**VSU Evolution and name changes:**

1882 Founded as the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute.

*First state-supported four year institute of higher learning for African-Americans in the U.S. The institute is co-ed from the beginning, which is unusual for the time period. First class graduates 1886.*

1902 Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute

1930 Virginia State College for Negroes

1946 Virginia State College. *Norfolk unit becomes part of VSC.*

1969 *Norfolk unit becomes independent as Norfolk State University.*

1979 Virginia State College becomes Virginia State University