EMBRACING THE TRADITION AND ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

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”
The Princeton Review, 2021

“Best Regional Universities” in the South
U.S. News & World Report, 2022

“Top Public Schools” South #14
U.S. News & World Report, 2022

“Best Value Schools — Regional Universities South”
U.S. News & World Report, 2022

“Best Colleges for Veterans — South”
U.S. News & World Report, 2022

“Top Green Colleges in the Nation”
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THE RADFORD STORY

Radford University is a comprehensive public institution that has received national recognition for many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as its sustainability initiatives. Founded by the Virginia General Assembly in 1910, the Radford University of today offers students many educational opportunities through 76 bachelor’s degree programs in 47 disciplines, three associate degrees and six certificates at the undergraduate level, 28 master’s programs in 23 disciplines and six doctoral programs at the graduate level; 13 post-baccalaureate certificates and one post-master’s certificate.

MAKING AN IMPACT IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA AND ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

In addition to robust academic offerings and engaging student experiences on the main campus located in Radford, Virginia, Radford University also offers a clinical-based educational experience for more than 1,100 students living and learning in Roanoke, Virginia, as part of Radford University Carilion, a public-private partnership focused on the cutting-edge delivery of health sciences programming, outreach and service. The university also offers educational programs at the Roanoke Higher Education Center, the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Virginia, and New College Institute in Martinsville, Virginia. In addition, the university provides extensive distance learning opportunities, including online, self-paced, competency-based education (CBE) in high-demand workforce areas throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and nationally through the Vinod Chachra IMPACT Lab.

2022 STATE PRIORITIES

Continued Investment in Radford University and Our Students

Ensure the University Remains a Strong and Affordable Higher Education Provider — $7.6 Million

Radford University is grateful for the generous higher education investments made by the Commonwealth of Virginia, but the university is extremely challenged to meet growing operating demands created by items such as mandatory cost increases, inflationary factors, and market wage competitiveness. The University is requesting an additional allocation of $1,000 per in-state FTE in operating support for FY 2023 in order to keep in-state tuition flat for the coming year.

Improve Affordability through Additional Student Financial Aid — $11.2 Million

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. Providing additional need-based financial aid has proven to be the most prudent approach to offsetting this cost. This is especially critical at Radford University, where over 63% of students apply and are eligible for financial aid. The introduced budget includes an additional $1.5 million in the first year and $9.7 million in the second year of the biennium, which will be transformative for our students.

Advance an Innovative Sustainability Initiative

Construct Combined Heat and Power Co-Generation Facility — $16.0 Million

The introduced budget fully funds a campus facility project utilizing $11.2 million GF and $4.8 million NGF that would convert an existing building into a combined heat and power (CHP) facility for the overall campus. The conversion of the facility to CHP would consist of two natural gas-fired reciprocating engines that would generate electricity for campus utilization, while the waste heat generated from the equipment would supplement the university steam plant. The project would provide immediate cost savings to address lingering budget constraints as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, it would increase the university’s resiliency in responding to a prolonged power outage and align with the university’s sustainability goals.

Address Aging Infrastructure

Renovate and Reimagine McConnell Library — $4.9 Million

McConnell Library was built in 1931, with two additions built in 1965 and 1995. The library’s building systems and equipment have far exceeded their expected useful life. Building security systems are inconsistent and not aligned with current technology, and the outdated HVAC system requires full replacement to provide proper ventilation for the structure. The proposed renovation will replace all aged and inefficient building systems and equipment with modern, efficient solutions. The library renovation will provide an opportunity to reprogram outdated stack areas into new programmed spaces reorienting the library as a hub for innovation and productivity, with space for learning commons, breakout rooms, multiple makerspaces and interdisciplinary presentation spaces and classrooms. The introduced budget includes $4.9 million for detailed planning of this project.

Improve Campus Infrastructure Umbrella Project — $15.4 Million

The introduced budget fully funds a $15.4 million campus infrastructure umbrella project, which will improve critical infrastructure systems and components across campus, including water, sanitary, storm drainage, electrical, steam, security and information technology. As financial and facilities resources have been available, upgrades have been implemented to various elements of campus infrastructure. This approach has been partially successful, and additional upgrades are needed due to new regulations and increased need due to the expanded campus footprint.

Arts Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity — $9.5 Million

The introduced budget includes $9.5 million for furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) funding for the previously authorized Arts Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity, which is necessary to complete the facility. The equipment is critical to the success of the building due to the sophisticated spaces inherent in modern academic facilities serving the types of activities planned in this building.

BY THE NUMBERS

8,998 TOTAL ENROLLMENT

68% FEMALE

32% MALE

6,513 UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

2,485 GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

13:1 STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

46 STATES including Washington, D.C.

AND 56 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

2,284 UNDERGRADUATE, MASTER’S AND DOCTORAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN 2020-2021

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.