



December Scholar Newsletter

Hello Scholars!

Hope finals are going well!

2024 is right around the corner! Remember to give yourself some time to unwind and relax during your break.

As we wrap up the year, sadly, we also bid farewell to our 2022-2023 Scholar Success Coordinator, Celina Espinoza. She has been a great addition to our team, but now it is time for her to continue her amazing journey. Celina, we will miss you!

If you have any questions or would like to keep in contact with Celina, please feel free to send her an email at cespinoza@richmondpromise.org.

To our first-year students, congratulations on finishing your first quarter/semester! You've done a great job so far and we are so proud of the work you've done and growth you've shown. Continue to strive for the best and come back stronger next year!

Keep reading for tips for finals and internship opportunities!

Best wishes,

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Scholar Success Manager

RP Updates

FAFSA/CADAA Update:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) will be opening in December this year, so get ready and get geared up to complete yours as soon as possible. Exact dates have not been set yet, but keep checking the [CSAC](#) website for updates.

You should know: The CA Priority Application Deadline for the 2024-2025

RP Tips for Finals

Need some support or guiding tips on how to get through finals? Check out these tips we've put together!

1. **Rank your finals by dates** — *PLEASE have your finals schedule ready! There's no excuse for missing the date... it might be on the syllabus and it's definitely on the school's website. Prepare your schedule at least a week before so you know what to study for first.*
2. **Read your class syllabus** — *If you're ever sitting wondering what you should be studying, just take a look at the syllabus! It has all the topics you covered throughout the quarter/semester, and there might be some info about the final on there as well*
3. **Pull out old quizzes/tests and assignments** — *Maybe your professor recycles questions. Old quizzes/tests and assignments will help you come up with the ultimate study guide. If you need help making a study guide, read this [article!](#)*
4. **Create a study schedule (and yes, you should include breaks!)** — *Calculate how much time you have to study and use it wisely. Establish a daily routine where you try to study in one place each day. Do not wait for exam time to study.*
5. **Ask for help** — *Reach out to classmates and/or your professors! Ask all the questions you need to ask. Always remember, you're not the only one that may be lost and don't be afraid to ask questions in class!*
6. **SLEEP. SLEEP. SLEEP.** — *DO NOT skimp out on sleep! Your body and brain need time to rest. Get the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep after studying and the night before the exam. This will optimize alertness on the test... trying to stay up late and cram for a test is the very worst thing you could do.*
7. **Brain food is MANDATORY** — *Eat healthy and drink plenty of water to keep your brain from feeling fried and avoid burnout.*

Check out these helpful links:

[How to Plan for Exams](#)

[How to Study for Finals](#)

[20 Study Strategies for Finals Week](#)

[8 Tips to Make Finals Week Bearable](#)

[12 Ways to Practice Self-Care During Finals](#)

[Sleeping Tips for Optimal Exam Performance](#)

Student Opportunities

Richmond Promise is hiring! Are you passionate about working with Richmond youth? Do you want to give back to your community? Check out these amazing opportunities! Our team is looking for two new members: a Scholar Success Coordinator to support with programming for current RP Scholars and a

Communications & Marketing Coordinator to help support RP's growing efforts in the digital space.

These positions are one-year, full-time commitments with the possibility of renewal.

Deadline to apply is December 26th!

More information below:

Scholar Success Coordinator

The AmeriCorps VISTA Scholar Success Coordinator will support the development and support of college transition programming, including College Success Workshops, developing a method of evaluating students' needs and level of support needed (i.e., college success rubric), and the scaling of a community-wide digital advising/mentoring initiative for Richmond Promise students.

- Application due in AmeriCorps Portal December 26, 2023 (8:59 pm PST)
- Job duration: One-year appointment (with possibility for renewal)
- Start date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024
- [Full job description \(PDF\)](#)
- [Link to apply \(AmeriCorps\)](#)

How To Apply:

Visit the [Scholar Success Coordinator job posting](#) on the AmeriCorps website portal to apply. Applications are due in the AmeriCorps Portal on December 26, 2023 (8:59 pm PST).

1. Click on the position hyperlink to view the details of the positions
2. If interested in one or more positions, you must create an [applicant profile](#) before formally applying.
3. After creating your profile, apply for any of the available positions. The Richmond Promise team will review all applicant profiles and reach out via email to schedule an interview. Make sure you have both reference requests completed.
4. Questions? Email Miguel Molina at mmolina@richmondpromise.org or call/text at 510-778-4489.

Communications and Marketing Coordinator

The AmeriCorps VISTA Communications and Marketing Coordinator will support the development and implementation of Richmond Promise's communications strategy in the digital space. The VISTA member will work together with the Director of Communications to develop and manage Richmond Promise's storytelling voice across social media platforms as well as other forms of digital marketing and communications.

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 4. Questions? Email Ben Enos at benos@richmondpromise.org.
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[TeachStart](#)

Are you interested in becoming a teacher for the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD)? Check out this opportunity:

At TeachStart, fellows earn a full-time salary, health benefits, and paid holidays while working as substitute teachers in WCCUSD. After one year as a TeachStart fellow, participants will earn their teaching credentials and can move into the fulltime classroom teaching role. The application for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!

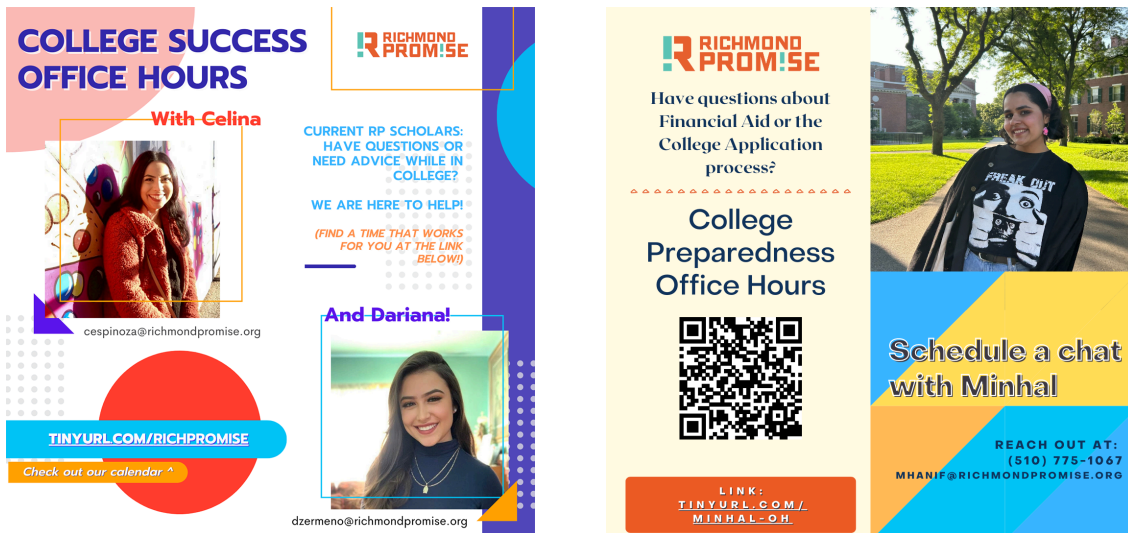
How to Apply:

1. Visit the teachstart.org website
2. Click on the "Become a Teacher" button
3. Click on the "Apply Now" button
4. Questions? Email Emily Limon at emily.l@scoot.education

Richmond Promise Resources

Make an appointment for 1-on-1 support:

The Richmond Promise team is here to support you. We know that being a student can get tough at times, so we're here to help. To schedule time to talk, click the graphics below. If you would like to contact us via email, please reach out to scholarships@richmondpromise.org. And, if you prefer to text, use (510) 230-0422.



Additional Resources:

- [Career Hub](#): Looking for job and/or internship opportunities? Browse our career database.
- Financial Aid Support: Access [FAFSA](#) and [California Dream Act](#) info.
- [Crisis & Support Resources](#): Access resources and support for topics such as homelessness and domestic violence along with LGBTQIA+-related resources and more.

Transferred Schools?

Did you transfer to a new school? Are you re-enrolling after some time away? Or, maybe you're taking some time off?

Update your info at tinyurl.com/RP-Enrollment.



Questions? Comments? Want to be highlighted in the newsletter?

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