

Carnegie Community Engagement Classification

2020 NATIONAL RECOGNITION

*We know that the University of Richmond
and the Richmond region are enhanced
when we join together, through authentic
relationship building and collaboration,
to create a thriving region for all.*

President Ronald A. Crutcher
Engage for Change Awards, September 18, 2019



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The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching awarded the University of Richmond the 2020 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification.

The Carnegie Community Engagement Classification is the Foundation's only elective classification, meaning that it requires a voluntary application process by institutions. The University of Richmond received the classification in 2010 and was up for renewal in 2020. The classification requires extensive, evidence-based documentation of institutional practice.

The University of Richmond is one of 359 institutions that now hold this honor and our application for the classification included many ways in which the University centers **community engagement** and **community outreach**.



APPLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

Community Engagement

* Since 2010, the number of **community-engaged classes** offered has increased by 62%. In 2017-18, 41% of undergraduate students were enrolled in at least one community-based learning class. 87% of the Class of 2019 took at least one community-based learning class while enrolled.

* UR Downtown is home to a **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)** site. By 2018, out of 197 community VITA volunteers in the region, 70 were University of Richmond students who volunteered more than 930 hours of service.

* The Law School has four **pro bono law clinics**. In 2017-18, UR Law students provided over 13,000 hours of free legal services within the Richmond community. Forty-five School of Law Class of 2018 graduates, 24.5% of the entire class, were awarded a Pro Bono Certificate by the Carrico Center for Pro Bono & Public Service.

* **Internships and capstone projects** in the Richmond community are a critical component of the School of Professional & Continuing Studies' Master of Nonprofit Studies program, the Richmond MBA, and the Jepson School of Leadership Studies major.

* Every year, the University of Richmond welcomes **Community Partner-in-Residence Fellows** who spent 160 hours over the fall semester working on a key project to address community needs with support from faculty and staff.

Community Outreach within Partnership

* The Office of Greek Life's standards for all Greek organizations are in alignment with the University values of ethical engagement and responsible stewardship. Student leaders attend regular training and are encouraged to establish **long-term, sustainable partnerships** and required to educate the chapter regarding the project, community organization, and the community needs the project addresses.

* Richmond Athletics has a strong ethic of community service and many activities have developed into strong examples of community outreach within a **reciprocal partnership model**. The swim team is now in its ninth year of partnership with the Youth Life Foundation of Richmond. In 2017-18, approximately 22 members of the Women's Swim and Dive team offered 6 one-hour swim clinics to Youth Life students.

Community Outreach

* Gambles Mill Corridor and Little Westham Creek are undergoing Eco-Corridor construction and stream restoration, an example of **campus stewardship** that will improve the Creek's health and the surrounding area for years to come.

* The University of Richmond is partnering with sPower to construct a 20 megawatt (MW) solar array in Spotsylvania County. University of Richmond's Spider Solar project makes UR the first institution of higher education in the southeast to match 100 percent of its electricity needs with **solar energy**. In Spring 2016, the University of Richmond also completed installation of a 204.8 kW solar array on the roof of the Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness. Our 2010 Climate Action Plan's goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 30% by 2020, 65% by 2035, and 100% by 2050.

* UR Downtown opened in 2009 as a catalyst for **collaborative cross-school and community-based partnerships**. All of the spaces are free for nonprofits, government, and university groups to use. In 2018-19, there were 123 UR-sponsored educational events and 141 community-sponsored events. Since 2012, UR has been fiscal sponsor of RVA First Fridays and has incorporated UR Downtown's Wilton Companies Gallery as an RVA First Fridays stop, where hundreds of participants view collaborative student, faculty, and community-curated exhibitions. Richmond on Broad Café at UR Downtown, managed by Dining Services, is a magnet for downtown workers to get a quick lunch in a footprint with few other choices and for students to use their University meal plan while feeling deeply connected to the city. Nonprofits use the state-of-the-art facility for meetings and events for free.

* In fiscal year 2018, UR spent \$35,585,520 on **local procurement** which was 32% of the total spent. In Virginia, UR spent \$62,607,636 which was 56% of the total spent. These intentional efforts support local and state business.

* The University of Richmond Summer Fellowships (URSF) program, which started in 2015, guarantees that every continuing, full-time, degree-seeking University of Richmond undergraduate student in good standing is eligible for funding of up to \$4,000 for one approved **summer research or internship experience** before they graduate. In the summer of 2018, URSF supported 282 internships, and 133 of these were in the nonprofit or government sector.

* Partners in the Arts (PIA), a program of the School of Professional & Continuing Studies, was founded in 1994 to train educators to integrate the arts into their preK-12 curriculum and to implement **school-based projects** created with PIA fiscal and administrative support. PIA works closely with the Modlin Center for the Arts to leverage University resources for PIA-funded schools.

* The Center for Leadership in Education, a collaboration between the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the School of Professional & Continuing Studies, aims to infuse leadership studies across the K-12 curriculum. The Center's Next Generation Leadership Academy, launched in 2005, provides **professional development** for school leaders with the 4 regional school divisions. Fifty-one leaders participated in 2017-18, and 684 local educators have participated since the program's start.

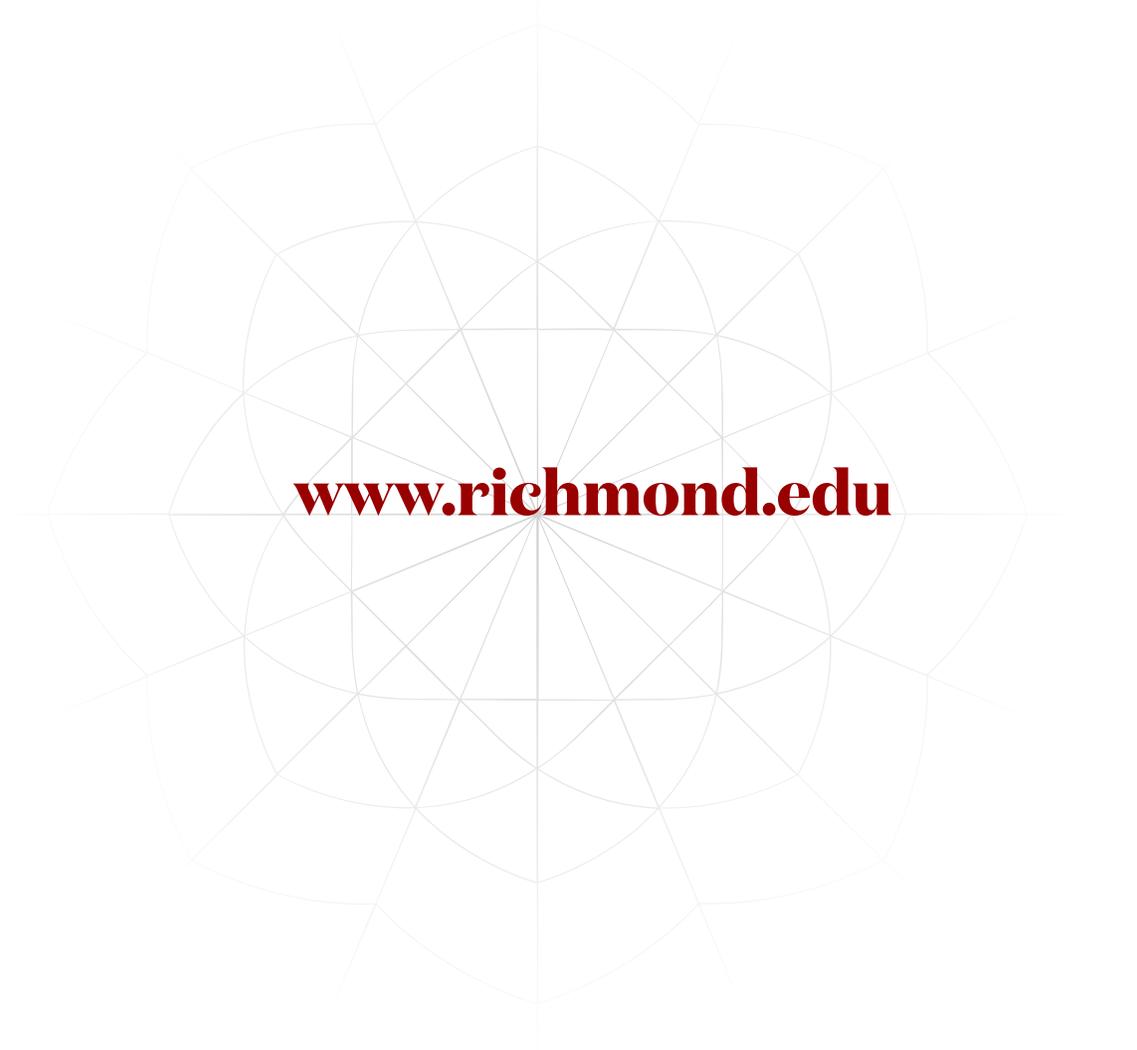
* Richmond Athletics has donated 582 certificates for 4 pack tickets (between football and basketball) since Fall 2013. In the 2017-18 basketball season, 380 **free tickets** were donated to military/first responder families. During the 2018 football season, 153 free tickets were donated to military/first responder families and 165 for nonprofit outings.

* UR Museums has a robust **public tour program**. In 2016-17, 1575 students, teachers, and parents attended 49 K-12 tours.

* The Department of Theatre & Dance offers all **performances for free** in an outreach effort to schools and the greater Richmond community.

* The Modlin Center offers multiple opportunities for the community to engage with visiting artists in **master classes, workshops, discussions, and K-12 school performances**. In 2018/19, 6,100 K-12 students, teachers, and community members participated in 59 education and engagement programs.

* Boatwright Library lends materials and provides **educational programming opportunities**, including visits to the Book Arts Studio, for teachers in our region.



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