



February Scholar Newsletter

Hey there, Scholars!

It is February 💖 💖 💖

This month is all about spreading love and positivity. On Valentine's Day, remember to take the time to take care of yourself and surround yourself with the people you love.

February is also Black History Month, and we celebrate the achievements and the history of African Americans in the United States. The 2024 theme for this African Heritage/ Black History Month is "African Americans and the Arts." This explores the influence that African Americans have in music, film, literature, fashion, and any other form of cultural expression. Read below for a bit more as well as a few ideas on how to celebrate the month.

The Richmond Promise team is wishing you the best of luck this semester. This is a new semester which means it is a new start. So, let's start the semester off strong! As you begin the semester, remember there are resources on campus that can help you. Don't be afraid to ask for help when it is needed. I created a list below that gives you ideas of what kinds of resources are available for you, and I hope that helps you settle back in as classes get into full swing.

Best,

Jasmine | Scholar Success Coordinator

Student Opportunities

WEBINAR ALERT!

Interested in the field of BioTech?

Join a panel to hear from Illumina (a biotech company based in San Diego) employees about their career journeys and what it is like to work in the biotech industry.

Register [here](#) to join the webinar!

BART

Interested in a career opportunity with BART?

The BART Summer Internship Program is a great way to discover a career path. It gives students the opportunity to develop job skills and build relationships.

[Check out the application here!](#)



The poster features a blue and white BART logo at the top left, with the text 'Bay Area Rapid Transit' and 'YouthWORKS' below it. A large image of a BART train is on the right. The main title 'BART SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM' is in large blue letters. Below it, the text 'Excited about career opportunities with BART?' is followed by a section 'WHAT TO EXPECT' with a bulleted list of activities. To the right of this list is a circular image of two workers in safety gear. Below the list is a section 'ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS' with a bulleted list. At the bottom, there is contact information for Bouakhay Phongboupha and Brandon Evans, a QR code, and a URL. A red diagonal banner says 'Apply By: February 9, 2024'.

BART Bay Area Rapid Transit
YouthWORKS

BART SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Excited about career opportunities with BART?

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Work side-by-side with BART experts
- Free BART rides for the six-week program
- Private tours of BART facilities
- Networking to build relationships and discover career paths
- Learn and develop job skills that will translate into transit careers:
 - Customer service/Public speaking
 - Oral and written communication
 - MS Office suite
 - Planning and organizing
 - Project research and presentation

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Richmond Resident ages 16-24
- A high school or college student
- Resume

Are you Interested or would like to learn more?
Submit an Interest Form & Upload Your Resume!

Apply By: February 9, 2024

SCAN ME!
<https://tinyurl.com/YWInterestForm>

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The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is an expansion of opportunity for the nation's job seekers, workers, and employers. These federal regulations address the need to modernize the nation's workforce system and represent a more integrated, job-driven approach to support communities and expand job growth.

WELLS FARGO

Wells Fargo is recruiting interns for its Corporate & Investment Banking Summer Internship Program. There are variety of opportunities for those who are interested in Commercial Real Estate, Corporate Banking, Investment Banking, and Markets. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.



2025 Corporate & Investment Banking | Summer Internship Program



Embark on a journey with us through our dynamic and inclusive 2025 Corporate & Investment Banking Summer Internship Program. This isn't just a career opportunity; it's a chance to be part of a community where diversity is celebrated, and individuality is cherished.

We're proud to be recognized for our commitment to diversity

Commercial Real Estate

Charlotte, NC
Chicago, IL
Dallas, TX
Los Angeles, CA
New York, NY
San Francisco, CA

Investment Banking

Charlotte, NC
Houston, TX
Los Angeles, CA
New York, NY
San Francisco, CA
Washington, D.C.

Corporate Banking

Boston, MA
Charlotte, NC
Chicago, IL
Dallas, TX
Denver, CO
Houston, TX
Minneapolis, MN
San Francisco, CA

Markets

Charlotte, NC
Houston, TX
New York, NY

• No. 1 Top Companies for LGBTQ Employees (2022) DiversityInc.

• No. 2 of the Top Companies for People with Disabilities (2022) DiversityInc.

• No. 3 of the Top Companies for Latino Executives (2022) DiversityInc.

• No. 3 of the Top Companies for Asian American Executives (2022) DiversityInc.

• No. 4 of the Top Companies for Black Executives (2022) DiversityInc.

• No. 5 of the Top Companies for Talent Acquisition for Women of Color (2022) DiversityInc.

• No. 12 of the Top 50 Companies for Diversity (2022) DiversityInc.

• Top Military Priority Employer (2022) Victory Media

• Bloomberg Gender Equality Index 2022 Member

• Perfect score of 100% (2022) Human Rights Campaign Foundation Corporate Equality Index

• Perfect score of 100% (2021) Disability Equality Index Survey

General Applications Timeline

Application Period: January 7, 2024 – March 3, 2024*

Eligibility: Undergraduate students with an expected graduation date between December 2025 – June 2026.

Apply now and open the door to a world where your uniqueness is an asset.



2025 General Applications

Find us @WellsFargo on:



*All general applications close 3/3/2024 at 11:59 PM EST.

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Black History Month 2024

As I mentioned above, February is Black History Month, and we want to start by recognizing a historically significant individual from Richmond who recently passed away.



Irma Anderson was a trailblazer in Richmond, with her election to the City Council in 1992 marking the first time Richmond elected a Black female City Councilperson. In 2001, she was elected Mayor of Richmond, becoming the first Black female elected mayor of a major California city.

Irma made an impact on our city in a number of ways. She served our community as a staff Public Health Nurse and eventually went on to become the first Black Director of Public Health Nursing in Contra Costa County.

She was also a champion for education, working with the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) to create the Kids! First program that built and expanded after-school programs in Richmond.

In many ways, Irma's work helped lay the foundation for the services we provide here at Richmond Promise. To celebrate Black History Month, we celebrate her legacy and invite all Richmond Promise Scholars to [learn more about such an important figure in Richmond's history](#).

Photo credit: City of Richmond

We also want to highlight this year's national theme, "African Americans and the Arts" by spotlighting a few local resources right here in Richmond.

Our neighbors at the Richmond Art Center are hosting an exhibit titled "[Art of the African Diaspora](#)" that celebrates artists of African descent. Check out the website for more info!

The City of Richmond also maintains its [Black History Corner website](#), which offers some great information on Black History in Richmond. Also on that page, you can find information on the city's Black History Month Celebration that will be held on February 24 at the Richmond Auditorium. If you're in the area, stop by between 1 and 3 p.m. to celebrate with the community.



Richmond Promise Resources

Scholarships Update

Have younger siblings or know students in your community who are about to graduate high school? Help us spread the word that the 2024 RP Scholarship is OPEN!

**** NOTE: Current RP Scholars CANNOT use this to claim or renew your scholarship. More info on renewal will come closer to summer. ****



RICHMOND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

- ☒ Are you a resident of Richmond or North Richmond?
- ☒ Will you graduate from a public, private, or charter school within the WCCUSD boundaries?
- ☒ Did you attend any school within the WCCUSD boundaries since the 9th grade?
- ☒ Will you complete your FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application by the time you enroll?

RECEIVE \$1500 EACH YEAR AND EXTRA COLLEGE SUPPORT BY APPLYING TODAY!

INTERESTED?
To Apply, Visit:
RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG
Applications Open Jan. 29th

APPLICATION DUE
April 12, 2024



Questions? scholarships@richmondpromise.org; 510-775-1067

RICHMOND PROMISE

The application period for the Richmond Promise is NOW OPEN. **We highly encourage you to share this opportunity with fellow Richmond residents who have not previously applied or any younger family members who may be eligible.** For more information visit our [website](https://richmondpromise.org). Questions? Contact scholarships@richmondpromise.org or call (510) 775-1067.

Spring Scholarships Disbursement

Enrollment verification for students at Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College, Berkeley City College, Laney College and College of Marin starts this week! We will check in with the financial aid department at your school to make sure you are enrolled full time before sending out scholarships for the Spring 2024 semester. The Scholarships team will contact you with updates, so be sure to check your email!

ALL OTHER SCHOOLS: Scholarship disbursement will start in late February if you didn't already receive your scholarship for the 2023-24 academic year.

If you transferred since last term or renewed recently, please be sure to check your email for communications from the Scholarships team and reply to any requests as soon as you can.

And, if your plans have changed and you haven't updated us, please do it now! Most of the time, we don't receive this information from anyone but you!

We will not disburse scholarships without confirmation.

Back to School tips

Utilize your resources! You are paying for them 💰 ! These resources on campus are there to serve you 🙌 , so take advantage of them. If you don't know where to locate all of this information, always feel free to contact the Student Services department on campus. Also, remember we're here to help YOU! So, don't hesitate to reach out. These are just a few of the many resources that are available to you:

- Tutoring Center 📖✍️
 - Counseling 😊
 - Food Pantry 🥬🥕
 - Health Center 🏥
 - Mental Health Services 😊
 - Financial Aid Office 💰👉
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Rivet School

Took an academic break and now you're looking to apply to a school that allows you to work full-time?

[Rivet School](#) offers RP Scholars the opportunity to earn an accredited, affordable, accelerated BA and pursue the next steps in their careers. Rivet School's project-based program is flexible around your schedule and 100% online. On average, Rivet School students earn an AA and BA from scratch within 2-3 years. Learn more by filling out an [interest form](#).

Make an appointment for 1-on-1 support

The RP Team is here to support you! We know that being a Scholar can get tough at times, so we're here and happy to help. To schedule a time to talk, visit our [Office Hours page](#) and use the "Scholar Success" link.

If you would like to contact us via email, for any scholarship-related questions/concerns please reach out to scholarships@richmondpromise.org. You can also reach us via text at (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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