



# SPIDER FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## GREETINGS PARENTS & FAMILIES!

The Office of Residence Life & Housing believes that a student's support system has an integral role to play in the success of their overall college experience. We have made it a priority to embrace all Parents and Families by spreading awareness about certain aspects of our office. In our newsletter, you will get to know some of our best RAs, how to support your Spider through getting involved, staying on campus during the break, and more!

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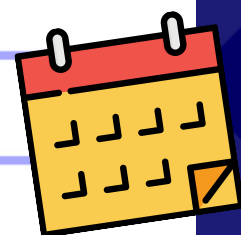
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# Fall 2025 Important Dates & Deadlines for Housing Selection

February 3	Housing Application Opens at 9:00am
February 3	Roommate Portal is Open
March 5	Housing Deposit is due by 5:00pm EST
March 10	Application closes at 11:59pm EST
March 18	Roommate Portal closes
March 26	Apartment Selection Process
March 27	Roommate portal reopens for Residence Hall selection
April 2	Selection for SSIR & Themed Communities
April 7 - 11	Residence Hall Selection



# RA Spotlights

## Erica Rogers

RA-Lora Robins Court

**Major: Journalism**

**Minor: Creative Writing**

**Activities Involved In: Sportswriter for the Collegian**



**Advice to Parents:** Even though you may miss your children please know that they are safe and that they miss you as well. They are experiencing a new time in their lives and learning how to live life on their own but they will always need your support. They will come across people that will help guide them through their time on campus but they will always value your opinion and the values that you instilled in them. Be patient with them as their emotions may fluctuate but they will always love and respect you

**What I like best about being a Spider:** I love the small and intimate feel of the school. I can always spot a friendly face while walking to class and it makes this place feel like a true second home. The professors are always willing to help you out and this school has such a sense of community and pride that you can feel by simply stepping foot on campus.

# RA Spotlights

## Genesis Meadows

RA-Residence Hall #3

**Major: Mathematical Economics**

**Minor: Data Science and Statistics**

**Activities Involved In: BSA, NAACP, Ultimate Frisbee, Club Basketball**

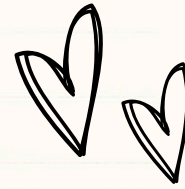


**Advice to Parents:** College is a time of growth, both academically and personally, and we thrive when we explore new experiences. Those new experiences could entail joining a club, attending campus events, or building relationships with professors during office hours. So, try to support us and encourage us to step out of our comfort zone and take full advantage of the opportunities available on campus. Remind us that it is okay to ask for help. Whether that is asking for help through academic support, mental health resources, or just seeking advice from their RA, there are many people here to offer support. Sometimes, as students, we feel like we need to figure everything out on our own, but encouraging us to reach out can make all the difference.

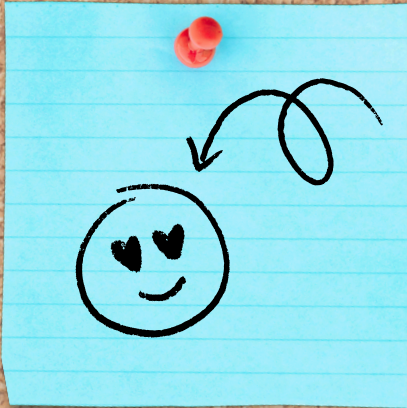
**What I like best about being a Spider:** What I like best about being a spider is the strong sense of community here on campus. I truly appreciate the small class sizes as they allow for meaningful connections to professors and classmates while encouraging a collaborative environment. Richmond provides so many opportunities to grow, both academically and personally, and I am grateful for how everyone—students, faculty, and staff—genuinely wants to see each other succeed.



Hall Highlight



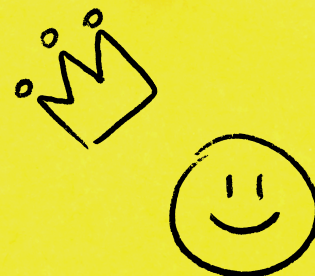
# GRAY COURT



Gray Court is one of returning student residence halls that 292 students call Home. Gray Court was officially completed in 1974, was recently renovated summer 2018, and is named after Agnes Taylor Gray, a member of the Westhampton College Class of 1923. Residents love living in Gray Court due to the close convenience of ETC and DHall being just a few steps away.

## RA's

There is a staff of 9 RAs and 1 HR overseeing Gray Court! RAs have planned fun events such as a SuperBowl Watch Party, several events centered around Valentine's Day and an engaging event centered around Studying Abroad!



Join RA Jocelyn and RA Vanessa For

### Hearts and Crafts

Gray Court 1st floor classroom @ 5:00pm

**TUESDAY, 11 February**

Join us for a relaxing and fun evening of crafts. We'll have all the supplies you need to make personalized Valentine's Day cards, decorations, and small gifts.

### WHAT THE FLIP?!

Find out about study abroad!

**WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT 7PM**

**WHERE: GRAY COURT FIRST FLOOR CLASSROOM**

Join RA's Nikoloz and Daniel for pizza, soda a game of flip off or taco, cat, goat, cheese, pizza, and if interested learn about going abroad!

GRAY COURT

### SUPERBOWL WATCH PARTY

**CHIEFS VS EAGLES**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 09**  
GRAY COURT 1ST FLOOR CLASSROOM @ 18:00

TOUCH DOWN FOR PIZZA AND A GAME OF SUPERBOWL BINGO FOR YOUR SHOT AT A CHAMPIONSHIP-WORTHY PRIZE!

# VISIT THE

# BOATWRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER

# 1

### ACADEMIC COACHING

Getting more out of class time, organizing your tasks and assignments, and finding time to stay in touch with faculty, classmates, staff, family, and friends can be a lot to manage! Take charge of your academic success by exploring our resources, attending a workshop, or scheduling an individual coaching session. We look forward to working with you!



# 2

### WORKSHOPS

Academic Skills staff offers workshops throughout the semester. Our workshops are designed to assist students with key issues and provide them with strategies to enhance their academic and life skills.

# 3

### TIME MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

Managing your time is a critical support strategy in the learning process, particularly for college students. Because many high school students are so used to parents, teachers, and others providing structure to their lives, they often do not make that smooth transition into a university setting in which it is now up to them to structure their time. To get organized, reduce stress, and increase efficiency, students must learn how to manage their time and tasks, and ultimately themselves.

# 4

### STRESS MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

Stress is the physical, emotional, or mental response you feel when faced with any new, threatening, or exciting situation. It is important to manage your stress because stress can affect you physically and emotionally and therefore significantly affect your quality of life.



## SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT!

<https://students.richmond.edu/portal/wlc?tab=home>

There is so much support for your Spider!



# Spring Break

It is that time of year to begin prepping for spring break, and your Spider has a number of options to choose from—an alternate spring break trip, off-campus travel with friends, travel home, staying on campus, and so much more. Below, we have highlighted some options for your Spider to choose from and a few safety tips.

## SEEDS Trips

SEEDS, Students Engaging & Enacting Dialogue on Service, is a student-run organization that focuses on engaging students in meaningful and sustainable service projects as well as dialogue centered around the social justice and environmental issues in specific communities. SEEDS offer three alternative spring break trips each year to the Gulf Region of Louisiana, the Appalachian Region of West Virginia, and the Detroit area of Michigan to learn about environmental and social issues in those areas and complete service projects.

Learn more on their [website on Spider Central](#).



## Local RVA Activities

UR Men's Basketball vs. George Mason  
Robins Center  
March 8th, from 6 PM - 8 PM

Scott's Addition Farmer's Market  
Workshop by T&D  
March 12th, from 4 PM - 7 PM



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Visit  
Richmond  
VA.com

[Visit RVA Calendar of Events](#)  
([Week of Spring Break](#))



## At Home Support

- Find ways to reconnect with your Spider through a common activity or tradition.
- Encourage time spent outdoors.
- Motivate your Spider to connect with friends in-person or virtually.
- Give your Spider space and allow them to set boundaries around studying, social time, and rest.



## Quick Safety Tips

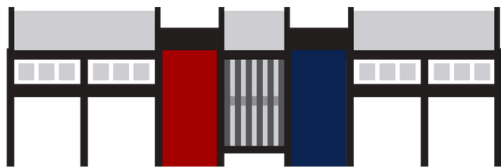
- Protect your location (keep private).
- Avoid traveling alone, if possible.
- Carry cash and important phone numbers.
- Sign up for the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, if traveling out of the country.
- Develop safety plan that includes resources/point of contacts.

# SpiderCentral

## Get Involved

SpiderCentral is an online community where students can connect to more than 175 registered student organizations to see what's happening on campus.

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**Center for Student Involvement**

### About Club Pages

Each page includes information about the student organization, and contact information for the organization so students can reach out and get involved!

### About Events

All event details are listed including, time location, and perks. You can see who is hosting, attending, advertisements, type of event and so much more. If you liked an event, you can even find related events on campus! There are HUNDREDS of events to check out. The calendar is constantly updated.



### Resources

SpiderCentral allows groups to access all the forms they need in one location! If your Spider is interested in starting a group, this is a great place to visit. SpiderCentral can recommend groups and events based on our interests, includes links to other popular engagement opportunities on campus - athletics, career, and the city of Richmond.





# EVENT CALENDAR *Spring 2025*

## January

**17 LGBTQ+ Winter Mixer - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

*Multicultural Space, Whitehurst Hall*

**28 Lunar New Year - 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**29 Unseen Film Screening and Creator Talk - 5:30 pm**  
*Heilman Dining Center, Virtual*

## February

*Black History Month 2/1-2/29*

**8 Sitelines: BLM Film Festival - 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**  
*Camp Concert Hall*

**17 Multicultural Community Event - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**22 SCEI Black Excellence Gala - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**  
*Westhampton Living Rm, Jepson Alumni Center*

## March

*APIDA Heritage Month 3/15-4/15*

**6 FLI Alumni Mixer 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
*Brambly Park/transportation provided*

**18 APIDA Comedy Hour with Irene Tu - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**29 Lavender Graduation/Rainbow Prom - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**  
*Tyler Haynes Commons, The Current*

**31 Queally Center, Breed Pavilions**

**“An Evening with Alok Vaid Menon” - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

*Queally Center, Breed Pavilions*

## April & May

**4/11 APIDA Cultural Ball 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm**  
*Tyler Haynes, Alice Haynes Room*

**5/9 SCEI Senior Celebration 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
*Jepson Alumni Center*

**For more details on our events; scan  
the QR code to join Spider Central**



SPIDERBOARD PRESENTS:

# SPRING 2025 EVENTS

## January



Thurs.  
1/23

**Winter SpiderFest**  
THC, 3-5 PM



Fri.  
1/24

**Paint & Sip\***  
THC Room 305,  
7-9 PM

## March\*



Sat.  
3/01

**Trivia Night\***  
Whitehurst Living Room,  
7-9 PM



Fri.  
3/28

**Glow Laser Tag\***  
Westhampton Green,  
8-10 PM



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## February



Thurs.  
2/6

**Frostival**  
Westhampton Green,  
6-9 PM



Tues.  
2/11

**Valentine's Day  
Self-Care Night**  
The Current, 5-7 PM



Fri.  
2/21

**Movie Night\***  
Alice Haynes Room, 7-10 PM

## April



Thurs.  
4/03

**Spring Concert Reveal**  
The Current, 5-7 PM



Thurs.  
4/17

**Mobile Rage Room**  
The Forum, 12-4 PM



Fri.  
4/25

**Last Day of Classes  
Concert**  
Boatwright Beach, 7 PM

\* denotes SpiderNights Events

# POLICIES & SERVICES



Residence Life and Housing has policies in place to ensure safety in the residence halls, and to help encourage a sense of community. Students are responsible for knowing and following all residential policies.

We also partner with many offices across campus to provide students with residential needs, such as: Facilities, Disability Services, and Support Services. Each of these offices help us to keep the residence halls up and running.

## Campus Partners

- **Facilities:** Students can submit work orders for any facility concern.
- **Disability Services:** If you feel that there is a barrier to access due to a disability please contact Disability Services.
- **Support Services:** Students can contact Support Services for furniture concerns.

## Important Links

[RLH Policies](#)

[Housing Services](#)

[Student Conduct Process](#)

[Room Change Process](#)

[RLH Break Policies](#)

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