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It's time to secure funds for college

Paying for college can be a burden. But it doesn't have to be. There are numerous resources for financial assistance, but the first step in getting money to help pay for college is completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, better known as FAFSA.

FAFSA Days

Nov. 18 & 19
Dec. 7 & 8

Get help with your FAFSA and register for classes.

The FAFSA form for the academic year 2021-2022 is now available, and Richmond Community College is holding FAFSA Days at the Hamlet Campus and the Scotland

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Alumni of The Year

1986 RichmondCC Graduate Now Innovative Business Leader

The Richmond Community College Foundation has named Mark Scott, president and CEO of Thermal Metal Treating Inc., its 2020 Alumni of the Year.

Scott of Pinehurst is a 1986 graduate of Richmond Community College, which was Richmond Technical College at the time. He earned an Associate in Applied Science in Mechanical Design, which he said, "gave me a great foundation to advance my career and education."

Dr. Hal Shuler, associate vice president for development at RichmondCC, said Scott's successful rise in the manufacturing field and his continued commitment to the college where his education started made him an easy choice for the Alumni of the Year Award.

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New Skills, New Life

RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Course fees greatly reduced for limited time

Richmond Community College is using funds from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund to make its short-term training classes more affordable for students.

Backed by GEER funding, the initiative branded "New Skills, New Life" has greatly reduced the cost of courses such as certified nursing assistant, lineman, Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET), welding and industrial mechanic.

"Our strategy has been to provide a discount for these programs to show students that new careers are available, affordable and accessible," said Dr. Dale McInnis,



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Spring Semester 2021

ACCOUNTING

ACC-120 Prin. Of Financial Accounting
 ACC-121 Prin. Of Managerial Accounting
 ACC-122 Prin. of Financial Acct. II
 ACC-129 Individual Income Taxes
 ACC-130 Business Income Taxes
 ACC 140 Payroll Accounting
 ACC-150 Accounting Software Appl.
 ACC-221 Intermediate Accounting II
 ACC-225 Cost Accounting

AIR CONDITIONING/HVACR

AHR-112 Heating Technology
 AHR-114 Heat Pump Technology
 AHR-120 HVACR Maintenance
 AHR-130 HVAC Controls
 AHR-151 HVAC Duct Systems I
 AHR-160 Refrigerant Certification
 AHR-212 Advanced Comfort Systems
 AHR-235 Refrigeration Design

ART

ART-111 Art Appreciation
 ART-114 Art History Survey I
 ART-121 Two Dimensional Design
 ART-122 Three Dimensional Design
 ART-131 Drawing I
 ART-241 Painting II
 ART-264 Digital Photography I

ASTRONOMY

AST-111 Descriptive Astronomy

AUTOMATION

ATR-112 Intro to Automation
 ATR-120 Intro to Autonomous Vehicles

BIOLOGY

BIO-110 Principles of Biology
 BIO-111 General Biology I
 BIO-112 General Biology II
 BIO-163 Basic Anatomy & Physiology
 BIO-165 Anatomy and Physiology I
 BIO-166 Anatomy and Physiology II
 BIO-275 Microbiology

BLUEPRINT READING

BPR-111 Print Reading

TRANSITION CLASSES

BSP-4002 Transition English
 BSP-4003 Transition Math

BUSINESS

BUS-110 Introduction to Business

BUS-115 Business Law I

BUS-121 Business Math
 BUS-125 Personal Finance
 BUS-137 Principles of Management
 BUS-153 Human Resource Management
 BUS-230 Small Business Management
 BUS-239 Business Application Seminar

CHEMISTRY

CHM-131 Introduction to Chemistry
 CHM-151 General Chemistry I
 CHM-152 General Chemistry II
 CHM-252 Organic Chemistry II

COLLEGE SUCCESS

ACA-122 College Transfer Success

COMMUNICATIONS

COM-231 Public Speaking

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

CIS-110 Introduction to Computers
 CIS-115 Intro to Prog & Logic
 CSC-151 Java Programming
 CSC-153 C# Programming
 CTI-110 Web, Pgm, & DB Foundation
 CTI-120 Network & Sec Foundation
 CTS-115 Info System Business Concepts
 CTS-130 Spreadsheet
 CTS-220 Adv Hard/Software Support
 CTS-289 System Support Project
 DBA-110 Database Concepts
 NET-125 Networking Basics
 NOS-130 Windows Single User

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CJC-111 Introduction to Criminal Justice
 CJC-112 Criminology
 CJC-113 Juvenile Justice
 CJC-131 Criminal Law
 CJC-132 Court Procedure & Evidence
 CJC-141 Corrections
 CJC-160 Terrorism: Underlying Issues
 CJC-212 Ethics & Community Relations
 CJC-215 Organization & Administration
 CJC-222 Criminalistics
 CJC-233 Correctional Law

CYBER SECURITY

SEC-110 Security Concepts

DRAFTING/DESIGN

DFT-152 CAD II
 MEC-111 Machine Processes
 MEC-180 Engineering Materials

MEC-270 Machine Design
 MEC-271 Machine Design Project

DIALYSIS TECHNOLOGY

DIA-102 Dialysis for Special Populations

ECONOMICS

ECO-251 Prin. Of Microeconomics
 ECO-252 Prin. Of Macroeconomics

EDUCATION

EDU-119 Introduction to Early Childhood
 EDU-146 Child Guidance
 EDU-151 Creative Activities
 EDU-153 Health, Safety & Nutrition
 EDU-173 Becoming a Professional in ECE
 EDU-187 Teaching & Learning for All
 EDU-216 Foundations in Education
 EDU-221 Children with Exceptionalities
 EDU-234 Infants, Toddlers, and Twos
 EDU-250 Teacher Licensure Preparation
 EDU-261 Early Childhood Administration I
 EDU-262 Early Childhood Administration II
 EDU-279 Literacy Development & Instruction
 EDU-284 Early Childhood Capstone Prac.

ELECTRICAL

ELC-112 DC/AC Electricity
 ELC-113 Residential Wiring
 ELC-117 Motors & Controls
 ELC-125 Diagrams and Schematics
 ELC-128 Introduction to PLC
 ELC-131 DC/AC Analysis
 ELC-134 Transformer Applications
 ELC-213 Instrumentation

ELECTRIC UTILITY SUBSTATION

EUS-110 Intro to Electric Utility Industry
 EUS-130 Electric Utility Print Reading
 EUS-210 Large High Voltage Power Transf. I
 EUS-220 High Voltage Power Circuit Breakers
 EUS-235 Electric Utility Protective Relaying II
 EUS-255 Electric Utility Troubleshooting
 EUS-260 Caps & Case Studies in EUSRT

ELECTRONICS

ELN-131 Analog Electronics I
 ELN-133 Digital Electronics
 ELN-229 Industrial Electronics
 ELN-231 Industrial Control

ENGINEERING

EGR-150 Introduction to Engineering
 EGR-285 Design Project



Spring Semester 2021

ENGLISH

ENG-102 Applied Communications II
 ENG-111 Writing and Inquiry
 ENG-112 Writing/Research in the Disc
 ENG-231 American Literature I
 ENG-232 American Literature II
 ENG-242 British Literature II
 ENG-273 African American Literature

GOVERNMENT

POL-120 American Government

HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

HMT-110 Intro. To Healthcare Management
 HMT-220 Healthcare Financial Management
 HMT-225 Practice Management Simulation

HISTORY

HIS-112 World Civilizations II
 HIS-131 American History I
 HIS-132 American History II

HUMAN SERVICES

HEA-120 Community Health
 HSE-112 Group Processes
 HSE-125 Counseling
 HSE-210 Human Service Issues
 HSE-220 Case Management
 HSE-225 Crisis Intervention
 SAB-120 Intake and Assessment
 SAB-210 Substance Abuse Counseling
 SAB-240 Substance Abuse in Client Services
 SWK-113 Working With Diversity
 SWK-214 Social Work Law
 SWK-220 Social Work Issues in Client Services

HUMANITIES

HUM-115 Critical Thinking
 HUM-120 Cultural Studies

INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE

HYD-110 Hydraulics/Pneumatics I
 ISC-112 Industrial Safety
 MNT-110 Intro to Maintenance Procedures
 MNT-240 Ind. Equipment Troubleshooting

MACHINING

MAC-113 Machining Technology
 MAC-122 CNC Turning
 MAC-124 CNC Milling

MARKETING

MKT-120 Principles of Marketing
 MKT-220 Advertising & Sales Promotions
 MKT-223 Customer Service

MKT-225 Marketing Research

MKT-232 Social Media Marketing

MATH

MAT-110 Math Measurement and Literacy
 MAT-143 Quantitative Literacy
 MAT-152 Statistical Methods
 MAT-171 Precalculus Algebra
 MAT-172 Precalculus Trigonometry
 MAT-263 Brief Calculus
 MAT-272 Calculus II
 MAT-285 Differential Equations

MEDICAL ASSISTING

MED-112 Orientation to Clinical Setting
 MED-118 Medical Law and Ethics
 MED-121 Medical Terminology I
 MED-122 Medical Terminology II
 MED-131 Administrative Office Procedures II
 MED-134 Medical Transcription
 MED-232 Medical Insurance Coding
 MED-260 Clinical Practicum
 MED-264 Medical Assisting Overview

MUSIC

MUS-110 Music Appreciation
 MUS-112 Intro to Jazz

NURSING

NAS-101 Nursing Assistant I
 NAS-102 Nursing Assistant II
 NUR-102 Practical Nursing II
 NUR-112 Health Illness Concepts
 NUR-114 Holistic Health Concepts
 NUR-213 Complex Health Concepts

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

OST-131 Keyboarding
 OST-132 Keyboarding Skill Building
 OST-134 Text Entry & Formatting
 OST-136 Word Processing
 OST-164 Office Editing
 OST-233 Office Publications Design
 OST-286 Professional Development
 OST-289 Office Administration Capstone

PHILOSOPHY

PHI-240 Intro to Ethics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PED-110 Fit and Well for Life
 PED-174 Wilderness Pursuits
 PED-219 Disc Golf

PHYSICS

PHY-110 Conceptual Physics
 PHY-131 Physics-Mechanics
 PHY-151 College Physics I
 PHY-152 College Physics II
 PHY-252 General Physics II

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PMT-110 Intro to Project Management
 PMT-215 Project Management Leadership

PSYCHOLOGY

PSY-150 General Psychology
 PSY-241 Developmental Psychology
 PSY-281 Abnormal Psychology

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PAD-151 Intro. To Public Admin.

RELIGION

REL-110 World Religion
 REL-211 Intro to Old Testament
 REL-212 Intro to New Testament

SOCIOLOGY

SOC-210 Introduction to Sociology
 SOC-213 Sociology of the Family
 SOC-225 Social Diversity
 SOC-240 Social Psychology

SPANISH

SPA-111 Elementary Spanish I
 SPA-112 Elementary Spanish II
 SPA-211 Intermediate Spanish I
 SPA-212 Intermediate Spanish II

WEB DEVELOPMENT

WEB-140 Web Development Tools
 WEB-250 Database Driven Websites

WELDING

WLD-121 GMAW (MIG) FCAW/Plate
 WLD-131 GTAW (TIG) Plate
 WLD-215 SMAW (Stick) Pipe

SCAN & GO DIRECTLY TO
 SPRING COURSE SCHEDULES





SHORT-TERM TRAINING

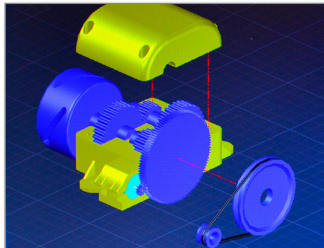
Huge Discounts on Class Fees, Books & Equipment!



Auto CAD - Online

This online course introduces you to Computer Aided Drafting (CAD), a software program that allows you to draft construction documents, explore design ideas, visualize concepts through renderings, and simulate how a design performs in the real world. **Jan. 11 – April 25**

Discounted price: \$90 (Class value: \$234.98)



Welding

GMAW (Mig) FWAC/Plate

This course will introduce you to metal arc welding and flux core arc welding processes that are used extensively by the sheet metal industry and the automobile industry.

Day Class: Jan. 11 – May 10

Evening Class: Jan. 11 – May 6



GTAW (Tig) Plate

This course introduces you to a welding process that produces cleaner and more precise welds than MIG welding or other arc welding methods, making it the strongest.

Day Class: Jan. 12 – May 6

Evening Class: Jan. 12 – May 6

Discounted price: \$50 (Class value: \$472)

Nursing Assistant I - Scotland Co. Campus

This course offered in a traditional classroom setting prepares you to successfully complete the state exam to become a nurse aide.

Day Class: Jan. 7 – April 20

Evening Class: Jan. 5 – May 17

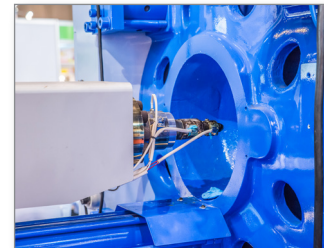
Discounted price: \$75 (Class value: \$473)



Injection Molding Training – Hamlet Campus

This course will introduce you to the injection molding process used by local plastic manufacturers. You will learn machine set-up and operation and have an understanding of plastic molding technology. **Feb. 2 – April 8**

Discounted price: \$50 (Class value: \$180)



Nursing Assistant II - Scotland Co. Campus

This course offered in a traditional classroom setting prepares nurse aides to learn advanced skill care and gain certification to be a Nurse Aide II. **Jan. 11 – March 22**

Discounted price: \$50 (Class value: \$350)



Quickbooks - Online

You will learn how to use this accounting software for small to mid-sized business owners. It helps save time on bookkeeping and paperwork by automatically handling some of the easy bookkeeping tasks. **March 2 – March 25**

Discounted price: \$35 (Class value: \$70)



Banking Fundamentals - Online

This online class teaches you about banking services and the functions of a bank teller. **Jan. 11 – April 15**

Discounted price: \$90 (Class value: \$234.98)



Industrial Mechanics – Scotland Co. Campus

Learn technical skills for troubleshooting, maintaining and repairing mechanical equipment, electrical motor controls, and other systems commonly found in industry. Includes one-day of forklift operator training. **Jan. 12 – May 11**

Discounted price: \$50 (Class value: \$338)



SAVINGS

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RichmondCC president. “We have been expanding our offerings of these type of programs that lead to a high-demand, high-wage career in a short amount of time.”

The cost for the Electric Lineman program was reduced from \$1,390 to \$499. Cost for the BLET program was reduced from \$1,500 to \$199. Industrial Mechanics, Injection Molding Training and various welding classes that normally cost \$180 are now being offered for \$50.

The “New Skills, New Life” initiative has had an immediate impact on enrollment. The January lineman class is full, and students are already signed up for the May class. RichmondCC added more Nursing Assistant I classes to the schedule to meet the demand for CNA training. More classes with reduced costs will be rolling out in January.

“Our goal with this funding was to reduce financial barriers and help put people back to work in new careers in a quick turnaround,” McInnis said.

The GEER Fund was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This emergency block grant was designed to enable governors to decide how best to ensure education continues for students of all ages impacted by the coronavirus national emergency.



New Skills, New Life

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IT internship turns into full-time job

RichmondCC student finds her career path working with computers

Jessica McDuffie of Hamlet always planned on working in the medical field, but her career goal took a turn in a new direction at the beginning of 2020 when she decided to pursue a degree in Cyber Security from Richmond Community College.

"I chose the Cyber Security program after tons and tons of research," McDuffie said. "I looked online at some fields and came across Cyber Security thinking, 'Wow, this seems awesome, but this is going to be a big change.'"

Cyber security is the practice of defending computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks and data from malicious attacks. In RichmondCC's Cyber Security program, students learn about networking technologies, operating systems administration, information policy, intrusion detection, ethical hacking, security administration and industry best practices to protect data communications.

A 2016 graduate of Richmond Senior High School, McDuffie came to RichmondCC the following fall, taking general college education courses and completing the Nursing Assistant I program. She started working as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), but her plan was to get into a Cardiovascular Sonography associate degree program.

"I had a job at Richmond County Hospice, which was the best CNA job I had. The people there are amazing," McDuffie said. "But I found that the medical field was not for me."

That's when McDuffie decided



Information Technology student Jessica McDuffie works at Todd's Computer Sales & Service, where she started as an intern but is now a full-time employee.

to tap into her fascination with computers.

"I am very glad I made this switch. It has helped me realize what I love to do in life. I enjoy learning something new every day when I go into work," McDuffie said.

While McDuffie has not graduated from the Cyber Security program, she is working as a computer technician at Todd's Computer Sales & Service in Rockingham. She started with the business as an intern but was hired full-time this past summer.

RichmondCC Information Technology instructor Lance Barber directed McDuffie to the internship at the end of spring semester.

"When the internship opportunity came up at Todd's Computers, she was the first student I thought of. I knew she would be perfect. It is no surprise they hired her full-time," Barber said. "Jessica is a shining example of the kind of student who will succeed in IT. She is eager to learn

and has a goal to get through the IT program as soon as possible to start her career. She is inquisitive in class, hard-working, and clearly loves the subject matter. On top of that, she has the soft skills employers so desperately seek.

"Simply put, she is the kind of student who makes me proud to have representing RichmondCC," he added.

As a computer technician, McDuffie helps in the repair and maintenance of laptops, computers and other devices. She does hardware installs, virus removals, screen repairs and other maintenance needs.

"Todd's Computer Store has been a great place to be employed. My co-workers treat me like I'm part of their family," McDuffie said. "Todd has been great in working with me, knowing that I'm enrolled in class full-time. He has also taught me things specifically about Cyber Security and incorporated them into the workplace. I've learned a

Does IT interest you?

Richmond Community College is now enrolling students into its Information Technology programs for the 2021 Spring Semester. Contact IT instructor Lance Barber at (910) 410-1911 or email wbarber@richmondcc.edu.

lot being here, and I'm so thankful for that."

McDuffie will graduate from RichmondCC with an Associate in Applied Science in Cyber Security in May 2021. She was a recipient of the Richard Thorpe Memorial Scholarship, which was a big surprise for her.

"I was very grateful to RichmondCC and the Thorpe family to be chosen for this scholarship. It has been a big help considering I pay out of pocket for school," she said.

McDuffie has enjoyed her time at RichmondCC and figuring out her career plan.

"The teachers, including Mr. Lance Barber and Mr. Brian Goodman, and the staff at RichmondCC are great," she said. "They have helped me through so much."

McDuffie plans to build on her education and eventually pursue a bachelor's degree, but in the meantime, she wants to stay focused on her current line of work.

When McDuffie is not working or studying, she enjoys spending time with her family and three dogs, playing video games, and "dissecting" computers down to their inner parts and seeing how they function. While it's not quite the medical field she envisioned as a child, she is working in a field where the ultimate goal is to keep a machine healthy and virus free.



AWARD

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“Mr. Scott is an innovative business leader with vast knowledge of running an efficient and successful operation. Over the years, he has supported RichmondCC by serving on our Advisory Board and through scholarships, and he has also served as an adjunct instructor for the College,” Shuler said. “We are pleased to be able to honor him with this alumni award and show our appreciation for his support.”

Thermal Metal Treating in Aberdeen is a commercial metallurgical company specializing in heat-treating, industrial coatings, finishing and value-added processing. Scott started the company with former business partner Jerry Ritter 32 years ago and has developed it into a multi-million-dollar business that serves automotive, agricultural, military, medical, nuclear, construction and electronic industries, to name a few.

“I am honored and humbled that the RichmondCC Foundation recognized me for this award. I realize that the award is more about the outstanding teachers, mentors and family support I have been blessed to have had in my life than what I personally achieved,” Scott said. “For as long as I have been associated with RichmondCC, I have been the benefactor and witnessed the dedication of faculty and administration to execute their mission to enhance the quality of their students’ lives.”

Scott was born in Hunstanton, England, when his father, an officer in the U.S. military, was stationed overseas. While Scott was still very young, his family returned to the U.S.



Mark Scott is CEO and president of Thermal Metal Treating, a commercial metallurgical company specializing in heat-treating, industrial coatings, finishing and value-added processing.

They then moved to Taiwan, Washington, D.C., and Alabama. After Scott graduated from high school, he moved to North Carolina and went to work at Clark Equipment Company in Rockingham in 1977.

At its peak employing 1,000 employees, Clark Equipment Company engineered, manufactured, assembled and tested transmissions and axles for on- and off-highway applications. Scott advanced to a unit manager and eventually became a quality engineer and quality assurance manager.

While working at Clark Equipment, Scott decided to enroll in the Mechanical Design program at RichmondCC to advance his career and interest in engineering.

He continued his education at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte to earn a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology and then several years later attended East Carolina University, where he earned a Master of Science in Manufacturing Technology Systems.

Scott has continued to expand his knowledge in manufacturing by obtaining training in quality control, management, safety and regulations, marketing and sales, strategic planning, effective problem-solving and much more.

He was president of Sandhills Toastmasters from 1994 to 1996 and was named Competent Toastmaster in 1995, in addition to serving on a number of industry specific boards. He has been a keynote speaker for the University of North Carolina-Pembroke’s Entrepreneurial Summit and the American Society of Mechanical Engineering’s Southeast Regional Conference.

He has also given of his service to the NC Food Bank and the Sandhills Food Bank and has been the finance chairperson of his church for 15 years.

“Mark Scott is a true RichmondCC success story and is an outstanding selection for the Alumni of Year. He applied the knowledge he gained here, continued his education, and built a very successful local company,” said Dr. Dale McInnis, president of RichmondCC. “Mark has supported our College over the years, through generous gifts to the Foundation and sharing his expertise with our faculty and students.”

Scott and wife Sherry, who is a nurse manager for First-Health Moore Regional-Richmond, have two children, son Matthew and daughter Natalie. Scott and his family enjoy traveling and have hiked 14 mountains in Colorado, in addition to many other adventures.

FAFSA

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County Campus to assist people through the application process.

FAFSA Days

- > Nov. 18 - Hamlet Campus
- > Nov. 19 - Scotland County Campus
- > Dec. 7 - Hamlet Campus
- > Dec. 8 - Scotland County Campus

“Completing the FAFSA form allows you to be considered for federal student aid, which more than 80 percent of our students receive,” said RichmondCC Director of Financial Aid Andrea Daniels. “But even if you don’t qualify for the Federal Pell Grant Program, the FAFSA form is how you get considered for other funding resources like grants and scholarships.”

The RichmondCC Foundation offers more than 100 endowed scholarships and additional funding such as the Working Student Scholarship and the Second Chance Scholarship.

FAFSA Goes Where You Go

Daniels noted that no matter where someone intends to go to college, a FAFSA form must be completed in order to be considered for any type of college aid. The staff at RichmondCC is available to help anyone with the FAFSA form even if he or she is planning to go to school elsewhere.

“We encourage everyone to come to one of the FAFSA Day events to get help with the application process. This does not obligate anyone to enroll at RichmondCC. Our goal is to help people get the money they need for college,” Daniels said.

For More FAFSA Information

To learn more about completing the FAFSA or what to bring to the FAFSA Days, call (910) 410-1700. To get started on completing the FAFSA form, visit www.studentaid.gov.

RichmondCC’s federal school code is 005464.





New business owner invests in 'fun' for kids

Small Business Center helps RichmondCC graduate open MKM Jump-N-Play in Rockingham

Lessie Graham had her grandchildren, Meautah, King and Madisyn, in mind when she opened her business, MKM Jump-N-Play, in Rockingham.

"My choice for a jump and play business all started when I realized there were very limited activities for the children in Richmond County and the surrounding areas," said Graham. "I decided to create a different 'fun' place where kids could come in and have a great time."

MKM Jump-N-Play provides a wide range of entertainment services for people of all ages, including private parties, special events and a "Play Zone" where children can burn off extra energy.

Owning her own business had been a long-term goal of Graham's, but the plan always seemed to get pushed to the side.

"I could never see the end of the road to actually opening my own business, but once I attended Richmond Community College, I realized this idea that had been in my head for so long could actually be closer than I imagined."

Graham decided to go to college after working for 18 years at a local company and reaching a point in her career where she would not be able to advance any further.

"Once I felt there were no other positions that I could move up to, I was motivated to go back to school so that I could do something that I enjoyed and would want to do long-term," Graham said.

She enrolled in the Accounting & Finance program at Richmond-CC because she had always loved numbers. Plus, she was pretty good at math. She quickly discovered certain classes that catered to her strengths and interests, including the idea of opening a business. She decided to get some advice from her advisor and accounting instructor, Matilda Davis.

"After hearing my 'wildest dreams,' Ms. Davis referred me to Mr. Farrah, who helped me turn it into a reality," Graham said.

Butch Farrah, Director of the Small Business Center at RichmondCC, began working with Graham in May 2019 at the start of her journey. He helped her form the LLC, write a business plan, develop marketing techniques and design a website. He also helped her with a financial plan and a cash flow chart.

"He helped bring all of the pieces together to be sure that I was going to run a successful business," Graham said.



Ben and Lessie Graham stand by one of the many inflatable games at MKM Jump-N-Play, a business that Lessie started with the help of Richmond Community College's Small Business Center.

When COVID-19 began its grip on the world earlier this year and threatened to railroad her dream, Farrah helped her through the steps to secure federal funding for pandemic relief.

"Despite the pandemic and new health guidelines, Lessie's business plan has held up and she was able to celebrate her grand opening on Oct. 1," Farrah said. "I'm glad that I was able to help her from the start of her journey, and the Small Business Center will continue to be a resource for her."

The Small Business Center supports the development of new businesses and the growth of existing businesses by providing counseling, training and other resources. The center offers a wide variety of seminars and workshops year round to help small businesses be successful.

Amid the pandemic, Graham has made some changes to her

business to ensure MKM Jump-N-Play provides a safe play space.

"Currently, we are only booking private parties and limited play dates. To ensure a safe environment we conduct temperature checks for everyone, a hand sanitizing station to enter, and sanitizing stations at each jumper to refresh. We are limiting the play so that our staff can close up to deep clean and disinfect every two hours," Graham said.

As for RichmondCC, Graham is thankful for the major role the College played in making her dreams come true.

"RichmondCC has been a great inspiration to me, my peers and many others. The College has many success stories, and I am proud to say that I am a part of that. Thank you, RichmondCC, for helping me find that push that I needed to achieve my goal and find my purpose," Graham said.

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RichmondCC CONNECTS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 18

- FAFSA and 2021 Spring Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hamlet Campus
- Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Student Government Association from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium

Nov. 19

FAFSA and 2021 Spring Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Scotland County Campus

Nov. 25-27

College Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 3

Payment Deadline for Registered Spring Classes

Dec. 4

Basic Law Enforcement Training packets due for class beginning in January. Packets available to be picked up at the visitor's desk in the Lee

Building, Hamlet Campus, or Honeycutt Center, Scotland County Campus.

Dec. 7

FAFSA and 2021 Spring Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hamlet Campus

Dec. 8

FAFSA and 2021 Spring Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Scotland County Campus

Dec. 16

Last day of 2020 Fall Semester

Jan. 6

FAFSA and 2021 Spring Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at both campuses

Jan. 8

2021 Spring Semester Begins

Jan. 18

College Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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