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“The shock. The horror.”

@Eyerone

“Throw the whole school away.”

@tbabycashmoney

“Virginia is racist, and water is wet.”

@BelongsToBoston

“I knew I should have gone to a HBCU”

@lillivhunna

# VCU IMPLICATED IN BLACKFACE CONTROVERSIES

*CT probe reveals racist imagery in old yearbooks*



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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RANKED ONE OF THE BEST DEFENSES IN THE NATION:

\*According to NCAA rankings

# #2

Field Goal Percentage Defense

# #2

Scoring Defense

# #2

3-Point Field Goal Defense



Junior center ranks in A-10 top 10 for blocks this season



Rams maintain win streak after defeating Rhode Island

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# TRIFECTA

Crowds celebrate the Democratic victory at the Virginia joint Democratic watch party, which was held at the Hilton in Downtown Richmond. Photo by Jon Mirador

## Dems to control house, senate, governor's mansion

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Democrats secured control of the Virginia General Assembly in Tuesday's elections, marking the first time since 1993 that the party will hold the state Senate, the House of Delegates and the governor's mansion.

The Virginia House will have a Democratic majority with 55 representatives, compared to 45 Republicans. Democrats won 21 seats in the Senate, compared to 19 for Republicans.

Prior to the election, Republicans had a majority in the Senate 20 to 19 with one

vacancy. The House was Republican-led 51 to 48, also with a vacancy.

VCU political science professor Deirdre Condit said 2018's "blue wave" of Democratic victories may have continued into Virginia's statehouse elections this year.

"The nation took the cue from Virginia and followed on as well," Condit said. "I think it's possible that there's a serious continuation of what we have now branded the Democratic blue wave. If that wave is not crested — and if it continues to swell — that may tell us a lot about the 2020 election."

Condit said many of the Democratic votes were rooted in dissatisfaction with the Trump administration.

"Democratic voters were very clearly

there to express their anger at the Trump administration," Condit said. "Several voters who said they were going to vote Democrat talked about this as their way to shout back at the President."

### DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES

Democrats gained a majority in the state Senate by flipping two seats.

Senate Districts that flipped Democrat:

- District 10
- District 13

One of the key races in the Virginia Senate was District 10, which Ghazala Hashmi

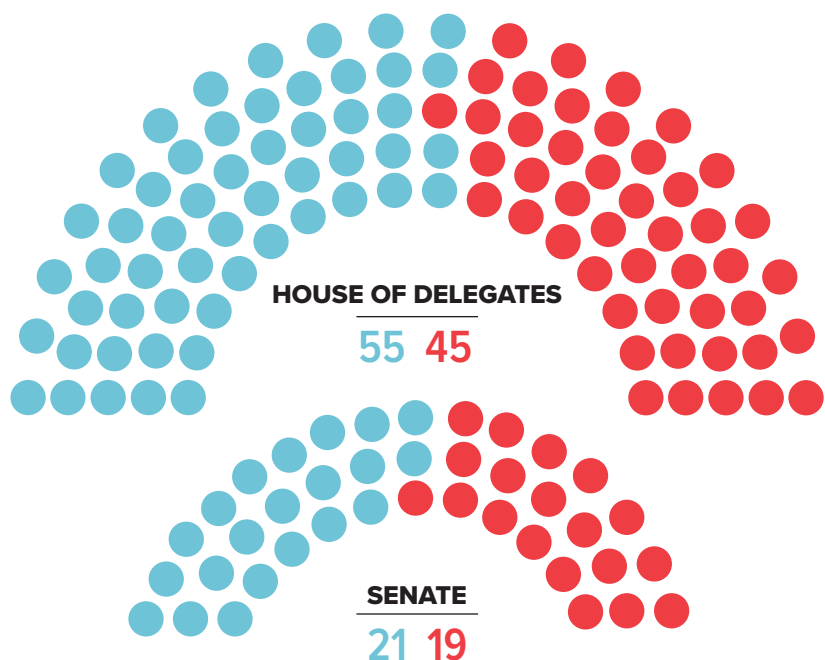
won against Republican incumbent Glen Sturtevant with 55% of the vote. The district covers parts of Richmond City, Chesterfield County and Powhatan County.

Hashmi attended the Virginia joint Democratic watch party at the Hilton in Downtown Richmond and thanked those who voted for her.

"Is Ghazala Hashmi truly an American name? You've helped so many young people, boys and girls, who feel like they don't have a voice, they don't have a place, they don't have a part in this community, and you said yes, you do belong here," Hashmi said. "Thank you for sharing that message."

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### House and Senate breakdown by party following General Assembly elections



● DEMOCRAT ● REPUBLICAN

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Democrat Ghazala Hashmi, the first Muslim American to be elected into the Virginia Senate, gained a seat for the Democrats in Tuesday's election. Photo by Jon Mirador