



Roanoke College Report
Virginia Synod Assembly - 2019

Roanoke College develops students as whole persons and prepares them for responsible lives of learning, service, and leadership by promoting their intellectual, ethical, spiritual, and personal growth. The College aims to produce resourceful, informed, and responsible citizens prepared for productive careers and for leadership in their community, with an understanding of society, recognizing the diversity of our world today, and to the increasingly global experience of the 21st century.

Great things are happening at Roanoke College. Five years ago, we embarked on the Roanoke Rising Campaign with a goal of \$200 million. On October 26, 2018 the College announced the record-breaking conclusion of the campaign having raised a total of \$204,047,431! We are grateful to the College community for making this campaign, the largest in the College's history, a huge success.

We see the impact of the Cregger Center, beyond its impressive 155,000 square feet, every day. This building provides a space for students to learn, to maintain their health, to cheer on athletic teams, and to be inspired by amazing speakers.

Roanoke College has received numerous academic recognitions of which we are very proud. The College has produced at least one Fulbright student in each of the past five years. Last academic year, we had a record six students who earned this distinction. Roanoke is the only Virginia college included on the Top Fulbright Producing Colleges list. We are so gratified by the work that our students, faculty, and staff do to make Roanoke College such a fine institution of higher learning.

Here are a few highlights from the past year:

- The new campus ministry fellows program allows students to intern in the Chaplain's Office. There are eight students currently involved in this program.
- Roanoke College has six recent graduates in seminary preparing for Word and Sacrament Ministry in the ELCA.
- Our chaplain, the Rev. Christopher M. Bowen, completed his 5th year in campus ministry.
- The Antrim Chapel organ was restored and a new audio/visual system installed.
- The College continues to support Synodical events including: Synod Assembly, Kairos, and Power in the Spirit among others.
- As part of its Alumni Relations program, Roanoke College also serves the alumni of Marion College, a Lutheran affiliated two-year women's college which closed in 1967. In order to ensure that the legacy of Marion College lives on in perpetuity, the Marion College Alumni Association has established the Marion College Endowment for the Arts at Roanoke College.
- In September 2018, the College hosted the annual Rev. Dr. James R. Crumley, Jr. '48 Endowed Lecture. The event was sponsored by the Benne Center for Religion & Society along with the