



A year of reflection.

Dear Vanderbilt community,

When I first learned of the death of George Floyd, I wrote about how my heart was broken over the tragic loss of his life. As yesterday marked the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's death, I invite you to take a moment to read this follow-up letter of reflection that I penned:

[George Floyd and America—One Year Later](#)

It is my genuine hope that we can continue to work together to cultivate and nourish our collective community so that all can thrive and grow to even greater heights.

Sincerely,
André L. Churchwell, M.D.
Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer



Diermeier honors staff at first Spring Staff Assembly

Chancellor Daniel Diermeier held Vanderbilt University's first Spring Staff Assembly on May 20 to share a state of the university address and present a new series of annual staff awards, including the Diversity Leadership Award. [Read More +](#)



Esteemed psychologist, university leader Cybele Raver named Vanderbilt provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs

C. Cybele Raver, a distinguished psychologist who serves as deputy provost at New York University, has been named provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Vanderbilt University. Raver will begin her new role July 1, 2021. [Read More +](#)



Churchwell to step down from VUMC diversity leadership roles, devote focus to university EDI work

Dr. André L. Churchwell will step down from his Vanderbilt University Medical Center administrative role as chief diversity officer and as senior associate dean for diversity affairs at the School of Medicine on June 30. Going forward, he will devote that portion of his time to his role as vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and chief diversity officer for Vanderbilt University. [Read More +](#)



Name change for 'Grandfathered Sick Time'

As the university continues to advance its diversity and inclusion efforts, Human Resources has renamed Grandfathered Sick Time—a term rooted in inequitable voting policies—to Legacy Sick Time. [Read More +](#)



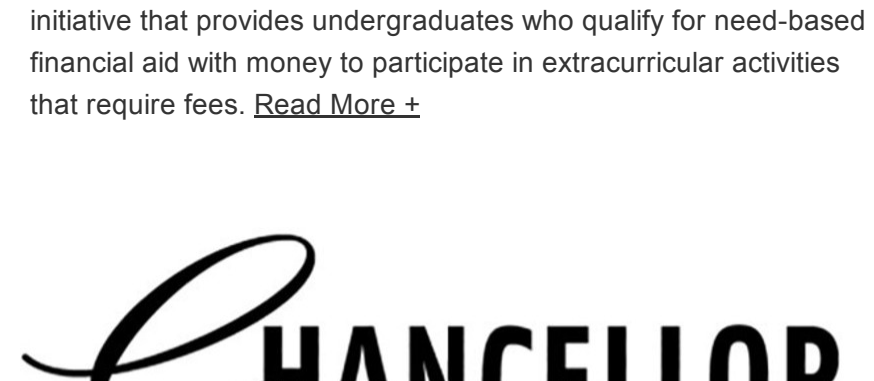
First female Vanderbilt athletic director named Peabody distinguished alumna

Candice Storey Lee, the first African American woman to head a Southeastern Conference athletics program, was honored by Vanderbilt's Peabody College of education and human development with the 2021 Distinguished Alumna Award during Class of 2020 and Class of 2021 Commencement ceremonies. [Read More +](#)



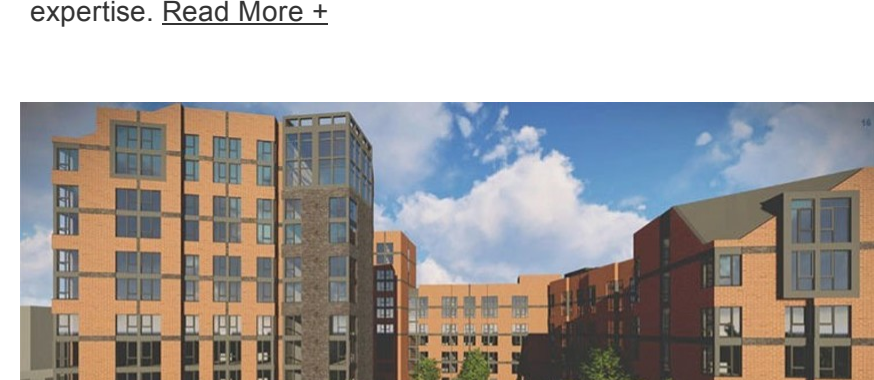
Alumni couple McCartney and Jay Wilkins give \$100,000 to Experience Vanderbilt

Alumni couple McCartney Kay Wilkins, BS'01, and Jay Wilkins, BS'99, are doubling their initial gift to Experience Vanderbilt, an initiative that provides undergraduates who qualify for need-based financial aid with money to participate in extracurricular activities that require fees. [Read More +](#)



Nine faculty named 2021 Chancellor Faculty Fellows

Nine outstanding faculty members from across the university have been selected for the 2021 cohort of Chancellor Faculty Fellows. This group is composed of highly accomplished, recently tenured faculty from a wide variety of disciplines and areas of expertise. [Read More +](#)



Construction is underway on Vanderbilt graduate and professional student housing development

Construction is underwa on Vanderbilt University's housing development for graduate and professional students, providing more accessible housing for graduate students. [Read More +](#)

Get Connected: Upcoming Events

[3/30-7/28: Employee Learning and Engagement workshops for staff](#)

[5/25: Vanderbilt Project on Unity and American Democracy book launch with Gov. Bill Haslam](#)

[5/25: "The Fundamentals of Excellent Communication" ELE Thought Leader Series](#)

Continuing the Conversation

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