

Leslie Frazier 0:00

..And I am the Senior Vice President of community and industry Relations at Virginia realtors, which is the largest largest trade association in Virginia that focuses on real estate.

Kate Granruth 0:12

Okay, cool, and what were you sort of involved with extracurricular-wise at UVA?

Leslie Frazier 0:21

Um, so most consistently, I was a big sister, the Young Women's Leadership Program.

Kate Granruth 0:28

I was too!

Leslie Frazier 0:29

Oh, really? Yeah. I did it a second year. Yes. Buford Middle School.

Kate Granruth 0:37

Hey, cool. I was at Berkeley. That was one of my favorite things that I did here.

Leslie Frazier 0:42

You know, it. I know, the Charlottesville community, the townies, if you will, can have a negative perception of the university and as students. And I think if without real exposure in the community, it's very easy to be in your own UVA bubble.

Kate Granruth 0:59

Yeah, for sure.

Leslie Frazier 1:00

YWLP definitely opened my eyes to the greater Charlottesville community. And where my little sister at the time lived was in section eight. That was like, right around the corner from the corner.

Kate Granruth 1:13

Right.

Leslie Frazier 1:14

And I just would have never known that had I not done the program. It was great. I actually talked to my little sister the other day, she's 24.

Kate Granruth 1:24

Oh, my gosh, that must be crazy. I can't handle that mine is finishing her freshman year of high school.

Leslie Frazier 1:31

Oh, my gosh, I know. It's crazy. Like, I'm like, wow, you're like a whole adult.

Kate Granruth 1:37

Wow.

Leslie Frazier 1:38

I did that. And I was in Black Voices Gospel Choir all four years.

Kate Granruth 1:43

Awesome. And do you feel like your experiences there influenced your life after UVA?

Leslie Frazier 1:50

Definitely. With the third thing, I'm a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated the first black sorority on a college campus. And I joined undergrad at UVA. So those are kind of the three big three big things. Yeah, YWLP definitely influenced my life after UVA, it made me very appreciative of how I grew up. middle class, upper middle class neighborhood, they're both parents. Quite a few of my neighbors and I all went to UVA at the same time. And just, you know, the educational opportunities, never kind of, if college was always just were right. And doing that program, especially working with lower income, you've definitely opened my eyes. It just made me more grateful and appreciative and instill the spirit of service and the importance of giving back.

Kate Granruth 3:09

But what did you feel like some extra-curriculars were more welcoming to women or to women of color than others while you were at UVA?

Leslie Frazier 3:17

Organizations? Yeah. Well Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority incorporate, It's a black sorority, right? That was definitely welcoming. But I'll be honest, I had a very hard time at UVA. For a while, I think a lot of reasons. I was 17. When I went first time away from home, I'm from the beach, and then to go to the mountains in Charlottesville. But I think I faced a lot of difficulty with a racial divide at UVA while I was there. So I started in 2008. And, you know, UVA, kind of, I guess it was in 1970 1971 kind of decided to do full integration like with women and minorities, right? To go there. Just over 35 years later, a lot of that was still apparent. So it was difficult to get being from Hampton Roads. It's a diverse community. But you know, racially, there's probably not a whole lot of different cultures and races. So going easy to UVA while it was great. I love being exposed to so many different cultures. It was a culture shock and figuring out how quite to integrate myself in where I belong. It took a while It took a while. It wasn't until fourth year that I kind of felt like Oh man, I finally found my niche, but it's time to go. Yeah.

Kate Granruth 4:43

And I guess sort of while we're on the subject, did you feel like even like the education or the academics, did you feel like there is sexism, misogyny, racism, etc, on grounds

Leslie Frazier 4:58

Well, okay, let me let me rewind them. When I was at UVA, it was the year it was during the time when Morgan Harrington was killed. It was during the time when Yeardley Love was killed. I was often afraid coming home from the library because, you know, and women were being sexually assaulted. There have been times I might have been first year walking from alderman to my dorm and you know, people are driving by honking the horn like men and cars. I'm like, Oh, God, am I gonna be followed third and fourth year I lived in Preston square apartments. So being like, right at Madison, Preston Ave or Washington Park, it's really dark over there. So coming home late studying if there was no parking spot in my complex that I had to park around the corner. I mean, being mindful of I want to be careful when I quickly spread from my car apartment because just the sexual assault, so there's so there was definitely that fear.

And then on the race side, I think so I'm black and Korean. I joined Korean Student Association my second year, but it was not a very welcoming environment. I definitely felt like an oddball, even though I was so excited to kind of find a sense of identity. That side of my family I don't know as much about and I think oftentimes just general kind of racist things that are became a part of the UVA culture that we all like if minorities just kind of accepted. So like, being turned away for a frat party on rugby road, you know, being asked at, you know, a brother, oh, no, I don't Okay, well, you can't come in. And then my roommate who was white, behind me with a different group of friends being let in? And I know she didn't know a brother like that actually happened to me. Yeah, it was, it was a difficult time. But I will say that, I think that type of adversity one, my understanding is it's better now than when I was there. And two, it definitely prepared me for some real world scenarios that weren't as difficult facing them after school because of some of my undergrad experiences.

Kate Granruth 7:15

I'm sorry, you had to face all of them. Like I think there's definitely a lot of adversity that, like communities of color have to face here. Yeah. Clearly, but yeah, thank you for sharing that with me.

Leslie Frazier 7:32

Yeah, of course.

Kate Granruth 7:33

Um, did you feel like there was any, like, discussions about consent and respect on grounds while you were here? And was it helpful if there was?

Leslie Frazier 7:46

Kind of aging myself a little bit? It's like, 10 years? I don't remember too many discussions about consent. It was more so-- And I can't remember off the top of my head, but those lights that are every 15 feet or so. Yeah. You know, there was make sure you're aware of those.

I mean, when I say there's, you know, Uber and Lyft now, but when I was in school, we had saferide. I don't know if that still exists. Yeah, that kind of was more so mention of resources, if you need safe transportation after a party or some more. So general encouragement, of course, you know, go in groups, or there might have been an addition or two on the stall seat journal, about just being safe. But I don't remember a lot of discussions about consent.

Kate Granruth 8:42

Yeah, almost more, as opposed to fixing the culture. It's just how to survive in it.

Leslie Frazier 8:48

Yeah, I was also a little paranoid. I didn't go out a lot until the end towards the end of school. So I maybe didn't need the conversations as much as some others. I think, the agendas, especially with UVA being a place of so much freedom. I think people students tend to party hard the first year. And so maybe having more of a focus on that type of conversation with first year students, but I don't remember a particular conversation around that. I mean, I'm sure my ra probably said something about it, you know, but it's not something that 13 years later, I quite recall.

Kate Granruth 9:28

Yeah, we had a whole orientation when I was started in 2017. And it wasn't that helpful, but we did have to sit there for several hours while they told us about scary statistics.

Leslie Frazier 9:41

Oh, God.

Kate Granruth 9:44

I guess we're just switching to happier things. Do you have a favorite UVA memory or a couple of memories that stick out to you?

Leslie Frazier 9:51

Oh, man, so I'm a big basketball fan. The team was not good when I went there. I mean, I would wait for an hour and a half outside of JPJ for games. And then we would, you know, I went home I literally watched just blow a 10 point lead in a minute. Well, that's very different than today's team, Tony Bennett became the coach my second or third year. So, by the time the program developed, I was gone. But I just loved the athletic environment of attending sporting events, particularly in basketball, because one is indoors. So you're not in during the heat, too. I just love basketball, I grew up playing it. So it's just that environment, that camaraderie, you know, seeing the good old song with your fellow classmates, you don't even know like, I just I love that. That's kind of a broader memory, a specific one. So I was in black voices gospel choir all four years. And just the experience of singing at the lighting of the lawn. It's, it's hard to explain it. There's

no other feeling. It was just so cool to represent your individual student organization. And the greater UVA community joined through song.

Kate Granruth 11:08

That's really cool. Yeah, cuz I've attended, I'm not in I don't know very many people who would have performed at it. So that's really good. It's like, an exciting thing on both ends.

Leslie Frazier 11:20

It is. And I oddly enough, I think that was third year. I've never I don't think I ever attended any other lighting of the lawns than the first one I did we actually perform. So kind of getting that dual experience was really cool. Yeah.

Kate Granruth 11:34

Did you have sort of, so there's like, favorite moment, but also like something transformative, like, define what you wanted to do? Did you have any transform transformational moments while at school?

Leslie Frazier 11:45

Hey, yep. So, um, when I went to college, I wanted to be a doctor. Yeah, I think growing up because a lot of people start pre med. We all start pre med. And, I mean, I was actually on academic probation due to the sciences and quickly realized that was not my transformative story. I'll give some more context. So I, my first year is the year that President Obama was elected first time, and the excitement and kind of watching the results like with your fellow dorm, mates on a, like a 13 inch TV, but anyway, just kind of getting the excitement around an election and kind of the first time away from home. It was very cool to witness that on grounds. But at that time, I still thought I was supposed to be a doctor. So you know, I take the courses, I fail biology, I end up on academic probation. And I realized, you know, maybe that political interest that I kind of started having, maybe I should explore that. So that led me to major in government. So the sciences, I mean, they're definitely the weed eater courses. And I'm glad that I realized I was not meant to be a doctor second year, and not like in medical school.

Kate Granruth 13:02

I have a lot of friends who started out pre med, and then we're like, you know what, I like plants better than people doing sort of plant science. My mom also started pre med, and she's a social worker now. And that didn't end up happening either.

Leslie Frazier 13:18

Yeah, I don't I don't know if it's, um, if it's our parents, right. So my parents are older. My, my dad has since passed, but he and my mom would be 67 this year. So I don't know if it's that older school like, oh, doctors, like that's a great profession. Still in our kids to be a doctor, and then, you know, politics, no one in my family has ever been in politics. So for me to go that route, it was it was carving a new path. But you know, I would have never done that. Had I not had the experiences at UVA that led to that. So I'm very grateful for that.

Kate Granruth 13:53

Yeah, that's really cool. Yeah, I do think there's a large part of parents who are like, go to college to get employed. And so then I was like, I'm gonna study Women's Studies. And they were like, Okay.

Leslie Frazier 14:05

I know, it's hard to explain that to them. And then, so I'm a first generation college student, like, my dad was a Vietnam vet. My mom was super smart, but it's like a 70s hippie, and you didn't need to go to college in 72 really, so they didn't. I mean, obviously, it was, it was going to happen for me, but talking to them about like majors and stuff. I mean, not only with the times have been so drastically different, but they didn't have the experience. So, but I would try and tell them, as we all know, you get a degree from UVA, it doesn't matter what you major in, you could be pre med, you could major in classics, like yeah, and it really carries you a long way. And I would tell my parents that they're kind of like okay, I mean, I guess so. It's actually true. I've had a lot of doors open just from you know, the name and the degrees. Yeah, that's good. For me.

Kate Granruth 15:03

So we talked a little bit about the challenges you faced. But did you in case there's anything to add? I do have a specific question of like, what's the most challenging thing about UVA? And what was that for you? I don't want to, like reiterate or keep going, but

Leslie Frazier 15:17

No, you're fine. I mean, for me, it was definitely being a minority there. Yeah. And the minorities were so cliquy. I mean, I've walked into Newcomb and you look and you see, like, maybe all the Korean sitting together all the African students within their individual country sitting together, I'm like, wow, I don't know where I quite fit belong. I'm very extroverted. And I kind of always have been, but I was probably the most introverted in college. So walking up to a stranger and sparking conversation, like, I would have never thought to do that. It was almost like the culture fostered exclusion. And for someone like me, who, like I said, first time away from home, I was 17. Like, I just yearn for, somewhere I belong, it just took a while to find it. So that was the most difficult part, just not really knowing where it belonged, and how to cope with which was probably a little bit of depression. But I was very much like, and then I'm a person of faith. So I was very much like, um, there are these resources on the back of the self seed journal, and I should probably go take advantage of them. But no, no, no, like, I'll figure this out on my own. Kid, but you know, it probably would have figured it out quicker. Had I sought some help? Yeah. I would have just been like, I probably needed to, like literally lay on a couch and just think about my problems to someone, right?

Kate Granruth 16:58

Yeah, yeah. It's always I feel like once it's like you see a resource, you have to be in the moment to be like, I should do that right now. And if you see the stall seat journal, when you're not feeling particularly upset, you're like, whatever. In my experience.

Leslie Frazier 17:12

Exactly. And in caps, counseling and psychological services, it took me a while to remember the acronym several times, I thought, like, maybe, you know, I should check this out. But I never did. And I hope that more students now are, especially in like today's times, yeah, taking advantage of that. at UVA. One, when I applied, you could only mark one race on your application. Now you can mark more, right? By the time I graduated, you could mark more. So basically, every student at UVA, if you mark black on your application, you're assigned a peer advisor through the Office of African and African American affairs, not many people know that.

Kate Granruth 17:53

Yeah, I didn't know that, actually.

Leslie Frazier 17:56

And I am back to the extracurriculars I did. I don't know how I forgot to mention that I was a peer advisor, my third and fourth year, and you're given like five advisees, who are first year students. But when I was an advisee, I did not know that my peer advisor was supposed to be reaching out to me weekly. Just checking in, Hey, how are you doing? Do you need anything from a cupcake to like tutoring to caps to anything like that? So when I became one, I was like, Oh, my gosh, my person was supposed to be reaching out to me this frequently. God that really would help. You know, yeah. Yeah, there are definitely a good resources there. But if you don't really take advantage of them, yeah, they might struggle a little bit. I know I did.

Kate Granruth 18:40

Yeah. It's hard to seek them out. Definitely. Yeah. Like if you don't, if somebody isn't saying, Hey, you know, there's a, there's 10 free appointments at CAPS.

Leslie Frazier 18:49

Right, right. And you know, or, Hey, I'll go with you. Right. Maybe we can go together. Yeah. Honestly, black voices gospel choir definitely saved me. That was where I found community Thursday nights in Minor Hall, because that's where we had practice. If it weren't for that two hours, once a week, plus some of our engagements, I don't know what would have happened to be honest.

Kate Granruth 19:12

Are you still in touch with some of the people you did that lifted gospel choir with

Leslie Frazier 19:17

Some? So the class of 2009 so that was the fourth year class when I was a first year, right. Something about that group was very much the heart of the choir. I mean, we were a huge like,

120 person choir. And when they graduated, half the choir left. Wow. And then by the time I was a third year, the choir was like 30 members. So to go from 120 down to 30. The spirit kind of was somehow kind of lost. And my understanding is it's still kind of like that today. So I don't think current students in the choir maybe are getting the same experience I did. And I think a lot of that is probably due to a few Things one. I know the black student population at UVA has decreased since I've been there, which it was never that big.

Kate Granruth 20:06

So yeah, I know it's pretty, it's actually pretty pathetic. That UVA can't, like, get it together.

Leslie Frazier 20:14

Right? You know, it's pretty it is, to your point, pretty pathetic. And then I think people like me, I think I'm at the tail in kind of a generation with older parents. So kinda like growing up Southern Baptists in the church like that culture? I think it's kind of decreasing. As times change, so I think naturally, that culture maybe would just not be as big at UVA. Today's time's

Kate Granruth 20:44

Yeah, that makes some amount of sense, I guess. Yeah. Hopefully other people can find the same sort of respite you did in it. Yeah, same. Yeah. Um, were there any particular women or groups of like women, a woman groups of women that were inspiring to you during your time on grounds? Or now?

Leslie Frazier 21:08

Oh, good question. Um, definitely, the women I met at YWLP. And then I mean, the Women's Center at large, because, you know, we had to take the corresponding course, right. And I ended up doing an internship with the Women's Center, which is kind of nice, but you know, I sadly, I can't remember the name. It was like an international women's internship, honestly, it was a great opportunity that I think 20 year old me was not ready for. If I had been a little older, like, I wouldn't have been in college at 24. But like 20, for me, and that type of internship would have thrived, but still, like, kind of struggling with identity and not really knowing what to do, but definitely the wider VIP sisters. Like from our teachers to the fellow bigs in my cohort. I mean, just all of us kind of coming together. And I'm like, Okay, I'm 19. And I'm mentoring someone. I'm a baby, too. But it kind of forced me to, to be that big sister, especially I'm and I grew up as an only child.

Kate Granruth 22:11

I must have been fun. Yeah,

Leslie Frazier 22:16

And for me, my, my little sister, she spent, she spent a good amount of time with me. Her mom was very young. She was only 10 years older than me, which is younger than I am now at the time. So I think just all of the different women, whether it be my fellow Big Sisters, the Little Sisters, our teachers, other women at the Women's Center, or the moms of the girls, I mentored I

think being exposed to a lot of different women who come from different backgrounds. It just opened my eyes a lot to kind of like female empowerment.

Kate Granruth 22:52

I second that. I just, I think about that program so fondly I still have a snapchat streak with my little sister. It's really fun.

Leslie Frazier 23:03

Oh, nice. I think I found a Facebook photo of us from ages ago. And I think I have a shirt somewhere. Yes. Why don't we actually did you all still do like, class shirts? Yeah, for each year. So the one we did? I think I came up with this idea. Or maybe my group did yeah. decided to write little sister in a lot of different languages. Whoo. That's cool. On the back of our shirt. It was really cute.

Kate Granruth 23:32

Yeah, we had one. That was it said, like it had four girls holding hands around the female symbol, I think and it said empowered women empower women. I liked that one.

Leslie Frazier 23:46

I love that. Yeah,

Kate Granruth 23:47

it was a lot of fun. It was. They were so funny. Did you feel like there was like a presence of women's groups and movements on campus? While you were here?

Leslie Frazier 24:01

Um, yeah. So other than YWLP. And my sorority involvement? I wasn't really aware of a lot. I'm sure there were. And I know, you know, when you're in high school, and you visit UVA, and they tell you, we have 600 organizations here, and you can always create one, you know, I'm sure that there were some I came across that but none that I was really involved in or that had that much of an impact. Yeah, looking back on it. I wish that I had maybe sought that out more but you know, hindsight is 2020.

Kate Granruth 24:40

Right. And I also think it's one of the questions that's like, were women allowed to join extracurriculars of like, by the time like, I would probably have a struggle to answer this question now, because I wouldn't describe there being movements on campus. Right, because, like there's people who advocate things or like will hold events, but there's Not necessarily like let women into college. Like that type of thing.

Leslie Frazier 25:04

Yeah, that wouldn't have been even with my time either. Right? Yeah, exactly. Ah, now majority female.

Kate Granruth 25:35

Was there a gender difference in your major or in your, like, professors that were teaching you your major courses and whatnot? Like, did you find there were more male and more female?

Leslie Frazier 25:47

On the government side, more male. Spanish side, more female.

Kate Granruth 25:50

Right. And that, professors as well as student makeup? Yeah, I feel like that tracks. I'm trying to see what other I feel like we've gotten most of the questions. But I guess, after leaving UVA, what is sort of your journey? Do you feel like the legacy of or the legacy of women at UVA? It's kind of talking about, like, after you graduated again?

Leslie Frazier 26:24

Um, yeah. So after undergrad, I worked political campaigns. One was President Obama's re election campaign. So cool circle there. And then former Governor Terry McAuliffe, gubernatorial and I joined his administration from that. So that kind of the government politics role, and I've been at Virginia row tours only six months. So I think I've always been in very male dominated fields. Even the politics, I did veterans and military policy for years, that was very male dominant. Oftentimes, I found that I was one of few women. And even more so like people of color in a room. Right. I think, I think the way that I'm able to carry myself, you know, the lessons learned in life, definitely from UVA, the fact that I just went to UVA. And I could just tell people that into my earlier point, like the reaction is still like, Oh, you know, I don't know if that'll ever stop. Yeah, I mean, I like it. It's been able to carry me far. Now, most of the alum that I meet, and a lot of that could just be the circles I'm in, like, on the political side are male. But I'm, I'm starting to see more female, like, the president of our UVA club of Richmond is a woman. In real estate, it's heavily female dominated, the leadership is more male dominated. But I think just the kind of being able to carry the UVA presence and the name and you know, graduating with the honors, honors, like, all of that I carry with me kind of in everything that I do. I hope that answered.

Kate Granruth 28:19

Wonderful. Tangent a little bit. No, it's all good. Um, and I correct me if I'm wrong, but you were involved with one Young Alumni.

Unknown Speaker 28:33

Yeah, funny enough? Not really. Because the first I feel like with VR, that the first two years is when people really go, yeah. And I worked political campaigns, both of those cycles. So by 2014, I'm like, Okay, get VR. And all my friends. Most were in 2012 and 2011. They're like, Yeah, I was so like, last year, and I'm like, Oh, well, I guess I'm too old, even though technically, I still qualify. So I never actually went to your Gosh, I wish I had I wish that I had that will, who cares if my friends aren't going I'll just go but I'm like that more now. It was not, you know, a

few years ago. Now, UVA, Black Alumni Weekend, which happens every other year. Traditionally, it's every odd year, but now it's COVID. I think it's being pushed every even year. I am really involved with that.

Kate Granruth 29:28

What's that like? Sort of plan? Like on the planning end? What does it mean to you? etc.

Leslie Frazier 29:36

So first, what is it? I'll start with what it means to me. It's amazing. I mentioned earlier I don't I felt like I didn't really find my niche until fourth year. Yeah, so when it was time to leave, I was really sad. Well, Black Alumni Weekend for me, it's almost like a continuation of that niche back on grounds

Kate Granruth 29:56

Yeah.

Leslie Frazier 29:57

It's great for networking. It's great to just talk to alumni from all different decades about their experiences, like anytime you get a big group of alumni together like that. I've never been a big UVA alum setting with graduate from 74, up to 2020, you know, in one kind of room, right. And one of my favorite things is black voices spring concert always falls on black Alumni Weekend, a tradition where those of alum of us who weren't in the room who were in the choir, we kind of bum rush the stage and sing our Medley song. So it's cool, awesome. Get on stage like I was in undergrad. And traditionally, the oldest choir director, who's in attendance is the one who directs the song. Like, it's just fun to do that.

Kate Granruth 30:54

Yeah, no, that sounds amazing.

Leslie Frazier 30:56

I really can't think but being in a huge choir, you can blend. So like, it's just fun to do that. The last the last time I was at Black Alumni Weekend, so 2019 was right when we won the Final Four. So I was out on the corner running around with the 1000 other students that were out there, we might have been barely past each other. Yeah. There were so many people. I know which like, now, just thinking about that with the COVID contacts. I'm like, Oh, my gosh, people on top of each other. But um, yeah, I think just the that whole weekend of events. And you can pick it's a package of things like you can pick the different things you want to go to, I mean, mostly, my line sisters in my sorority, we get together and we kind of reminisce and sometimes we do like steps and strolls. And, you know, I see you a lot of other people that I you know, hadn't seen in years. It's just a fun reunion on the planning side. Fortunately, most of that is done by the Alumni Association staff.

Kate Granruth 31:59

Oh, nice, cool.

Leslie Frazier 32:01

Those of us on the committee, it's usually a pretty big committee, and they have a like a chair for each decade. And that person kind of coordinates more and tries to get the perspective from that decade. So we'll be on a couple of calls and maybe provide feedback on things. But fortunately, I don't have to do a lot of planning. I just get to show up and enjoy and advocated try and push fellow alum to register it. And it's more than just undergrad, you know, if you have a graduate degree from UVA as well, you can go, but you tend to see less of those folks go just because you know, the undergrad experience is unlike no other.

Kate Granruth 32:37

Yeah, I know. It's always a little. It's, it's a different it's a different thing. Like when people are like, I read the Virginia magazine, and I like well, they just went for law school. And I'm like, they don't know. They don't get it. Right of like, oh, if they went for both, they get it. But yeah. Yeah, yeah, my Oh, go ahead. Sorry.

Leslie Frazier 32:57

I forgot to mention I drove for UTS fourth year, that was another reason why fourth year was cool.

Kate Granruth 33:03

Fun! I always show my ads that were like you should drive.

Leslie Frazier 33:08

And they were like, crazy. I mean, for people, I still have my CDL and I haven't driven a bus since 2012. But people will be like, usual bus. I'm like, Yeah, like the big city buses, you see in freshmen like, yeah. I mean, that whole community was cool. I mean, just like real chill people. I went, I'll be honest, I went through a period at UVA where I was very, like racially sensitive. I was kind of angry at white people. I was angry at the Koreans, they kind of shunned me for trying to join like my own cultural organization. I went through a period of there of anger and frustration. And fourth year, a lot of that changed. And a lot of it was from the community of bus drivers. We were all just like, super chill. People want to hang out at somebody's house with a bonfire like, great. Like it was just how it should be, like people from different backgrounds all together hanging out unified by the fact that we drive buses. It was really cool. Yeah.

Kate Granruth 36:23

Um, so sort of more. The the final questions are a bit more like maybe they're a bit more of like the hypotheticals of like, if you could impart a piece of advice to a female student on grounds today, or somebody who is entering UVA next year or something, what would you tell her?

Leslie Frazier 36:41

Take advantage of all the resources that are there. I mean, honestly, I would give the same advice to male students to Yeah, just I did not realize what all was in my backyard while I was there. I mean, it could I mean, from a caps I mentioned earlier, to joining a club that I would have never thought to join, because I can because the opportunities there, too. I am an outdoorsy person now, but I was not an undergrad and I to this day regret not hiking hump back then, you know, it was 112. But the 112 things to do before you graduate. I mean, I really wish that I had taken advantage of what I was there when I was there.

Kate Granruth 37:29

And is there anything related to women's history at the university you'd like to learn more about?

Leslie Frazier 37:37

Yeah, I'd be curious. Especially what you said about soon, the alums will be more female dominant than male. Yeah. I'd be curious what other women's initiatives the universities doing I sadly, I, other than, you know, some friends, I haven't done a good job at keeping in touch with folks from UVA. Like, I don't talk to any of my professors. And sadly, one of my professors who taught my YWLP class I babysat for her a couple of times, and I don't talk to her at all. Like, I wish that I had stayed more in contact with them.

And I mean, looking back on it I who knows, I mean, I'm happy with where I am today. So is it man, if I stayed in contact with that faculty? I'd be so much better off today? No, it's not like that. Right? You kind of wish I had. So yeah, I'd be curious to know how I especially now that I'm getting a little older and think about, you know, further away for whatever the undergrad experiences today. I would love to be more involved in any way that I can and just more in touch with with my with our university.

Kate Granruth 38:53

Well, those are basically all the questions that I had. Um, thank you so much. This was so fun. I enjoyed this conversation a lot.

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