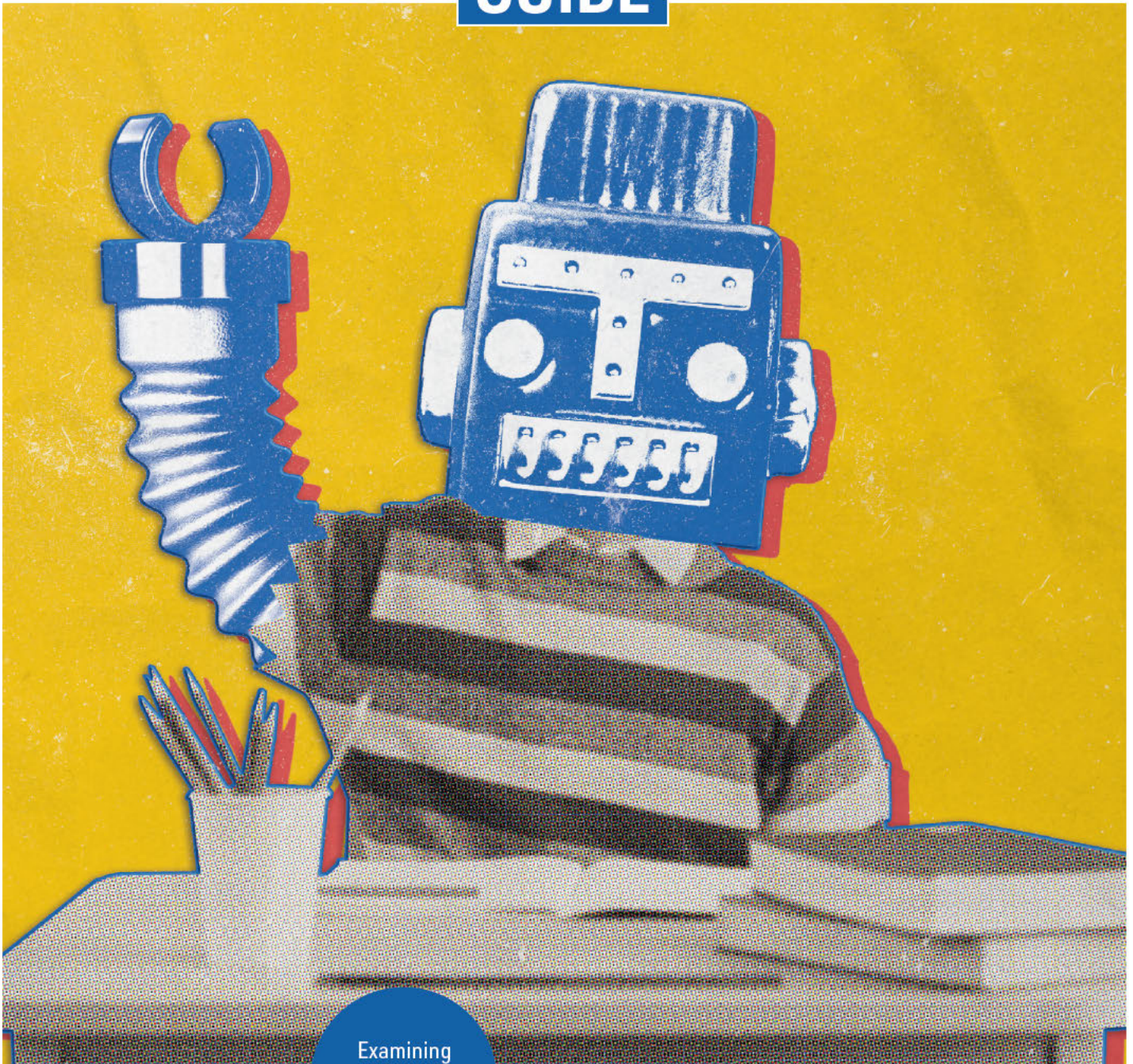


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Supporting first-generation students, a new school of religion, Fulbright Scholars and more



Sophie Smith, CEO, and Leah Guesman, COO, of College Contact

ADMISSIONS

STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

A tech platform gives high schoolers a hand with college applications

By Will Thalheimer

Sophie Smith and Leah Guesman, 2023 University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce graduates, have created an affordable and accessible solution for a hole in the college admissions counseling market. The tech platform matches high school students to current college undergraduates who help the students navigate the college admissions process.

The idea for College Contact originated when founder and CEO Smith posted a video on TikTok about the stress of applying to colleges. The video sparked thousands of responses voicing frustrations with the application process. "The video was going viral, and

high school students started reaching out to me regarding their looming college applications," Smith says. "I attached a Google help form to my TikTok account. Within a period of a few months, I had over 800 responses of students on a 'waitlist' for my help."

In fact, 75% of college applicants face the daunting college application process alone. With high school guidance counselors either overworked or nonexistent due to school budget cuts, students are often on their own to fill out applications, write college essays and find the financial and informational resources they need.

The flood of responses to her TikTok led Smith to decide to help underprivileged students apply to colleges and >

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universities. What set her idea apart from similar businesses was that Smith planned to hire college students, rather than counselors, because of their up-to-date knowledge on the admissions process.

Beyond this, Smith was focused on making the support system affordable. "Two hundred and fifty dollars an hour for a private college counselor is unreasonable for the average American household, [and] 20% of schools in the U.S. don't have college counselors," Smith says. "Even if they do, the average amount of time a counselor spends with one student is 38 minutes over four years."

College Contact offers its services for \$75 per hour, \$50 per half hour and \$35 for 15 minutes.

The demand is high: At one point, about 3,000 students were on a counseling waitlist. Smith began hiring friends to help. She reached out to fellow classmate Leah Guesman, who joined Smith's venture in June 2021 as a college counselor and was named COO in April 2023. "As a

child of two first-generation college students, I've grown up hearing about how much college changed the trajectory of my family," says Guesman. "Once I recognized just how many students needed reliable, affordable college counseling, it was obvious that Sophie had stumbled upon a big opportunity."

Smith currently has 50 counselors and plans to increase the workforce to 70 by 2024.

She describes the College Contact counselor application process as rigorous. Applicants submit their own college essays, edit a standardized essay and complete a series of interviews. After acceptances, they watch training tutorials, she says.

"It's actually a really good gig for college students. Thirty-five dollars an hour, being fully remote, working any hours and they get to give back to students, which they care a lot about," Smith says.

College Contact has helped students apply to schools such as Harvard University, The Wharton School of Business at

The University of Pennsylvania, Tulane University and their alma mater, University of Virginia. Smith and Guesman are now working for the business full-time and are moving their office to Austin, Texas, which is an edtech hot spot.

The experience has been fulfilling for Smith. "I always wanted to be an entrepreneur and work with close friends," she says. "It makes the late nights and early mornings so much easier." ■

College Contact Offerings

- One-on-one Zoom meetings to help students brainstorm, outline, draft and edit college essays. These come in 20-minute, 30-minute and one-hour sessions.
- One-on-one Zoom meetings to help students fill out applications, review resumes, practice networking calls and prepare students for interviews.
- Essay editing services via Google Documents where the team reviews and edits student essays within two to three days (rush requests are permitted).

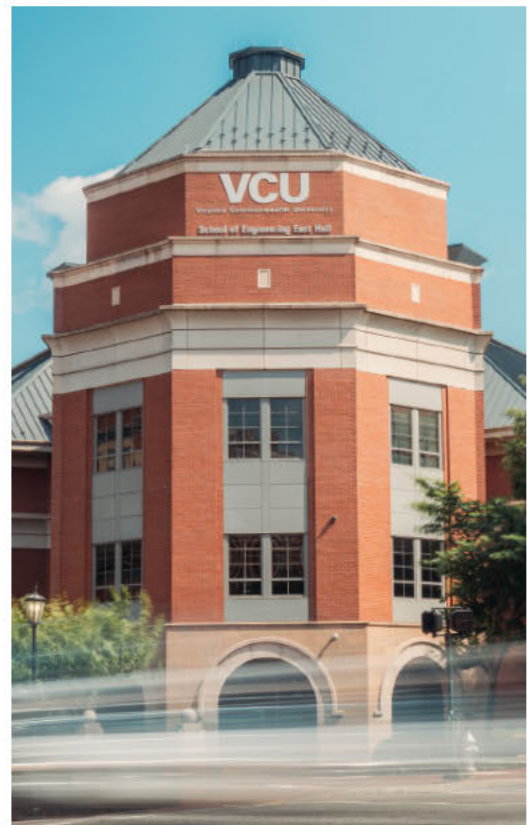
Top of the Class

10 VCU GRADUATE PROGRAMS AMONG TOP 50 IN NEW U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY was ranked among the 30 most innovative public universities in the country in the latest U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings released in September. Rankings were determined by presidents, provosts and admissions officers who were asked to name the most innovative colleges and universities in the country.

In addition, the VCU School of Nursing's undergraduate program ranked No. 22 in the country in its category, up one spot from No. 23 in 2021-22. The university also had 10 graduate school programs ranked in the Top 50 in the country by the 2023-24 U.S. News and World Report Best Graduate Schools rankings published in April 2023. The health care management program of the VCU College of Health Professions was ranked No. 3 in the U.S. and No. 1 in Virginia. The rehabilitation counseling program of the College of Health Professions was ranked No. 6 in the U.S. and No. 1 in Virginia. — **Joan Tuppence**

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Virginia State University has been recognized for its support of first-generation college students — 69% of the school's students are designated as first-generation or low-income. VSU is one of 76 colleges chosen by the Center for First-Generation Student Success to participate in the First Scholars Network. The network supports the schools by establishing communities of practice, gaining knowledge of resources, and establishing peer networks. "The First Scholars Network will help us to radically transform their student experience," says Danny Giles, VSU associate director of Trio Student Support Service. "This additional resource will provide even greater directed support to ensure their continued success."

VSU also has earned designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. The National Security Agency awards this honor to schools that have demonstrated exceptional education and research capabilities in cyber defense. — *JT*



HIGHER POWER

Prayer in School HAMPTON COMBINING PROGRAMS IN NEW SCHOOL

In June, Hampton University announced the establishment of a School of Religion, offering degrees at the associate, bachelor and master levels, alongside doctoral level degrees in Public Theology and Community Engagement and in Pastoral Leadership and Congregational Development. According to the Rev. Dr. Debra L. Haggins, the idea for the school is not revolutionary, but evolutionary — an idea whose "time had come," Haggins says.

"Hampton has been investing in the lives of clergy since 1914 with our Ministers' Conference," Haggins says. Hampton University's Ministers' Conference is an annual conference offering sermons, lectures, workshops and seminars to pastors and other religious officials. "The evolution of this was to take all of the things

we've invested in clergy ... and roll them into one comprehensive whole, and that would be the School of Religion at Hampton University."

The school wants to provide a comprehensive approach to pastoral professional development, with consideration for how church-going habits have changed since COVID-19 and the role of faith in activism. "We're hoping that the research, the study, the projects and activities that come out of the School of Religion will be a great benefit and help to cities, churches [and] states, all over the country," Haggins says.

Hampton's religious studies programs will be folded into the new school, which will launch in January 2024.

— *Emily Richardson*

INTERNATIONAL

Fulbright Recipients A UR STUDENT AND PROFESSOR EARN PRESTIGIOUS GRANTS



Chloe Goode

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SOPHOMORE CHLOE GOODE will spend three weeks studying the historical, cultural, political, environmental and socio-economic factors of Northern Ireland at Queen's University Belfast after being selected to attend a Fulbright Summer Institute in the United Kingdom. Goode is one of 36 students to participate, and she is the first University of Richmond student to receive this award.

"This will be extremely enriching culturally, academically and personally," says Goode. "I am the first person in my immediate family to travel to the U.K., and I could not be more grateful."

The program, which targets U.S. undergraduates who have little to no international travel experience and are unlikely to travel outside the U.S. without financial support, is one of the most prestigious and selective summer scholarship programs in the world.

Additionally, Andy McGraw, associate professor of music and chair of the music department, has received a 2024 Fulbright Teacher Grant. McGraw will teach two courses at the Indonesian Institute of the Arts, Surakarta — one focused on analyzing music recording using digital techniques and another on analyzing local Indonesian music using digital humanities tools. — *JT*

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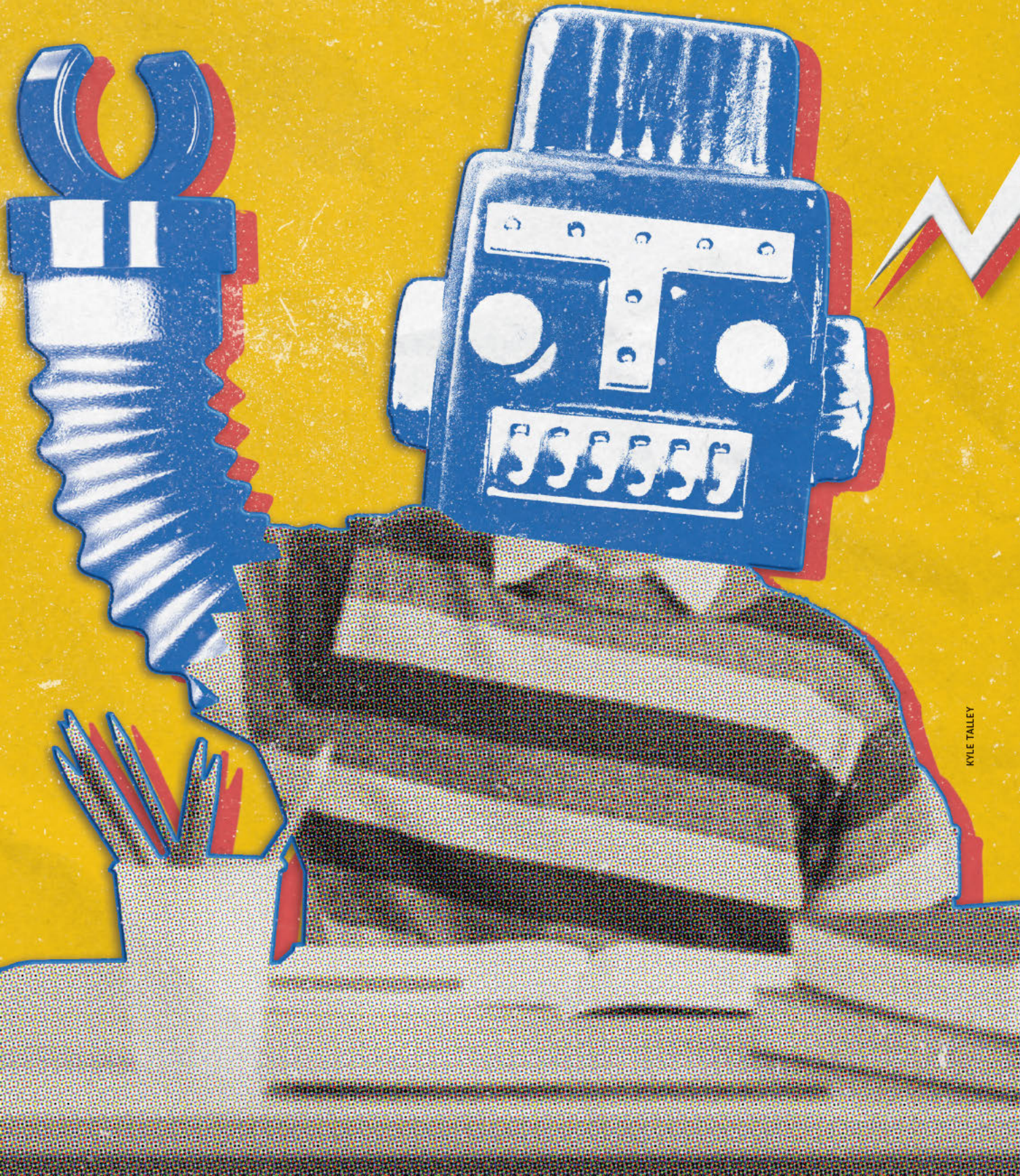
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CHEATING OR ADAPTING?

DEBATING THE ETHICAL LINES FOR AI IN HIGHER EDUCATION

BY EMILY RICHARDSON AND WILL THALHIMER

Artificial intelligence has become a prominent topic of conversation on high school and college campuses. Some view the use of AI-generated text as cheating or cutting corners, while others are more welcoming to the new technology.

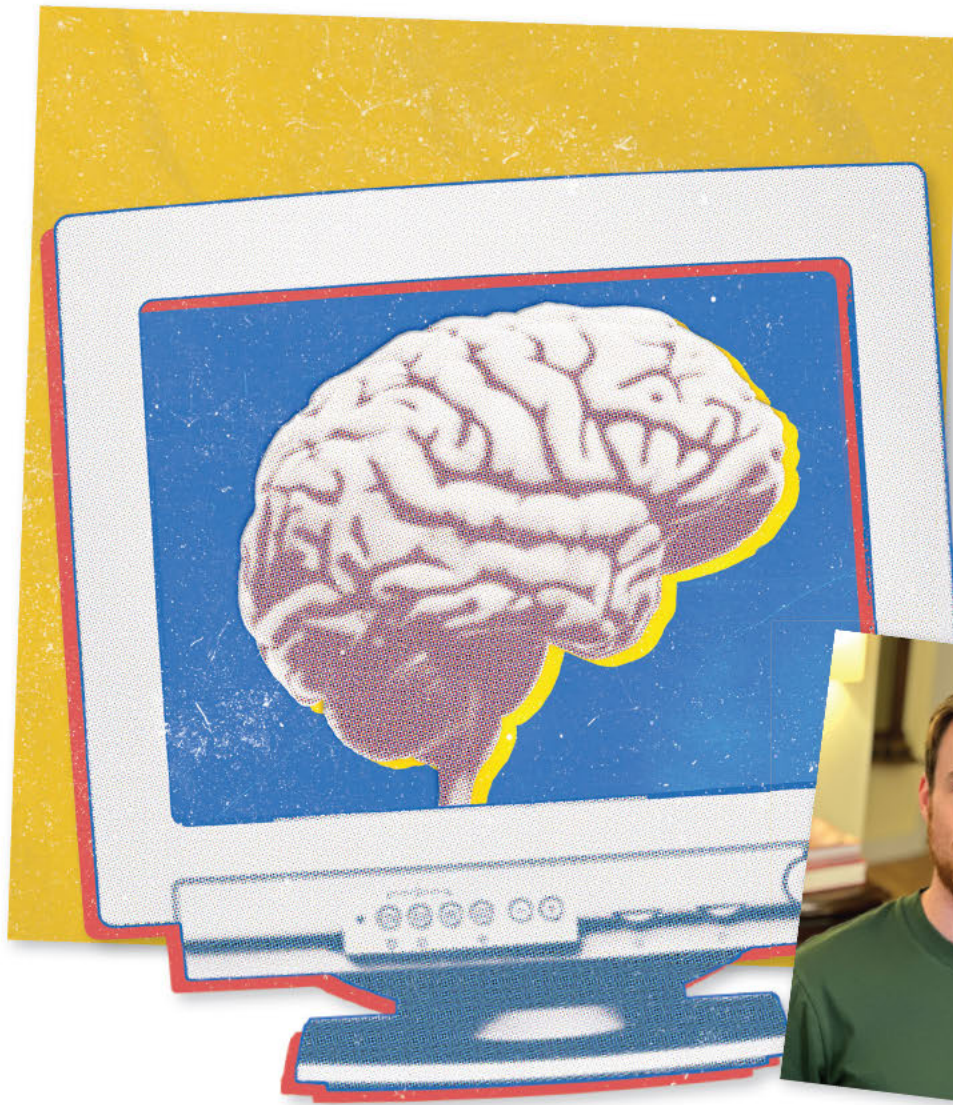
"Human beings are so limited," says Stew Fortier, the CEO and founder of Type AI, a tech company that has created an AI tool for professional writers. Fortier, a University of Virginia graduate and one of the few tech developers to find success with an AI program, recently raising approximately \$3 million to fund the AI-led document editor he developed in 2022. Like similar generative AI programs, it can organize information, write first drafts and summarize hefty topics – and it's accessible to anyone with a smart phone or computer.

Chatbots like Chat GPT-3 and Type AI are programs developed to support "people with writing skills [while] being able to leverage these tools and do better work," Fortier says.

AI can't generate its own opinions or new concepts, but it can collect and organize high-quality information from an uncountable number of sources based on a user's prompt. ChatGPT produces text based on user input. It can write anything from a poem to computer code. The text it generates is based on data collected from across the internet, using computer code to assemble comprehensible text.

Type AI is similar but is focused on writing bodies of text from prompts input by the user. According to Fortier, his target audience is anyone who writes content to grow a business or an audience, although it serves many purposes. >





can undermine learning because even trained, sophisticated AI language models can produce flawed outputs.

L. Andrew Bell, Ph.D., a technology consultant and operations manager at the University of Richmond, says he saw an uptick in the use of ChatGPT at the end of the spring 2023 semester — and that's not necessarily a bad thing. "It's a tool that is going to be ubiquitously used across campus," Bell says. "I'm trying to figure out how to incorporate it into my pedagogy." Bell has

used AI to generate sample essays for his students to critique.

According to Bell, the majority of student use is allowed; he sees most students using it to manage workload rather than to flat-out cheat. He notes that AI tools can help students work quickly and efficiently, not

unlike a calculator. "With the advent of the calculator, it reduced a certain barrier to accomplishing certain mathematical tasks," Bell says. "I think the same could be said about these generative text AIs, where we can leverage them to get a more sophisticated argument faster."

IN VIRGINIA SCHOOLS

Colleges and universities around the state are approaching this novel problem in various ways. The consensus is that, while ChatGPT and similar programs can easily aid students in academic dishonesty by completing written



Stew Fortier,
founder and CEO
of Type AI

Before developing his chatbot, Fortier was inspired and captivated by the early release version of the GPT-3 engine. "My mind was completely blown. It was absolutely unbelievable to me that this AI, this language model, could produce human-like text. It was fully readable and grammatically correct. The ideas were coherent. It could talk about a wide range of topics."

ASSESSING RISK

That very capacity and AI's theoretical impact on society has many concerned. In higher education, the potential impact is mixed at the moment.

There are plenty of benefits to the efficiency and breadth of knowledge of these artificial intelligence engines. Some positive ways chatbots might be used on college campuses include brainstorming ideas for discussion topics, writing outlines for essays and developing new writing prompts.

There are plenty of ways students can misuse the programs, as well. They can copy and paste the details of an assignment, like a discussion board post, into a program and generate a response without ever putting pen to paper. Not only does using AI as a homework helper compromise academic integrity, but it



assignments for them, an outright rejection of the technology is just as harmful as the perceived threat.

Earlier this year, a panel at Virginia Commonwealth University discussed the role AI can play in the learning environment. It centered on some of the common gripes about AI programs in academia: plagiarism, faculty grading and student assignments. However, the panel unanimously agreed that ChatGPT should not be banned in classrooms; indeed, instructors should devote time to studying the program and how they can incorporate it into their curriculum.

Milos Manic, Ph.D., is a professor of computer science and director of the Cybersecurity Center at VCU. He teaches a course on artificial intelligence for computer science students, incorporating the social, ethical and legal aspects of AI. Although he's been teaching similar courses for about 15 years, Manic says students began showing more interest in the legal and ethical implications three or four years ago.

"Tools like ChatGPT and others have become so overwhelmingly available and easy to use," Manic says. "Now, [students have] started waking up — better late than never — and realizing the challenges. ... They're starting to get concerned."

Plagiarism and cheating are not new issues, so universities should be trying to embrace AI tools rather than trying to control their presence, Manic said.

The University of Richmond encourages faculty to determine a personal

policy for the use of AI-generated text in student assignments and suggests they communicate that policy and their expectations for students in their syllabi.

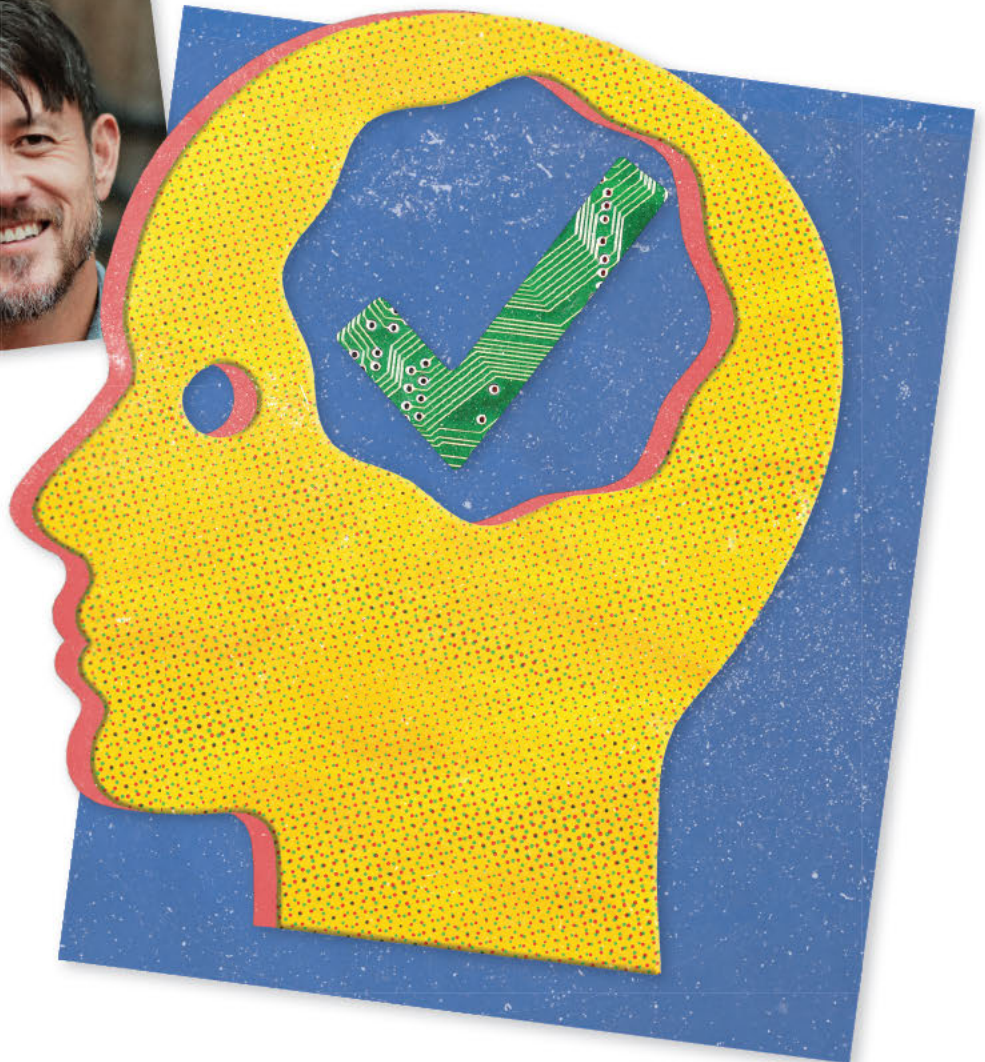
LOOKING FORWARD

AI in education is not necessarily a problem that needs to be mitigated, according to Micah Voraritskul, the founder of VerifiedHuman and a former Richmond resident. He believes the important

part is being able to effectively differentiate between AI-generated and human work — and then teaching students to use the tool ethically and effectively.

VerifiedHuman provides standards that writers, artists and musicians can sign and adopt, verifying their creative process and work as being done by a human. The standards are a trust-based alternative to legislative or technological methods of AI detection. "There's something about the >

Micah Voraritskul,
founder of VerifiedHuman



human contribution here that matters, right?" Voraritskul says. "The value of that human experience coming through in the work matters."

In terms of education, AI programs like ChatGPT could become a "massive problem" if left unchecked, Voraritskul says. "Billions of students across the planet are being subverted in their ability to think and articulate what they think," Voraritskul says. "90% of learning is assessed in writing, in every language. So, if teachers can't tell that their students are engaging with the material, and coming up with their own original thinking then how can they be sure their students are learning anything and not just plugging a prompt into a GPT language model?"

Voraritskul says the problem for education may be the most urgent one, as the wide accessibility of chatbots and language models might impact students' critical thinking skills dramatically.

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"Imagine an entire generation of students who can't think critically on their own," Voraritskul says. "Sure, they can write a GPT prompt, but they don't do

the work to weigh and counter-balance all of the options in the problem ... to me, that's way scarier, because what does the world look like in 20 years when you have an entire generation of people that only know how to write great GPT prompts?"

Instead, Voraritskul hopes schools will adopt VerifiedHuman's standards, work with the company to validate students' work and teach students how to use the tools to spur greater success. "We can't be afraid of AI. We have to learn to teach students how to use it ethically," Voraritskul says. "It needs to be a tool that we show them how to use. If we're giving them a writing prompt, we're working with them to put that prompt in ChatGPT, see what it gives them, if the outline has any validity to it. Ethically, we'll be able to create greater work than they ever could have without it." **13**



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WHERE FOR ART THOU?

Enrollment in the humanities drops at many colleges

By Emily Richardson

In the Fall 2012 semester, 5,303 Virginia college students were enrolled in English language or literature degree programs. Five years later, that number was 4,160, and in Fall 2022, 2,775, according to the State Council for Higher Education. That's a 47.7% decrease, and other humanities disciplines saw similar decreases in enrollment. For history degrees in the same period, enrollment decreased by 30%.

The humanities are defined as languages, literature, art, history, philosophy and other

disciplines studying humanity or the human condition.

This trend is not being felt so dramatically at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. Randolph-Macon sees the humanities continue to thrive because of dedicated faculty and the school's liberal arts curriculum, according to Alisa J. Rosenthal, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Even if you might be a major in a nontraditional liberal arts field, like nursing, your nursing faculty are absolutely communicating to you the real importance and value of that full >





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Alisa J. Rosenthal, Ph.D.,
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liberal arts education, including the study of humanities,” Rosenthal says.

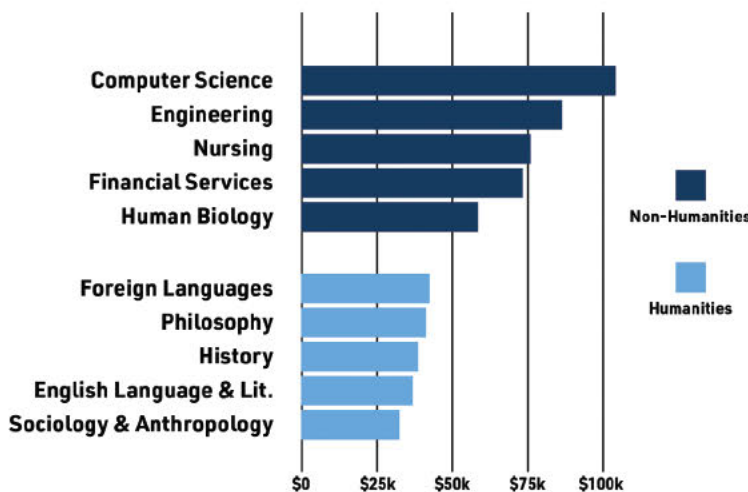
As for what’s affecting this trend, Rosenthal cites a shift in students’ reasons for going to college in the first place: more students say that getting a job is their top reason for pursuing a college degree. “That often lends itself to believing a narrow, more technical major is the best way to get a job,” Rosenthal says. “I would highlight that employers regularly say that that’s not the case. What they’re looking for [is] many of the skills, talents and habits that we associate with the liberal arts.”

Another reason may be the sense of “immediacy” students feel to select what they perceive to be a lucrative major. “It’s much easier when you’re 18 years old and you’re looking at a set of majors to recognize what you might do with a nursing major than ... an English major,” Rosenthal says. “There’s sort of an immediacy piece to that for people.”

Additionally, there’s been a devaluing of the humanities, she says. “The emphasis on STEM, which is obviously hugely important for a whole variety of reasons, has tended to come with a denigration of the humanities and social sciences,” Rosenthal says. “Suggestion that those are, somehow, less important. I think people pick up on that cultural message.”

Rosenthal says Randolph-Macon ensures that its students understand their future career options well, while emphasizing that a college degree is not simply a means to an end. “We work really hard to help students see how any of these fields that they might be

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interested in studying translate into careers on their way out,” she says. “We’re not training you for your first job. We’re educating you for the range of careers you’re going to have across your lifetime, many of which don’t even exist yet.”

The University of Richmond is another school that values the humanities amidst this cultural shift.

“Students in the humanities develop critical and creative thinking skills, become excellent writers, analyze complex problems, and have experience making decisions in an ethical context,” says Jenny Cavanaugh, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at UR. “These are all skills employers want. Beyond employment, students in the humanities grapple with big questions about what it means to be human.”

The National Humanities Alliance has called the intensive humanities programs UR has developed “exemplary” in the context of U.S. higher education. The Humanities Fellow Program allows sophomores and juniors to work on individualized research projects in the humanities, while Humanities Connect brings students and faculty together in a year-long study group and project lab around a shared theme.

According to Nathan Snaza, coordinator of humanities in the School of Arts and Sciences, the humanities at UR are not

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Beyond employment, students in the humanities grapple with big questions about what it means to be human.”

— Jenny Cavanaugh, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, University of Richmond

defined as a set of departments but a “cluster of intellectual practices” taken up in every field of study across the university’s schools. “The humanities are critical,” Snaza says. “We all need to be able to understand history, to think philosophically about what’s ethical or about what makes truth claims valid, and to think about how we interpret and make sense of the texts that shape our lives.” **R**



Jenny Cavanaugh, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at University of Richmond

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Blue Ridge Community College

\$181.41 per credit hour. Weyers Cave, 540-234-9261 or brcc.edu.

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Danville Community College

\$161.61 per credit hour. Danville, 434-797-2222 or danville.edu.

Eastern Shore Community College

\$164.61 per credit hour. Melfa, 757-789-1789 or es.vccs.edu.

Germanna Community College

\$168.86 per credit hour. Fredericksburg, 540-891-3000 or germanna.edu.

Laurel Ridge Community College

\$164.26 per credit hour. Multiple locations, 800-906-5322 or laurelridge.edu.

Mountain Empire Community College

\$162.25 per credit hour. Big Stone Gap, 276-523-2400 or mecc.edu.

Mountain Gateway Community College

\$162.61 per credit hour. Clifton Forge, 540-863-2820 or mgcc.edu.

New River Community College

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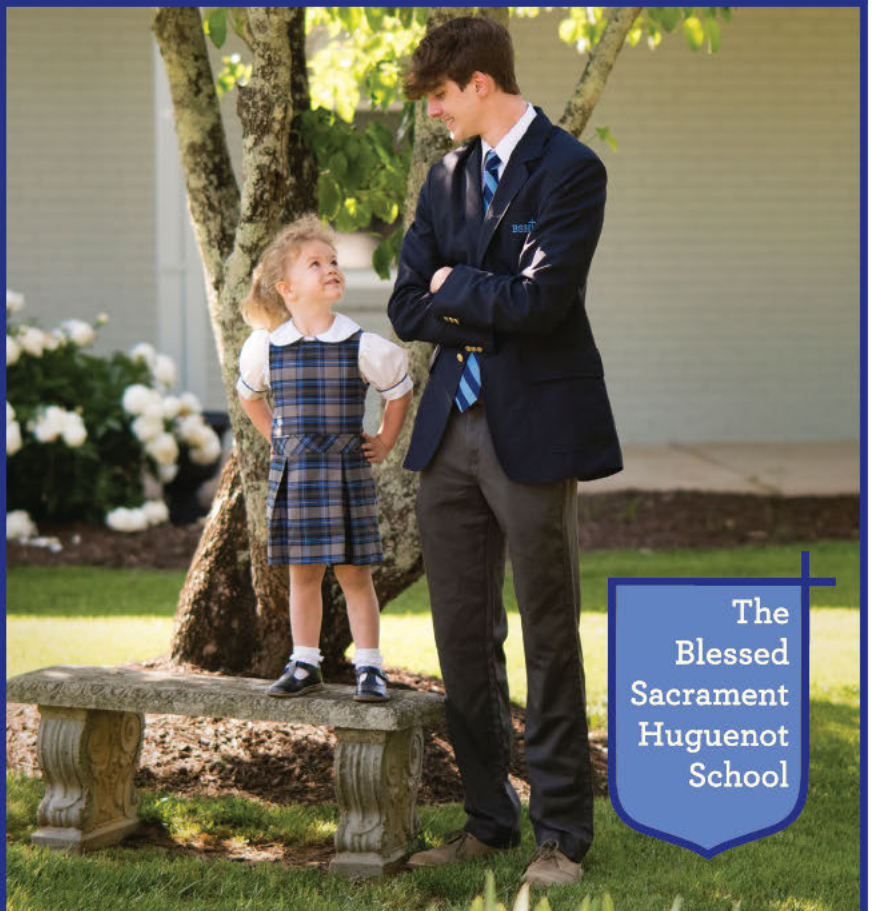
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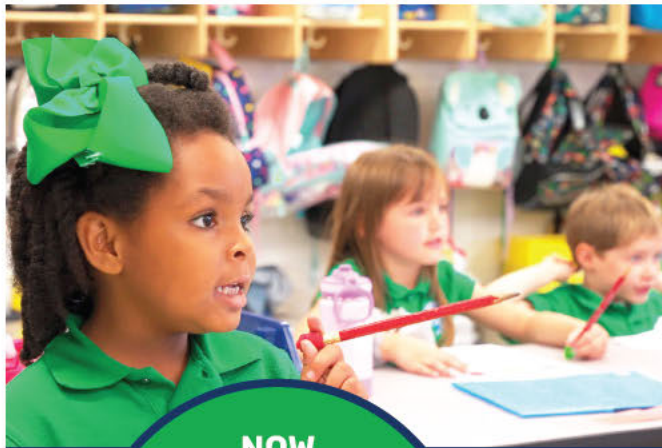


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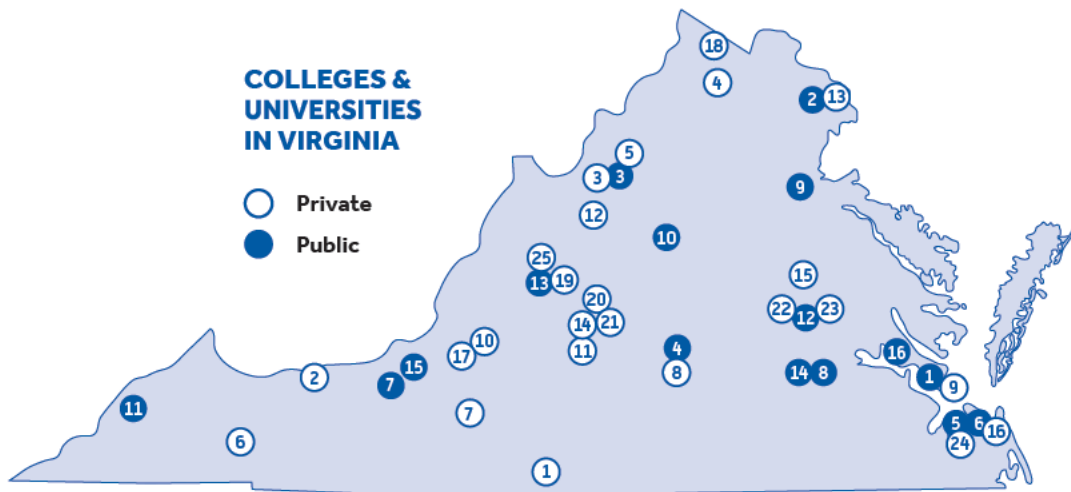
NONPROFIT PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN VIRGINIA

	College/university	Location	Phone	Website	On-campus undergrad enrollment	Annual tuition & fees (2023-24)	Acceptance rate	Student/instructor ratio	Percentage of minority students
1	Averett University	Danville	800-283-7388	averett.edu	871	\$37,240	61%	12-1	35%
2	Bluefield University	Bluefield	800-872-0176	bluefield.edu	600	\$27,600	90%	14-1	44%
3	Bridgewater College	Bridgewater	540-828-8000	bridgewater.edu	1,400	\$41,350	90%	13-1	28%
4	Christendom College	Front Royal	540-636-2900	christendom.edu	544	\$29,520	77%	15-1	n/a
5	Eastern Mennonite University	Harrisonburg	540-432-4118	emu.edu	853	\$40,990	99%	10-1	35%
6	Emory and Henry College	Emory	276-944-4121	ehc.edu	1,372	\$35,250	87%	12-1	16.4%
7	Ferrum College	Ferrum	540-365-2121	ferrum.edu	1,124	\$37,400	75%	13-1	46%
8	Hampden-Sydney College (men only)	Hampden Sydney	434-223-6000	hsc.edu	851	\$47,014	36.8%	9-1	18.8%
9	Hampton University	Hampton	757-727-5000	hamptonu.edu	2,805	\$29,162	76%	13-1	97%
10	Hollins University (women only)	Roanoke	800-456-9595	hollins.edu	713	\$42,260	72%	8-1	32%
11	Liberty University	Lynchburg	434-582-2000	liberty.edu	n/a	\$23,800	50%	18-1	n/a
12	Mary Baldwin University	Staunton	540-887-7019	marybaldwin.edu	1,489	\$42,000	90%	11-1	53%
13	Marymount University	Arlington	703-522-5600	marymount.edu	3,492	\$35,950	81%	14-1	52%
14	Randolph College	Lynchburg	434-947-8100	randolphcollege.edu	553	\$28,330	95%	9-1	41%
15	Randolph-Macon College	Ashland	804-752-7200	rmc.edu	1,500	\$46,278	71%	10-1	25%
16	Regent University	Virginia Beach	800-373-5504	regent.edu	1,889	\$19,680	32%	21-1	43%
17	Roanoke College	Salem	540-375-2500	roanoke.edu	1,865	\$35,350	79%	13.2-1	17.9%
18	Shenandoah University	Winchester	540-665-4500	su.edu	1,183	\$35,170	78%	15-1	26%
19	Southern Virginia University	Buena Vista	540-261-8400	svu.edu	1,033	\$18,858	98.9%	15-1	16%
20	Sweet Briar College (women only)	Sweet Briar	434-381-6142	sbc.edu	460	\$22,620	80%	8-1	32%
21	University of Lynchburg	Lynchburg	434-544-8100	lynchburg.edu	1,425	\$33,500	n/a	10-1	24%
22	University of Richmond	Richmond	804-289-8000	richmond.edu	3,061	\$62,600	24%	8-1	27%
23	Virginia Union University	Richmond	804-257-5600	vuu.edu	4,630	\$9,654	88.2%	12-1	97.8%
24	Virginia Wesleyan University	Norfolk, Virginia Beach	757-455-3200	vwu.edu	1,390	\$39,960	73%	13-1	42%
25	Washington and Lee University	Lexington	540-458-8400	wlu.edu	2,238	\$61,750	19%	8-1	20%

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College/University	Location	Phone	Website	On-campus undergrad enrollment	Annual in-state tuition & fees (2023-24)	Acceptance rate	Student/Instructor ratio	Percentage of minority students
1 Christopher Newport University	Newport News	757-594-7000	cnu.edu	4,472	\$15,425	89%	13-1	23%
2 George Mason University	Fairfax	703-993-1000	gmu.edu	28,630	\$13,014	86%	17-1	22%
3 James Madison University	Harrisonburg	540-568-6211	jmu.edu	30,727	\$11,720	86%	16-1	22%
4 Longwood University	Farmville	434-395-2000	longwood.edu	5,096	\$13,816	90%	13-1	25%
5 Norfolk State University	Norfolk	757-823-8600	nsu.edu	5,786	\$9,622	92%	16-1	96%
6 Old Dominion University	Norfolk	757-683-3685	odu.edu	5,070	\$11,630	95%	18-1	38%
7 Radford University	Radford	540-831-5000	radford.edu	6,282	\$12,286	83%	12-1	28%
8 Richard Bland College	Petersburg	804-862-6100	rbc.edu	2,500	\$10,310	71%	20-1	55%
9 University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg	540-654-1000	umw.edu	3,757	\$14,234	86%	12-1	32%
10 University of Virginia	Charlottesville	434-924-0311	virginia.edu	16,130	\$19,012	23%	15-1	35%
11 University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise	276-328-0100	uvawise.edu	2,021	\$11,656	83%	13-1	22%
12 Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	804-828-0100	vcu.edu	24,675	\$15,828	79%	16-1	56%
13 Virginia Military Institute (military)	Lexington	540-464-7230	vmi.edu	1,512	\$31,474	69%	10-1	24%
14 Virginia State University	Petersburg	804-524-5000	vsu.edu	4,300	\$9,154	96%	13-1	n/a
15 Virginia Tech	Blacksburg	540-231-6267	vt.edu	30,000	\$14,586	56%	13-1	32%
16 William & Mary	Williamsburg	757-221-4000	wm.edu	6,797	\$39,595	34%	13-1	34%



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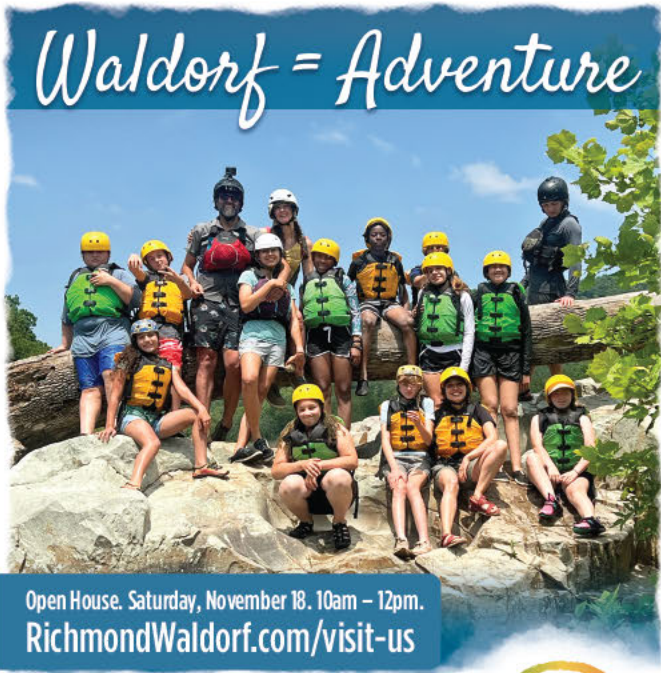
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