

WEEKS OF WELCOME



UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND



Center for Student Involvement

Open House, Hosted by Disability Services

August 22 | 2-4 PM | The Refectory, Suite 127

Come by the Disability Services office suite to chat with our staff, take a tour of the Testing Center, receive giveaways, and enjoy refreshments!

Movie Under the Stars

August 23 | 8:30-10:30 PM | Robins Stadium

Join SpiderBoard to watch Disney's "Elemental" under the stars at Robins Stadium! Free blankets and goodie bags while supplies last.

Stargazing Night

August 23 | 9:30-10:30 PM | Gottwald D114L

Join the Physics department for an evening of gazing at the stars and moon. Participants should meet in the Physics lounge, & will head up to the observatory from there.

Last Day of Summer Celebration

August 24 | 6-8 PM | The Westhampton Green

Join SpiderBoard to celebrate the end of the summer with a mini carnival, featuring free food, live music, giveaways, games, & more!

First Day of Classes Tent

August 25 + 26 | 8 AM-3 PM | The Forum

The Office of Living-Learning & New Student Programs invites you to celebrate the First Day of Classes with donuts, coffee, and some first-day picture opportunities! In addition to treats, you'll be able to ask questions & receive assistance directly from University staff.

Robins Welcome Back Barbecue

August 27 | 11:30 AM-2 PM | Back Lawn of the Robins School of Business

The Robins School of Business welcomes all students, faculty, and staff back to campus for the 2025-26 school year with a welcome back BBQ event.

Farmer's Market

August 28 | 12-3 PM | The Forum

Join us for a Farmer's Market hosted by Nourish/Dining Services, with tabling from UR Well and Sustainability. Participants will receive two free items of produce, and will have the opportunity to make smoothies on smoothie bike blenders.

Lora Robins Gallery Grand Re-Opening

August 28 | 12-6 PM | Boatwright Memorial Library

Come and experience the re-opening of the Lora Robins Gallery, the University's natural science museum. See fossils, gemstones, fluorescent minerals, and ancient coins. Talks & tours will be presented throughout the day.

Pups & Pops

August 28 | 3:30-5 PM | Chapel Lawn

Join The Chaplaincy for Pups & Pops! We will have pups from Caring Canines for you to hang out with, and popsicles & other sweet treats to mark the end of week one!

Your Future Looks Sweet!

September 2 | 11:30 AM-2:30 PM | The Forum

Kick off the semester with something sweet, both for your taste buds and your future! Learn how Career Services can support you. Whether you're a first-year student or gearing up for graduation, this is the perfect opportunity to connect, ask questions, & set yourself up for success. Stop by, grab a treat, and get inspired, your future has never looked sweeter!

Prep Fest

September 3 | 11 AM-3 PM | The Forum

Join the Office of Emergency Management for their annual safety & preparedness fair, an interactive tabling event where participants can learn a variety of safety skills.

LALIS & Music Departments Campus Welcome

September 3 | 4:30-6:30 PM | Carole Weinstein International Center Commons

LALIS & Music Departments welcome you to campus! Join us for a reception with food, drinks, music, and networking. Enjoy live performances by Laura Ann Singh & Bruno Alcalde, learn about Brazilian music during times of authoritarianism, & explore department opportunities.

SpiderFest

September 4 | 4-7 PM | The Forum

Join the Center for Student Involvement for their annual student engagement fair! Learn how to get involved with the clubs & organizations on-campus, speak with members of each, & enjoy live music, food trucks, & free swag!

Health Studies 6th Annual Ice Cream Social

September 5 | 2:30-4 PM | Gumenick Quadrangle

Celebrate the end of the second week of the semester! All are welcome to grab a sweet treat and relax.

Mural Day

September 5 | 3-4:30 PM | Every First Year Residence Hall

Join the WEB! Each first-year residence hall has a giant spider web mural in their lounge. Place your spider/name on the web to make connections with the people in your community.

Spider Battalion Open House

September 6 | 9-11 AM | Millhiser Gym ROTC

Join the Spider Battalion for an engaging morning of community, camaraderie & refreshments. Explore how the Battalion team is dedicated to developing Cadets for their vital roles as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army, embodying the Army Values. Connect with fellow community members, learn about our legacy, and see firsthand how the Battalion continues to cultivate leadership in an environment of growth and excellence.

Languages, Literatures, & Cultures Open House

September 8 | 1-3 PM | International Commons and Courtyard

Meet LLC faculty and fellow students, enjoy free food, fun activities. You can also learn about the many languages we offer, including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Russian, plus options for self-directed study like Hebrew, Turkish, or Swahili.

Geographers in Action

September 8 | 6-8 PM | Jepson 118

Join seniors as they present on their experiential learning experiences, including semesters abroad, internships, volunteer positions, summer research, summer field courses, & other educational & hands-on initiatives.

Panhellenic Sorority Info Session

September 9 | 5-6 PM | Queally Center B-C and Courtyard

Come meet & learn about our five Panhellenic sororities at UR!

Study Abroad Fair

September 10 | 3-5 PM | Alice Haynes Room

Explore academic opportunities in nearly 60 countries! Visit the Study Abroad Fair to learn about semester, summer, & short-term programs designed to enhance your academic experience & broaden your perspective. Connect directly with study abroad partners, international exchange students, & peers who have experienced studying abroad firsthand. Plus, get answers to your questions about financial aid, scholarships, & grants from on-campus partners. Your global learning journey starts here, don't miss it!

Getting Started with Career Services Workshop

September 10 | 5-6 PM | THC 305

Not sure what Career Services is all about? Whether you're just starting to think about your future or already planning your next move, this event is for you! Come learn what Career Services can do for you, from landing internships & jobs to building a killer resume & preparing for interviews. We'll cover how to get started, what resources are available, & how to book an appointment.

Job, Internship & Grad School Fair

September 16 | 12-4 PM | Queally Center Breed Pavillion

Looking for your next big opportunity? Don't miss the Job, Internship & Graduate School Fair, your one-stop event to network with top employers! Explore exciting internships and full-time jobs, and discover graduate programs that match your goals. Whether you're just starting to plan or ready to take the next step, this is the perfect chance to make valuable connections & jump-start your future.

DIY Succulent Bar with Advancement

September 16 | 4-6 PM | The Current

Start your semester with growth, literally! Build a potted succulent while learning what it means to be part of a lifelong tradition of philanthropy, Spider pride, & planting the seeds of collective impact.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) Info Session

September 17 | 6-7 PM | Alice Haynes Room

Come meet & learn about our six IFC fraternities at UR!

Tech Start Up with Information Services

September 18 | 2-4 PM | Information Services Help Desk (Jepson Hall G24)

Get your technology set up for the school year! Information Services will help you connect your devices to the University network, set up Duo, log into your Canva account, get Office 365, and more!

Tour of the Eco-Corridor

September 19 | 9-10 AM | Eco-Corridor

Join the Office for Sustainability for a tour of one of the most beautiful, serene places on campus, the Eco-Corridor! Meet by the picnic tables at the entrance of the Eco-Corridor. Morning snacks & coffee will be provided.

LGBTQ+ Fall Mixer

September 19 | 12-1 PM | Multicultural Space (Whitehurst Hall)

This is a semester kickoff mixer for LGBTQ+ faculty, staff, & students, as well as allies. There will be food, drinks, music, swag, resources, & community!

Grand Opening of the UR Orchard & Food Forest

September 25 | 4:30-5:30 PM | Eco-Corridor

Join us to celebrate the opening of the UR Orchard & Food Forest! Check out the new fruit trees, shrubs, perennials, herbs, & annuals that were planted this spring & summer while enjoying music, orchard-inspired snacks, tours of the garden & food forest, & more! Goats from RVA Goats & Honey will also be present, allowing individuals to interact with them.