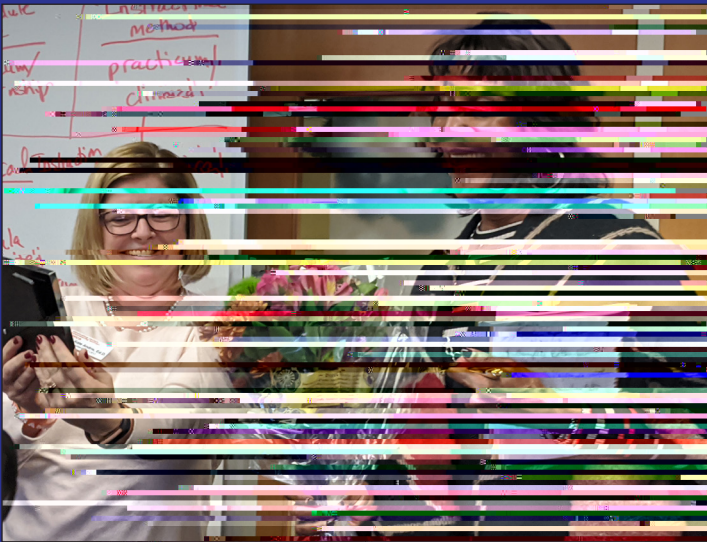


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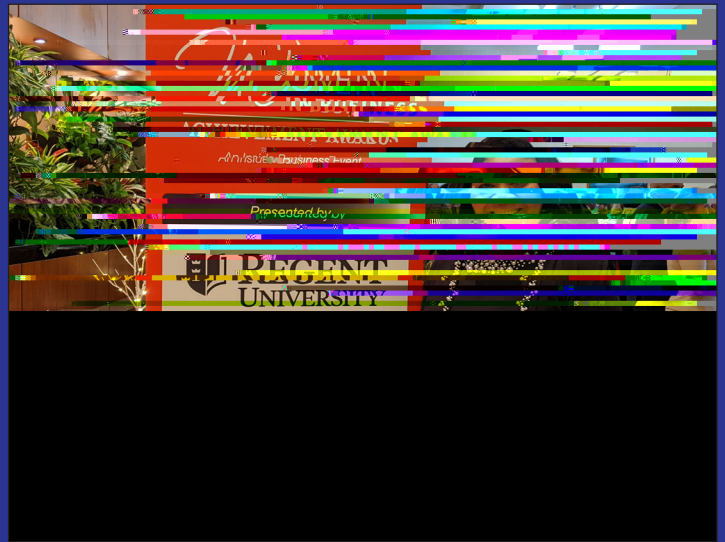


Associate Dean Richardean Benjamin, right, is all smiles during a surprise visit from YWCA President and CEO Mary Kate Andris.

**R**ichardean Benjamin, associate dean of the College of Health Sciences at Old Dominion University, was named a 2020 YWCA Woman of Distinction. She will be officially honored at a special awards luncheon on Tuesday, March 31.

Benjamin was selected under the category of “Education, Training & Development.” In the words of the YWCA, “she inspires a passion for lifelong learning in those around her. She contributes through practice,

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Elizabeth Locke, with the School of Rehabilitation Sciences, at The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center before receiving her

**E**lizabeth Locke, director of clinical education for Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Old Dominion University, was named one of the 2019 Women in Business Achievement by Inside Business. The award is designed to celebrate women who have been successful in their business and careers, have made a significant impact on the business community and local economy and have served as mentors and examples to others.

Nominees must have a Hampton Roads presence – the aim of this award is to recognize local business-women for their local impact.

Locke was born in Lafayette, La., and grew up in **LOCKE**, age

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rural Jennings, La. Living in the rural South, she was exposed to the socioeconomic impact of limited to no healthcare resources, including the lack of healthcare providers who served the needs of poor black people. That experience inspired her to pursue a career in the health-care field.

“The extent of unmet medical needs in poor Southern communities – especially for children [













