



Richard Bland College Foundation | 2010-2011 Annual Report

50th Anniversary **1961-2011**

Mission

Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary in Virginia was founded in 1960. It is the Junior College of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The College offers a traditional curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences leading to the associate degree, and other programs appropriate to a junior college. The curriculum is intended to allow students to acquire junior status after transferring to a four-year college, or to pursue expanded career opportunities. The College also recognizes its responsibility to serve the public by providing educational and cultural opportunities for the community at large.

Explore. Prepare.



Grow.

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Message from the President

The 2010-2011 academic year brought numerous positive changes to Richard Bland College. We began with the ribbon-cutting for the new Science and Technology Center: A \$19,000,000, 52,000 square foot facility that serves the biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and computer science disciplines.

In June 2011, the recreation complex consisting of tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, a softball field, and a pavilion was completed. It will be ready for use in August 2011. Where the Science and Technology Center was a state project, all the costs of the recreational complex came from private funds. Your help in this endeavor was crucial in enabling the College to construct this outdoor facility located between Statesman Hall and the residential village.

As I begin my last year as President and as I reflect on the past forty-three years that Nancy and I have spent at Richard Bland, I marvel at the success of the many first-generation college students who began at the College, the adults returning to school after years in the workforce, and the sons and daughters of RBC graduates who have followed in their parents' footsteps. Without RBC, there are those who would never have had the opportunity to attend college.

In 1961, the College employed nine faculty members and enrolled one hundred seventy-five students. While today our enrollment of 1,600, thirty-six full-time and twenty-five part-time faculty members reflects the growth of the institution, I can still say that the family atmosphere which existed then is still in place today. There must always remain a need for small colleges where students are known by their names, where a faculty's primary responsibility is to teach, and where access and affordability serve as watchwords for administrative decision-making.

In closing, let me thank you for your past support and encourage you to continue to support RBC. More than ever before we need your gifts and commitment. I ask that you consider the College as a primary place to invest your resources whether it is the creation of or addition to a named scholarship, an unrestricted gift to be used as a specific need arises, or to consider a bequest as you plan your estate. Richard Bland is a special place and even a modest donation makes a big difference.

Again, I thank you for your support and wish each of you only the best in the years ahead.



DR. JAMES B. McNEER
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim McNeer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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The Richard Bland College Foundation Board of Directors would like to offer special thanks to the governing bodies of Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Dinwiddie, Petersburg, and Prince George for their most generous financial support of the Board's efforts to provide a quality educational opportunity to the many fine students in this area.

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 Seated left to right: President James B. McNeer, 1st Vice President; Dr. LeAnn S. Binger, Secretary; Robert Elliott II, Esq., Legal Council

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Naming of the Integrated Science and Technology Center

Dr. James B. McNeer, President of Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary, first joined Richard Bland College in 1968, holding various administrative posts before his selection as Provost and Dean of Faculty in 1990. While Provost, he simultaneously held the office of Mayor of Colonial Heights, developing the political acumen that would serve both himself and Richard Bland College well in the future. On August 1, 1996, he succeeded Dr. Clarence Maze, Jr. as the third president of Richard Bland College. For more than 40 years, Dr. McNeer has skillfully led academic, physical, and social progress at the institution.

Under President McNeer's leadership, Richard Bland College has continued to provide educational opportunities for both traditional college age and adult students, including many who are the first from their family to attend college. He has championed Richard Bland College's cause in the community and state legislature with remarkable results. Del. M. Kirkland Cox, a Richard Bland alumnus, appropriately described President McNeer as a role model of uncommon grace.

President McNeer has overseen a renaissance of the Richard Bland campus in recent years. In the fall of 2008, the college unveiled two on-campus residence halls, the first in Richard Bland's history, and completed renovations to the library and to the student commons, which included the addition of a student health clinic.

President McNeer was instrumental to the success of the college's first capital campaign, which raised more than \$5 million over a four-year period. Completed in 2010, The Campaign for the Future of Richard Bland College had the three-fold goal of assisting in building support facilities for the residential village, increasing the number of endowed scholarships and assisting in funding other campus-wide enhancements, including the new Recreation Complex, which will feature tennis courts, a softball field, and outdoor basketball and volleyball courts.

During the fall of 2010, the college opened the Integrated Science and Technology Center, the first academic building constructed on campus in four decades. This 52,000-square-foot building houses academic computing, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics classrooms as well as a faculty and student lounge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in appreciation of James B. McNeer's dedication, leadership, and commitment to Richard Bland College, the Board of Visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia hereby names the Integrated Science and Technology Center "James B. McNeer Hall."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors directs the Secretary to the Board to inform President McNeer of its action and to express its deep appreciation for his continuing service to Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary in Virginia.

On December 2, 2010, the Board of Visitors of The College of William and Mary officially voted on a new name for the former Science and Technology Building. The Science and Technology Building opened in the fall of 2010 with state of the art biology, chemistry and physics laboratories and classrooms for math and technology. The 52,000 square foot building will now be known as McNeer Hall.



Integrated Science and Technology Center
"James B. McNeer Hall."



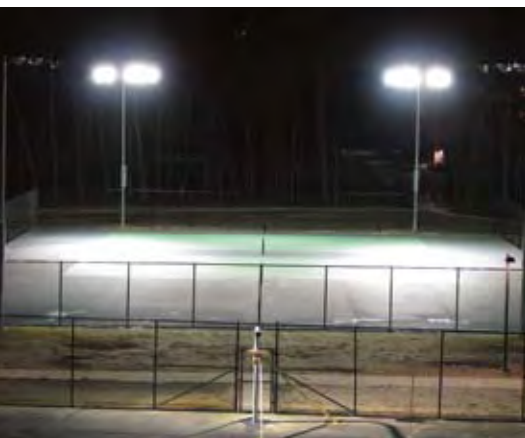
Dr. James McNeer, President, RBC, receives recognition for his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment.



Dr. LeAnn S. Binger, Director of Advancement; Ms. Michaelae Shriver, Facilities Manager; Mr. Steve Martin, Division Chair Science and Quantitative Methods; Bill Madison, Project Manager, W.M. Jordan; Delegate Riley Ingram; Delegate Rosalyn Dance; Senator Henry Marsh; Dr. James McNeer, President, RBC; Delegate Kirk Cox



The Richard Bland College Recreation Complex



The Recreation Facility consists of a softball field, three tennis courts, a basketball court, sand volleyball area, and covered pavilion. There will be trails connecting the residential village and expansion of the existing parking lot. The entire Recreation Facility will encompass approximately 6 acres and will be completed in 2011. The funding for this project was provided by gifts to the Richard Bland College Foundation.

Commencement 2011

Excerpts from The Honorable Rosalyn Dance.

Good Evening to you Dr. McNeer, distinguished Members of the Board of Visitors, platform guests, faculty and staff, family and friends, and most importantly, the graduating class of 2011.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. My questions to you are: What will you do with the rest of your life? Will you stop your educational growth at this level and seek a job? Will you use what you have learned here to advance within the company or organization that you are currently employed with? Will you continue your education to the level of Baccalaureate and beyond? Will you continue your education by changing your current concentration to receive another degree in an area that will advance your future job opportunities, like Science, Technology, Engineering or Math, better known as stem? Will you go into law enforcement or enlist in the armed forces?

I need you to leave here today with a realistic view of your future, and with the understanding that Richard Bland has significantly prepared you to go out into the world with the knowledge and capability skills needed for performing your next job or pursuing your next degree.

You, members of the Class of 2011, the 11th class to graduate from Richard Bland College in this the 21st Century come armed with the latest technology. You know how to navigate on the “Super Information Highways of this 21st Century.” One of

your major strengths is your ability to utilize today’s technology to multi task and communicate. You are on Facebook – you are texting and twittering with people around the country that can share job opportunities with you while the rest of the world is sleeping. Use these tools to your advantage.

Never miss an opportunity to sell yourself. If given the opportunity, be prepared! You must research the company and its key people. Google them, get pictures, and learn a little about them as well as the organization. The study habits and class preparation you used to reach this graduation day is what you are going to use as you go forward to get that job or great promotion.

Remember to always set yourself apart from your competition. Nothing is or will be given to you – you must earn it!

In closing, I congratulate each of you for your personal journey that has allowed you to arrive at these crossroads in your life at this particular place and time.

This is a significant point in your life. This is a time that represents a major change in your future aspirations. Each of you has a responsibility to go out into the world and utilize all that you have been equipped with by Richard Bland College. No matter which path you choose to travel hard work will be your portal to success.

And, in the words of Yoda and Obi-Wan from *Star Wars*:
“May the Force Be with You!”

The sky is the limit for each of you because; this is the first day of the rest of your life.



The Honorable Rosalyn Dance gives Commencement speech to the graduates of the class of 2011.



Graduates and guests listen intently to Dr. Graves, the year is 1963. The class of 1963 represents the first group of students to graduate from Richard Bland College.

From the Statesman 1963



Johnathan Malbon and Emily Michalek exchange Mace, Commencement 2011.



James B. McNeer, President, Richard Bland College and Mrs. Gail Pigeon of Hopewell

Scholarship Donations



Pictured from left to right: J.T. Holloway, Secretary, FOE Aerie #882, Petersburg; James B. McNeer, President, Richard Bland College; Barney Leddy, Scholarship Chairman, FOE Aerie #882, Petersburg; Standing: LeAnn Binger, Director of Advancement, Richard Bland College

Mrs. Gail Pigeon of Hopewell donated \$20,000 to the Richard Bland College Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Pigeon graduated from Richard Bland College in 1983 with an Associate in Science in Business Degree. Because of her positive experiences with Richard Bland College, she wanted to give deserving students the opportunity to receive a quality education.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #882, Petersburg presents scholarship check to Richard Bland College

Mr. Barney Leddy, Scholarship Chairman, FOE Aerie #882, Petersburg; and Mr. J.T. Holloway, Secretary, FOE Aerie #882, Petersburg, present Dr. James B. McNeer, President, Richard Bland College with a \$10,000 check to add their endowed scholarship fund. The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #882 has given a total of \$56,000 to RBC which is used to award annual scholarship funds to full-time Virginia residents who intend to pursue careers in nursing and other allied health fields of study. Money for the scholarship is raised from Bingo every Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 PM, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #882 in Petersburg.

Richard Bland College Foundation Guide to Establishing Endowed Scholarship

Establishing an endowed scholarship at Richard Bland College of the College of William & Mary in Virginia is a rewarding experience for donors, the College, and most importantly, the students who benefit directly from financial assistance in support of the educational goals.

More than 35% of the RBC student body presently receives some form of financial aid. Scholarship selection criteria can be based upon financial need and/or merit. The Office of Advancement will be pleased to work with you in establishing a scholarship that fulfills your or your loved one's wishes and addresses the needs of RBC students.

Each endowed scholarship is funded by the interest earned on the endowment (principal), as established by gifts from the donor(s). A gift agreement outlines the criteria used to select a recipient and the intent of the donor to provide funding for the corpus of the endowed fund.

According to the RBC Foundation policy, the corpus (accumulated amount given by the donor) must reach the current minimum endowment level of \$10,000.00 within three years of the initial gift. Once the minimum is met and *interest has been earned on the principal for one year*, the scholarship can be awarded. Interest earned up to December 31st of the calendar year prior to the academic year of the award will be used to fund the award.

Scholarship Fund Balance Benchmarks

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Approximate Annual Award</u>
\$10,000*	\$500
\$35,000	One semester's tuition
\$70,000	One year's / two semester's tuition

* Minimum Balance to Activate Scholarship

For more information please contact:

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B Brown of The Tri-Cities Road Runners presents a check to President James B. McNeer for \$2500 which will go toward scholarships.



Larry C. Tucker, National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation Ambassador presents a check for \$1500 to Dr. James B. McNeer, President of Richard Bland College. For many years, Larry Tucker has been president of Petersburg Ford-Chrysler-Jeep, and has been an active participant in the NADCF. The NADCF contributes to emergency medical care, educational institutions (primary, secondary or college levels), and units of economic education. As an Ambassador, Larry Tucker chose Richard Bland College as the recipient of the gift.



Mike Erwin, National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation Ambassador presents a check for \$1500 to Dr. James B. McNeer, President of Richard Bland College. Mike Erwin served as president of Carter Myers Automotive Group in Chester. As an Ambassador, Mike Erwin chose The Richard Bland College Foundation as the recipient of the gift. The money will be used toward a scholarship in the name of Stephanie Michelle Erwin to symbolize her outstanding character and to continue forever her love of charitable deeds.



Southern Knights Cruisers present check to Dr. James B. McNeer

John Ronkartz, President of the Southern Knights Cruisers, Inc. presents Dr. James McNeer with a check for \$500. The Cruisers held their show in the pecan grove of Richard Bland College in August, 2010.



A snowy day at Richard Bland College, overlooking the pecan grove toward the President's house.

Retirements



DR. JAMES B. McNEER
President

McNeer Retirement

Dr. James B. McNeer, president of Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary, formally announced his retirement plans to the institution's board of visitors at their December 2, 2010 meeting held at Richard Bland College. President McNeer will step down on June 30, 2012, a year and a half from now

Dr. McNeer assumed the presidency of Richard Bland College on August 1, 1996. His past association with the college dates back to 1968 when he first became a part of the Richard Bland family. During his time at Richard Bland College, he has served as director of admissions and financial aid, assistant to the president, professor of government, and provost and dean of faculty. In total, he will have served forty-four years at the college when he retires.

While employed at Richard Bland College, he was an active participant in the affairs of the surrounding community. In Colonial Heights, he served as chairman of the public library board, and as chairman of the school board. He held the position of mayor of Colonial Heights from 1984-1996. He was past chairman of the Crater Planning District Commission, and he served as the tri-cities' civilian spokesperson for three base realignment and closure commissions (BRAC), the last one resulting in the expansion of Fort Lee. In 1994, he received

McNeer Retirement, continued

the presidential award for leadership and courage in the cause for human relations from the Virginia State Unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He has taught an adult Sunday school class at Highland United Methodist Church in Colonial Heights for over forty years. Currently, McNeer is a director for the Virginia Commonwealth Bank and is a member of the board for Southside Regional Medical Center.

During McNeer's tenure as president, the college has had two successful re-accreditation visits by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Numerous articulation agreements with both public and private four-year colleges and universities have been enhanced.

The physical appearance of the campus has changed dramatically during the past fourteen years. The residential village was opened in 2008, making Richard Bland the only two-year school in the commonwealth with on-campus housing facilities for students. This \$27-million dollar project was financed by the Richard Bland College Foundation. Additional projects include renovation of the college library, and student affairs building, the addition of the student health center, a 500,000 gallon capacity water tower, enhancement of the college bookstore, the creation of the Richard Bland College Police Department, and numerous other infrastructure improvements.

In 2010, the college completed its first capital campaign by raising more than \$5 million in private support for construction projects, student scholarships, and a \$1 million recreational complex, which will include two tennis courts, a softball field,

outdoor basketball and volleyball courts, and a pavilion area. This construction will compliment the renovation of Statesman Hall (gymnasium) which included new locker rooms, bleachers, and gym floor.

President McNeer attributes the success of his tenure as president to an outstanding faculty and staff, understanding and supportive area legislators, a caring William and Mary Board of Visitors and Richard Bland College Foundation Board, and numerous alumni and friends. He wishes to be remembered most of all for his personal association with and support of students. He measures the real lasting success of the college on the many thousands of students who have made their marks in a variety of career choices.

Dr. McNeer and his wife, Nancy (who has done an admirable job as "first lady"), plan to remain in the area following retirement in June, 2012.

Dr. McNeer views his fifty-plus years in education (which include jobs in teaching, coaching, serving as an elementary school principal, and as a high school assistant principal, and finally as an elementary supervisor - all with Colonial Heights, VA) with many fond memories and (his first teaching/coaching job was in his hometown of Bluefield, VA) with a long list of friends and supporters.

In recognition of president McNeer's service to Richard Bland College, the Board of Visitors, on December 2, 2010, named the new \$19 million science and technology center "James B. McNeer Hall" in his honor.

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DR. JOHN L. BLAIR
Professor of History and Government

Professor John Blair, History and Government, retires in May, 2011

Dr. John L. Blair has been a Professor of History and Government at Richard Bland College since 1964. He retired in May, 2011 after forty-seven years of service to the College.

In addition to his teaching duties he has been responsible for a Student Model Congress initiative that for many years brought young people from area high schools to the campus for intensive hands-on experience in discussing issue of national importance.

For over thirty years he has brought ambassadors from countries around the world to address the College community and to meet with individual classes in history and government. Numerous students have majored in history and government as a result of this program.

In the community, he has spoken to hundreds of adults on topics related to his field of expertise. His seminars in 20th century history, especially those relating to Germany, have served as the focus of students developing a keen interest in historical research. He has often led tours to local and national historical sites.

His service and commitment to his students and the College will be greatly missed.



Miss Pleasants conducts a zoology lab lecture while her class listens attentively.
From the Statesman 1963

From the Classroom to Stage

My Beginnings at Richard Bland College

My name is Sean MacLaughlin. I graduated from Richard Bland College in Spring of 1997 and currently I am starring, on Broadway, as Raoul in Andrew Lloyd Webber's, "The Phantom of the Opera." Much of what has shaped me as a person today, I owe to my beginnings at Richard Bland College.

Many members of my family...My mother, brothers, cousins, aunts and uncles... have all been proud graduates of Richard Bland- going as far back as when the college first opened. In my family, going to Richard Bland was a requirement and an honor.

I loved my 2 years at RBC. Not only was the education thorough and intimate, but I had A LOT OF FUN! I got involved with as many activities that the college could have possibly offered and by getting involved with the Student Government, I was able to help offer more to the student body. RBC offered so much at the time that I tried getting involved with



Sean MacLaughlin
Photo by Cylla
von Tiedeman

My beginnings, continued

everything! I swear I was in at least 10 clubs the last year I was there. One of my favorite things to do between classes was hang out at the student lounge. I seriously doubt that the foosball table is still there, but I have to say because of my hour breaks between some classes, I am still a pretty darn good foosball player.

I have always dreamed of being an actor...ever since I was four. Some of the best training on and off the stage I owe to my old theatre Professor, and friend- David Majewski. His knowledge and expertise gave me great insight to the history of theatre, writers, and theories of acting. My greatest RBC experience was being able to perform at the Barn. I was lucky enough to perform in 2 plays- "The Diviners" and "The Boys Next Door." Richard Bland's theatre always had heart. Majewski brings heart, but he brings the cast together to work as a unit by teaching integrity, work ethic, and respect for the craft that any actor nowadays could only be so lucky to get. I owe David Majewski for teaching me how to have heart, be honest, and how to keep my head up in this business.

After Richard Bland, I spent 2 years at Virginia Tech majoring in Communications. I wanted to major in Theatre, but communications seemed like a safer bet. It actually encompassed everything I could do

with the arts behind the scenes. After Virginia Tech, I did a few shows in Richmond - Barksdale theatre- as well as down the street at Swift Creek Mill Theatre. Shortly thereafter, I decided to move to DC. There I received my equity card (actors union) and worked professionally until I was finally picked up to perform in my first Broadway show in "Bombay Dreams" (October, 2004). After I moved to NY, I was able to work consistently on Broadway- now racking up my 4th Broadway show. Even though it has been almost 15 years, the lessons my parents, RBC and Majewski taught me on stage and in the classroom have held up.

The Richard Bland I see now is completely different than the one I remember years ago. I envy students of the RBC today. I can't wait to come back for a visit and see all of the new changes myself! Enjoy the first two years of college while you have them. Try and be a part of everything that you can at Richard Bland. Fifteen years later you can look back and say that you did everything that you possibly could and loved every minute of it, or you can regret what you didn't do. I highly suggest the first option.

Good Luck and Much Love,
Sean MacLaughlin, Brooklyn, NY

I have always dreamed of being an actor...ever since I was four.

Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary found its way to the Virginia Stage Company (Norfolk, VA) in A New Musical by Bruce Hornsby called SCKBSTD



William Parry in Virginia Stage Company's production of "SCKBSTD - A New Musical by Bruce Hornsby", photo by Kathy Hornsby



Bruce and Kathy Hornsby of Williamsburg, VA selected Richard Bland College's sweatshirt for actor Bill Parry (William) to wear on stage in this original American musical with music and lyrics by multi-Grammy award winning singer-songwriter Bruce Hornsby. The show is about a troubled family in a small southeastern Virginia town and how residents react when a mysterious stranger moves in. The production was held from January 21, 2011 and ran until February 6, 2011.



Fossilized Virginia stromatolite shown from above.

Professors: Burcham, Beumer, Woodruff, Yaber, and Peters with VMNH's Ground Sloth.

Faculty Development



Dr. Woodruff admiring the many beetles.

Richard Bland College Biology Department attends the Virginia Museum of Natural History Jefferson Awards

On Friday, April 8, 2011, the faculty of the biology discipline at Richard Bland College (Drs. Lee Woodruff, Carolina Yaber, Kevin Peters, Amy Beumer, and Ms. Angela Burcham) attended the 24th annual Thomas Jefferson Awards Ceremony and Dinner at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, VA. The Thomas Jefferson Awards honor Virginia businesses, groups, and individuals for their contributions to and support for natural science and natural science education.

The faculty were given a special “behind the scenes” tour before the evening’s festivities by the museum’s Director of Science, Jim Beard. The museum has many more collections than are able to be displayed at any one time and this was a chance for the faculty to enjoy the extraordinary diversity of specimens present including insects, mammals, and even a giant Virginian stromatolite. The evening’s keynote speaker was Dr. Douglas Owsley, head of the division of physical anthropology at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, who gave an interesting talk on the use of physical anthropology as both a forensic and archaeological tool. Owsley’s talk was titled “The Case of the Black Widow, and Other Tales Written in Bone.” Of interest was the graveyard found in Jamestown where not only do bones tell the story of documented historical figures, but also the way in which a body was buried.

Bringing Central America back to my Spanish classroom!

In January of 2011, I went to a small community in Guatemala called Monte Llano, just southwest of Guatemala City to translate between American medical staff (doctors, nurses, anesthesia team members, etc.) and Guatemalan patients. I was working as a volunteer for a Christian organization called Health Talents International (www.healthtalents.org) at a medical clinic where minor surgeries are performed—lots of gall bladder removals, hernia repairs, etc. My job was to help the doctors assess whether or not the patients needed surgery so I (with a team of other translators) would translate at three stages: in the exam room before surgery, in the ORs as patients were either given general or local anesthesia, and in the post-operative care areas where nurses worked round the clock to provide care for patients on the mend. It was such a rewarding time—talking to people and making them less afraid, more comfortable, and learning about their lives and culture. I was constantly reminded of how much I have to be thankful for in my own life—not the least of which is a chance at higher education as every teenager I encountered (in the clinic with hernias due to extreme physical labor) repeatedly



told me they were not enrolled in school as they had to work to help their families. After a week of about 75 surgeries, the team was rewarded with a day and a half off which included a trip to a chocolate farm (did you know it grows on trees?!!) and a day in the beautiful colonial city of Antigua. I am so thankful to RBC for giving me the time off from work to go on this trip and bring a little bit of Central America back to my Spanish classroom!

Rachel Finney, *Spanish Professor*

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Rachel Finney and her new friend reading "The Giving Tree".



Translators to the OR.



Rachel Finney and her new friends.



Sandra Palomo with Dr. and Mrs. James B. McNeer;
James B. McNeer Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Florino and Brittany Matthews;
Hilda Manieri Traina and Paul J. Caruso Italian-American Association of Virginia Scholarship



Olivia Palfi and Larry Tucker;
Larry C. and Elizabeth W. Tucker Scholarship



Milena Ayala and Mrs. Herbert Miller;
Herbert B. Miller Scholarship

RBC Scholarship Meet and Greet

Richard Bland College Scholarship Donors and Recipients met in the Community Room on September 21, 2010 for a Meet and Greet reception. About 100 people attended the reception, including donors, recipients, and family members.

If you think helping people learn would be a good place to invest your time and monetary resources, then creating a named scholarship is a great idea. Named scholarships can immortalized a loved parent, family member, company founder, friend, associate, company, or even the donor. Another advantage of a named scholarship is that preference can be given to students who meet the criteria set by the donor. If you would like more information on becoming a scholarship donor, please contact The Office of Advancement, 804-862-6247.

Midnight Breakfasts at Richard Bland College

Midnight Breakfast is a concept Casey Blankenship, Associate Director of Residence Life, had seen done at several of the universities where he had worked in the past. The idea, simple as it is, is to support and recognize students as they enter into Final Exam Week by holding an event when we already know intuitively that they'll be spending time studying. The hook, of course, is that instead of the students just coming to the cafeteria for a late-night meal, they are treated instead to an experience where Richard Bland College faculty and administrators serve them!

The first event, held in May of 2010, drew about 140 students and was staffed by fifteen RBC employees.

The December event, which took place on December 5, brought close to 160 students and featured twenty volunteers.

Over 140 students, including 25 commuters, attended the third Midnight Breakfast held on May 1, 2011. The breakfasts are staffed by RBC faculty and staff along with the Shelby's Catering staff. This event is quickly becoming a popular tradition here at RBC.



Midnight Breakfast is quickly becoming a popular tradition here at RBC.



Midnight breakfast 2011 Drs. McNeer and Whitaker prepare to start serving May, 2011.



Faculty and staff midnight breakfast, December, 2010.



Dr. Peters and Mr. Hart clown around while Dr. Stillion and Ms. Hayes prepare to serve students at the Midnight Breakfast May, 2011.



Earth Day 2011, Dr. McNeer gets t-shirt and recycle bottle from Caroline Day Pruett.

Earth Day at Richard Bland College



Dr. McNeer with Ed Bath of CitiWood.



Charles Bush owner of Off-Grid green living center at Earth Day.

On April 22, 2011 between 11:30 and 2:30pm in the Pecan Grove at Richard Bland College, People for and Environmentally Aware Campus (PEAC) both celebrated and took a stand for our environment. They had visitors from the Off-Grid Green Living Center, CitiWood Urban Forest Products, an egg drawing for prizes, games with prizes, and gently used clothing that had been donated and anyone could have on a first-come, first-served basis. PEAC also had reusable aluminum bottles for sale (\$5) with the PEAC logo, and the Science Club was out to support the environment and gave away earth day t-shirts.

As noted by Dr. Amy Beumer, co-sponsor of PEAC:

Forty-one years ago on April 22, 1970 the first Earth Day was held kicking off what was coined “the environmental decade.” Through the combined voices and action of the American people who were sick (literally) and tired of breathing polluted air and living with polluted water several new laws were passed including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. Additionally, a new regulatory branch, the Environmental Protection Agency, was created. It is difficult for some of us to imagine such a polluted nation and easy to take for granted what we have. Today we celebrate the official beginning of the environmental movement.

For more information on PEAC go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/rbcenvironmentalclub/>

People for an Environmentally Aware Campus (P.E.A.C.)

RBC has taken steps forward in environmental stewardship through the construction of a LEED certified building, using recycled paper, and instituting a paper recycling program. However, we can do more. Raising awareness is extremely important in getting the community involved in sustainability initiatives. Students at RBC formed an environmental club known as P.E.A.C. As a part of the mission, P.E.A.C is working to provide for the recycling of plastics, aluminum cans, and cardboard on campus. P.E.A.C. hopes that by reducing our waste, recycling what we can, and increasing awareness of environmental issues we can move forward in making RBC not only a model college in education but in sustainability as well.



Eleven members of P.E.A.C. joined together to cleanup Crater Road on Saturday. Many bags of trash were collected along with two tires and half of a burn barrel! Afterwards there was socializing and pizza provided by Professor Burcham.



Eleven members of P.E.A.C.



Shannon and Whinney. My, this trash bag is heavy!



Bobby dug this tire out.

Celebrate the official beginning of the environmental movement.

Students Enjoy Carnival Extravaganza

April 29, 2011 • As Semester Comes to an End



Dr. McNeer joins students for hotdogs and hamburgers.



Dr. McNeer buys a T-shirt at the carnival.



Friends enjoying Carnival Extravaganza.



Donated auction items for scholarship Wine Tasting Dinner.

Third Annual RBC Scholarship Wine Tasting Dinner and Silent Auction



The Richard Bland College Foundation held its third annual scholarship wine tasting dinner and silent auction on April 9, 2011 at the Country Club of Petersburg. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and attendees, the Foundation was able to raise \$10,050 toward the scholarship fund. This money will help deserving students, who otherwise might not have been able to attend college, receive a quality education at Richard Bland College.

The Richard Bland College Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Richard Bland College Foundation held its third annual scholarship golf tournament at the Country Club of Petersburg on September 8, 2010. Eighteen teams participated. There were two VIP sponsors: SRMC and W.M. Jordan; two dinner sponsors: Drs. Virginia and Robert Cherry and General Cigar Company; two hole-in-one sponsors: Colonial Honda and Heritage Chevrolet; twenty-six hole sponsors; Hat Sponsor: Bretmor Headwear; Beverage Cart Sponsor: Heritage Chevrolet; and Tote Bag Sponsor: Bank of McKenney. Many thanks for the support in helping RBC to raise \$11,000 toward the scholarship fund which will help deserving students get a quality education.

*Special thanks to: The Country Club of Petersburg
Linda Williamson and her staff
Kenny Clark and his staff*



First Place Winners: Mike Colb, Reed Boyd, Glynn Pearce and Heath Thomas with LeAnn Binger, Director of Advancement



VIP Tournament Sponsor:
Southside Regional Medical Center



VIP Tournament Sponsor:
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Second Place Winners: Steve Specter, Lou Smith, Jim Russell with LeAnn Binger, Director of Advancement. Not pictured, Larry Henshaw

Thanks to the generosity of others, deserving students can get a quality education.

The Richard Bland College Foundation holds fundraiser at the Bistro at Market and Grove



Faculty, staff and friends of RBC enjoying the Bistro while supporting the fundraiser.



The Richard Bland College Foundation held "A Taste of the Bistro" on October 25, 2010 to raise money for lights at the recreational facility. The new complex will consist of a softball field, three tennis courts, a basketball court, volleyball area, and covered pavilion. There will be trails connecting the residential village and expansion of the existing parking lot. The entire Recreation Facility will encompass approximately 6 acres and should be completed in 2011. The funding for this project was provided by gifts to the Richard Bland College Foundation. The proceeds from this event was \$800.00.



“The Walk Against Hunger”

Center to right: Dr. Vivian Williamson, President Downtown Churches United, Dr. Porcher Taylor, Walk Against Hunger Co-Chair, Dr. James B. McNeer, President RBC Students listen intently as Dr. McNeer issues instructions to prepare them for participation in the annual Downtown Churches United Walk Against Hunger. The walk was held November 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

On November 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. the Richard Bland College Students “Get The Word” from President McNeer about “The Walk Against Hunger.”

This year, 2010, marks the 34th Anniversary of the Downtown Churches United Annual Walk Against Hunger. Funds amounting to over three hundred thousand dollars have been raised by participating churches, civic, professional, business, military, fraternal, schools/colleges and other organizations and individuals during that period. Funds generated by the Walk are distributed to the needy and unfortunate citizens and families in Petersburg and surrounding areas, via the following.

- DCU Daily Feeding Program for the poor and needy
- The Prescription and Drug Distribution Program (for persons with medical needs)
- CARES (Crisis Assistance Response Emergency Shelter)
- The Salvation Army Food Assistance program for the needy
- Outreach and assistance for utilities and rental assistance
- Other support by the DCU General Body

Leave your Mark at Richard Bland College

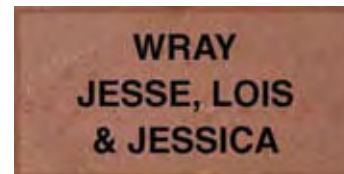
We (the Wray family) are proud to be associated with Richard Bland College and support its advancement in every way we can. When we had the opportunity to buy our Richard Bland College brick, we were able to have our names actually placed on a part of the campus. It is so much fun to look at the beautiful bricked walkways and find they are constantly changing with the newly added bricks.

Graduation Dates: for Wray Family with Brick

- Jessica May 2006 – Associate in Science
- Jesse August 1982 – Associate in Science
- Lois May 1976 – Associate in Science in Business



Lois, Jessica, and Jesse Wray.



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Individual Bricks: \$100 each

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Degrees Awarded by Richard Bland College

Associate in Arts Degree (A.A.)

The Associate in Arts Degree is designed primarily for those students who plan to complete their baccalaureate degrees in areas of the arts, humanities, or the behavioral and social sciences.

Associate in Science Degree (A.S.)

The Associate in Science Degree is designed primarily for those students who plan to complete their baccalaureate degrees in areas of education, business, health professions, social work, engineering, or one of the natural sciences.

Receiving an associate's degree from Richard Bland College allows students to pursue bachelor's programs in fields ranging from the arts to technology, from languages to laboratory research. The liberal arts foundation in the Richard Bland College curriculum has also provided the impetus for development of program-to-program articulation agreements with many senior institutions in the areas of business, education, and health sciences, including options in such fields as accounting, elementary school teaching, and nursing.

Accreditation

Richard Bland College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 – Telephone: 404-679-4501) to award the Associate degree.

Nursing and Radiation Sciences-SRMC

A contractual relationship exists between Richard Bland College and Southside Regional Medical Center School of Nursing and the School of Radiation Sciences to provide academic support for these schools.

1. Nursing. The field of nursing has many avenues for career development, as this profession is always in demand. The Southside Regional Medical Center School of Nursing is a two-year diploma program that prepares the graduate for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN).

A student may receive an Associate in Science Degree from Richard Bland College when the student completes the appropriate core curricula courses.

2. Radiation Sciences. The radiation sciences program at Southside Regional Medical Center consists of two years of theoretical and practical education designed to prepare the student for a career as a radiographer. The program includes instruction in the aspects of entry-level radiography.

Richard Bland College Foundation – Gifts

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Richard Bland College has been a bridge to the future for many students since 1960, with top faculty that are attracting bright students to our campus. However, the price of higher education is also growing rapidly. Your gift will help those students who are seeking the best education they can at Richard Bland College.

Without the generosity of loyal alumni, parents, and friends on a consistent annual basis, Richard Bland College could not be successful in its endeavors. A gift to the Richard Bland College Annual Fund touches lives every day and improves the total educational experience for all RBC students.

What is Annual Giving?

Gifts to the Annual Fund have an immediate impact on Richard Bland College because they support all aspects of operating the college. Annual gifts support Richard Bland College's most pressing needs.

By making a gift to the Annual Fund, your contribution is used where it is needed most by the college. Or, you may direct your gift to a specific program or activity of interest to you. Either way, be assured that 100 percent of your contribution will be allocated in the way you have chosen.

How Can I Give?

Gifts can be made through our mail-in envelope, by contacting our office at 804-862-6247 or lbinger@rbc.edu. You may also be eligible to double or even triple your contribution through a corporate matching gift program. Every gift is important and makes a difference. Thank you for supporting current and future generations of students at Richard Bland College.

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Beginning in the fall of 1963 the "Barn" was converted into a gymnasium.

From the Statesman 1963



In 1963, the newly renovated wing of the Academic Building provided enlarged offices for Administrative and Business Staff, as well as additional classroom and library space.

From the Statesman 1963

Bequests

A bequest to Richard Bland College can be a powerful expression for the future of the College. An estate gift provides significant future support to Richard Bland College.

If you would like to join others by making a bequest, simply include the following language in your will or trust:

I hereby give to the Foundation of Richard Bland College, a charitable corporation, the following described property: _____

OR the sum of: _____.

OR _____ percent (_____%) of the residue of my estate.

Richard Bland College shall use this gift

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- ... where the need is greatest,
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- ... to provide scholarships to worthy and needy students,
- ... other as designated by the donor.

Bequests may be further restricted, for example, to establish a scholarship. All assets, including cash, securities, and real estate, may be transferred to the Richard Bland College Foundation through your estate.

The Office of Advancement is ready to consult with you about bequests to Richard Bland College, and to help you with any questions you may have.

Summary of benefits:

- Support of Richard Bland College.
- A bequest is deductible for federal estate tax purposes.
- There is no limit on the amount of estate tax charitable deductions.
- Bequests are generally not subject to state inheritance taxes.
- Those who notify us of their intention to include Richard Bland College in their will become members of the Dr. James B. and Nancy W. McNeer Society.

For a confidential interview on bequests, please contact the Office of Advancement



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The Dr. James B. and Nancy W. McNeer Society Member additions and Corrections

_____ I have included Richard Bland College in my estate plans, but my name is not listed

Name _____

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