PROVEN RECORD OF SUCCESS

Radford University continues to be recognized for the strength of its academic programs, success of its sustainability efforts and dedication to excellence.

“Best Colleges and Universities in the Southeast”

“Best Regional Universities” in the South

“Best Undergraduate Teaching Programs”
— U.S. News & World Report, 2020

“Best RN Programs in Virginia”
— RegisteredNursing.org, 2019

“College of Distinction”
— Colleges of Distinction, 2019-2020

“Best Colleges for Your Money”
— MONEY, 2015-2019

“Best Colleges for Veterans - South”
— U.S. News & World Report, 2020

POINTS OF PRIDE

Providing Quality Educational Opportunities for Students Across the Commonwealth

93% VIRGINIA RESIDENTS (UNDERGRADUATES)
32% FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS
34% PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS
32% ETHNIC MINORITIES
STUDENTS DEMONSTRATING NEED: 62%
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME FOR THOSE WITH NEED: $49,894

Impacting the Virginia Economy

$1.2 BILLION TOTAL IMPACT GENERATED BY RADFORD UNIVERSITY THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH
EVERY $1 IN STATE SUPPORT = $22 STATEWIDE RETURN ON INVESTMENT
8,400 JOBS IN THE COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED BY RADFORD UNIVERSITY (INCLUDING 1,835 UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES)

Leading in Education and STEM-H

23 EDUCATION AND TEACHING AND 47 STEM-H PROGRAMS OFFERED
288 EDUCATION AND TEACHING AND 747 STEM-H DEGREES AND CREDENTIALS AWARDED IN 2018-19
SCHOOL OF NURSING RANKED SECOND IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Highlander Pride in the Commonwealth

All percentages are rounded.

Northern Virginia 18%
Total students: 1,793
Total alumni: 11,620

Peninsula 4%
Total students: 366
Total alumni: 1,648

Richmond 7%
Total students: 724
Total alumni: 6,188

Roanoke Metro 13%
Total students: 1,321
Total alumni: 6,887

South Central/Central 14%
Total students: 1,364
Total alumni: 5,771

Southwest 27%
Total students: 2,662
Total alumni: 11,820

Tidewater 7%
Total students: 716
Total alumni: 3,562

Valley 9%
Total students: 916
Total alumni: 5,004

In-State, Unknown
Total students: 25
Total Residing in VA
Total students: 9,887
Total alumni: 52,500

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RADFORD UNIVERSITY

EMBRACING THE TRADITION AND ENVISIONING THE FUTURE
Rich Heritage of Excellence

Radford University is a comprehensive public university that has received national recognition for many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as its sustainability initiatives. Radford University was founded by the Virginia General Assembly in the spring of 1910. The Radford University of today offers students many educational opportunities through 76 degree programs in 47 disciplines, three associate degrees and six certificates at the undergraduate level; 27 master’s programs in 22 disciplines and six doctoral programs at the graduate level; and 14 post-baccalaureate certificates and one post-master’s certificate.

Commitment to Access and Affordability

Providing high-quality educational experiences is the central mission of Radford University. Through teaching and learning, Radford University faculty and staff cultivate strong citizen-leaders to serve the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation and the world. Therefore, it is critical that a Radford University education remains accessible and affordable for students and their families now and well into the future. In Fall 2019, the University served a total student population of 11,870, including 7,967 undergraduate students. Additionally, 93 percent of the undergraduate population were residents of the Commonwealth, 32 percent identified as an ethnic minority, and 32 percent identified as first-generation college students. While these groups are traditionally underserved populations in higher education, they comprise a significant portion of Radford University’s undergraduate enrollment. In 2019-2020, median family income for undergraduates eligible for need-based aid was $49,894. In that same year, 62 percent of undergraduate students applied for and were eligible for need-based assistance, and 3,082 students, with an average family income of $30,852, received Pell funding. According to data provided by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and at a cost of $20.987 for tuition, fees, room and board, Radford University is the third lowest total cost provider among four-year public institutions in the Commonwealth.

Making an impact in the Commonwealth

The Vinod Chachra IMPACT Lab at Radford University is delivering online, self-paced, competency-based education (CBE) in high-demand workforce areas throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and several neighboring states. This approach focuses on teaching specific job-related skills needed to complete a respective organization that would most benefit from the training. With a strong focus on three main workforce development areas, cybersecurity, geospatial intelligence and education, the self-paced program increases access to high-demand, high-paying health professions programs.

Support Capital Outlay — Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity

The need for modernized academic space and replacement of aging infrastructure continues to be a priority for Radford University. The Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity (CAIC) will provide space for a radically different approach to health education and interdisciplinary research, while addressing issues with aging infrastructure and ADA compliance concerns, as well as enrollment and clinical space demand in the Wadsworth College of Health and Human Services. The University was authorized in the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly to conduct detailed planning for the project, which was completed in early 2019, and the project was included in the Governor’s higher education bond package as part of his introduced 2020-2022 Biennial Budget.

Expand Need-Based Financial Aid

The increasing cost of higher education continues to be a concern for stakeholders, including University leadership, students and their parents, as well as members of the administration and the General Assembly. Radford University requests $3.8 million in additional support in the 2020-22 biennium to assist with maintaining affordability and access for low- and middle-income students through increased student financial assistance to need-based undergraduates. This additional funding will help the University maintain overall affordability for residents of the Commonwealth. Over the last decade, the number of Radford University undergraduate students eligible for need-based financial aid has grown by 43%. During the same time, the percentage of unmet need for undergraduates has grown from 14% to 23%. If the additional state funding is not received, low- and middle-income students and their families will be forced to shoulder more of the financial burden for the total cost of a Virginia public education or forgo higher education.

Expand Regional Public and Private Partnerships in Health Sciences, Healthcare and Human Services

Radford University Carilion (RUC) is a groundbreaking partnership with Carilion Clinic that will strengthen the Roanoke region as a destination for health education and research, ultimately contributing to the overall growth and economic development of Southwest Virginia. Radford University is requesting $5 million in additional funding for operating support to further reduce the cost to Virginians attending RUC in the first year of the biennium. An additional $5 million investment in the second year of the biennium would fully equalize tuition between the two campus sites. The University was able to reduce tuition and fees to RUC students by 10% for 2019-2020 through efficiencies and $1.7 million in funding by the Commonwealth. Increased investment by the Commonwealth would provide additional access and affordability for students enrolled in high-demand, high-paying health professions programs.

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