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Hakim J. Lucas ([00:07](#)):

For 156 years, Virginia Union has enjoyed being a beacon of light and hope for the Richmond community.

Speaker 2 ([00:16](#)):

(singing)

Hakim J. Lucas ([00:16](#)):

For the education sector, Dominion Energy has proven to be a valuable partner for historically Black colleges and universities throughout the commonwealth.

Jerri Northedge ([00:24](#)):

When we were first approached, we were excited just because this is what we do. But to think that we could have the first university, the first college campus, in Virginia, fully converted to LED was also an exciting, uh, opportunity for us.

Charlene J. Whitfield ([00:38](#)):

LED lighting is much more energy efficient. The maintenance cost is considerably less than your traditional lighting. And the lifespan of LED lights is much longer. As a student here, I was always very proud of the university. I have friendships that I made here at the university that I continue to have to this day.

Charlene J. Whitfield ([00:55](#)):

A partnership like this allows us to help the university provide for a well-lit, safe environment. Not only for the students today, but for students in the future.

Hakim J. Lucas ([01:05](#)):

Many people really don't appreciate the power of light. Not only was it the first thing that God created, "Let there be light," but light has a dual purpose. One, light allows people who are in the community, on our campus, to feel safer. But light also is a powerful tool to allow people to see what's happening from the outside in. The energy savings that are built into this project will allow the university to redirect much of its cost savings back into the pockets of our students, allowing them to reap the benefit of a more affordable quality higher education.