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# 1998 Grad Wins Award

Gregory Thompson has been named Richmond Community College's 2021 Outstanding Alumni Award winner. Thompson graduated from RichmondCC in 1998 with an Associate in Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Thompson is the operations support manager for Railroad Friction, a company that manufactures high- and low-fric-

#### Outstanding Alumni Award

tion composition brake shoes, specialty shoes and disc brake linings for the rail industry.

"I've known Greg for a long time, and he is a perfect example of someone finding success through determination, hard work, and character," said Dr. Dale McInnis, president of RichmondCC. "He had the courage to come to RichmondCC mid-career, apply his talents and earn his degree."

Thompson said it was a great honor to receive this award, especially being selected from among the thousands of RichmondCC graduates over the years.

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Gregory Thompson works as the operations support manager for Railroad Friction.

# 'Signing is for everyone.'

# American Sign Language classes available this spring at RichmondCC

Kathleen Rozanski is profoundly deaf. She can't hear any sounds at all. However, if she is wearing hearing aids, she can hear some noises like a car horn, a doorbell or an airplane. Hearing aids also allow her to hear music, but she can't understand any of the words being sung.

Rozanski was hired by Richmond Community College this fall to teach American Sign Language (ASL) classes.

" I always enjoyed being a teacher. I like to teach anyone to learn



American Sign Language instructor Kathleen Rozanski began teaching classes at RichmondCC this fall. She said sign language is for everyone, not just deaf people.

about ASL. That is my passion," Rozanski wrote in an email. "Sign language is not only for deaf people. It is for everyone. Some hearing people who are having trouble speaking can use sign language to

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# **Get Money for College**

It's time to apply for financial aid for the 2022-23 academic year. Richmond Community College Code is 005464.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required to be eligible for any kind of federal, state and local funding and scholarships, including emergency relief funding for COVID.

Need help with the FAFSA? Our staff is here to help. See Page 8





### **SHORT-TERM TRAINING CLASSES**

To Register for Classes: (910) 410-1700

#### **Notary Public**

This one-day course provides instruction to those who want to become commissioned as a notary public. Upon completion of this course with a passing exam grade of 80%, a person is eligible to apply with the NC Secretary of State Office. Cost \$70 - Hamlet Campus: Nov. 13 & Scotland Co. Campus: Dec. 11

#### **OSHA 30 for Industry**

The OSHA 30 for Industry provides training for entry-level workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, abatement, and prevention of safety and health hazards in workplaces in general industry. The



program also provides information regarding workers' rights, employer responsibilities, and how to file a complaint. **Cost \$133 - Nov. 1-29 - Hamlet Campus** 

#### **General Contractor CEUs**

This one-day course will satisfy continuing education requirements outlined in the Continuing Education General Statue 87-10.2, which states that North Carolina licensed general contractors were required to complete continuing education beginning with 2021 license renewals. Cost \$149 - Nov. 19 - Hamlet Campus

#### **Nursing Assistant I**

This course offered in a traditional classroom setting prepares you to successfully complete the state exam to become a nurse aide. Choose between day or evening classes.

Discounted price: \$75
(Class value: \$552.28)



Orientation for day and evening classes is Jan. 5. Start date: Jan. 10 - Scotland County Campus

#### **Electric Lineman**

This course will prepare you to work as a lineman in the preparation and repair of rural electrical utility services. You will gain the necessary skills for employment in various electrical utility industries. Discounted price: \$499 (Class value:



\$1,390) - Jan. 10 - April 12 - Hamlet Campus

#### **Industrial Mechanics**

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.



Discounted price: \$50 (Class value: \$338) - Jan. 11 - April 14 - Scotland County Campus

#### **Residential Wiring**

This course introduces students to the care and usage of tools and materials used in residential electrical installations in adherence to the requirements of the National Electrical Code. Discounted price: \$50 (Class value: \$275) - Jan. 11 - April 28 - Hamlet Campus

#### Welding

Classes for GMAW (MIG) FCAW/Plate will be offered during the day, and GTAW (TIG) Plate classes will be offered in the evening. **Discounted Price:** \$50 (Class value: \$472) Jan. 13 - May 13 - Hamlet Campus

#### **Cyber Security Training**

In this hybrid course, students will learn about common cyber attacks, identifying threats, and basic principles of networking and security. They will also have the opportunity to earn industry recognized certifications. **Discount-**



ed price: \$99 (Class value: \$2,380) - Jan. 15 - April 23 - Robinette Building

#### **Banking Fundamentals**

This hybrid class (face-to-face meetings plus online assignments) teaches you about banking services and the functions of a bank teller such as daily transaction procedures, payment functions, suspicious activity reports and more.



High school diploma or GED required to take this course. Discounted price: \$90 (Class value: \$277.94) - Jan. 18 - April 19 - Robinette Building

## **New Skills, New Life**

RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Huge Discounts on Class Fees, Books

& Equipment for a Limited Time!

#### **Pilot (Escort) Vehicle Operator**

This one-day course is designed to meet the training

requirements set by the NC Department of Transportation to certify oversize-overweight load escort vehicle drivers. Course components consist of escort driver requirements, skills training and an exam.



Cost \$70 - Jan. 21 - Hamlet Campus

#### **Small Engine Repair**

Gain the skills to become a small engine mechanic by taking this introductory course that will provide you with instruction on disassembly, inspections, cleaning and repairs of small engines. Cost \$125 - Jan. 24 - April 11 - Hamlet Campus

#### **AutoCAD**

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. Discounted price: \$90 (Class value: \$234.98) - Jan. 24 - May 8 - ONLINE

#### **SolidWorks**

This online course introduces you to advanced CAD applications and improving your CAD skills using SolidWorks, a solid modeling computer-aided design and computer-aided engineering computer program.

Discounted price: \$90 (Class value: \$237.91) - Jan. 24 - May 8 - ONLINE

#### **Real Estate Broker Pre-Licensing**

This is an introductory level real estate course with

heavy emphasis on real estate brokerage law, principles and practice. The class provides students with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to act as a licensed real estate broker in North Carolina in a manner that protects



and serves public interest. Students will be prepared for the real estate license examination. **Cost \$180 - Jan. 24 - April 27 - Hamlet Campus** 



# With enrollment comes many resources, services

# RichmondCC students have opportunities at their fingertips

Did you know when you become a student at Richmond Community College you open the door to many services and resources? Tutoring, financial aid, counseling, career exploration, and internships are just a few opportunities that await you at RichmondCC.

The Academic Success Center has both a writing center and math lab to help you with class assignments and projects. Tutors can help you brush up on your skills, and staff members can review writing assignments before you turn them in for a grade. The Academic Success Center can also assist with video projects and speeches. If you excel in a particular subject, you can become a tutor yourself!

The Financial Aid Office is your pathway to finding grants, scholarships and other financial resources to help you pay for college. If you are a veteran or currently serving in the military,





ON THE FRONT LINES. Pictured are the many staff members at the Hamlet and Scotland County Campus that are available to help you get enrolled and on the right path to a better

our Veterans Services specialist will connect you with the many benefits that are available from the federal government. At the Career & Transfer Center, staff members can help you explore careers and job openings, write resumes and practice

for interviews. They can also help you apply for a campus job or an internship with a local business or company. If your goal is to transfer and continue your education, the Career & Transfer Center is your information source for what classes to take, what universities have your baccalaureate program, and how to get guaranteed college admissions to your next school of choice.

RichmondCC has computer labs, study areas, a library, a campus café, a Small Business Center, a walking trail and amphitheater. Also, when you become a student at Richmond-CC, you get free access to Office 365. This includes your student email, Cloud storage and Microsoft Office applications.

RichmondCC has an open admissions policy, and applications can be completed for free online year-round. For more information, visit www.richmondcc.edu or call (910) 410-1700. Spring semester begins Jan. 13.

Register for classes today!







### RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Hamlet Campus** 1042 W. Hamlet Ave., Hamlet (910) 410-1700 **Scotland County Campus** 600 McLean St., Laurinburg (910) 410-1831

**Robinette Building** 121 S. Lee St., Rockingham (910) 410-1970 James Building 106 Vance St., Hamlet (910) 410-1771



# **Spring Semester 2022**

# VIEW CLASS DAYS, TIMES AND LOCATION



YELLOW = ONLINE OPTIONS AVAILABLE • BLUE = EVENING OPTIONS AVAILABLE • GREEN = ONLINE & EVENING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

**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-113 Comfort Cooling** 

**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-115 Art History Survey II** 

**ART-121 Two Dimensional Design** 

**ART-131 Drawing I** 

**ART-240 Painting I** 

**ART-264 Digital Photography I** 

**ART-283 Ceramics I** 

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE** 

**ASL-111 Elementary ASL I** 

**ASL-112 Elementary ASL II** 

**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** 

**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

bos-259 business Application Sellin

**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-212 Ethics & Community Relations** 

**CJC-215 Organization & Administration** 

**CJC-221 Investigative Principles** 

**CJC-222 Criminalistics** 

**CJC-233 Correctional Law** 

CYBER SECURITY

**SEC-110 Security Concepts** 

**DRAFTING/DESIGN** 

DFT-151 CAD I

**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** 

**DRAMA** 

**DRA-111 Theatre Appreciation** 

**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-284 Early Childhood Capstone Prac.** 

**ELECTRICAL** 

**ELC-112 DC/AC Electricity** 

**ELC-117 Motors & Controls** 

**ELC-125 Diagrams and Schematics** 

**ELC-128 Introduction to PLC** 

ELC-131 Circuit Analysis I 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** 

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCE** 

EMS-122 EMS Clinical Practicum I

EMS-130 Pharmacology

**EMS-131 Advanced Airway Management** 

**EMS-160 Cardiology I** 

**EMS-241 EMS Clinical Practicum IV** 

**EMS-285 EMS Capstone** 





# HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR FAFSA?

# **Spring Semester 2022**

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#### **ENGINEERING**

EGR-150 Introduction to Engineering EGR-285 Design Project

#### **ENGLISH**

**ENG-102 Applied Communications II** 

**ENG-111 Writing and Inquiry** 

ENG-112 Writing/Research in the Disc

**ENG-125 Creative Writing** 

**ENG-231 American Literature I** 

**ENG-232 American Literature II** 

**ENG-241 British Literature I** ENG-242 British Literature II

#### **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-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-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 III** 

**MAC-122 CNC Turning** 

**MAC-124 CNC Milling** 

#### **MARKETING**

MKT-120 Principles of Marketing

**MKT-223 Customer Service** 

#### **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 I

**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 MED Clinical Practicum** 

**MED-264 Medical Assisting Overview** 

#### **MUSIC**

**MUS-110 Music Appreciation** 

**MUS-112 Intro to Jazz** 

MUS-210 History of Rock Music

#### **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-215 Philosophical Issues** 

**PHI-240 Intro to Ethics** 

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

PED-110 Fit and Well for Life

**PED-120 Walking for Fitness** 

PED-174 Wilderness Pursuits

PED-219 Disc Golf

#### **PHYSICS**

**PHY-110 Conceptual Physics** 

PHY-152 College Physics II

**PHY-252 General Physics II** 

#### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

**PMT-110 Intro to Project Management** 

#### **PSYCHOLOGY**

**PSY-150 General Psychology** 

**PSY-241 Developmental Psychology** 

**PSY-281 Abnormal Psychology** 

#### **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** 

#### **SPANISH**

**SPA-111 Elementary Spanish I** 

SPA-112 Elementary Spanish II

SPA-211 Intermediate Spanish I

#### **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

### **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.

### **ASL CLASSES**

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communicate better."

Rozanski explained that she had a student in one of her classes who was having trouble speaking due to an injury to her throat from a bad accident. Because of this, she decided to take ASL.

Rozanski is also passionate about educating hearing people about the deaf.

"Deaf people don't use the label of 'hearing impaired.' We prefer to use deaf or hard of hearing. Hearing impaired is not for deaf people," she said.

She also said most deaf people will dislike anyone asking if they can read lips.

"It is rude," Rozanski said. When you meet deaf people, she said, you will recognize that they do not understand you or they will use sign language.

"You can try talking slowly, but if they still do not understand, then write a note instead of asking, 'Can you read lips,'" she said. "Some deaf people can read lips, but they can often misunderstand what is being said."

Born deaf, Rozanski grew up near Buffalo, N.Y. She has a sister who is hard of hearing.

"She can hear a little, but I don't hear any sound," Rozanski said.

Rozanski did not learn sign language until she was about 13 years old. At home with her fam-



Students in American Sign Language classes this fall semester have learned quickly how to sign from instructor Kathleen Rozanski.

ily, they used body language and came up with their own signs to communicate.

"It was not easy for me to understand language until I went to St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo. There I started to learn sign language and became better at understanding deaf culture," she said.

Rozanski went to college at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where she studied photojournalism. She graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. She also received a fellowship award, and she went to Europe for six months by herself.

"I learned a lot about deaf European culture. I enjoyed learning

their culture and their sign language," she said. "American Sign Language and European Sign Language are not the same. It is just like a foreign language."

After spending a few years overseas capturing the culture with her camera, Rozanski came back to the United States and returned to RIT to study graphic design and get a master's degree in Deaf Education.

She has worked as an ASL substitute teacher at a few public schools and a deaf school in Rochester. Recently, she has been teaching ASL classes at the university level.

She said learning ASL is a lot like learning a foreign language, such

as Spanish. It helps you be a better communicator with others and learn more about that particular culture.

"Deaf people can't hear words. They will not understand what someone is talking about, and they can misunderstand," Rozanski said.

ASL is a visual language. It has a lot facial expressions with questions, feelings and emotions.

"Once someone takes an ASL class, then they will understand," she said.

Besides being a teacher, Rozanski is also a full-time mother with two daughters.

"They are hearing and they know sign language through me. They learned ASL when they were babies," she said.

Whether or not someone chooses to learn sign language, the one thing Rozanski wants people to know is deaf people are the same as everyone else.

"Don't be afraid of deaf people. We are normal human beings," she

ASL will be offered again at RichmondCC with the start of the 2022 Spring Semester. It can be taken as part of a college degree program or as a continuing education class. Registration for spring classes, including ASL, is now open at RichmondCC. Call Student Services at (910) 410-1700 or visit the Hamlet or Scotland County Campus to sign up.



RichmondCC - Hamlet Campus - Oct. 28 - 4 to 6 p.m. Must come with a RichmondCC employee or student







# 15 Common Mistakes That Will Undermine Any Business

We have all heard the old saying "learn from other's mistakes." Richmond Community College's Small Business Center is offering a free seminar that will provide key tips for avoiding the 15 most common mistakes made by entrepreneurs and many corporations that ultimately undermine the business.

The presenter, Bob Moore, created this seminar from his experiences of owning his own businesses and working for medium and large domestic and international corporations. Opening and operating a small business normally involves a great deal of time and a substantial financial investment.

Regardless of whether you are opening or operating a business,

#### Free Seminar for Small Business Owners

**TOPIC:** Managing a Business

Tuesday, Nov. 9 | 6 to 9 p.m. Honeycutt Center Scotland County Campus

#### **TO PRE-REGISTER**

Phone: (910) 410-1687 Email: wofarrah@richmondcc.edu

regardless of the size of your company, this seminar will prove to be invaluable in helping you form a legal, profitable, and growing business.

Make a solid investment in the future survival of your business by planning to attend this informative seminar!



Celebrate Valentine's Day & A Great Cause! Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 | 6 to 10 p.m.

Cole Auditorium
Tickets: \$50/per person

Contact Dr. Hal Shuler at (910) 410-1807 whshuler@richmondcc.edu.



### **AWARD**

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"I took my studies very seriously," Thompson said. "If you apply yourself, you can really succeed in this world, and others will notice that."

A native of Richmond County and a graduate of Richmond Senior High School, Thompson was 29 years old when he enrolled at RichmondCC in 1995 when it operated on a quarterly system.

"I was scared to death," he said.
"I only committed myself to finishing the first quarter, and after that, I was going to quit because I didn't think I could handle the work flow."

Thompson was working full time at Industrial Sheet Metal and Mechanical Inc. when he started college, but he eventually scaled his work hours back. After graduating from RichmondCC, he transferred to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 2000. By working when he was home on holiday breaks, he maintained his position with the company in Rockingham, which had been bought out by Trane Corporation to become ISM/Trane.

When Thompson first started college, he only planned on getting an associate degree, something that would help him get promoted to a supervisory role or something in quality control.

"My initial goal was not really an engineering role. I didn't think I was cut out for that, but once I started school, I learned that I was capable of getting a bachelor's degree and conducting engineering work," he said.

At ISM/Trane, Thompson eventually became a staff engineer/field services manager. In 2005,

"If you apply yourself, you can really succeed in this world, and others will notice that."

## — Greg Thompson, RichmondCC Outstanding Alumni Award Winner

Thompson was hired by Railroad Friction to be a manufacturing engineering manager. In his current position as operations support manager, he manages all capital projects, such as installing new equipment, upgrading existing equipment and making improvements to production processes.

Thompson has come a long way from the young man who was only going to take "a quarter" of college classes.

"If you apply yourself, you can do more than you realize," he said. "If you are inclined to go to college, RichmondCC can certainly benefit your life, like it did mine." Thompson and his wife, Mary Neil, who is a mental health counselor, live in Aberdeen.
Thompson is a member of the RichmondCC Foundation Board and has served in various church leadership positions and ministries.

"Greg transformed himself and his career through education, both here and at UNCC. I am grateful to Greg for giving back to our college, serving on our program advisory council and the RichmondCC Foundation.

The Foundation could not have picked a more worthy winner of this award," McInnis said.

Thompson was honored at the College's Convocation on Oct. 20.



#### **Currently**

RichmondCC is registering students for the 2022 Spring Semester. Call (910) 410-1700 to speak to a counselor or visit the Hamlet Campus or Scotland County Campus.

#### Nov. 2

Financial Aid & Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hamlet Campus. Get assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Learn about other funding sources to help you afford college, and register for spring classes.

#### Nov. 3

Financial Aid & Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Scotland County Campus. Get assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Learn about other funding sources to help you afford college, and register for spring classes.

#### **Nov. 11**

RichmondCC Foundation Scholarship Banquet at 6 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium. *Invitation Only* 

#### **Nov. 16**

Financial Aid & Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hamlet Campus. Get assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Stu-



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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

dent Aid (FAFSA). Learn about other funding sources to help you afford college, and register for spring classes.

#### **Nov. 17**

Financial Aid & Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Scotland County Campus. Get assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Learn about other funding sources to help you afford college, and register for spring classes.

#### Nov. 24-26

College closed for the Thanksgiving

holiday. No classes held.

#### Nov. 30

Nursing Assistant Pinning Ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Cole Auditorium. *Invitation Only* 

#### Dec. 2

First payment deadline for spring classes registered between Oct. 21-Dec. 2.

#### Dec. 6

Financial Aid & Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hamlet Campus. Get assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Learn about other funding sources to help you afford college, and register for spring classes.

#### Dec. 7

Financial Aid & Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Scotland County Campus. Get assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Learn about other funding sources to help you afford college, and register for spring classes.

#### Dec. 8

RichmondCC Choir's Christmas Concert at the Cole Auditorium. Children activities begin at 5:30 p.m. Concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

#### Jan. 11

Registration Day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hamlet Campus and Scotland County Campus. Register for spring classes.

#### Jan. 13

2022 Spring Semester begins.

#### Feb. 12

The RichmondCC Foundation's Gala will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium. Tickets are \$50 per person. Call (910) 410-1807 for tickets.

# 2021-2022 Performing Arts Series







Purchase Your Tickets! Free Parking!









"Schoolhouse Rock Live!" - \$15-\$25 Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m.

Parmalee - \$32-\$47 Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Lightwire Theater's
"A Very Electric Christmas" - \$15-\$25
Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2 and 7 p.m.

Catapult Presents "Magic Shadows" - \$20-\$32

Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.

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