President’s Message

Friends,

Thank you for renewing your memberships and welcome to our new members! We are delighted to have more opportunities for you to connect in October.

We are continuing to follow Vanderbilt University Covid guidelines: still in PHASE II which require masks, social distancing, being outside and in groups of 10 or less. Our book discussions, zoom presentations and Chihuly tours fit these guidelines.

In October we are excited to have Professor Alice Randall, Professor Linda Wynn, and Athletic Director, Candice Lee present. Alice Randall will lead a book discussion about her new book “Black Bottom Saints”. Enjoy your cocktail at home from a recipe in the book as Alice relates stories about the people of Detroit. Professor Wynn will continue our suffragist conversation and present the African American Women who played significant roles in the Woman’s suffrage movement and introduce us to more leaders. As the first woman athletic director and the SEC’s first African American woman athletic director, Ms. Candice Lee is breaking barriers. We look forward to hearing Ms. Lee present her vision for Vanderbilt athletics. Thank you, Sharon Hels for coordinating these presentations!

Join us and sponsor a friend to join as well! Order your book “Black Bottom Saints” from our ScholarSong partners, Parnassus Books and Vanderbilt Barnes and Noble book stores. Renew your membership by October 1st to be included in our photo directory. Membership Link: https://redcap.link/svxslx20

Stay safe. Stay curious and stay connected.

We appreciate you,
Donations to the Scholarship since the last newsletter

Donations may be sent to Liz Doyle, 1556 Oxford Court, Gallatin, TN 37066-5717

Carol Armes & Robert Pitz * Cheryl Baird * Melinda Balser * Heidi Bates
Audrey Brown * Faye Brown * Kelly Chambers * Peggy Curci * Katrina Dickerson
Kathleen Garthwaite * Kay Hall * Cherie Hamilton * Margaret Hansen * Kathy Hood
Lynn Maddox * Valerie Middleton * Sara Plummer * Cindy Slobogin * Tracy Stadnick
Claire Tschudy

Year to date
Kelly Chambers

Tribute cards are available from Liz at all meetings.

[Click here to make your donation by credit card]

If you have donated and your name does not appear on our honor roll, please email lsiesser7@gmail.com

Upcoming meetings

All meetings require an RSVP so we know attendance expectations. Note which are Zoom, online.

Mon, Oct 5 - 7:00pm Alice Randall discusses book “Black Bottoms Saints” ZOOM

Wed, Oct 7 - 10:00 and 11:30am  Day Tour of Chihuly with Curator at Cheekwood. RSVP and fee

Thurs, Oct 8 - 2:00pm “The Woman's Hour” Book Discussion at the Green Hills Library with Sheila Jensen

Sun, Oct 11 - 3:00pm “The Woman's Hour” Book Discussion at the home of Elisabeth Sandberg

Wed, Oct 14 - 10:30am Dr. Linda Wynn “Stars and Sustainers: The Long Line of Black Women Activists” ZOOM

Thurs, Oct 15 - 6:30pm Night Tour of Chihuly with Curator and Docent at Cheekwood RSVP and fee

Mon, Oct 19 - 2:00pm “The Woman's Hour” Book Discussion led by Kelly Chambers ZOOM

Wed, Oct 21 Start the Conversation “The Woman's Hour” Book Discussion - Questions and Answers

Thurs, Oct 22 - 10:30am Presentation Candice Lee, Vanderbilt Athletic Director ZOOM

VWC in-person meeting guidelines:
Our Vanderbilt Woman Club Guidelines are different from Nashville Guidelines:
VWC follows Vanderbilt University Phase Guidelines for COVID-19.
Vanderbilt University Guidelines are in Phase II:
“Gatherings up to 10 as long as physical distancing can be maintained and safety protocols (e.g., face masks/coverings) are followed.”
The board recommends: No sharing of food and drink. Members should bring their own food and drink to events at this time.
Members cannot participate if they feel sick or have a fever.

We appreciate your concern for everyone’s health and your participation to help keep our members safe!
Welcome new members . . .

Ashleigh Maxcey

I am originally from Wilmette, IL. I went to Purdue for my BA and University of Iowa for my PhD. I’m a Senior Lecturer and Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology. My husband and I have three kids (13, 12, and 9). I love to read, eat delicious food, and cheer on the Vanderbilt Women’s Basketball Team!

Welcome back . . .

Melinda Balser

Melinda and her husband Jeff have been in Tennessee since 1999. They raised their three children in Brentwood (all are adults) and are happy to announce they have a new daughter-in-law. Recently retired from working at Christ Church Cathedral, Melinda currently serves on three boards…The Nashville Symphony, The Nashville Food Project and The New Beginnings Center. Melinda enjoys hikes, dog walks, reading, painting, and travel and is glad to rejoin the VWC after a hiatus.

From the Archives’ September

Membership history

In 1893 there were 20 members and three associates and 697 students at Vanderbilt University.
In 1950 the club membership was nearing 225.
The discussions over membership was not who was going to be excluded yet how to best meet the needs of the members while still making new members feel very welcome.
In 1896 the burning question was, can unmarried woman be members of the club. They were allowed.
Then, would the wives of the medical faculty be included - they also were allowed.
Then the wives of teaching fellows, and now, membership can include women who have graduated from Vanderbilt, women whose children have graduated from Vanderbilt or women who have been referred by a current member and have an interest in being affiliated with and supporting the Vanderbilt community.
We appreciate each and every member and look forward to seeing everyone as soon as we can.

by Joy Allington-Baum

Musical Soiree
October, 1964

Party Planning
March, 1965
Life Members in focus . . .

Anne Roos

Anne joined the VWC in 1958 through the wife of the head of her husband’s department. She has stayed a member due to the friendships she developed with women throughout Vanderbilt and all the interesting speakers over the years. She felt that the goals of the club were useful and found it a wonderful way to be involved with the greater Vanderbilt community. She participated with the creation of the Woman’s Center on campus.

What she would tell a new member would be that you can make good friends and participate in the group in all the different phases of your life. She used what is now called the explorers group as a way to get to know the city when she first moved to Nashville.

She enjoyed the entertaining aspects of the club connected with Chancellor Branscomb. She misses the University Club and found it a wonderful place to socialize with other faculty and their spouses. The 100-year VWC anniversary year stood out for Anne and she remembers it as a wonderful time with lots of educational and social activities. She has made many wonderful friends from being a member and it was a big part of her social life.

Anne received a degree in architecture and helped to design homes for various non-profit organizations. She ended up on the Nashville planning commission and loved the 16 years she participated in city planning. Her favorite part of being an architect is visualizing how spaces could be developed. She remained a member throughout the different stages of her life in Nashville and is pleased to be a member of VWC.

Sara Plummer

Sara joined the VWC in 1970 when the chairman’s wife of her husband’s Mathematics department told her about the group. She was told that it was a great way to get to meet people and felt the club made her feel very welcome. Sara joined to be a member of the greater Vanderbilt community and found that the club offered so much more. She enjoyed being involved with many aspects of the VWC her favorite group met once per month to have supper together. During this time, they got to know the other professors and wives. This was invaluable for a new young couple in a new city.

Sara had decided to have the goal of becoming a life member and even though she was on sabbatical in different countries or working full time, she achieved it in 2010. Sara thinks the club offers the opportunity to make friendships and membership gives you a common ground to explore and learn new things. She finds the woman in the group exceptional in many ways. Her favorite memories are going to the Chancellors Residence for Tea. She likes that she has been able to participate in different ways over the years and looks forward to seeing everyone in, hopefully, the not too distant future.

By Joy Allington–Baum

Life members shall be those members who have paid membership dues to the Club for forty years.

Article III - Bylaws
**‘Get Fit’**

Social distancing doesn’t have to be a deterrent for getting out and getting fit! Running is a great way to stay vibrant, feel better, and get your “glow” on! Did you know that there are “virtual” races that you can register for? You choose your distance (5k, 10k, half-marathon, etc.), complete at your leisure and pace, and virtual races offer fun incentives (think swag AND medals!) to encourage runners and walkers to get out and exercise without gathering in huge crowds!

You’ll find many races support great charities as well. Virtual Running Club (www.virtualrunningclub.com) recently held a “Ratification Race” that celebrated and honored the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment (a portion of registration fees went to the National Park Foundation’s Women in Parks initiative)! A quick Google Search for: Virtual Running Clubs will give you a list of great options to check out – or contact me any time for help, training suggestions, and encouragement!

Exciting races are happening virtually all the time. Check it out and stay fit and healthy in reality (and socially distanced)!

**Heidi Bates  801-671-2363**  
heidi.m.bates@gmail.com

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**Music Group**

Dear Music Group, Are you still there? Are you bored yet? I hope you've been able to listen to your favorite music at home and on the road. Wonder who has made the most playlists?!

I found a site that can connect you with local music and more. Just click on the link below:


Hopefully we can meet again before long.

**Sue McDougall  615-974-5121**  
mcdougall.interiors@gmail.com

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**Daytime Movies**

**A Tuesday of choice**  
Regal Green Hills Cinema. Meet in the lobby.

**Contact Betsy to be on the email blast.**  

**Betsy Fleetwood  615-579-0903**  
befleet@aol.com

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**Girls Night Out**

**Wednesday, October 7 at 4:30pm**  
Outdoors at Percy Warner Golf Course clubhouse picnic shelter.

**Bring a mask, a chair, if you would like, your beverage, your meal.**

There are many nice picnic tables that will be covered. The covered picnic area isn’t far from the Cheekwood entrance and a hiking trail.

This event is limited to the first 10 ladies who RSVP - yes in order to follow the Vanderbilt guidelines.

Hope to see you!

**Amy and Cindy**

To RSVP, please email  
**Amyjsmith.rn@gmail.com**

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Community Explorers

The Murals in the Gulch

Look for an email with details on date and time.
If you are not on the email list from last year, contact Margaret.

Margaret Hansen 615-481-1927
margarethansen@gmail.com

Book Group Two 1st Monday 1pm

will continue to meet online and outside in a small group as members wish to participate.
Our book for October is

David Grann’s...
“Killers of the Flower Moon”.
Nancy Fruetel 615-297-5075
nnfruetel@msn.com

“Disturbing and riveting...It will sear your soul.” — Dave Eggers, New York Times Book Review

Antique Study Group

Tuesday, October 20 at 10 a.m.

Kippie Leland
Leland Interiors, LLC

Incorporating Antiques in Design
maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com
615-269-0538
Details about the venue follow your reservation.

Kippie Leland A.S.I.D., owner/designer of Leland Interiors, works with clients throughout the Nashville, Tennessee area including Franklin, Leiper’s Fork, Brentwood, Murfreesboro, Green Hills, and Belle Meade.
Services range from simple consultation and plan review to complete turn-key jobs. Overseeing every step of the project from creation to estimate to installation, the company has a wide range of suppliers and workrooms. Collaborative efforts including the contractor, interior designer and landscape architect are welcomed and make for the best end result.

Followed by Lunch

If you missed the meetings, here are the links to the recordings:

Hermitage Hotel Zoom presentation
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Passcode: um4e?6YT

Alan LeQuire Zoom presentation
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Passcode: kqr$aW0D

Bird Banding Zoom presentation
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/k4eRoG8kckd8Dqh_uTmETn8Z_V5F5AQ_u4UqIK1LyLcJWeo-LFz2yPVEnrN20L7skitH5d20CwrR8OD
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Please join us for our Community Service Zoom Call!
We want to hear your stories on how you have served the community during these incredible times.
We will also share more ideas on how we can continue to virtually serve in the upcoming months.
Most importantly, let’s connect and share to encourage one another.
There will be fun activities and a prize! Hope to see you there!

The Vanderbilt School of Nursing news mentioned a thank you to VWC for all the masks made for the nursing students.
VU School of Nursing Mag article https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/news/school-of-nursing-alumni-send-students-encouragement-along-with-masks/

Project Period
Click here to read more
Donate feminine hygiene products at this year’s meetings.
This includes soap and deodorant.
Donations can be left in the big pink bin or bag at each of our events.

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Communications Gurus

Thank you for keeping us all informed. Please send all photos or items you want to share to

Kelly Chambers
kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Text: 409-771-5731

She will disseminate all information. Kelly will also guide you through joining our social media.

The Team

Kelly Chambers - Coordinator
Nancy Dwyer - Publicity
Lisa LeMaster - Website
Lynne Siesser - Magnolia News

Interest Groups

Do you have another interest not listed?

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DAYTIME
ANTIQUES: Mary Helen Short 3rd Tuesday at 10am
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BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel 1st Monday 1pm
615-297-5075 - nnruetel@msn.com
BRIDGE TUESDAY: Mary Helen Short 2nd Tuesday 1pm
615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort111111@gmail.com
BRIDGE THURSDAY: Lynne Siesser Every Thursday 1pm
615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com
COMMUNITY EXPLORERS
Margaret Hansen - 615-481-1927
margarethansen@gmail.com
COMMUNITY SERVICE: 1st Tuesday 9:30am
Anna Walker - 615-545-7788 -
totallyou@msn.com
FRENCH: Joan Harshman
2nd Thursday 12:30pm
615-864-8885 - joan.s.harshman@gmail.com
GET FIT: Heidi Bates
801-671-2363 - Heidi.m.bates@gmail.com
MAH JONGG: Cindy Slobogin Every Wednesday 1pm
352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com
MOVIE GROUP: Betsy Fleetwood
615-579-0903 - befleet@aol.com
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 12:30pm
Joy Allington-Baum - 214-755-5328
joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com
QUILTING: Lynne Siesser
615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com
VANDY LUNCH: Elisabeth Sandberg
2nd Wednesday 12:30pm
text: 617-957-2169 - elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu

EVENING/WEEKEND

BOOK GROUP ONE: 2nd Sunday 2:30pm
Ann Ercelawn - 615-298-4766 - ann.ercelawn@gmail.com
Kitty Porter - 615-406-4352 - kitty.porter@gmail.com
COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser
615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com
GET FIT: Heidi Bates
801-671-2363 - Heidi.m.bates@gmail.com
GIRLS NIGHT OUT:
Amy Smith - 720-939-0135 - amyjsmith.rn@gmail.com
Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com
GOURMET GROUP
Sheila Jensen - 615-351-4375 sheilajensen@comcast.net
Adele Stein - 615-309-6951 steinadelle@hotmail.com
LOOSELY BOUND: Elisabeth Sandberg 4th Tuesday 7pm
text: 617-957-2169 elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu
MAH JONGG - EVENING: 1st Monday 7pm
Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com
MOVIES - EVENING:
Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com
Betsy Fleetwood - 615-579-0903 - befleet@aol.com
MUSIC GROUP: Sue McDougall
615-974-5121 - mcdougall.interiors@gmail.com

Stay Connected

Join our VWC Facebook group to keep up with happenings in the club throughout the year. It’s a closed group so only VWC members may post information or see posts. You do need a Facebook account to join.

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On and off campus . . .

Vanderbilt News
Series on justice, healing with renowned artists and scholars hosted in collaboration with Fisk, University, and the Frist Art Museum, and Millions of Conversations


VU Vanderbilt alumnus’ persistence helped propel 19th Amendment ratification


VU School of Nursing Mag article


TPAC had a Lunch Box talk about the new premier: sponsored by VU Government and Community Relations
Out of the Lunch Box program this week. A wonderful program about an upcoming premier by Nashville Opera – One Vote Won. https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=nashville+opera+one+vote+won+youtube&docid=607996794691389867&mid=F92181EE46D3EE83504BF92181EE46D3EE83504B&view=detail&FORM=VIRE

The VU Women’s Center past Cuninggim Lectures and the VU Women’s Center

https://www.vanderbilt.edu/womenscenter/ https://www.vanderbilt.edu/womenscenter/cuninggimlecture

Cuninggim Lecture on Women in Culture and Society
Each year, the Cuninggim Lecture on Women in Culture and Society offers an occasion to raise awareness about the ways in which gender shapes and is shaped by our lived experiences. Each Cuninggim Lecturer empowers Vanderbilt community members to expand their activist reach and become more involved in positive social change outside of the University.

Bird Banding:
On September 14th we hosted John Kell and Emily Moorman for a presentation on Bird Banding. Here is the recorded session:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/kdeRoG8kcdl8Dqh--aTmETn8Z_V5F5AO_udUqIK1LyrlcJWeo-LFz2yPVEmrN2OL7skitH15d2CwR8OD Pascode: J8x+Jix

John and Emily will be doing more bird banding at Owl’s Hill this Fall. Please contact John if you have questions, want to know more about birds, banding or the new nonprofit, or would like to participate.
Our fall banding sessions are every Monday during September and October from 8:30 until 12:30 (weather permitting - we don't band when it is raining). You need to let Owl’s Hill and John know you are coming.

john@thehabitatconnection.org www.thehabitatconnection.org 615-500-8077

From John and Emily’s research at the Owl’s Hill Nature Center

Migratory Bird Research - The Spring banding season ended on May 26. A total of 37 birds representing 13 species were banded. Highlights of the season included: banding of a least flycatcher, a yellow-breasted chat, and a special recapture of indigo bunting #2811-65801 which was originally banded on September 16, 2019 as a hatch year bird. This bunching flew south to spend the winter in the tropics and then returned to Owl’s Hill to be captured again on May 11, 2020. More than likely this female bunching will mate and nest here this season. This is a great example of site fidelity and why habitats such as Owl’s Hill are important to avian productivity and survivorship. Through citizen science projects such as this we can learn more about the abundance and diversity of birds that use the sanctuary as a permanent residence, as well as those that use it as a stopover during migration. The research can also be used to provide guidelines for maintaining proper habitat for future success in preserving avian population.

by Tracy Stadnick

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THE MARGARET CUNINGGIM WOMEN’S CENTER PRESENTS

WOMEN AND POLITICS

FALL 2020

ALL EVENTS ON ZOOM. Register at https://linktr.ee/vuwomenscenter.

A CONSTITUTION DAY CONVERSATION WITH ELAINE WEISS
AUTHOR OF THE WOMAN’S HOUR: THE GREAT FIGHT TO WIN THE VOTE
Thursday, September 17 • 5:30 p.m.

WHY LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER
Tuesday, September 22 • 4:00 p.m.

VOTER SUPPRESSION: A PANEL DISCUSSION
Tuesday, October 6 • 11:30 a.m.

LEAD FROM THE OUTSIDE:
HOW TO BUILD YOUR FUTURE AND MAKE REAL CHANGE
BY STACEY ABRAMS | BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Wednesday, October 28 • 12:00 p.m.
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## Sign up for general Zoom meetings

- For the 5th: [tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu)
- For the 14th and 22nd: [shels53@gmail.com](mailto:shels53@gmail.com)

*Click here to see what’s new in the picture gallery on our website*
"The Woman's Hour"

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

QUESTIONS?
Lina Keefe, discussion coordinator - LDFK@comcast.net

Below is a link for registration to discuss "The Woman's Hour". We have added a zoom discussion date as well. Most sessions are limited to 8 people to meet the Vanderbilt University Covid guidelines and keep safe. All sessions (except the zoom discussion) are outside and require masks. We look forward to discussing "The Woman's Hour" with you!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAFA823A5FE3-the

If you are unable to join us, please let me know, and we will see about adding more book discussion dates.

September 29 10:30am Tracy Stadnick at Brentwood Library outside. 8 people
September 30 10:00am led by Tracy Stadnick on ZOOM. 8 people
October 8 2pm Sheila Jensen at Green Hills Library outside. 8 people
October 11 3:00pm at Elisabeth Sandberg's home outside. 8 people
October 19 2:00pm led by Kelly Chambers on ZOOM. 8 people
October 21 Questions and Answers
Alice Randall is an American author and songwriter of African-American descent. She is perhaps best known for her novel *The Wind Done Gone*, a reinterpretation and parody of the popular 1936 novel *Gone with the Wind*. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Randall)

*Alice Randall*: An autobiographical element of my fiction is my sense of place. Detroit, where I was born, figures prominently in three of my five novels, Nashville where I live now in four of five. My first novel is stuck in Georgia and makes a jaunt to D.C. I grew up in D.C. I write about the cities I have lived in and loved, Detroit, Washington, D.C., and Nashville. I’m a homebody who writes about her home towns. My favorite way to travel is through reading. That started when I was a child and snuck away from Motown to hide in Switzerland via the pages of *Heidi*. One of the things that makes me bittersweet cry? Going (there are many stamps in this homebody’s passports) to a place I have read about and discovering that, literally present, I am best a visitor and likely a stranger. Reading I was an intimate, a citizen. Writing *Black Bottom Saints* I wanted to give my readers the experience of time and space travel - that I had - when I first read my way into Emily Bronte’s moors or Zora Neal Hurston’s Florida muck! I want readers to become honorary citizens of Black Bottom.
Chihuly at Cheekwood

Wednesday, October 7
10:00 and 11:30am
Day Tour of Chihuly
with Curator
Cheekwood
RSVP and fee $24

Thursday, October 15
6:30pm
Night Tour of Chihuly
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Cheekwood
RSVP and fee $24

Cheekwood Chihuly tour sign up:
Day tour starting at 10:00 a.m.
https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events:register/home/eventId/274
Day tour starting at 11:30 a.m.
https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events:register/home/eventId/284
Evening tour starting at 6:30 p.m.
https://vanderbilt.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events:register/home/eventId/275

Chihuly at Cheekwood features large-scale installations in the gardens of the historic estate as well as pedestal works presented in the art galleries. Outdoor installations include two pieces on the newly-accessible Ann & Monroe Carell Jr. Family Sculpture Trail, as well as two new, site-specific works created for this exhibition. A monumental sculpture is on view in the Frist Learning Center Great Hall.

Dale Chihuly is an American glass sculptor and entrepreneur. His works are considered to possess outstanding artistic merit in the field of blown glass, "moving it into the realm of large-scale sculpture."
Dr. Linda Wynn
"Stars and Sustainers: The Long Line of Black Women Activists"
Dr. Wynn is the Assistant Director for State Programs Publications Editor, The Courier Tennessee Historical Commission.

Durham Boot Camp - Ida B. Wells Society, headquartered at UNC, which supports activist journalism in the Ida Wells tradition

by ZOOM
Wednesday, October 14
at
10:30 a.m.
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National Association of Colored Women’s Club Banner

LIFTING AS WE CLIMB

Dr. Wynn will describe the strong tradition of Black women’s contribution toward social justice, highlighting both significant individual leaders and groups of courageous women who responded to the call to action.

Along with her faculty appointment at Fisk University, her scholarly interests include the role of women in the Civil Rights Movement and the history of African Americans in Tennessee. Last year, she served as a consultant to the Nashville Public Library for its Votes for Women project, and has made several presentations on African American women and the suffrage movement. A member of Spruce Street Baptist Church, she is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.
Thursday, October 22
at
10:30 a.m.

Presentation
Candice Lee,
Vanderbilt Athletic Director

Due to current Vanderbilt University pandemic safety guidelines, we are, unfortunately, unable to host VU Athletic Director Candice Lee at Richland Country Club on October 22 as originally planned. Instead, we will be hosting her via Zoom, so keep that date reserved! Between now and then we will be working on ways to make this fall meeting as fun and special as it has always been.

Sincerely yours,
Sharon Hels

Candice Storey Lee, a native of Madison, Alabama, and former student-athlete at Vanderbilt, is the vice chancellor for athletics and university affairs and athletic director. Lee is Vanderbilt’s first female athletic director and the first African American woman to head an SEC athletics program. Lee has served as an integral leader at the university and in Athletics for almost 20 years, most recently serving as deputy director of the program, a role she was appointed to in 2016. She has also served as the department’s senior woman administrator since 2004.

In addition to her responsibilities of overseeing the day-to-day operations of the athletics department, she is also the sport administrator for the football and women’s basketball programs.

As a captain and four-year letter winner for Vanderbilt’s women’s basketball team, Lee graduated with a bachelor of science degree in human and organizational development in 2000. She also received her master’s degree in counseling from Vanderbilt in 2002, and in 2012, Lee earned her doctorate from Vanderbilt in higher education administration.

In 2019, Sports Business Journal named Lee to its “Power Players: College Sports” list, which recognizes individuals who have “distinguished themselves as some of the best thinkers, problem-solvers and dealmakers in college sports and they will play a distinctly important role in its future.” She is married to Sean Lee, who is the executive director of the Smyrna Housing Authority.

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