



## Student Development Timeline

- 1830 A Baptist Theological Seminary, the precursor to Richmond College, was founded.
- 1832 First student revolt occurs, “complaining of the cooking and saying cost of board too high.”
- 1840 Richmond College, the precursor to the University of Richmond, was established on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 1870 First fraternity, Kappa Alpha Fraternity, established at Richmond College.
- 1874 Gymnasium equipment bought, probably UR’s first expenditure on athletic equipment.
- 1874 First Student publication, *Monthly Musings*, founded.
- 1897 *Spider* yearbook first published.
- 1909 Women Students at Richmond College organize the Co-ed Club, precursor to WCGA.
- 1910 Original Main Building on downtown campus burns; bricks used for walkways around Ryland Hall on new campus.
- 1914 Jeter Hall and Thomas Hall the first two men’s residences built on the new campus.
- 1914 Charter of Richmond College amended to establish two coordinate colleges, Richmond College and Westhampton College, and maintain T.C. Williams Law School as a third division.
- 1914 Dr. John Metcalf named 1<sup>st</sup> Dean of Richmond College (he held the position through 1917).
- 1914 First issue of *The Collegian* published.
- 1914 Westhampton College Student Government Association (later WCGA) founded.
- 1915 Richmond College Student Council (later RCSGA) founded.
- 1917 Federal Government takes over new campus for hospital for wounded soldiers; Colleges move to old downtown campus.
- 1917 Dr. Robert Loving named Dean of Richmond College (he held the position until the fall of 1919).
- 1919 Dr. Robert Gaines named Dean of Richmond College (he held position until 1922).
- 1920 The Colleges’ name is changed to the University of Richmond.
- 1921 – First Infirmary on campus, located in Jeter Hall, 4th floor.



- 1921 Millhiser Gym opens and includes office for the Athletic Director and Medical Director.
- 1922 Dr. William Prince named Dean of Richmond College (he held the position until 1931).
- 1925 – Westhampton College Infirmary gets full time employees.
- 1931 Dr. Raymond Pinchbeck named Dean of Richmond College. He was dean for 23 years (with a separation during World War II).
- 1933 The Richmond College Council of Honor is established by the RCSGA and Dean Pinchbeck and charged with handling all aspects of the honor system.
- 1936 Dedication of Westhampton College Gymnasium and Social Center, today's Keller Hall.
- 1941 War declared, many Richmond College students enlist.
- 1947 Dr. Clarence Gray named the first Dean of Students for Richmond College.
- 1948 South Court opens on Westhampton campus. Original Westhampton Building renamed North Court.
- 1951 Opening of Richmond College Student Activities building, now Weinstein Hall.
- 1955 Founding of Center for Psychological Services, now Counseling and Psychological Services.
- 1956 Center for Psychological Services relocated to Ryland Hall (along with the Psychology Dept).
- 1957 Dean Pinchbeck of Richmond College dies, replaced by Dr. Robert Smart.
- 1963 Crenshaw Swimming Pool opens in wing of Keller Hall.
- 1968 Dr. Austin Grigg named Dean of Richmond College (held position through 1974).
- 1969 Resident Westhampton seniors allowed to live off campus, with consent of their parents.
- 1971 Student Senate sponsors "Black Student Day."
- 1972 Robins Center opens and includes a small workout facility.
- 1972 – RC and WC Infirmarys merge into U of R Infirmary in Robins Hall.
- 1974 Dr. Russell Warren named Dean of Richmond College (served through 1976).
- 1975 Career Counseling and Placement Office opened under Miss Clara Keith.



- 1976 Dr. Richard Mateer named Dean of Richmond College, ultimately serving for 26 years.
- 1976 Student Commons, renamed Tyler Haynes Commons in 1984, opens as student center.
- 1976 Separate career centers on campus merged to form Office of Career Planning and Placement, today's Career Development Center.
- 1980 Westhampton Dean Stephanie Bennett initiates Women Involved in Living and Learning (WILL) program.
- 1982 CIGNA scholarship program begins, funded by grant from the CIGNA Corporation to support minority students' higher education.
- 1982 Dining hall for men and women opens, renamed E. Bruce Heilman Center in 1986.
- 1982 First Units of University Forest Apartments open.
- 1986 – Infirmary and GYN clinic combine into “new” Student Health Center in Robins Hall focusing on student “health” rather than illness.
- 1987 First sororities established on campus.
- 1988 Campus Recreation program established, first Campus Recreation Director hired.
- 1988 Spinning Your Web first year living/learning program initiated by Richmond College, the first living/learning floor on campus.
- 1988 Center for Psychological Services changed name to Counseling and Psychological Services.
- 1990 First Director of Wellness, a position under responsibility of Health and Sport Science.
- 1990 Richmond College begins traditions of Investiture and Class Photo.
- 1991 School of Arts & Sciences established; Coordinate College Deans appointed Associate Deans of A&S to administer academic regulations for undergraduate students.
- 1991 Academic Skills Center opened under Hope Walton.
- 1991 Richmond College initiates tradition of the Class Flag, designed by members of the previous first year class.



- 1994 Lower level Robins Center renovated to improve and expand recreational facilities.
- 1997 Student Health Center moved to Special Programs Building, first floor with four beds for ill students
- 1998 Whitehurst opens as Richmond College's "living room" and administrative center.
- 2000 Bacterial meningitis outbreak on campus in February.
- 2001 Wellness Center built on first floor of Robins Center.
- 2002 Dr. Steve Bisese named 10<sup>th</sup> Dean of Richmond College.
- 2003 Housing Transition Completed: men and women now reside equally on both sides of campus,
- 2004 Campus Recreation changes its name to Recreation and Wellness.
- 2004 Announcement of plans to expand Deanery to create Westhampton Center.
- 2004 Student Affairs division renamed Student Development.
- 2004 Lighted outdoor basketball and volleyball courts completed at intramural fields.
- 2005 Groundbreaking ceremony for Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness.
- 2005 Richmond College establishes Explore Your World Living/Learning Program.
- 2005 Outdoor House (later Earth Lodge) debuts in Pacific House, as first living-learning community to connect a credit-bearing class with an intentional co-ed residential experience
- 2006 Dr. Steve Bisese, Dean of Richmond College, is named Vice President for Student Development.
- 2006 Richmond College begins sponsorship of the White Ribbon Campaign, an international movement of men taking action to end men's violence against women.
- 2007 Grand opening of Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness.
- 2007 Richmond College establishes the RC Xtreme Living/Learning Program.
- 2007 Sophomore residential living-learning program proposed and approved as the University's Quality Enhancement Plan for reaccreditation (later renamed Sophomore Scholars in Residence)
- 2007 Dr. Joe Boehman named Dean of Richmond College.



- 2008 Richmond College begins the tradition of the Richmond College Pin, given to graduates at the Senior Banquet.
- 2008 Odyssey 3 High Ropes Course opens.
- 2008 Lakeview residence hall completed, as part of a new housing redevelopment plan; houses living-learning communities
- 2008 Roadmap to Success program begins as a transition program as a high-impact program collaborating with academic affairs
- 2009: Sophomore Scholars in Residence program debuts
- 2009 Richmond College hosts inaugural Today's College Man workshop.
- 2009: Creation of the Office of Living-Learning & Roadmap Programs
- 2009 CAPS offers psychiatric services for first time (free of charge to students)
- 2009 – Swine flu (H1N1) hits campus.
- 2009 Green Bike program established.
- 2010 Disc Golf Course opens.
- 2011 New Campus Master Plan unveiled with the student co-curricular and residential experience at the center of the plan
- 2011 Richmond College establishes the R Business Living/Learning Program
- 2011 Richmond College presents first Class Coins at Investiture.
- 2011 “It ends now.” campaign established by Richmond College as a campus-wide event to promote solidarity against sexual and relationship violence.
- 2013 Richmond College establishes the 1840 Appalachian Trail Challenge as a First Year Transitional Program.
- 2013 Expansion of the Sophomore Scholars in Residence program completed with one-fourth of the sophomore class participating



- 2014 Westhampton College celebrates its Centennial.
- 2015 Richmond College celebrates the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment.
- 2015 The Richmond College Student Government Association celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.