

# Students Get Lesson on Money

Richmond Community College provided students in the Scotland Early College High School (SEARCH) program a real-world lesson about money and how to manage it.

Ninth and 10-graders took part in a two-hour interactive workshop called “My Financial Adult Life.” Students were assigned careers, along with a breakdown of their yearly salary after taxes and how much they had to save and spend a month. From there, the students had to go make “adult financial decisions.”

“Our goal with this workshop was to help students see the big picture when it comes to planning for their futures and how the choices they make will have a huge impact on their finances,” said Vice President of Student Services Sheri Dunn-Ramsay.



Ninth and 10th-graders in the SEARCH program participated in an interactive workshop called “My Financial Adult Life” hosted by Richmond Community College.

**“It makes you realize how much the real-world costs.”**

“We want to help students have a better plan when they graduate, whether it is to go straight into a career or continue their education.”

The students rotated around to nine different stations where they made decisions about where they wanted to live; paying off college debt; what kind of transportation they would need; what their spending habits would be on food, clothing, personal care and connectivity; how much they would save; and how much they would vacation. Along the way, some students were dealt an

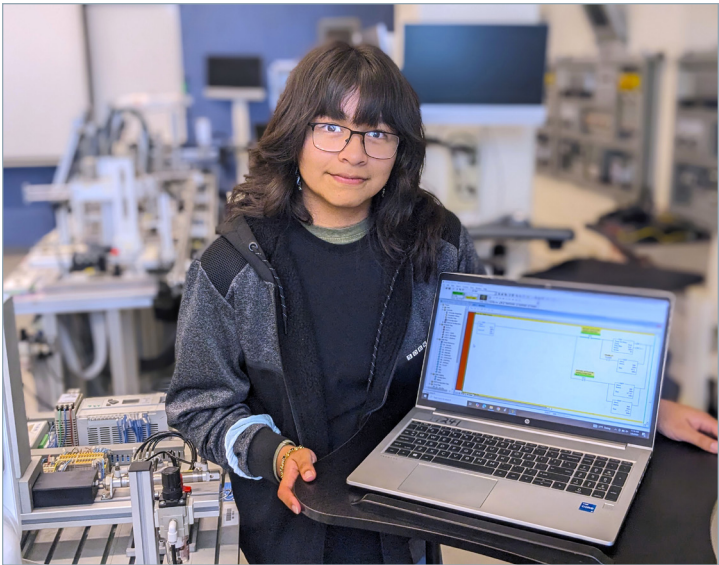
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## Mechatronics student's interest in robotics sparked at summer camp

Ellen Carrillo Mayoral was 13 years old when she was introduced to robotics and electronics at a summer camp at Richmond Community College. Ellen was among 25 young girls who took part in the “Girls Exploring Engineering” camp in February 2020 hosted by women engineering instructors at RichmondCC. That day sparked an interest in her that would carry her forward to a degree in engineering.



Ellen Carrillo Mayoral, 18, will graduate with an associate degree in Mechatronics Engineering Technology in May.

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**“I learned more about how money works and about how bills are paid.”**

## MONEY

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“Unexpected Financial Adult Life Event.” This could be a costly bill or an unexpected raise or financial gift.

If the balance in the students’ “banks” fell below \$200, they had to visit the Career & Transfer Advising Center to get a second job, which many of them ended up having to do.

“I think it was a great success, and the students thoroughly enjoyed it. It definitely gave them some insight into the financial aspects of the real world,” said Amber Webster, SEARCH liaison for RichmondCC.

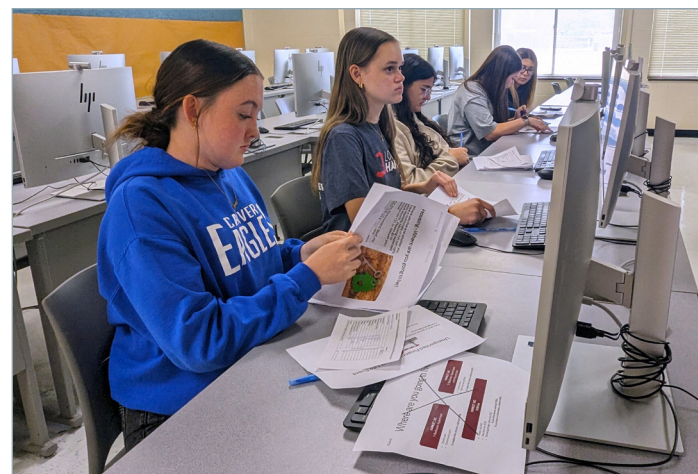
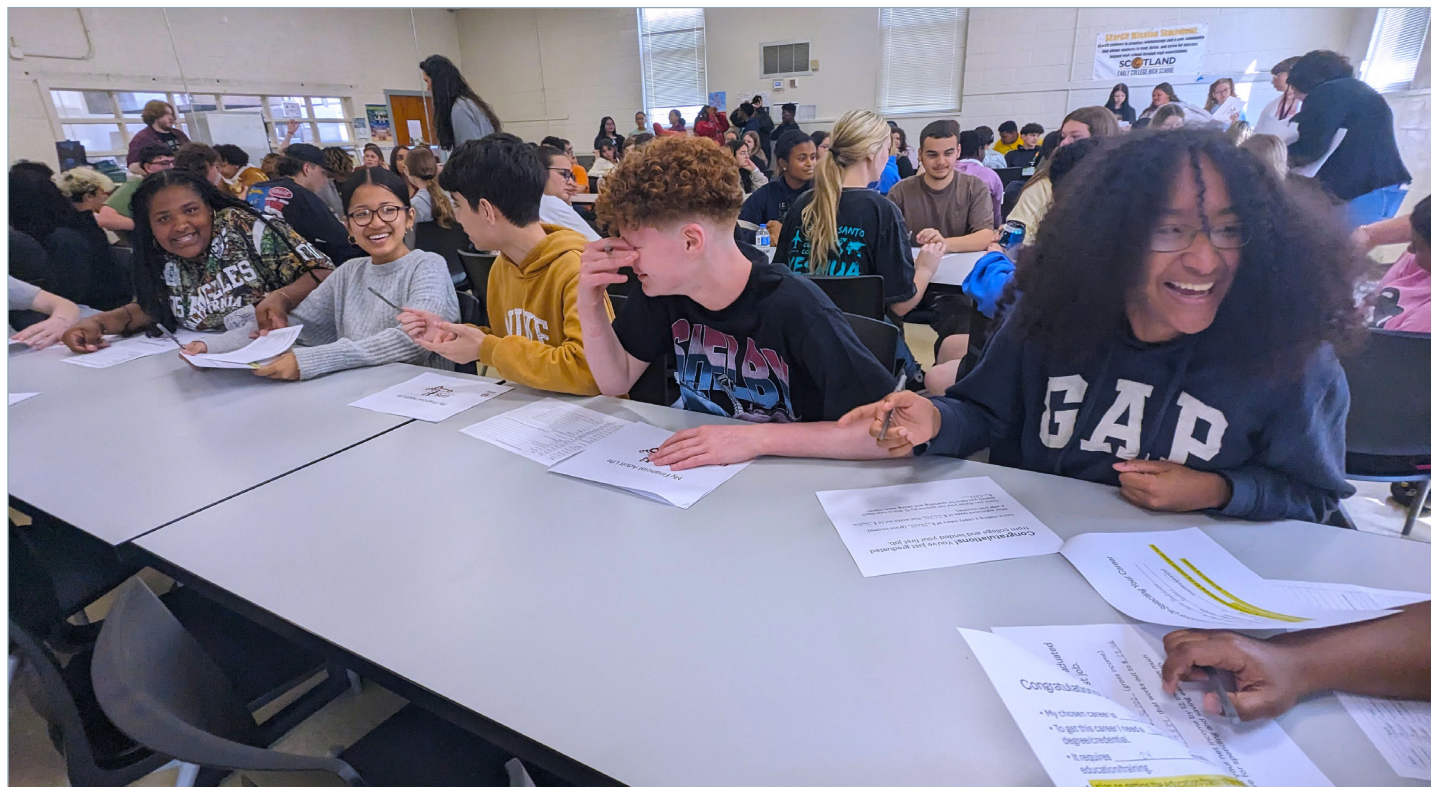
The students completed a survey after the workshop, and here are some of their comments:

- “The workshop was a very eye-opening experience on the financial decisions an adult must make to make it through the month.”
- “It makes you realize how much ‘the real-world’ costs.”
- “It helped show me how difficult it is to manage finances.”
- “Things are a lot more expensive than you think and you should save as much money as possible.”

• “My biggest take-away from the workshop was that saving money is better than spending money.”

• “I learned more about how money works and about how bills are paid.”

• “It showed me how stressful life beyond high school can be depending on your career choice.”



**During the “My Financial Adult Life” workshop, students had to make decisions about how much they wanted to spend on food, clothes and other amenities while also paying the monthly bills.**

• “It made me think of how I will have to be smart with my money and maybe start saving now.”

• “The workshop impacted my view of life beyond high school by showing me how expensive basic needs are.”

• “It helped me see how money works and how to manage future

finances.”

• “I liked how it made us look into the future and start planning on how we are going to save and have money to pay bills.”

Scotland County Schools partnered with RichmondCC to make the workshop available to the students.

“Richmond Community Col-

lege's dedication to empowering young minds with essential money management skills will have a lasting impact on their futures. We are grateful for their commitment to education and for helping our students build a strong foundation for financial success,” SEARCH principal Brent Smith said.





# ROBOTICS

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Ellen, now 18, will be graduating from the Mechatronics Engineering Technology program at RichmondCC this May. She is a student in the Richmond Early College High School (REaCH) program, so she will be graduating with both an associate degree and her high school diploma.

"During the summer camp, I was introduced to many different things such as 3D printing, app development, electronics and robotics," she said. "After learning more about each one and seeing how each works in more detail, I became interested in learning even more."

As a REaCH student, she knew right away that she wanted to be in the Mechatronics program. This program is a combination of mechanical engineering, electronics engineering, and computer programming. Mechatronics engineers are trained in a variety of disciplines that assist them in designing, developing, and testing automation, intelligent systems, smart devices and industrial systems controls.

"I have enjoyed everything the program has to offer from the moment I started," Ellen said. "From the mechanical parts such as mechanisms and hydraulic and pneumatics, the electrical parts such as circuit analysis, to the programming part such as PLCs."

Engineering instructor Annie Harden, who played a key role in developing the "Girls Exploring Engineering" camp five years ago, is excited to see the impact that the camp had on girls like Ellen.



**Pictured at top is the group of girls who attended the Girls Exploring Engineering summer camp hosted by Richmond Community College's women engineering instructors in February 2020. Ellen Carrillo Mayoral was 13 years old when she came to the camp. She is pictured above left at the camp. Above right, Ellen, now 18, is pictured with engineering instructor Annie Harden, who helped develop the summer camp, and Mechatronics Program Coordinator Troy Kostek.**

"I was just so excited that it sparked something in her that made her want to come back and go into the Mechatronics program," Harden said. "That was proof for me that having a STEM camp specifically for girls is very needed."

For Ellen, what she liked most about the camp was learning to write code for a robot, as well as building an electronic circuit to power a light bulb or run a small fan.

"I liked everything that I was introduced to that day," she said.

As Ellen prepares to graduate with her degree and start her career in engineering, she is thankful that she chose to come to RichmondCC, both for the summer camp and for college.

"RichmondCC has introduced me to new and different things. It allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and has helped me grow as a person and interact with others," she said. "I would recommend RichmondCC to others as a place where everyone comes together and helps each other out."

## For More Information

To learn more about the Mechatronics program or tour the campus, call RichmondCC at (910) 410-1700 or text (910) 518-9685. RichmondCC is now enrolling students for the summer semester.

University students who take summer classes can receive a discount on tuition through the Homecoming Special scholarship.

Visit [www.richmondcc.edu](http://www.richmondcc.edu) to learn more and to complete a free application online. Applications are good for one year.

**You can get your questions for Richmond Community College answered by text message! Text 910-518-9685**





# Set Your Goals on Helping Others

*Start your studies in social and human services at RichmondCC*



Those who work in social and human services address human needs and promote well-being.

Social and human services is a broad field that includes psychology, sociology, and social work. The ultimate goal of those who choose this career is addressing human needs and promoting well-being.

At Richmond Community College, you have options for preparing for this type of career from a college degree to individual certificates. You can earn an Associate in Applied Science in Social and Human Services degree, while also choosing from five concentration areas:

- Addiction & Recovery
- Child Advocacy Studies
- Mental Health
- Social Services
- Generalist

## Employment Opportunities

The Social and Human Services program prepares you for entry-level positions in institutions and agencies that provide social, community and behavioral health services such as:

- Department of Social Services
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Mental Health Centers
- Substance Abuse Treatment Centers
- Family Service Agencies
- Community Outreach Programs

## Start with a Certificate

You can begin your studies with a certificate in one of the concentrations. (*Generalist certificate is not available.*) All certificates

are stackable, meaning each one obtained will count toward the associate degree. All certificates are offered 100% online.

## At a Glance

**Addiction & Recovery:** This concentration prepares students to assist in drug and alcohol counseling, prevention-oriented educational activities, rehabilitation with recovering clients, managing community-based programs and counseling in residential facilities.

**Child Advocacy Studies:** This concentration is designed to equip students with the essential skills and knowledge to effectively address and respond to child maltreatment.

**Mental Health:** This concentration is designed to prepare students to better understand mental health challenges and interventions.

**Social Services:** This concentration prepares students for direct service delivery work in social service agencies.

**Generalist:** This concentration provides a broad view of all areas of human and social services.

RichmondCC is now registering students for the 2025 summer semester. Students can also register for the entire 2025-2026 academic year. This allows students to have a clear view of their college studies and to see a finish line.

Visit either campus in Hamlet or Laurinburg, or call (910) 410-1700 to get started.

## You Have Options!

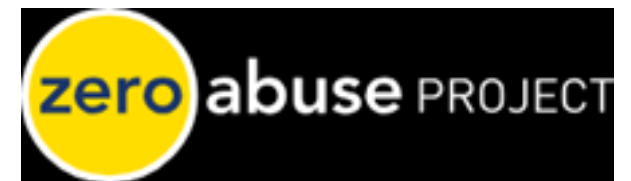
You can choose to complete the Social and Human Services associate degree with a concentration in Child Advocacy Studies (CAS) or pursue the CAS certificate only.

The CAS certificate is suited for professional first-responders, educators, child care providers, social workers or anyone who works with children.

### 4 Classes to a Credential

The CAS certificate requires the completion of four 8-week courses that can be completed through the continuing education division or as college curriculum classes. If taken through the continuing education division, there are no out-of-state tuition rates for these classes.

CAS is recognized and backed by zeroabuse.org, ensuring that students receive a credential respected in the field of child advocacy.



## Apply for Free Online

[www.richmondcc.edu/admissions](http://www.richmondcc.edu/admissions)  
Your application is good for a year.







# C-STEP Student Named RichmondCC's Academic Excellence Award Winner

Richmond Community College student Madison Gentry has been named the 2025 Academic Excellence Award winner.

Each college in the N.C. Community College System selects a student for an Academic Excellence Award, which recognizes a student for outstanding academic achievement.

Madison of Laurinburg has also been accepted into the C-STEP co-admission program with the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She is now a Tarheel student while completing her associate degree with RichmondCC this spring semester. She has access to special events, advising, as well as transition and support services at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Madison would not have thought this possible four years ago when she dropped out of high school due to overwhelming family responsibilities.

At her parents' suggestion, Madison enrolled in the Adult



**Not only was Richmond Community College student Madison Gentry selected for the C-STEP coadmission program with the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, she was also named RichmondCC's 2025 Academic Excellence Award winner.**

Education program at RichmondCC and earned her GED in the spring of 2023 after intensive months of studying for the tests.

The following fall semester, Madison enrolled in the Associate in Arts program at Rich-



mondCC. Since enrolling in college, she has maintained a high grade-point average, and she joined the Student Government Association.

She also helps with her parents' business and does volun-

teer work in her community.

Madison will be pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Management and Society, which combines studies of business, psychology and ethics, at UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall of 2025.

## Not a resident of N.C.? Not a problem!

The Pee Dee Special is a scholarship that allows neighboring South Carolina residents to take advantage of our low-cost in-state tuition rates and enroll in the unique programs at RichmondCC such as Electric Utility Substation & Relay Technology, Cybersecurity, Mechatronics, Nursing and more. Many programs are 100 percent online!

**RichmondCC's in-state tuition rate is only \$76 per credit hour, and there is no application fee.**



## Out-of-State Tuition Rates WAIVED

Qualified students will pay in-state rates.\*

**APPLY FOR FREE**



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# One Class Can Lead To A Big Life Change



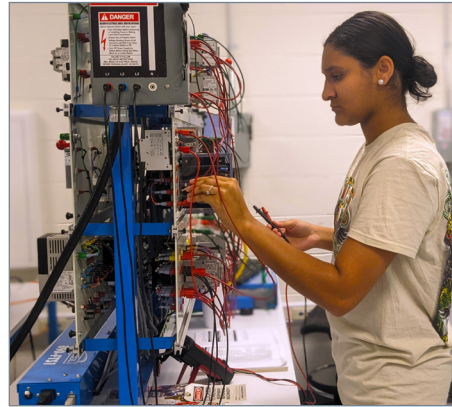
## Electric Lineman

April 28 - July 31 | \$1,250  
Hamlet Campus



## Truck Driver Training

June 2 - July 31 | \$1,399  
Scotland County Campus



## Industrial Systems Tech.

May 20 - Aug. 8 | \$375  
Hamlet Campus



## Welding

May 6 - Aug. 14 | \$225  
Hamlet Campus



## Paramedic Initial Training

May 8, 2025 - Nov. 30, 2026 | \$1,170  
Hamlet Campus



## Pharmacy Tech. Training

Aug. 20 - Dec. 10 | \$370  
Scotland County Campus



## Surgical Technician

Aug. 14 - Dec. 12 | \$875  
Robinette Building, Rockingham



## Machining

Sept. 2 - Dec. 12 | \$225  
Hamlet Campus

At Richmond Community College, we offer short-term training programs that give you the entry level skills you need to begin a new career. Besides the classes above, check out what else we offer through our Continuing Education division.

**When you are ready to sign up, call (910) 410-1700.**

**Auto Dealers' License Renewal** | 1-day class April 23 | Hamlet Campus

**Arc Flash Safety Training** | 1-day class April 25 | Hamlet Campus

**Customer Service & Retail Training** | Class starts April 28 | Hamlet Campus

### Nursing Assistant Classes

Evening: April 29 - Nov. 11 | Scotland County Campus

Day: May 27 - July 15 | Scotland County Campus

Day: May 27 - July 15 | Hamlet Campus

**Effective Substitute Teacher Training** | Class starts May 5 | Online

**Vehicle Safety Inspection** | 2-day class May 13-14 | Hamlet Campus

**American Sign Language** | Class starts May 27 | Hamlet Campus

**Elect. Blueprint Reading** | 1-day class May 30 | Hamlet Campus

**Quickbooks** | Class starts June 2 | 100% Online

**DIY for Homeowner Level 2** | Class starts June 3 | Hamlet Campus

**Escort Vehicle Operator** | 1-day class June 20 | Hamlet Campus

**Electrical Schematics & Diagram** | 1-day class June 27 | Hamlet Campus

**Truck Driver Training (Evening)** | Class starts July 7 | Scotland County Campus

**Electronic Notary Public** | 1-day class July 14 | Scotland County Campus

**How to Start a Freight Dispatching Business** | Class starts July 22 | Robinette Building, Rockingham

**Basics of Grounding** | 1-day class July 25 | Hamlet Campus

**Child Advocacy Studies** | First class starts Aug. 15 | Online

**Basic Law Enforcement Training** | Class starts July 21 | Hamlet Campus

**Yoga** | Class starts Aug. 19 - Scotland County Campus | Class starts Aug. 21 - Robinette Building, Rockingham

**Plus monthly Notary Public, Defensive Driving and CPR/First Aid classes!**





# Summer Semester 2025

VIEW CLASS DAYS, TIMES  
AND LOCATION



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## ACCOUNTING

ACC-120 Prin. Of Financial Accounting  
ACC-121 Prin. Of Managerial Accounting

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

ASL-111 Elementary ASL I

## ART

ART-111 Art Appreciation

## BIOLOGY

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

## BUSINESS

BUS-110 Introduction to Business  
BUS-125 Personal Finance  
BUS-139 Entrepreneurship I

## CHEMISTRY

CHM-151 General Chemistry I  
CHM-251 Organic Chemistry I  
CHM-252 Organic Chemistry II

## COLLEGE SUCCESS

ACA-122 College Transfer Success

## COMMUNICATIONS

COM-231 Public Speaking

## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

CIS-110 Introduction to Computers

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CJC-111 Introduction to Criminal Justice

## DRAMA

DRA-111 Theatre Appreciation

## ECONOMICS

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

## EDUCATION

EDU-114 Intro to Family Childcare  
EDU-173 Becoming a Professional in ECE  
EDU-247 Sensory & Physical Disabilities

## ELECTRIC UTILITY SUBSTATION

EUS-130 Electric Utility Print Reading  
EUS-210 Large High Voltage Power Transf. I

EUS-215 Large High Voltage Power Transf. II  
EUS-220 High Voltage Power Circuit Br.  
EUS-225 Electric Utility Safety & Human Perf.  
EUS-230 Electric Utility Protective Relaying I  
EUS-240 Substation Ancillary Systems

## ELECTRONICS

ELN-231 Industrial Controls

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCE

EMS-220 Cardiology II  
EMS-221 EMS Clinical Practicum II

## ENGLISH

ENG-111 Writing and Inquiry  
ENG-112 Writing/Research in the Disc  
ENG-231 American Literature I

## GERONTOLOGY

GRO-120 Gerontology

## GOVERNMENT

POL-120 American Government

## HEALTH SCIENCES

HSC-110 Orientation to Health Careers  
HSC-140 Transcultural Healthcare

## HISTORY

HIS-131 American History I  
HIS-132 American History II

## HUMAN SERVICES

HSE-242 Family Systems  
HSE-251 Activities Planning

## HUMANITIES

HUM-115 Critical Thinking

## MATH

MAT-143 Quantitative Literacy  
MAT-152 Statistical Methods I  
MAT-171 Precalculus Algebra  
MAT-172 Precalculus Trigonometry  
MAT-271 Calculus I

## MEDICAL ASSISTING

MED-121 Medical Terminology I  
MED-140 Exam Room Procedures I

## MUSIC

MUS-110 Music Appreciation

## NURSING

NUR-103 Practical Nursing III  
NUR-113 Family Health Concepts

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

OST-131 Keyboarding  
OST-289 Office Admin Capstone

## PHILOSOPHY

PHI-240 Introduction to Ethics

## PHYSICS

PHY-151 College Physics I  
PHY-152 College Physics II

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PED-110 Fit and Well for Life

## PSYCHOLOGY

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

## RELIGION

REL-211 Intro to Old Testament

## SOCIOLOGY

SOC-210 Introduction to Sociology  
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



We are offering a discount on summer classes for university students coming home for the summer break. University students who enroll in a class, or classes, during the Summer Semester at RichmondCC will get a "Homecoming Special" on tuition and fees for classes.

### Discounted Rates

Cost of 3 credit hour class: \$199 (normal price: \$258)  
Cost of 4 credit hour course: \$275 (normal price: \$334)  
Cost of 5 credit hour course: \$350 (normal price: \$410)

Let us know if you don't see a  
class on the schedule you need!





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## ACCOUNTING

ACC-120 Prin. Of Financial Accounting  
ACC-129 Individual Income Taxes  
ACC-130 Business Income Taxes  
ACC-220 Intermediate Accounting I

## AIR CONDITIONING/HVACR

AHR-110 Intro to Refrigeration  
AHR-111 HVACR Electricity  
AHR-113 Comfort Cooling  
AHR-115 Refrigeration Systems  
AHR-160 Refrigerant Certification  
AHR-180 HVACR Customer Relations  
AHR-211 Residential System Design  
AHR-213 HVACR Building Code

## ART

ART-111 Art Appreciation  
ART-114 Art History Survey I  
ART-121 Two-Dimensional Design  
ART-283 Ceramics I

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

ASL-111 Elementary ASL I  
ASL-211 Intermediate ASL I

## 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

## BUSINESS

BUS-110 Introduction to Business  
BUS-115 Business Law I  
BUS-121 Business Mathematics  
BUS-125 Personal Finance  
BUS-137 Principles of Management  
BUS-153 Human Resource Management  
BUS-217 Employment Law and Regs  
BUS-230 Small Business Management  
BUS-234 Training and Development

## CHEMISTRY

CHM-151 General Chemistry I  
CHM-152 General Chemistry II  
CHM-251 Organic Chemistry I

## CHILD ADVOCACY STUDIES

CAS-110 Perspectives on Child Maltreatment  
CAS-210 Prof. & System Responses to Child Mal.

## COLLEGE SUCCESS

ACA-122 College Transfer Success

## COMMUNICATIONS

COM-120 Intro to Interpersonal Communication  
COM-231 Public Speaking

## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

CIS-110 Introduction to Computers  
CIS-115 Intro to Prog & Logic  
CSC-251 Advanced JAVA Programming  
CTI-110 Web, Pgm, & DB Foundation  
CTI-120 Network & Sec Foundation  
CTS-120 Hardware/Software Support  
CTS-130 Spreadsheet  
CTS-155 Tech Support Functions  
DBA-120 Database Programming I  
NOS-120 Linux/UNIX Single User  
NOS-230 Windows Admin I

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CJC-111 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CJC-112 Criminology  
CJC-113 Juvenile Justice  
CJC-121 Law Enforcement Operations  
CJC-131 Criminal Law  
CJC-132 Court Procedure & Evidence  
CJC-141 Corrections  
CJC-160 Terrorism: Underlying Issues  
CJC-212 Ethics & Community Relations  
CJC-221 Investigative Principles  
CJC-231 Constitutional Law

## CYBER SECURITY

SEC-160 Security Administration I

## DRAFTING/DESIGN

DFT-151 CAD I  
MEC-130 Mechanisms

## DRAMA

DRA-111 Theatre Appreciation

## ECONOMICS

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

## EDUCATION

EDU-119 Introduction to Early Childhood  
EDU-131 Child, Family, and Community  
EDU-144 Child Development I  
EDU-145 Child Development II  
EDU-187 Teaching and Learning for All  
EDU-221 Children with Exceptionalities  
EDU-250 Teacher Licensure Preparation  
EDU-270 Effective Instructional Environment  
EDU-272 Technology, Data and Assessment  
EDU-277 Integr. Curr. Instr.: Math/Science  
EDU-278 Integr. Curr. Instr.: Social Studies/ELA

EDU-280 Language/Literacy Experiences

EDU-284 Early Childhood Capstone Practicum

## ELECTRICAL

ELC-131 Circuit Analysis I

## ELECTRIC UTILITY SUBSTATION

EUS-110 Intro to Electric Utility Industry  
EUS-130 Electric Utility Print Reading  
EUS-215 Large High Voltage Power Transf. II  
EUS-220 High Voltage Power Circuit Breaker  
EUS-225 Electric Utility Safety and Human Prfrm.  
EUS-230 Electric Utility Protective Relaying I  
EUS-240 Substation Ancillary Systems

## ELECTRONICS

ELN-229 Industrial Electronics  
ELN-260 Programmable Logic Controllers

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EME-111 911 Communications & Operations I  
EME-211 Adv. 911 Comm. & Operations  
GIS-110 Survey of GIS/GPS

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCE

EMS-110 Emergency Medical Technician  
EMS-231 EMS Clinical Practicum III  
EMS-240 Patients W/Special Challenges  
EMS-250 Medical Emergencies  
EMS-260 Trauma Emergencies  
EMS-270 Life Span Emergencies  
EMS-280 EMS Bridging Course

## ENGLISH

ENG-111 Writing and Inquiry  
ENG-112 Writing/Research in the Disc  
ENG-125 Creative Writing I  
ENG-231 American Literature I  
ENG-232 American Literature II  
ENG-242 British Literature II

## HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

HMT-110 Intro. To Healthcare Mgmt.  
HMT-211 Long-Term Care Administration  
HMT-215 Legal Aspect of Healthcare Admin.  
HMT-220 Healthcare Financial Management

## HISTORY

HIS-111 World Civilizations I  
HIS-131 American History I  
HIS-132 American History II





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## HUMAN SERVICES

HSE-110 Intro to Human Services  
HSE-123 Interviewing Techniques for Hum. Serv.  
HSE-227 Children and Adolescents in Crisis  
SAB-110 Intro to Addiction & Recovery  
SAB-125 Addiction & Recovery Case Mgmt.  
SAB-135 Addictive Processes  
SWK-110 Intro to Social Work  
SWK-115 Community Resources  
SWK-214 Social Work Law

## HUMANITIES

HUM-110 Technology & Society  
HUM-115 Critical Thinking  
HUM-120 Cultural Studies

## INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE

ISC-132 Manufacturing Quality Control

## MARKETING

MKT-120 Principles of Marketing  
MKT-227 Marketing Applications  
MKT-232 Social Media Marketing

## MATH

MAT-143 Quantitative Literacy  
MAT-152 Statistical Methods I  
MAT-171 Precalculus Algebra  
MAT-172 Precalculus Trigonometry  
MAT-271 Calculus I

## MEDICAL ASSISTING

MED-114 Prof. Interaction in Health Care  
MED-121 Medical Terminology I  
MED-130 Administrative Office Procedures I  
MED-150 Laboratory Procedures I

MED-270 Symptomatology  
MED-272 Drug Therapy

## MENTAL HEALTH

MHA-140 Intro to Mental Health  
MHA-238 Psychopathology

## MUSIC

MUS-110 Music Appreciation  
MUS-112 Introduction to Jazz  
MUS-211 History of Country Music

## NURSING

NUR-101 Practical Nursing I  
NUR-111 Intro to Health Concepts  
NUR-211 Health Care Concepts  
NUR-212 Health Systems Concepts

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

OST-131 Keyboarding

## PHILOSOPHY

PHI-215 Philosophical Issues  
PHI-240 Intro to Ethics

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PED-110 Fit and Well for Life  
PED-120 Walking for Fitness  
PED-143 Volleyball-Beginning  
PED-147 Soccer  
PED-172 Outdoor Living

## PHYSICS

PHY-151 College Physics I  
PHY-152 College Physics II

PHY 251 General Physics I

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

POL-120 American Government

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PMT-110 Intro to Project Management

## PSYCHOLOGY

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

## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PAD-151 Intro to Public Administration  
PAD-251 Public Finance & Budgeting

## RELIGION

REL-110 World Religions  
REL-211 Intro to Old Testament

## SOCIOLOGY

SOC-210 Introduction to Sociology  
SOC-213 Sociology of the Family

## SPANISH

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

## WEB DEVELOPMENT

WEB-141 Mobile Interface Design

# FALL SEMESTER BEGINS **AUG. 15**

**APPLYING TO RICHMONDCC IS EASY AND FREE!**

**1.** Complete the Online Residency Application.



**2.** Complete the Online Admissions Application.



**3.** Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships.



**4.** Send in Your Official Transcripts.

*Transcripts can be mailed from the school to Richmond Community College Admissions Office, P.O. Box 1189, Hamlet, NC 28345. Transcripts can also be sent electronically using a secure electronic transcript provider.*





# Business Degree Leads to New Business, New Life

## *Teriyaki Express Owner Grateful for What She Learned at RichmondCC*

As the owner and operator of Teriyaki Express Japanese Restaurant Inc. in Sanford, Jeanette Lopez enjoys not only the freedom of owning her own business but also being able to work with her family every day.

Lopez, a 2015 graduate of Richmond Community College's Business Administration program, opened Teriyaki Express in July 2020 just as COVID-19 restrictions were being lifted.

"That was a scary time to open a business, especially a restaurant," Lopez said "Initially, my family and I found ourselves in Sanford, which we were unfamiliar with, and we did not know anyone in the area."

In the beginning, Lopez served a small entrée menu, but as the months went by, she expanded her menu to include soups, appetizers, wings, and sushi.

"In my restaurant, we prepare everything from scratch, especially our sauces," Lopez said. "All dishes we prepare begin with washing, cutting, and cooking our ingredients. Even though I'm usually running around, I enjoy it and wouldn't trade it for the world."

### **Being the Boss**

Lopez enjoys the benefits of being her own boss. She does not have to report to anyone, but being a business owner does come with a lot of responsibilities, including creating new menu items, logos, shirts, and slogans for her company.

"Each day is different, from ordering food to preparing it to paying bills and doing accounting tasks," Lopez said. "If one of my employees doesn't show up for work, then I have to cover their spot for the day, along with the help of my staff."

Ultimately, she enjoys being able to interact with customers and being a staple in the community.

### **Challenging Times**

Prior to Lopez's successful business, she



had a hard life growing up. Originally from Middletown, Ohio, Lopez was adopted at the age of 10 and moved to North Carolina with her new family.

"Growing up, education was not something that was valued in my home," Lopez said. "I had a hard time learning to read, and spelling was not my strongest area. Math was not my favorite subject, and I especially hated it when I had to ask for help."

As a child, Lopez didn't have the support of her family to work hard in school. Lopez began to slowly give up and eventually got involved with the wrong crowd. Eventually, she dropped out of high school by the end of her ninth grade year.

"Life became harder for me because I got pregnant with my first child at the age of 16, but I didn't let that stop me from trying to do better," Lopez said. "I had given up on going back to school, but three kids later and being in my early 20s, I decided that if I was going to make something of myself, I would have to have a degree."

In 2007, Lopez obtained her GED from Gaston College, in Dallas, N.C.

"My first dream was to possibly be a teacher, but at the same time, my husband and I had a conversation in 2009 about starting a business, specifically a restaurant," Lopez

said. "I researched what degree would help me the most with owning a business. That's how I ended up finding Richmond Community College."

### **Paving the Way**

As a first-generation college graduate, Lopez is excited that she has paved the way for her children to have higher education aspirations.

"RichmondCC has greatly impacted my life," Lopez said. "I knew when I was signing up for the classes that I would do whatever I could to finish. Had I not gone back to school and earned my associate degree in Business Administration and gained the skills and knowledge to run a successful business, I'm not sure how I would have made it."

Due to what she learned in her business classes at RichmondCC, Lopez didn't have to hire any lawyers or accountants to open her restaurant.

"In one class, we had to make up a fake business, and I used my idea of my current business. I made the project on that whole idea, even down to the name," Lopez said.

Because the Business Administration degree is offered 100 percent online, Lopez took many of her classes online and did not have to be on campus all day.

"My advisors were extremely helpful, especially when it came to me asking questions or scheduling my classes," Lopez said.

Lopez knew attending college would be a financial strain for her family, which now included five children. However, she applied for financial aid and scholarships and received both, making college more affordable for her.

### **New Business, New Life**

Lopez is grateful for RichmondCC because it helped her start her business and begin a new life.

"Had I not gotten the opportunity to attend RichmondCC, I don't think that I would be where I am today," Lopez said. "I am so blessed to be able to work with my family and spend time with them every day. This is all because of Teriyaki Express, which would not have been as successful without RichmondCC."





# Fundraisers Provide Great Support for Scholarship for Former Instructor

The Gay Garris Rhyne Memorial Scholarship is now an endowed scholarship, meaning it is a permanent, perpetual scholarship at Richmond Community College.

The scholarship was established by the Garris family to honor the memory of Gay Garris Rhyne after she passed away in 2015. Gay was an instructor at RichmondCC in the Health Information Technology program. She was loved by both faculty and her students.

Her family described Gay as a vibrant, loving and giving spirit who dedicated her life to helping and teaching others and promoting goodness and love in her community.

"She would help anybody at the drop of a dime," said Ricky Wallace, whom she was dating at the time of her passing and had known since they were young.

After talking to her brother, Kyle Garris, and her mother, Norma Gwen Garris, Ricky started hosting volleyball tournaments at Richmond Senior High School to raise money for Gay's scholarship.

"We had teams from Fayetteville, Greensboro and Charlotte come, and teams from here, too," Ricky said.

For four years, they raised money with the volleyball tour-



**Gay Garris Rhyne is pictured with her brother, Kyle Garris. Her family established a scholarship with the Richmond Community College Foundation after she passed away in 2015.**



**Gay Garris Rhyne was an instructor for the Health Information Technology program at Richmond Community College. She is pictured above with other Allied Health faculty members at that time.**

naments, but COVID made access to the high school more difficult, so Ricky started hosting golf tournaments at Deercroft Golf

Club in Wagram.

"It's a good group of people who come out to play. In fact, it's turned into a reunion of people we all grew up with and graduated high school with," Ricky said.

After so many years of having these fundraisers, the family was able to set up an endowment to support the lifespan of the scholarship. The scholarship is awarded twice a year to a student enrolled in an Allied Health program at RichmondCC, who is also a single, working parent.

With her giving and loving spirit in mind, her family hopes that this scholarship will inspire others entering an Allied Health program to strive to make a positive impact just as Gay did to everyone whom she met.

Ricky will be hosting the next golf tournament/fundraiser on Oct. 18 at Deercroft Golf Club. It is a 3-man captain's choice tournament.

"It's a good time, and hopefully we will once again have good weather. All the food and beverages are free, and people are welcome to make donations," Ricky said.

For more information or to enter a team into the golf tournament for the Gay Garris Rhyne Memorial Scholarship, call Ricky Wallace at (980) 333-5347.

## Scholarships Help Many Achieve Their Dreams, Goals

At Richmond Community College, we do our best to offer all of our students the best education at a manageable cost – and scholarships play a big part in achieving this. Through the fundraising of the RichmondCC Foundation, each year we are able to award more than 100 need- and merit-based scholarships, as well as offer countless programs and resources that are free to the public.

If you've been positively impacted as a student or community member by RichmondCC, we have plenty of opportunities for you to give back to our school by donating to the Foundation.



**Learn More**





## Ongoing

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. Students can register for the 2025 Fall Semester, 2026 Spring Semester and 2026 Summer Semester. Call (910) 410-1700 to learn more.

## April 29

The Campus Crusade for Christ Club and the American Sign Language instructor host a free showing of "ASL Jesus Movie" at the Cole Auditorium at 5:30 p.m.

## April 30

The Student Government Association presents Paws for a Cause from 12 to 3 p.m. on the Hamlet Campus. The Animal Shelter will have pets available for adoption and will be accepting donations of food bowls, dog collars, cat and dog toys, cat and dog treats, blankets, towels, dog beds, litter boxes and cat litter.

## May 6

Dare to Lead Club Monthly Meeting from 12 to 1:15 p.m. in the Lee Building, room 4, Hamlet Campus. Join us if you would like to serve as a mentor or support students' success.

## May 7

RichmondCC Chorus' Spring Concert at 6 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium. Free admission!

## May 8

Director's Circle End-of-the-Season Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium. Invitation only

## May 13

National Adult Education Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Cole Auditorium



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May 14

American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium

### May 15

Last Day of Spring Semester

### May 19

- CNA Job Fair from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Cole Auditorium
- CNA Pinning Ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Cole Auditorium
- Surgical Technician Pinning Ceremony at 1 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium
- EMS/EMT Pinning Ceremony at 2 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium
- Medical Assisting Pinning Ceremony at 4 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium
- Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium

### May 21

Spring Graduation Ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Invitation only

### May 22

Truck Driver Training Graduation Ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Cole Auditorium

### May 26

College Closed for Memorial Day

### May 27

First Day of Summer Semester

### June 2

OneBlood blood donation truck in the parking lot of the Cole Auditorium from 2 to 7 p.m. for blood drive

### June 12

Adult Education Graduation Ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium

### June 17

Charlotte Symphony presents a concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium. Tickets are general admission only.

## July 4

College Closed for Fourth of July

## July 8

Introduction to the Business of Freight Dispatching, a free seminar hosted by RichmondCC's Small Business Center from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Robinette Building in downtown Rockingham. Call the Small Business Center at (910) 410-1687 for details.

## July 9

American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium

## July 22

- CNA Pinning Ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Cole Auditorium
- Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium

## July 28

Summer Graduation Ceremony at the Cole Auditorium. Time TBD

## Aug. 8

Industrial Systems Technician Phase 2 Expo at 1 p.m. at the Forte Building, followed by graduation at 2:30 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium

## Sept. 16

Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium. Visit the Career & Transfer Advising Center at either RichmondCC campus to get help writing a resume and preparing for interviews.

## Sept. 25

Our Heroes Tree Ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Cole Auditorium, honoring military men and women

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