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Open House
Saturday, April 13, 2024
Welcome to VCU’s Spring Open House!

**Check-in**
*7:30 to 8:30 a.m. – Siegel Center, Lobby*

**Student Services information tables**
*7:30 to 9 a.m. – Stuart C. Siegel Center*

Advising, Admissions Ask It, Barnes & Noble at VCU, Campus Learning Center, Campus Police, da Vinci Center, Dining Services, Global Education Office, Interdisciplinary Studies, Men of Color, Military Student Services, Parking and Transportation, RamTech, Residential Life and Housing, ROTC, Student Financial Management Center, Transfer Center, TRIO Student Support Services, University Student Commons and Activities, VCUCard Office, VCU Career Services, VCU Diversity PATHS (Promoting Access to Health Sciences), Writing Center, You First at VCU

**Welcome**
*9 a.m. – Stuart C. Siegel Center*

Hernan Bucheli, Ed.D., interim vice president for Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success
Daphne Rankin, Ph.D., associate vice president for Special Programs
Vishon Luck, director of undergraduate admissions, Office of Admissions
Deepa Rao, Honors College junior from Vienna, VA, majoring in biology

**After the welcome**

Vishon Luck will walk you through the program and explain how your day will be structured and where you will go when you leave the Siegel Center. Following his welcome, you should attend your school’s morning overview. Student ambassadors will escort you to your school’s location.

Please note: The morning overview for the schools and programs within the College of Humanities and Sciences will take place in the Siegel Center. For information about tours and special interest sessions, see pages 9–11.
Morning overviews

School of the Arts
Welcome and information session:
10 to 10:30 a.m. – W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Join us for an in-depth information session to learn more about our programs of study, life in Richmond, the application process and the many opportunities that await you at VCUarts.

Departmental breakout sessions: 10:45 a.m. to noon – Various locations

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Art Foundation presentation: 12:15 to 1 p.m.
Bowe Street Parking Deck, Room 535

Learn about Art Foundation, the School of the Arts’ exciting first-year program for visual arts and design majors, in this presentation and Q&A session.

School of the Arts tours: 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Pollak Building, Lobby

School of the Arts student tour guides will lead tours of our creative spaces and answer your questions. Tours depart at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., and they will last approximately one hour.
Morning overviews (cont’d)

College of Humanities and Sciences
Overview: 9:45 to 10 a.m. – Stuart C. Siegel Center
Welcome from Catherine Ingrassia, Ph.D., dean of Humanities and Sciences, and overview from Kenedy Edmonds, recruitment coordinator.

Panel discussion: 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Students and faculty will share their experiences and advice for future students. We encourage you to also ask questions during this time.

Breakout sessions: 11 a.m. to noon – Various locations
After the College of Humanities and Sciences overview, student ambassadors will escort you to the departmental and school breakout sessions listed below.

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Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture
Overview: 11 a.m. – T. Edward Temple Building, Room 1164
The Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture includes the following majors:

Advertising                  Mass Communications                  Public Relations
Journalism                   Media Production                       |

School of World Studies
Overview: 11 a.m. – CHS STEM Building, Room 304
The School of World Studies includes the following majors:

Anthropology                             International Studies
Foreign Language: French, German and Spanish  Religious Studies
Morning overviews (cont’d)

School of Business
Overview and student panel: 10 a.m. – Snead Hall Auditorium, B1127

Find out how you can drive the future of business with our dean, Dr. Brian Brown, other School of Business faculty and staff, alumni and current students. We will share information about our majors, scholarships and internships, and explain how innovation and creative problem-solving are found in all aspects of our curriculum. Current business students and alumni will tell you about their experiences as part of the business RAMily.

Program fair: 10:45 a.m. to noon – Snead Hall Atrium

Mingle with department faculty members and current business students. All business programs will be represented, as well as Business Career Services, the Undergraduate Academic Advising Office, the Office of Student Engagement and the VCU da Vinci Center. Take this opportunity to meet some of our faculty and ask specific questions about our programs listed below. All of our degrees are bachelor of science degrees.

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Tours: 10:45 a.m. to noon – Snead Hall Atrium

Business student ambassadors will give tours of Snead Hall during the fair. Highlights include the Capital Markets Center, a classroom overlooking the downtown skyline, Business Career Services, student organization meeting space and more.

VCU Life Sciences
Overview: 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Trani Center for Life Sciences, Room 253
Breakout sessions: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Q&A panel: 11:30 a.m. to noon

Learn about these innovative and interdisciplinary majors offering hands-on, minds-engaged scientific and technical training, including accelerated bachelor’s-master’s programs.

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School of Education
Overview: 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Oliver Hall, Room 4084

The VCU School of Education has five undergraduate degree programs that prepare students for teaching careers in early childhood education, elementary education, health and physical education, and special education.

As a school committed to learning, we also offer a bachelor’s degree in human and organizational development, a key corporate and nonprofit degree program in these ever-changing times across all industries. If you are passionate about education and making an impact in our communities, join us to find out more about our undergraduate programs.

Student panel: 10:30 to 11 a.m. – Oliver Hall, Room 4084

Connect with some of our students to hear about their School of Education experiences.

Breakout sessions: 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Please attend one of the breakout sessions below.

ACE-IT Program, Oliver Hall, Room 4084B

ACE-IT provides students with intellectual and developmental disabilities access to college that they would not have otherwise. Come learn more about our inclusive and innovative program. This is a great program for students interested in special education and teaching.

B.S.Ed. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and Teaching, Oliver Hall, Room 4084

Prepares students for roles as teachers of young children in schools, grades K–6 and community preschool settings. If you want to build a foundation of excitement in education for young children, help build their character and instill a lifelong love of learning, join our breakout session.

B.S.Ed. in Health and Physical Education, Oliver Hall, Room 4068

Prepares students to serve as licensed health and physical education teachers in PK–12 schools and leaders in community-based settings. This is for you if you want to change the next generation’s attitude about fitness and be a health and wellness resource in schools and communities.

M.T. for secondary teaching majors and M.Ed. in Counselor Education, Oliver Hall, Room 2122

For students who are interested in teaching secondary English, history/social studies, biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics or physics, we will explore the process of completing your undergraduate program through the College of Humanities and Sciences, and applying to complete your licensure requirements through your M.T. program.

RTR Residency Program, Oliver Hall, Room 2125

RTR is a yearlong teacher residency program for future teachers to receive financial and career support while serving students in high-needs schools. If you want to teach for change, learn more about RTR.

Special Education and Teaching (B.S.Ed. and M.Ed. program options), Oliver Hall, Room 2124

Prepares students to serve as licensed special education teachers in K–12 schools. This is for you if you are an advocate who is passionate about giving to others so that they can succeed.
College of Engineering
Welcome and information: 10 to 10:15 a.m. – Engineering Research Building
Preview what is available in the College of Engineering, and plan the rest of your day.

Visitor’s choice: 10:15 a.m. to noon – College of Engineering
Students will choose from several options to learn more about what interests them most.
Choices include academic programs, student services, research opportunities and tours.
Details available online: [https://egr.vcu.edu/admissions/visit/openhouse/](https://egr.vcu.edu/admissions/visit/openhouse/)

L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs
Welcome: 9:45 a.m. – Academic Learning Commons, Room 1102
VCU’s L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs welcomes you to our Spring 2024 Open House. We are excited to have you join us and learn more about our dynamic and engaging university. During our welcome, you will have the opportunity to hear from university leadership. You will also hear about all the exciting opportunities we have planned for you today to engage with our faculty, staff and students.

Overview: 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 11:05 to 11:35 a.m. – Academic Learning Commons, Room 1102
After the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs overview, please attend one of the following program meetings. The meetings are repeated in two sessions, one from 10:30 to 11 a.m., and one from 11:05 to 11:35 a.m., providing an opportunity for students interested in double-majoring to learn about two programs in the Wilder School.

Criminal Justice
Academic Learning Commons
Room 1102

Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
Academic Learning Commons
Room 1105

Urban and Regional Studies
Academic Learning Commons
Room 1104

School of Social Work
Overview: 9:45 to 11 a.m. – Academic Learning Commons, Room 2201
Prospective students and their guests will have the opportunity to interact with the School of Social Work’s Office of Student Success in an engaging and informative session. This session will provide an overview of the B.S.W. student experience, from curriculum and academics to resources that support student success. We also will discuss opportunities to get involved in the School of Social Work and the VCU community.
Morning overviews (cont’d)

Pre-Professional Health Minors Overview
Overview:* 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. – University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom

Starting in Fall 2024, VCU will be offering eight pre-professional health undergraduate minors for students interested in pursuing future admission to professional training programs. Minor programs are available for students interested in pursuing the following areas:

- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Veterinary Medicine

* This overview is not for pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-occupational therapy, pre-optometry, pre-pharmacy, pre-physical therapy or pre-veterinary medicine.

Panel discussions: 11:30 a.m. to noon and 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

Dental Hygiene and Dentistry
University Student Commons, Richmond Salon I

B.S. in Health Services
University Student Commons, SGA Senate Room

Medical Laboratory Sciences and Radiation Sciences
University Student Commons, Richmond Salon IV

Medicine
University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom

Nursing
University Student Commons, Theater

Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy
University Student Commons, Richmond Salon II

Pharmacy
University Student Commons, Richmond Salon III
Afternoon opportunities

Special interest sessions, noon to 3 p.m.

Accepted Student Celebration in the Future Rams Suite
University Student Commons, Virginia Rooms, noon to 3 p.m.

Welcome to the VCU RAMily! Join us in the VIP Rams Suite - just for accepted students! Come get your swag, meet other accepted students and families, have some snacks made just for you, and enjoy other special surprises. You will even be able to accept your offer and officially become a RAM! We can’t wait to congratulate you in person and celebrate this big milestone. See an admission counselor at the Admissions Ask It table in the Commons for your entry pass.

Admitted Students: Next Steps
University Student Commons Theater, 1:30 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Join the Office of Admissions to review important next steps in the enrollment process - we are excited for you to become part of the RAMily!

Applying for Admission: Understanding the Process
University Student Commons Theater, 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Find out what VCU looks for in its applicants and how to apply for admission in this special session led by the Office of Admissions. We will review the required materials and deadlines for VCU’s fall and spring freshman applications, and discuss the Common Application process for first-time freshman applicants.

Student Financial Management Center: Solving the Financial Aid Puzzle
Academic Learning Commons, Room 1107, 1 to 1:30 p.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m.

The Student Financial Management Center will explain the process of applying for financial aid, the different types of financial aid available, and how a student’s eligibility for scholarships, grants, and loans is determined.

Study Abroad and Global Learning: Expand Your Horizons
University Student Commons, SGA Senate Room, 1 to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Explore one of the most rewarding opportunities available to VCU students in this special information session about studying abroad and other on-campus Global Learning opportunities. Representatives from the Global Learning team will present opportunities on how to get funding and college credit while studying, interning or conducting research in places like Australia, South Korea, Argentina, Spain, Italy and many more, anywhere from one week to one academic year. You’ll also learn about opportunities to engage with VCU’s international community here on campus through program offerings such as Global Cafes, Conversation Partners, the Peace Corps Prep Certificate Program and others.

Transferring to VCU: Understanding the Process
SGA Senate Rooms, 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Find out how to make a seamless transition to VCU, whether you are applying from the Virginia Community College System or another four-year institution. A representative from the Office of Admissions will go over the required materials and deadlines for transfer students who want to become VCU Rams this spring or fall.

VCU Honors College and Guaranteed Admission: Explore the Possibilities
University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom, 1 to 2 p.m.

In addition to smaller classes and an expanded curriculum built around the idea of community building, VCU Honors College students can apply for Honors-only scholarships, participate in study abroad opportunities and live with other Honors students. For exceptionally qualified high school students, the Honors College also offers Guaranteed Admission Programs into a number of VCU’s professional programs, including medicine, dentistry and other health sciences. These programs allow students to enroll directly in one of our competitive undergraduate or graduate programs while or after earning their bachelor’s degrees.

Hear from current students and learn more about applying for these opportunities, and all the benefits of joining a community of dedicated scholars, in this special information session.
**Pre-Professional Health Career Advising Tracks**
*University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom, 2 to 2:30 p.m.*

VCU offers pre-professional health career advising tracks to students seeking competitive admission into professional programs after they graduate with an undergraduate degree. These are not majors or minors. Students can declare a track in the following areas:

- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Occupational therapy
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical therapy
- Pre-Physician assistant
- Pre-Veterinary medicine

**Tours**

*James Branch Cabell Library tours: Noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.*

Join us for a 30-minute tour of Cabell Library, the central hub of academic and personal engagement on campus. Discover the array of amenities our modern academic library offers, including private and group study areas, a cutting-edge Maker-space equipped with state-of-the-art tools and software, access to an extensive collection of books and articles, a spacious Starbucks café, and collaborative spaces for research and exploration. Tours depart from the lobby, and for those requiring assistance, one manual wheelchair is available for use.

*Monroe Park Campus: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

Enjoy a walking tour through VCU’s Monroe Park campus. Visit new facilities and historic buildings, see residence halls and tour campus resources such as Cary Street Gym and Shafer Dining Hall. Tours depart from the University Student Commons lobby approximately every 15 minutes, with the last tour leaving at 2:15 p.m.

*College of Humanities & Sciences, STEM Building: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Join us for an interactive scavenger hunt and self-guided tour from noon until 1 p.m. in our new STEM Building, located at 817 W. Franklin St. Successful participants will be awarded a prize.

*RecWell Cary Street Gym, 101 S. Linden St.: 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.*

Take a comprehensive guided tour of our Cary Street Gym, which features many amenities, such as two heated indoor pools, a whirlpool spa, a rock-climbing wall, an 18,000-square-foot fitness center, a four-court gymnasium, an indoor running track, racquetball courts, an indoor artificial turf multi-activity center and more. Tours will be hosted by RecWell staff members and will begin in the main lobby at the gym’s Linden Street entrance, with the final tour of the day beginning at 1:45 p.m. Tours will take approximately 15 minutes.
Stop By for a Visit
Interdisciplinary Studies Open House, Harris Hall, Room 5116,
Focused Inquiry Learning Lounge: 1 to 3 p.m.

Learn about the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, which allows students to combine minors, certificates and coursework from across the University to create their own, individualized degrees. Come meet our leadership, faculty and advisors, and begin discussing a unique path that aligns with your personal goals, interests and passions.

James Branch Cabell Library: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

We invite you to recharge from the excitement of Open House at Cabell Library. Discover our array of amenities for your convenience. Stay connected with complimentary Wi-Fi, and order your favorite Starbucks beverage, available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Find solace in our new Reflection Room for prayer or meditation. Nursing parents can request access to the lactation room. Should you need directions, our knowledgeable staff members at the Information Desk are available to assist. If you’re keen to explore Cabell Library further, grab a self-guided tour from the Information Desk.

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs
University Student Commons, second floor: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We offer diversity, inclusion and social justice dialogues, presentations and workshops, cultural heritage month events, mentorship and leadership engagement opportunities, identity-based discussion groups, and diversity and inclusion living-learning floors.

Residence Hall information: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Prospective students and their guests can stop by Gladding Residence Center. Staff members will offer short presentations every 15 minutes, and answer questions, show the lobby and common area space, and share details about living in on-campus housing at VCU. General information on freshman residence halls and the assignments process will be available as well.

Student Accessibility and Educational Opportunity, University Student Commons, Room 018, 8 a.m. to noon

We are the designated office on VCU’s Monroe Park Campus charged with fostering an environment where all students have equal access to the University’s programs, services and activities.

Shift Retail Lab, 1235 W. Broad St. (across from Siegel Center): noon to 2 p.m.

As the newest offering from the da Vinci Center for Innovation, the Shift Retail Lab serves VCU students and alumni by providing an important space for student entrepreneurs to test their ideas through sales and customer feedback. The products and services at Shift vary from those ready to buy to projects that need a little help. Shift provides an alternative type of retail where customers take an active part in developing ideas into successful products and services ready to go out to market. Exactly as the name implies, it is a lab for testing entrepreneurial concepts.
**VCU Open House Shuttle**

9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Take the VCU Open House shuttle from the Welcome Center to Snead Hall and the University Student Commons. The shuttle runs from each location every 15 minutes. Look for the signs!

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**Open Today**

**Barnes & Noble @ VCU**

Be sure to visit our Monroe Park Campus bookstore, Barnes & Noble @ VCU, at 1111 W. Broad St., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students and guests receive 10% off the highest-priced item of their purchases today. Show your Open House program at the register for this discount.

**Institute for Contemporary Art (ICA)**

Admission to the ICA is free, and the gallery is open today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to check in at the Welcome Desk upon arrival. The ICA is located at 601 W. Broad St.

**On-campus restaurants**

Use your “Have lunch with us” card at the Market 810 restaurant in our award-winning Shafer Court Dining Center. Or try one of our other on-campus restaurants. See the back of your card for locations.

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**Services in the Student Commons**

**Admissions Ask It table, University Student Commons Lobby: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Stop by the Admissions Ask It table in the lobby during Open House to get your general questions about VCU’s admissions process answered, including what you need to do if you want to transfer to VCU from another institution. Admissions counselors will be available from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. to speak with you and help you get started on your college admissions journey.
Virginia Commonwealth University is committed to inclusive admissions practices and does not consider race or legacy status as a factor when determining admission to the university.

Virginia Commonwealth University does not discriminate in admissions, treatment, employment or access to its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin (including ethnicity), age, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions), parenting status, marital status, political affiliation, military status (including veteran status), genetic information (including family medical history), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or disability.