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Design your path to college

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COLLEGE IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

- Location: Richmond, VA
- # of Undergrads: 2,912
- Acceptance Rate: 31%
- Student / Faculty Ratio: 8:1
- Returning Freshmen: 93%
- % Receiving Merit Aid: 24%

INTERESTING FACTS

- Healthy mix of Southern culture with intellectual rigor small classes 15 minutes from Richmond
- New Well-Being Center opened in 2020, houses health and counseling services along with meditation and yoga rooms
- Several cross-disciplinary majors and top business administration major
- Intense but collaborative climate
- Close relationships with professors who provide mentoring; no teaching assistants
- Access to Career Services for life!
- Popular living-learning community for 20% of sophomores
- Guaranteed funding for one summer research experience
- Half of students come from the Northeast
- 91% live on campus; 76% participate in community service

KEY TOOL TO ACCESS:

COLLEGE NAVIGATOR

College Navigator

(<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>) is my favorite search engine for researching colleges. The data is pulled from federal sources, so it's the most accurate data out there. Beyond having a smart search engine, if you click on an individual colleges, you can find such things as:

- the average net price by income
- the number of bachelor's degrees awarded by each major
- graduation and retention rates
- the number of faculty and graduate assistants
- on-campus crime statistics.

FOR JUNIORS: LET'S TALK ABOUT COLLEGE READINESS

We want our kids to be ready to handle the challenges of college. That means that we need to start loosening the reins and letting go well before our kids head off. Here is a checklist of things that kids should be able to do before college:

- Wake themselves up in the morning and put themselves to bed at a decent hour.
- Manage their workload without your assistance or your reminders. Provide them with a coach to give them the skills they need, if necessary.
- Manage their screens and other distractions.
- Do their own laundry. That includes sorting, washing, folding, and putting it away.
- Make a few meals. Boil pasta. Make rice. Cook eggs.
- Make (and reschedule) their own appointments. That includes appointments with me!
- Talk with adults. In person, on the phone, or over Zoom. If they have a problem at school, they are the ones who should talk with the appropriate teachers/counselors to resolve the problem.
- Manage medications on their own. That includes taking their medication/s, noticing when they need refills, calling the pharmacy, and picking up prescriptions.
- Manage their stress. Do they need to get exercise? Do they need to do some yoga or meditate? Have they figured out what works best for them?
- Deal with their own transportation. Can they take the train/subway by themselves? Can they find rides for themselves when they need them? Can they fill the car with gas?

FOR SENIORS: WHAT TO DO IN MAY

Now that you've decided where you're going to go to college, there are actually quite a few LOOSE ENDS to tie up in MAY:

- Decline any other offers of admission.
- Send thank you notes to anyone who wrote a letter of recommendation for you.
- Finish the year strong. There are stories every year of colleges rescinding offers for problematic behavior. Make sure that doesn't happen to you!
- Ask your high school to submit your final transcript.
- Set up your campus email and then check it regularly.
- Check your college portal regularly.
- Make appointments for any doctors you need to see before you head off.
- Update your neuropsych evaluation, if that pertains to you.
- Think about creating a LinkedIn profile.

I help students and their families navigate the college admissions process. I empower students to figure out who they are and where they belong, and I provide structure, insight, and enthusiasm as they apply to colleges that are the best fit academically, socially, and financially.

Contact me for a 30 minute complimentary session to learn more!



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