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, 2021

“Best Undergraduate Teaching Programs”
U.S. News & World Report, 2021

“Best RN Programs in Virginia”
RegisteredNursing.org, 2020

“Best Colleges for Your Money”
MONEY, 2020

“Best Colleges for Veterans - South”
U.S. News & World Report, 2021

“Top Public Schools” South #14
U.S. News & World Report, 2021

“Top Green Colleges in the Nation”
The Princeton Review, 2021

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COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE
Following the transition to online learning and working environments at the midpoint of the Spring 2020 semester, Radford University worked diligently over the summer months to prepare campus for reopening as part of the Fall 2020 semester. A number of precautions and requirements were put in place to protect and promote the health, safety and well-being of the campus and the community. Such measures will remain in place for the Spring 2021 semester. For additional information about Radford University’s COVID-19 planning and response, visit www.radford.edu/reopening

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

POUNDS OF PRIDE
Providing Quality Educational Opportunities for Students Across the Commonwealth
92% VIRGINIA RESIDENTS (UNDERGRADUATES)
30% FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS
34% PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS
33% ETHNIC MINORITIES
STUDENTS DEMONSTRATING NEED: 66%
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME FOR THOSE WITH NEED: $48,558

Leading in Education and STEM-H
23 EDUCATION AND TEACHING AND 48 STEM-H PROGRAMS OFFERED
285 EDUCATION AND TEACHING AND 1,035 STEM-H DEGREES AND CREDENTIALS AWARDED IN 2019-20

HIGHGLANDER PRIDE IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Valley 5%
Total students: 448
Total alumni: 2,667

Northern Virginia 20%
Total students: 1,794
Total alumni: 12,723

Eastern 2%
Total students: 159
Total alumni: 383

Hampton Roads 10%
Total students: 901
Total alumni: 5,068

Central 12%
Total students: 1,104
Total alumni: 8,004

Southside 6%
Total students: 575
Total alumni: 2,741

West Central 33%
Total students: 2,959
Total alumni: 16,887

Southwest 9%
Total students: 829
Total alumni: 4,976

In-State, Unknown
Total students: 113
Total alumni: 52,976

Total Residing in Virginia | Students: 8,882 | Alumni: 52,976

POINTS OF PRIDE
RADFORD UNIVERSITY
Excellence for the 2,071 students currently enrolled in the educational opportunities for working adults, and tuition of $6,000 provides an excellent value for advanced education in geospatial intelligence and education. The self-paced program increases access to We are currently focused on three main workforce development areas: cybersecurity, whose role in the respective organization would most benefit from the training. We use Commonwealth of Virginia and nationally. Our innovative approach focuses on teaching competency-based education (CBE) in high-demand workforce areas throughout the University is the third-lowest total cost provider among four-year public institutions in According to data provided by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia $30,389, received Pell funding. eligible for need-based assistance, and 3,154 students, with an average family income of 7,307 undergraduate students. Additionally, 92% of the undergraduate population were residents of the Commonwealth, 33% identified as an ethnic minority and 30% 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 $48,558. In that same year, 64% of undergraduate students applied for and were eligible for need-based assistance, and 3,154 students, with an average family income of $30,389, received Pell funding. According to data provided by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and at a cost of $21,159 for tuition, fees, room and board, Radford University is the third-lowest total cost provider among four-year public institutions in the Commonwealth.

Impact on the Commonwealth

The Vinod Chachra IMPACT Lab at Radford University offers online, self-paced, competency-based education (CBE) in high-demand workforce areas throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and nationally. Our innovative approach focuses on teaching specific job-related skills needed to complete critical tasks within the workplace. We use a business-to-business approach to enter into strategic partnerships with companies and organizations that nominate the employees they think are best qualified to succeed and whose role in the respective organization would most benefit from the training. We are currently focused on three main workforce development areas: cybersecurity, geospatial intelligence and education. The self-paced program increases access to educational opportunities for working adults, and tuition of $6,000 provides an excellent value for advanced education for the 2,071 students currently enrolled in the IMPACT program.

Continued Investments in Higher Education

Higher education is the economic engine that fuels current activity and future growth. Continued investments in higher education are more critical now than ever before as current and future students and their families are facing a number of unforeseen challenges due to the ongoing global health pandemic. The Commonwealth of Virginia, our nation and the world are also facing similar challenges, especially with regard to financial resources and expanded needs of citizens. With the 2021 session of the General Assembly, Radford University is requesting higher education funding to remain a top priority. The University acknowledges the financial challenges being faced by the state; however, higher education has proven to be an important and worthwhile investment. For example, based on a recent Economic Impact Study of Radford University, there is a return on investment of $22 statewide and $10 regionally for each dollar of state support. Radford has a total impact of $1.2 billion throughout the Commonwealth with 8,400 jobs supported by the University. Other higher education institutions in the state have similar results to share based on teaching, research and service activities and programming.

Expanded Investments in Radford Students

Need-Based Financial Aid: Radford University has long been recognized as an educational leader in quality, while remaining focused on access and affordability, and being committed to serving in-state students. Due to the large population of in-state and first-generation students, Radford students continue to benefit from expanded investments in financial aid. However, 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. As such, Radford University requests $2.54 million in additional support in the second year of 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 52%. During the same time, the percent of unmet need for undergraduates has grown from 14% to 22%. 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.

Regional Public and Private Partnerships in Health Sciences, Healthcare and Human Services: Established in July 2019 following the merger of Jefferson College of Health Sciences into Radford University, Radford University Carilion (RUC) is a groundbreaking partnership with Carilion Clinic that is strengthening 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 $10 million in additional funding for operating support to further reduce the cost to Virginians attending RUC and equalize tuition between the two campus sites. The University was further able to reduce tuition and fees to RUC students by 10% for 2019-2020 through increased efficiencies resulting in a near 20% decrease from the final Jefferson College rates. As part of the General Assembly’s recent special session, $2 million was allocated to support RUC operations on a one-time basis. Increased investment by the Commonwealth would provide an additional access and affordability for students enrolled in high-demand, high-paying health professions programs.

THE RADFORD STORY

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 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, 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 2020, the University served a total student population of 10,695, including 7,307 undergraduate students. Additionally, 92% of the undergraduate population were residents of the Commonwealth, 33% identified as an ethnic minority and 30% 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 $48,558. In that same year, 64% of undergraduate students applied for and were eligible for need-based assistance, and 3,154 students, with an average family income of $30,389, received Pell funding. According to data provided by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and at a cost of $21,159 for tuition, fees, room and board, Radford University is the third-lowest total cost provider among four-year public institutions in the Commonwealth.

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BY THE NUMBERS

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3,388 GRADUATE ENROLLMENT
70% FEMALE
30% MALE
46 STATES (INCLUDING WASHINGTON, D.C.) AND 54 FOREIGN COUNTRIES
2,430 UNDERGRADUATE, MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN 2019-2020