

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2014

KEYNOTE FEATURING THE **HONORABLE L. DOUGLAS WILDER**
FORMER GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

NATIONAL THEME: **CIVIL RIGHTS IN AMERICA**



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IDEA FUSION

In 1969, L. Douglas Wilder won election to the Senate of Virginia from his hometown, Richmond, and in the process became the first African American elected to that body since the end of Reconstruction. By the time he began his 1985 campaign to become Virginia's 35th lieutenant governor, Wilder was recognized as one of the commonwealth's most powerful legislators. Many pundits predicted Virginia was not ready to elect a black statewide official in 1985, but he won the election, becoming the highest elected black official in the country at that time.

Four years later he again set out on a tour of the commonwealth, this time as a candidate for governor of Virginia. Voters of the commonwealth proved they were ready for progress, choosing Wilder to serve as the 66th governor of Virginia. During his tenure as governor, Virginia was twice recognized as America's best managed state.

February 17, 2014
Keynote Address: 6:30 PM
North Café
Webb University Center
Free & open to the public

Parking is available in Garage E
(49th st Lot, near football stadium), 2 & 3 level

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