



International Boarding School In a Nutshell

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Virginia Episcopal
School Lynchburg
VA 1916.

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in a new environment.

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old Roommate
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Significance

The impact VES
has had on my life
even today.



Ed Holtom (St. Albans, UK)



Virginia Episcopal School



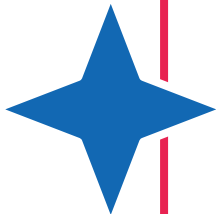
Founding in 1916 for over 105 of Towards Full Stature!



Toward Full Stature

Core Values

- Show Humility
- Act with Honor and Integrity
- Fully Engage in Building Community and Self
- Strive for Excellence in All We Do



Model Student

- Self-aware
- Curious, innovative thinkers and producers
- Mindful leaders who serve with courage and compassion
- Focused on community
- Ready to navigate and continue their personal growth in a dynamic world.

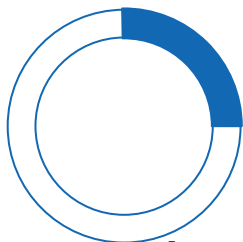




265 Students



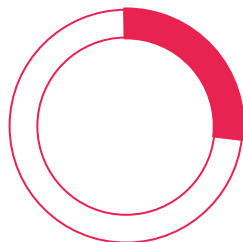
20%



International students

Spanning from over 14 Countries

28%



African American

In 1967 VES was the first Southern boarding school to accept African Americans.

45%



Female

1986 VES became the first Virgin Boarding school to allow women.



**Michelle Wu (Nanjing, China), Bruno Paso (Barcelona, Spain),
May Liu (Beijing, China), Fabian Hultin (Bromma, Sweden),
Helen Ma**

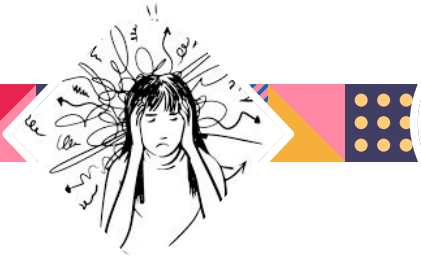
The Story of Friendship

In 2015 I walked on to VES's campus not knowing what to expect or who I was going to be rooming with. To my surprise I was with Yuchuan "Helen" Ma a international student from Qingdao, China. At the time I knew little about how impactful Helen's friendship would be on my life.

Helen and I roomed together for 3 years before she became a student counselor on the sophomore dorms. Helping younger students transition in our community.



Top 3 Intercultural Factors



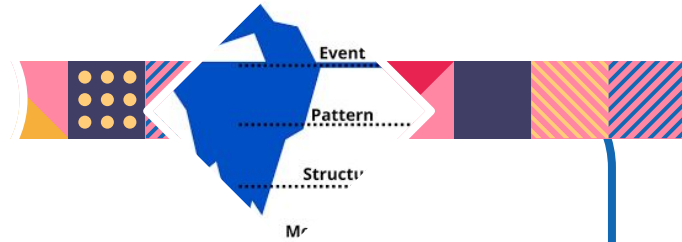
Communication

- Translator
- Figurative language leading to semantic confusion



Culture Shock Model

- Helen going back for christmas and the summer.
- Myself going back for summer.



Iceberg Model

- Academic
- Working out after diner.

Friends around the world!



Sara
Gebauerová
(Netherlands)

Attending VES Really opened my eyes to the border world full of culture that I want to see. Making these connections started a passion for travel and the understanding of culture.



Jose Romero
(Mexico City,
Mexico)



Helen's Senior quote

**"Life is big, dream accordingly.
Change is scary, hold on steadily."**



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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Resources

- My personal photos
- The Vestige (year books)
- The textbook

