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## Office of the Registrar

### Academic Calendar Model Finalized

Thank you to the 2,679 survey respondents who provided feedback on Radford University's academic calendar model. You spoke, and we listened. Your feedback from two open forums, senate meetings, survey submissions, and student response boards helped shape Radford University's academic calendar model. The finalized model is available on the [Radford University website](#) and the comprehensive 3-year academic calendar will soon be published to the Office of the Registrar webpage.

### Department Course Section Change Request

The Radford University's Office of the Registrar is pleased to announce the launch of a new electronic Department Course Section Change Request form, available to all academic departments starting Monday, November 11, 2024. This new digital form, powered by Kuali Build, replaces the former RG-32 Form, allowing departments to streamline course schedule changes, reduce paperwork, and track requests in real-time.

Designed to simplify workflows, the electronic form routes requests through an electronic approval process, sending automatic email confirmation to department administrators once the Registrar's Office has processed the requests.

For any questions, feedback, and/or concerns, please contact Tyler Wertman, Assistant Registrar, at [form-rg32@radford.edu](mailto:form-rg32@radford.edu). Additional information will be sent to departments directly via email.

**The Informance Dance Concert** will feature student-created dances that include contemporary, jazz, tap, and screendance styles. This free concert begins on **Monday, November 18 begins at 7:30 PM with a viewing of screendance projects at 6:30 PM** in Artis Center 428.

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**The University Community Symphony and Chamber Strings** will present a concert entitled "Fun Stuff" on **Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30pm** in Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center. Selections ranging from Beethoven to Paul McCartney will be performed. The concert is free and open to the public. Dr. R. Wayne Gallops conducts the symphony and Vladmir Kromin directs the chamber strings.

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**Midday Music returns** in the first week of December. Dr. Robert Trent performs on guitar on **Wednesday, December 4 from 12:15 – 12:45 pm** in the Performance Hub of the Artis Center. Free and open to everyone. Feel free to bring your lunch!

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**The Music Department Honors Recital** will take place on **Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30pm** in Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center.

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**MFA Fine Arts candidate Chris Bradbury** will have an exhibition of his work in the Tyler Gallery (next to BT's) from **December 4-11**. Join us for the **opening reception at 5 pm on December 6**. The event is free and includes refreshments.

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**The University Band and Choir** will present their annual Holiday Extravaganza concert on **Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center. The concert of holiday favorites is free and open to the public.

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## Office of Graduate Affairs

### Increased Graduate Assistant Pay

We are excited to announce a 13% increase in stipends for all Graduate Assistants, Graduate Research Assistants, Graduate Teaching Assistants, and Graduate Teaching Fellows. The increased stipend amount will be reflected in payments issued by January 15th, ensuring our graduate team can continue to focus on their important work with added financial support.

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### Graduate Student Travel Awards

Amount: Up to \$500 per student, per year

Eligibility: Graduate students presenting at conferences and participating in research activities are encouraged to apply. The Graduate Student Travel Award can help cover costs related to travel, registration, or accommodations. Submit [applications](#) to [gradaffairs@radford.edu](mailto:gradaffairs@radford.edu)

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## Professional Development Workshop: “AI and Algorithms in Searching”

**Date: Monday, November 18**

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Platform: [Zoom](#)

Explore the role of artificial intelligence and algorithms in advanced research. This session will provide insights into search strategies and digital tools that can enhance your academic work.

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## Graduate Movie Night

**Date: Tuesday, December 5**

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Bonnie Auditorium

Details: Join us for a cozy movie night complete with pizza and hot cocoa! Take a break, relax, and enjoy watching *Ice Age* with fellow grad students.

RSVP: Please RSVP by December 2nd to [rugsc@radford.edu](mailto:rugsc@radford.edu)

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# VGEA News

## Virginia Governmental Employees Association: 65 Years of Advocacy for Faculty and State Employees

For over 65 years, the Virginia Governmental Employees Association (VGEA) has served as a dedicated advocate for Virginia’s state employees, including faculty members across the Commonwealth's higher education institutions. Founded in 1959, VGEA is a nonprofit organization that continues to champion fair treatment, competitive pay, improved benefits, secure retirement, and positive workplace conditions for those serving Virginia.

With a longstanding history of legislative influence, VGEA has represented public sector workers by engaging directly with policymakers in Richmond. As faculty navigate the evolving landscape of higher education, the association provides members with the tools and knowledge to stay proactive in shaping their professional future. VGEA offers access to policy analyses, legislative updates, and timely alerts on bills impacting education—empowering faculty to have a voice in legislative decisions that affect their careers.

“Being part of VGEA gives faculty members the ability to shape the policies that impact them,” said a VGEA spokesperson. “Through this association, educators can advocate not just for themselves but for the quality and future of Virginia’s public education system.”

Beyond advocacy, VGEA membership includes access to exclusive events and a supportive network of colleagues. These resources create opportunities for professional growth and

collaboration, providing a strong community for educators committed to advancing the standards of Virginia's workforce.

As VGEA moves forward, its mission remains focused on safeguarding and enhancing the careers of Virginia's public sector employees. Faculty members are encouraged to join this trusted association to ensure a strong voice in policy decisions and to contribute to a legacy of advocacy that spans more than six decades.

You can contact your institution's VGEA representatives, Fallon Kreye: [fkreye@radford.edu](mailto:fkreye@radford.edu) or Kara Pfaff: [khall62@radford.edu](mailto:khall62@radford.edu).

For more information on how to join VGEA and  
make an impact in the upcoming legislative session

## Faculty Awards

### Office of the Provost now accepting nominations for faculty/staff awards

The [Office of the Provost](#) is now accepting nominations for the [2025 Radford University Annual Awards](#). Nominations for all of the following awards are due by **Monday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.** All faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate deserving colleagues for consideration of these prestigious awards. Recipients will be recommended to Radford University President Bret Danilowicz by the Faculty Awards Committee.

#### *Radford University faculty/staff awards*

- **The Donald N. Dedmon Distinguished Teaching Professor Award**, which recognizes and rewards outstanding teaching.
- **The Distinguished Creative Scholar Award**, which recognizes significant original contributions to the body of knowledge in academe and rewards contributions that have a significant impact on effective classroom teaching.
- **The Distinguished Service Award**, which was established to recognize faculty who have contributed substantial service to the university over a sustained period of time.
- **The Distinguished Faculty Advising Award**, which recognizes and rewards faculty who excel in their role of academic advisors to undergraduate and/or graduate students.
- **The Anna Lee Stewart Award for Contributions to Faculty Development**, which recognizes faculty and staff who have contributed substantially to the professional development of their colleagues.
- **The Award for Administrative and Professional Excellence**, which recognizes administrative and professional faculty for distinguished leadership and/or superior service in their area(s) of professional activity within the University.

Visit the [University Annual Awards webpage](#) for more information on this award, details on how to nominate and to see a list of previous winners.

#### *SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award*

Nominations are also being accepted for the [SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award \(OFA\)](#), the highest honor bestowed upon faculty in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As noted on the SCHEV website, nominees should, “have a demonstrated record of superior accomplishments in teaching, research, knowledge integration and public service” — i.e., in each of Ernest L. Boyer’s four types of scholarship. Nominees’ accomplishments must be consistent with their university’s or college’s mission.

*Radford SCHEV-OFA Process*

Nominees for the OFA will be notified and asked to submit materials (the most recent FAR, current curriculum vitae and a brief statement of accomplishments with respect to OFA criteria) if they wish to be considered for selection as a Radford University OFA nominee. Selected nominees will be contacted in March on the next steps in the process.

To nominate a faculty colleague, submit the name and department/school affiliation of the nominee to Amy Cox, executive administrative assistant to the Associate Provost of Research, Faculty Success & Strategic Initiatives at [ofa@radford.edu](mailto:ofa@radford.edu). Please note that a narrative is not necessary to nominate someone.

To see a list of previous recipients of the OFA, visit the [Virginia Outstanding Faculty Awards \(SCHEV\) page](#) on the Radford University website, or [SCHEV’s OFA webpage](#).

***Dalton Eminent Scholar Awards***

The [Dalton Eminent Senior Scholar and Rising Star Awards](#) serve to recognize faculty members with a distinguished national and/or international reputation in their disciplines. Dalton Scholars serve a two-year term which includes \$10,000 award each year (for a total of a \$20,000 award over two years) and expectations for public engagements during their tenure.

More information about the award and the nomination/selection process is available on the [Dalton Eminent Senior Scholar and Rising Star Awards webpage](#) on the Radford University website. To submit a nomination online, visit the [Dalton Eminent Scholar Award form](#) on the website.

For more information on any of these awards, contact the Radford University Office of the Provost at 540-831-5404.

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# Career and Talent Development

**Budgeting Basics & Credit Scores for Gen Z**

Tuesday, November 19th  
5:00 pm -6:00 pm  
Russell Hall, 3rd Floor

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**Highlander Works Internship Grant Program**

Applications for Spring 2025 are now being accepted. Submission deadline is Friday, November 22nd.

[Find out more about Highlander Works](#)

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### **Walk-In Resume Reviews**

Monday-Friday

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Russell Hall, 3rd Floor

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## **Faculty Development**

Are you looking for help in redesigning a course? Are you interested in confidential, formative feedback on your (in-person or online) teaching? Do you want to increase motivation, innovation, and active learning in your courses? Are you looking for resources on inclusive and accessible teaching? **Consider joining the LIFT program (Learning Innovation for Fulfilling Teaching) and work with CITL and colleagues on redesigning a course in the spring.** These fellowships include \$1000 stipends, are for full-time continuing faculty (tenure/track/special purpose; and can't have done the LIFT already), and require the following: 2 course observations and a midcourse review (or online course review) by a CITL professional; an all-day teaching institute on January 14; a discussion group during the spring term; and a written reflection on goals at the end of the term. Please register [here](#). Contact [hkeith1@radford.edu](mailto:hkeith1@radford.edu) or [ccosmato@radford.edu](mailto:ccosmato@radford.edu) for more information.

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## **Radford University's January Our Turn**

### **Call for Session Presentations**

Our Turn is an opportunity for faculty, staff, and professionals to come together as a teaching and learning community to discuss best teaching practices, participate in essential training, learn about and experiment with new technologies and become informed about new initiatives on campus. On **January 15**, we will host workshops and presentations via Zoom.

If you would like to offer a session, please complete the online [form](#) **before close of business on Monday, December 2**. Feel free to share this information with other interested parties.

### **Schedule Your Presentation**

Note- The link above will allow you to enter your session information, including the time slot you would like to present your session and all relevant meeting details.

If you have questions or concerns about this event, please email Samantha Blevins ([sblevins@radford.edu](mailto:sblevins@radford.edu)), Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning.

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# Global Education and Engagement

## International Education Week at Radford University (November 18-21)

Join us for a week of celebration, learning, and connection, hosted by the McGlothlin Center for Global Education and Engagement with support from campus partners. This is an opportunity to learn more about the global opportunities available at Radford University and reflect on the role of education in fostering cross-cultural understanding and collaboration.

We look forward to seeing you at the events throughout the week!

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### Monday, November 18

*Study Abroad Workshop (for students)*

4:00-5:00pm

Cook Hall 129

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### Tuesday, November 19

*Study Abroad Fair*

11:30-1:30pm

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*Introduction to K-Pop Dance*

4:00-5:00pm

Artis Center 457

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*International Student Employment Workshop (CPT/OPT)*

4:00-5:00pm

Cook Hall 129

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### Wednesday, November 20

Brazilian Coffee Hour

3:00-5:00pm

Cook Hall 105

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## Quest Dates Announced

Save the Date! Quest Summer 2025 will be here before you know it, with sessions designed to help new Highlanders kick off their journey with confidence and excitement. Quest will feature a series of orientation dates (see table below) to introduce students to campus life, academic resources, and our vibrant Radford community. Mark your calendars, review the schedule, and get ready for a summer of connection and discovery.

Quest 2025 Dates:

Session Title	Location	Date
Transfer Radford Quest #1 (1/2 Day)	Radford Campus	Wednesday, June 4, 2025
First-Year Radford Quest #1	Radford Campus	Saturday, June 7, 2025
First-Year Radford Quest #2	Radford Campus	Wednesday, June 11, 2025
Transfer Radford Quest #2 (1/2 Day)	Radford Campus	Saturday, June 14, 2025
First-Year Roanoke Quest #1	Roanoke Campus	Monday, June 16, 2025
Transfer Roanoke Quest	Roanoke Campus	Tuesday, June 17, 2025
First-Year Radford Quest #3	Radford Campus	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
First-Year Roanoke Quest #2	Roanoke Campus	Friday, June 27, 2025
First-Year Radford Quest #4	Radford Campus	Saturday, June 28, 2025
Transfer Radford Quest #3 (1/2 Day)	Radford Campus	Tuesday, July 8, 2025
First-Year Radford Quest #5	Radford Campus	Saturday, July 12, 2025

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