

PRESIDENT MICHAEL J. BEALS, Ph.D.

10 YEARS
IN REVIEW



2013

President Beals appointed 10th President of Vanguard University



2015

Renovated and expanded the Scott Academic Center



2017

Received positive reaffirmation of regional accreditation by the WASC Senior College and University Commission

Achieved Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Status by the U.S. Department of Education



2018

Renovated the Lyceum Theater and Dean Harvey Baseball Field



Opened the Santa Ana Campus to house several graduate professional degree programs and community counseling center



2019

Gained city approval of the Campus Master Plan—establishing a roadmap for future development of the 40-acre campus



2020

Opened the 42,000 sq. ft. Waugh Student Center at the heart of campus (Project #1 of the Campus Master Plan)



2022

Received the largest philanthropic gift in history (\$10 million) toward the 61,000 sq. ft. Freed Center for Leadership and Service (Project #3 of the Campus Master Plan)

Student learning shifted entirely remote due to the pandemic; while VU welcomes its largest incoming class, fall 2020

2023



Unveiled the new perimeter campus fence and corner monument sign on the prominent intersection of Fair Dr. and Newport Blvd (Project #2 of the Campus Master Plan)

Welcomed the largest combined incoming/transfer class; largest traditional undergraduate enrollment in history

Received a transformational gift to endow the new Patty Arvielo School of Business and Management



After slowly ascending in national rankings, received the highest rank by the U.S. News & World Report: #35 Best Regional University, West

Athletics accepted as a provisional member of the NCAA DII Pacific West Conference

