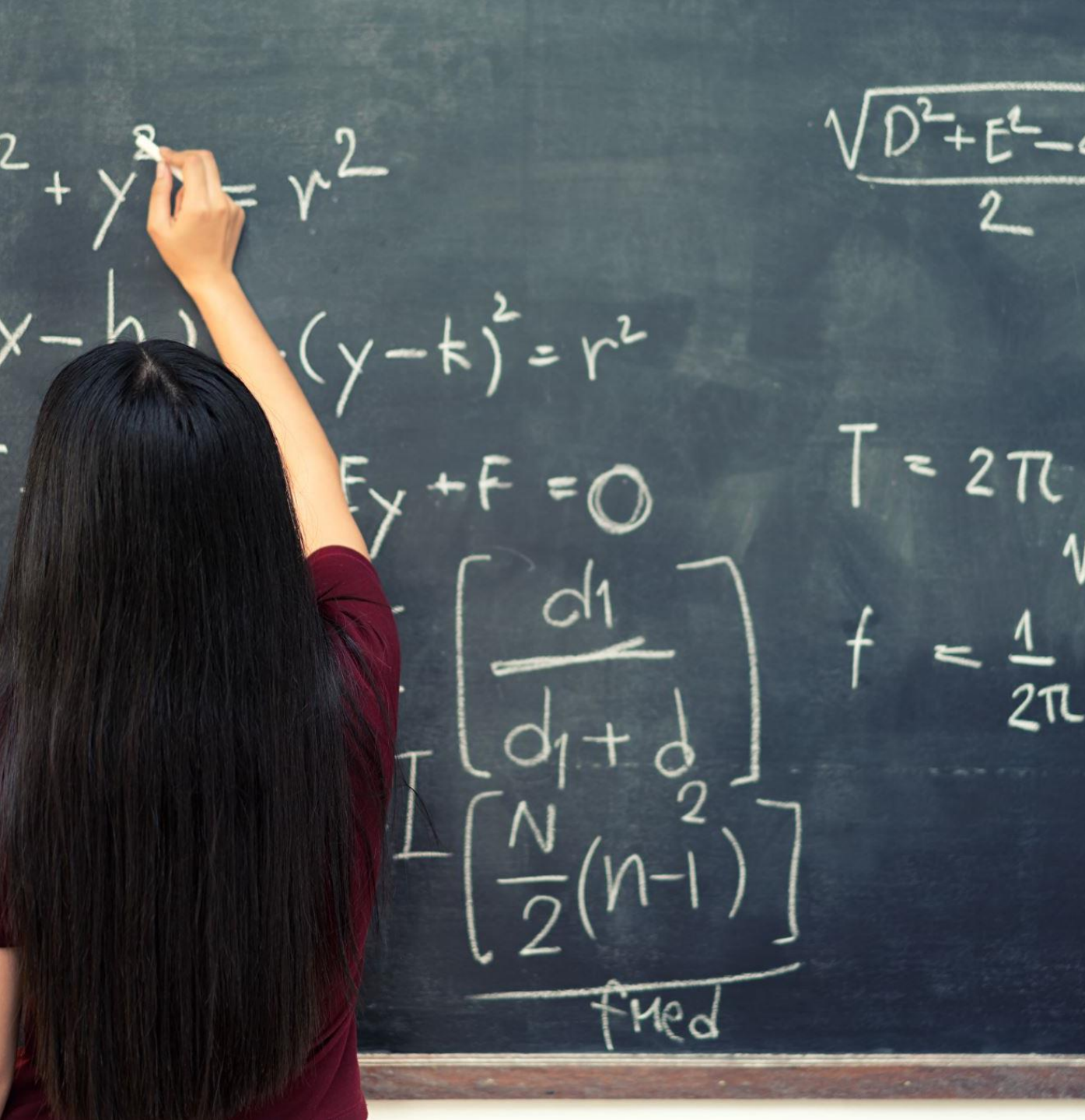
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ACADEMIC SERVICES

Tutoring
Peer Academic Coaching
Seminar Series
SSC Courses



ACADEMIC SERVICES



Tutoring

Free, personalized learning support

Tutors successfully completed the courses they tutor *at* Virginia Tech

Open to all undergraduates, not just those who are struggling

Weekly appointments can be requested by those on academic probation, repeating a class, or registered with SSD

SSC tutors are rigorously trained

Many options available!

Peer Tutoring Options



Individual Appointments

Students can reserve one-hour appointments with SSC tutors through Navigate. They can meet in Gilbert Place or online.



Drop-In Tutoring

Drop by our weekly offerings, no appointment needed! This spring, we are supporting 10 of our most popular courses.



On-Demand Tutoring

Request tutoring whenever you need it! Join the Knack platform and connect with their network of VT peer tutors.

Peer Academic Coaching

Develop academic skills and performance

Open to students from all majors and years

Common topics include:

- Effective study strategies
- Overcoming procrastination
- Time management
- Test-taking skills
- Reading strategies
- Note-taking skills
- Goal-setting
- Improving motivation



Seminar Series on Academic Success

30 scheduled offerings per semester

Also available by request

Topics include:

- Effective Learning Strategies
- Making it Through the Final Stretch
- Online and Tech-Based Courses
- Overcoming Procrastination
- Reading and Note-Taking Skills
- Test-Taking Skills
- Time Management Bootcamp



New
option!



Motivation Mondays

Study tips + guided study session:

- Break things up
- Pomodoro method
- Find a partner
- Effortful retrieval
- Get clearer
- The study cycle
- P-R-R

WHEN: February 10, February 24, March 17, March 31, April 14, and April 28
from 4-5pm

WHERE: Gilbert Place 2101

We're Hiring for the 2025-2026 Academic Year!

Applications open on Handshake for the month of February

Full details and application guides available on our website

Benefits for students:

- Earn money with flexible hours; badges available
- Deepen your understanding of academic concepts
- Build skills in communication, leadership, and problem-solving
- Make a difference for your peers
- Join the community of SSC peer educators





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College Success Strategies

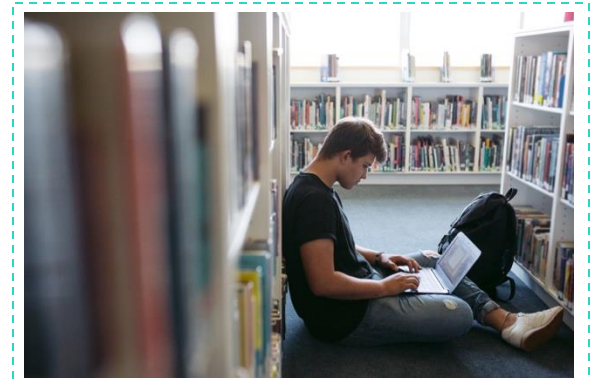
Practice applying effective learning strategies to reach their goals, assessing and modifying the strategies based on reflection.

SSC Courses

LAHS 1014

Academic Success: Personal Investment and Responsibility

Helps students on academic probation and/or returning from academic suspension to develop academic skills, behaviors and motivation towards success



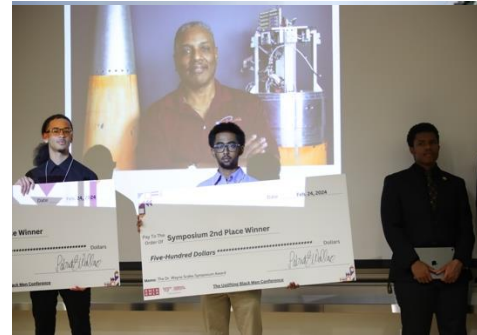
EMBRACE VT:
Black Male Excellence
Network (BMEN)



BMEN Mission & Vision

- The Black Male Excellence Network (BMEN) aims to create a community at Virginia Tech where Black male students can explore their authentic selves and develop personally, academically, and professionally.
- A community where all Virginia Tech Black male students are empowered to fulfill their academic, personal, and professional potential.

How to get Plugged-in?



- 10th Annual Uplifting Black Men Conference
- Dr. Wayne Scales Research Symposium and Award
- BMEN Ambassadors Program
- Community-Building Events



The Uplifting Black Men Conference



- Seeks to empower and inspire students through networking and holistic development.
- Celebration of students' accomplishments.
- Focus: Connecting educational experiences to community/social initiatives.

Research Symposium & Award



- Honoring Dr. Wayne Scales, renowned researcher and scholar in Engineering and science.
- Developing students' experiences in research and communication
- Receive monetary awards and recognition

Community Building



- BMEN Barbershop Talks
- BMEN Book Club
- Basketball Events
- Ambassadors Skills Events



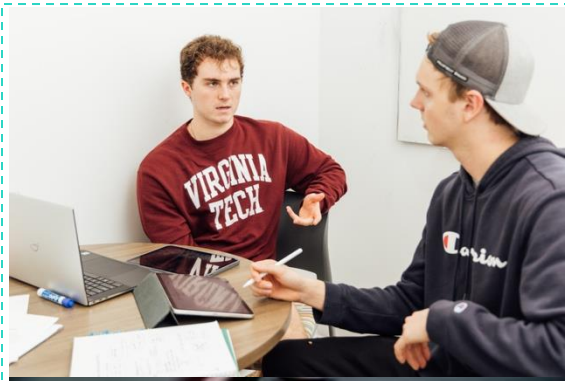
BMEN Ambassadors Program



- Connecting upper class and first-year student through mentorship.
- Helping students get connected to resources around campus
- Providing wage opportunities for students.

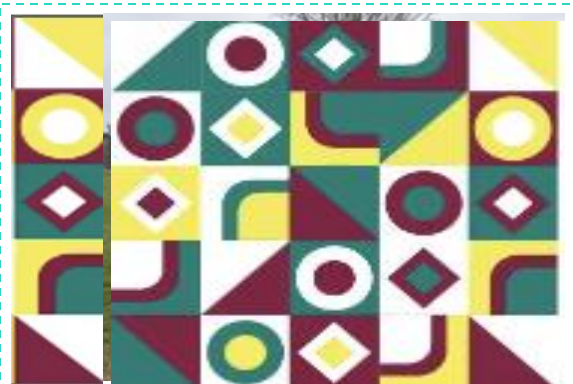


PEER EDUCATION PROGRAMS



PEER EDUCATION ACADEMY

Students can build skills for their peer educator role and earn badges



JOURNAL OF PEER LEARNING

Faculty and students can read and submit scholarly research in peer learning

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Program coordinators can connect with colleagues across campus to share and learn new skills



PEER EDUCATION ACADEMY

Benefits to Students:

- Gain skills in peer education
- Get professional development tailored to the Virginia Tech experience
- Access content through flexible delivery
- Earn digital badges

Benefits to Program Coordinators:

- Assign one, a few, or all modules
- View student progress
- Access student reflections
- Receive supplemental information and resources



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ACADEMY CONTENT

Foundations in Peer Education

- Peer Education Basics
- Boundaries and Balance
- Building Rapport, Trust and Safety
- Critical Communication Skills

Virginia Tech Essentials

- Academic Advising
- Academic Support
- Career and Professional Development
- Student Life: Engagement and Involvement

PEER EDUCATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

**Meets the first Thursday of each month from
2:00-3:00pm in 2124 Gilbert Place**

Upcoming topics:

February 6: Peer Education Continuing Education and Professional Development

March 6: Building Campus Partnerships

April 3: Telling Your Program's Story

May 1: Celebrating Wins from the Year

JOIN US!





The Peer-to-Peer Model: A UK Institution's Approach to Broadening and Embedding the Provision of Peer Learning and Support

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— Jan 10, 2025



Recognition Where It Is Due: Towards a Teaching Qualification for Student Teaching Assistants in Higher Education

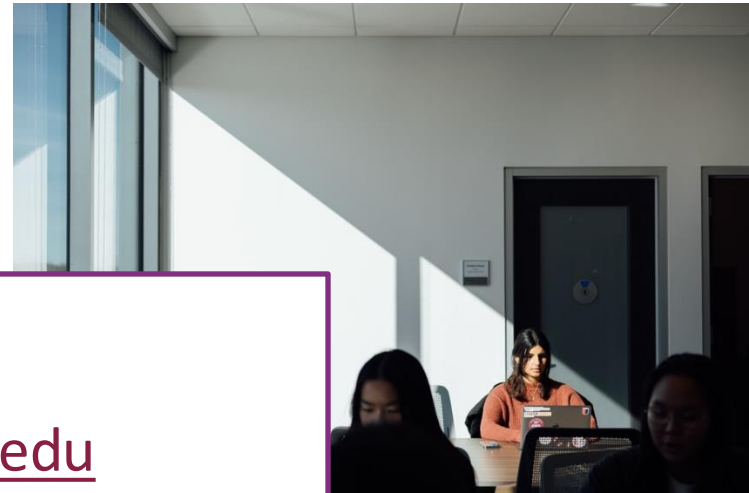
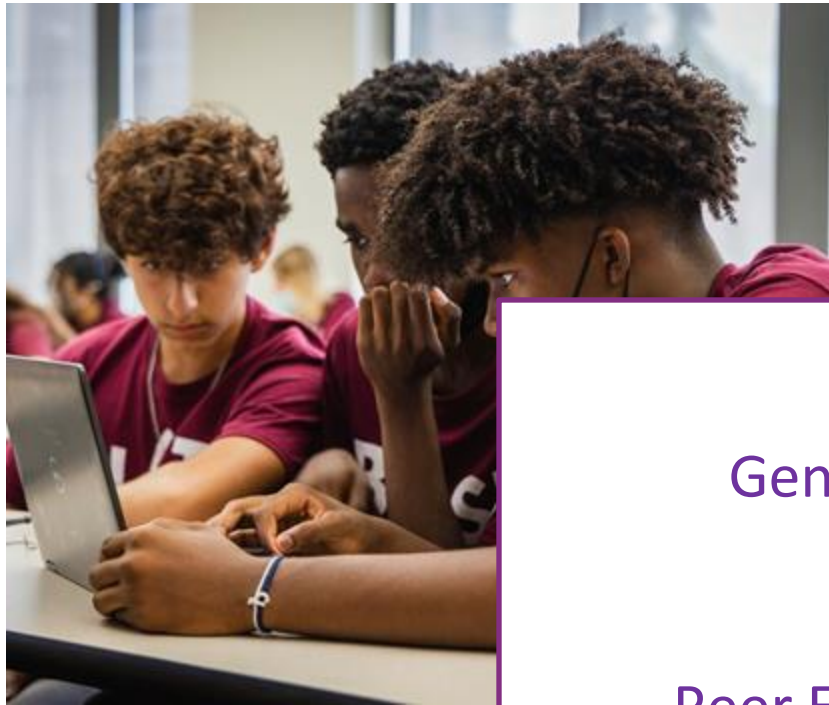
Meulenbroeks & van der — Jan 3, 2025

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JOURNAL OF PEER LEARNING

- Learn more about peer learning and how your program aligns with best practices internationally
- Review the latest research on peer learning
- Publish peer education research
- Gain recognition in the field of peer education

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