



## VHSL Centennial Luncheon Celebration - 100 Years of Excellence



Leland D. Melvin, a graduate of Heritage High School in Lynchburg, will give the keynote address at the VHSL Centennial Anniversary luncheon on Wednesday, April 30 at UVa's Alumni Hall. Melvin, a NASA engineer and astronaut, served on two space shuttle missions.

### Why I participate...



each one has been an important part of my education."

Cassie Rich  
Grassfield High School, Chesapeake  
Class of 2014

"I have scored goals, missed goals, cleared bars, and fallen on the pavement. These lessons may not get me into medical school, but they are just as valuable as memorizing the formulas that will. I have ribbons, medals, trophies, and scars. I didn't earn any of them in a classroom, but

### Wednesday April 30, 2014

11:00 a.m. Registration and Silent Auction followed by luncheon and program

### University of Virginia Alumni Association

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## Astronaut to headline VHSL centennial luncheon

The VHSL is thrilled to announce that Leland D. Melvin is the keynote speaker for the Centennial Celebration. Melvin is the first and only NFL draftee to become a NASA Astronaut.

A graduate of Heritage (Lynchburg) High School, Melvin earned a football scholarship to the University of Richmond, where he received a bachelor's degree in Chemistry. Melvin is first on University of Richmond's career lists with 198 receptions for 2,669 yards and fourth on the Spiders career touchdown receptions list with 16. He was an AP honorable mention All-American in 1984 and 1985, a second-team Academic All-American in 1985 and a team captain during his senior season.

Melvin was chosen by the Detroit Lions in the 11th round of the 1986 NFL Draft; released in training camp, he was signed as a free agent by the Dallas Cowboys the following spring.

In 1991 he received a Master of Science degree in Materials Science Engineering, from the University of Virginia.

As an engineer and a NASA astronaut, he served on board the Space Shuttle Atlantis as a mission specialist on STS-122 and as mission specialist 1 on STS-129. Melvin was named the NASA Associate Administrator for Education in October 2010.

Melvin recently appeared as an elimination challenge guest judge in the 12th episode of Top Chef (Season 7) and with his dogs in the 7th season of The Dog Whisperer.

Other dignitaries who will bring greetings to this gala include former University of Virginia President John Casteen, a past VHSL state debate champion; Deputy Secretary of Education Jennie O'Holleran; National Federation of State High School Associations Executive Director Bob Gardner; VHSL Chairman John B. Gordon, III; past VHSL Executive Director Earl Gillespie and current Executive Director Ken Tilley; and former UVa basketball star Bryant Stith, who now is Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Old Dominion University. Former Richmond television news anchor and current Public Relations Director at the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Lisa Schaffner will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Among the distinguished VHSL alumni and special guests will be former NFL stars Shawn Barber, Calvin Hill and Ken Willard; former President of Eastern Virginia Medical School Ed Brickell; former ACC Commissioner Gene Corrigan; former Virginia secretary of Education Jim Dyke; Virginia High School Hall of Fame track athlete Jackie Gordon; 2011 U.S. Women's World Cup player Ali Krieger; retired MLB pitching ace Billy Wagner; renowned Civil War scholar and author, James "Bud" Robertson; and 2014 Super Bowl official Dave Wyant.

Silent auction items include: autographed baseballs by Don Larsen and Bill "Moose" Skowron; Redskins mini-helmet autographed by Robert Griffin III; Herman Moore autographed football; golf packages to Ford's Colony, Currituck Club and the Virginian Golf Club; tickets to Monticello and Michie Tavern; overnight accommodations to the Ritz-Carlton and Charlottesville Doubletree by Hilton Hotel; tickets to the Richmond ballet "Nutcracker" show, Graves Mountain Lodge Music Festival tickets and Charlottesville nTelos Wireles Pavillion concert tickets; Wintergreen and Massanutten recreation coupons.

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