Student Development Timeline

1830  A Baptist Theological Seminary, the precursor to Richmond College, was founded.

1832  First student revolt occurs, “complaining of the cooking and saying cost of board too high.”

1840  Richmond College, the precursor to the University of Richmond, was established on March 4th.

1870  First fraternity, Kappa Alpha Fraternity, established at Richmond College.

1874  Gymnasium equipment bought, probably UR’s first expenditure on athletic equipment.

1874  First Student publication, *Monthly Musings*, founded.

1897  *Spider* yearbook first published.

1909  Women Students at Richmond College organize the Co-ed Club, precursor to WCGA.

1910  Original Main Building on downtown campus burns; bricks used for walkways around Ryland Hall on new campus.

1914  Jeter Hall and Thomas Hall the first two men’s residences built on the new campus.

1914  Charter of Richmond College amended to establish two coordinate colleges, Richmond College and Westhampton College, and maintain T.C. Williams Law School as a third division.

1914  Dr. John Metcalf named 1st Dean of Richmond College (he held the position through 1917).

1914  First issue of *The Collegian* published.

1914  Westhampton College Student Government Association (later WCGA) founded.

1915  Richmond College Student Council (later RCSGA) founded.

1917  Federal Government takes over new campus for hospital for wounded soldiers; Colleges move to old downtown campus.

1917  Dr. Robert Loving named Dean of Richmond College (he held the position until the fall of 1919).

1919  Dr. Robert Gaines named Dean of Richmond College (he held position until 1922).

1920  The Colleges’ name is changed to the University of Richmond.

1921  – First Infirmary on campus, located in Jeter Hall, 4th floor.
1921 Millhiser Gym opens and includes office for the Athletic Director and Medical Director.

1922 Dr. William Prince named Dean of Richmond College (he held the position until 1931).

1925 – Westhampton College Infirmary gets full time employees.

1931 Dr. Raymond Pinchbeck named Dean of Richmond College. He was dean for 23 years (with a separation during World War II).

1933 The Richmond College Council of Honor is established by the RCSGA and Dean Pinchbeck and charged with handling all aspects of the honor system.

1936 Dedication of Westhampton College Gymnasium and Social Center, today’s Keller Hall.

1941 War declared, many Richmond College students enlist.

1947 Dr. Clarence Gray named the first Dean of Students for Richmond College.

1948 South Court opens on Westhampton campus. Original Westhampton Building renamed North Court.

1951 Opening of Richmond College Student Activities building, now Weinstein Hall.

1955 Founding of Center for Psychological Services, now Counseling and Psychological Services.

1956 Center for Psychological Services relocated to Ryland Hall (along with the Psychology Dept).

1957 Dean Pinchbeck of Richmond College dies, replaced by Dr. Robert Smart.

1963 Crenshaw Swimming Pool opens in wing of Keller Hall.

1968 Dr. Austin Grigg named Dean of Richmond College (held position through 1974).

1969 Resident Westhampton seniors allowed to live off campus, with consent of their parents.

1971 Student Senate sponsors “Black Student Day.”

1972 Robins Center opens and includes a small workout facility.

1972 – RC and WC Infirmaries merge into U of R Infirmary in Robins Hall.

1974 Dr. Russell Warren named Dean of Richmond College (served through 1976).

1975 Career Counseling and Placement Office opened under Miss Clara Keith.
1976 Dr. Richard Mateer named Dean of Richmond College, ultimately serving for 26 years.

1976 Student Commons, renamed Tyler Haynes Commons in 1984, opens as student center.

1976 Separate career centers on campus merged to form Office of Career Planning and Placement, today’s Career Development Center.

1980 Westhampton Dean Stephanie Bennett initiates Women Involved in Living and Learning (WILL) program.

1982 CIGNA scholarship program begins, funded by grant from the CIGNA Corporation to support minority students’ higher education.

1982 Dining hall for men and women opens, renamed E. Bruce Heilman Center in 1986.

1982 First Units of University Forest Apartments open.

1986 – Infirmary and GYN clinic combine into “new” Student Health Center in Robins Hall focusing on student “health” rather than illness.

1987 First sororities established on campus.

1988 Campus Recreation program established, first Campus Recreation Director hired.

1988 Spinning Your Web first year living/learning program initiated by Richmond College, the first living/learning floor on campus.

1988 Center for Psychological Services changed name to Counseling and Psychological Services.

1990 First Director of Wellness, a position under responsibility of Health and Sport Science.

1990 Richmond College begins traditions of Investiture and Class Photo.

1991 School of Arts & Sciences established; Coordinate College Deans appointed Associate Deans of A&S to administer academic regulations for undergraduate students.

1991 Academic Skills Center opened under Hope Walton.

1991 Richmond College initiates tradition of the Class Flag, designed by members of the previous first year class.
1994  Lower level Robins Center renovated to improve and expand recreational facilities.

1997  Student Health Center moved to Special Programs Building, first floor with four beds for ill
students

1998  Whitehurst opens as Richmond College’s “living room” and administrative center.

2000  Bacterial meningitis outbreak on campus in February.

2001  Wellness Center built on first floor of Robins Center.

2002  Dr. Steve Bisese named 10th Dean of Richmond College.

2003  Housing Transition Completed: men and women now reside equally on both sides of campus,

2004  Campus Recreation changes its name to Recreation and Wellness.

2004  Announcement of plans to expand Deanery to create Westhampton Center.

2004  Student Affairs division renamed Student Development.

2004  Lighted outdoor basketball and volleyball courts completed at intramural fields.

2005  Groundbreaking ceremony for Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness.

2005  Richmond College establishes Explore Your World Living/Learning Program.

2005  Outdoor House (later Earth Lodge) debuts in Pacific House, as first living-learning community to
connect a credit-bearing class with an intentional co-ed residential experience.

2006  Dr. Steve Bisese, Dean of Richmond College, is named Vice President for Student Development.

2006  Richmond College begins sponsorship of the White Ribbon Campaign, an international
movement of men taking action to end men’s violence against women.

2007  Grand opening of Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness.

2007  Richmond College establishes the RC Xtreme Living/Learning Program.

2007  Sophomore residential living-learning program proposed and approved as the University's
Quality Enhancement Plan for reaccreditation (later renamed Sophomore Scholars in Residence)

2007  Dr. Joe Boehman named Dean of Richmond College.
2008  Richmond College begins the tradition of the Richmond College Pin, given to graduates at the Senior Banquet.

2008  Odyssey 3 High Ropes Course opens.

2008  Lakeview residence hall completed, as part of a new housing redevelopment plan; houses living-learning communities

2008  Roadmap to Success program begins as a transition program as a high-impact program collaborating with academic affairs

2009: Sophomore Scholars in Residence program debuts

2009  Richmond College hosts inaugural Today’s College Man workshop.

2009: Creation of the Office of Living-Learning & Roadmap Programs

2009  CAPS offers psychiatric services for first time (free of charge to students)

2009 – Swine flu (H1N1) hits campus.

2009  Green Bike program established.

2010  Disc Golf Course opens.

2011  New Campus Master Plan unveiled with the student co-curricular and residential experience at the center of the plan

2011  Richmond College establishes the R Business Living/Learning Program

2011  Richmond College presents first Class Coins at Investiture.

2011  “It ends now.” campaign established by Richmond College as a campus-wide event to promote solidarity against sexual and relationship violence.

2013  Richmond College establishes the 1840 Appalachian Trail Challenge as a First Year Transitional Program.

2013  Expansion of the Sophomore Scholars in Residence program completed with one-fourth of the sophomore class participating
2014  Westhampton College celebrates its Centennial.

2015  Richmond College celebrates the 175th anniversary of its establishment.

2015  The Richmond College Student Government Association celebrates its 100th anniversary.