



August Scholar Newsletter

Hello Scholars,

The RP Team hopes you had a long relaxing summer break 🌴. But...it is time to go back to school soon. Even though I know you've all been trying to avoid thinking about returning to school, let's look at the positive side. This simply means that you are moving closer to the end goal, which is graduating. So, just keep pushing through, you got this 🙌!!

This month, RP would like to share various resources available to you on your campus as you return to school. For our first-year Scholars, we've created a back-to-school guide that we hope you'll find helpful. For continuing Scholars, we've listed resources on your campus that you should continue to utilize. We want to make sure that you feel confident seeking out these resources, and if you ever have questions, please reach out to our RP Scholar Success staff!

*Best wishes,
Jasmine
Scholar Success Coordinator*

Richmond Promise Resources

Back to School Guide

Dear First-Year Scholars:

Congratulations 🎉! We are so excited for you to start a new chapter in your life. This may be all new to you since it is your first time being in a college setting. We know how many of you may not know what to expect. Don't worry, we got your back 🙌

Here is a back-to-school starter guide:

- Familiarize yourself with the campus! 🏠
- Know where the class is going to be — not just which building it's in
- Schedule a meeting with an academic or college counselor 📝
- Have an educational plan for the next two semesters – if you have intentions of graduating by a certain timeframe let the counselor know.
- Know where the Financial Aid office is at! You want your money right!! 💰

- Introduce yourself to the professor and TA! You never know when you'll need the connect in the near future 🤝
- Buy a Planner to stay organized 📅
 - Write down all your class exams, projects, and finals. This will help you prepare and manage your time throughout the week.
- Join a study group at the beginning of the semester — find a study buddy IN your class. You can share notes & study together for Finals week 📖
- Utilize your resources (Writing Center, Tutoring, Food Pantry) and RP! Remember, we are here to support you.
- Lastly, remember to celebrate the little accomplishments 🎉👏

For our continuing Scholars:

We didn't forget about you! We also created a similar list. These are resources you may be aware of and already use. This is just a reminder to continue to use them. There is so much more that is out there but this is a list of some you should look out for.

- Tutoring Center 📖 — If you find yourself struggling with an assignment, make sure to go and get support. Sometimes we just need someone to double-check our essay before submitting it.
- Counseling 🧠 — Make an appointment to set up your education plan or discuss any academic struggles. If you didn't have a good experience with one counselor, it is okay to look for other options.
- Food pantry 🥬 — Go get those groceries because why not? It is free, which means you don't have to purchase anything yourself. You can cook delicious and nutritious meals.
- Health Center 🏥 — Make sure to take care of your health when it is needed.
- Mental Health Services 😊 — We all have things going on in our academic and personal lives. Don't be afraid to seek support. It's important to take care of ourselves both physically and mentally.
- Financial Aid Office 💰 — Don't be afraid to ask questions about your financial aid. If you have emailed or called and you still get no response, we advise you to go in person and visit their office. This is the best way to reach them and you will get a faster response. Please do not wait and act fast on any issues you have.

Webinar Series: Transfer to Success

Are you planning to apply to a University of California school? If so, check out this webinar series that will guide you through the process. This is an opportunity to get assistance with Personal Insight Questions (PIQs), meet and ask questions to UC representatives, attend student panels, and obtain other useful information.

To RSVP, [click here](#). To learn more about the UC system visit this page: [universityofcalifornia.edu](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu).



Thursday, August 8, 2024 (4-5 PM) - TAG Workshop + Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)
Thursday, August 15, 2024 (4-5 PM) - Transfer Pathway Intro (IGETC vs UCB STEM Requirements (CALGETC), Assist.org)
Thursday, August 22, 2024 (4-5 PM) - Personal Insight Questions + Crafting a Competitive Application
Thursday, August 29, 2024 (4-5 PM) - UC Application: Extracurriculars and Activities Portion
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 (4-5 PM) - Re-entry Student Program Introduction + Student Panel
Thursday, September 5, 2024 (4-5 PM) - Student Transfer Panel - Advice on Applying
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 (2-3 PM) - HAAS School of Business - Meet and Greet w/ UCB Representatives
Thursday, September 12, 2024 (4-5 PM) - TAG Workshop + Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)
Thursday, September 19, 2024 (3:30 - 4:30 PM) - College of Computing, Data Science, and Society - Meet and Greet w/ UCB Representatives
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 (4-5 PM) - Transfer Pathway Intro (IGETC vs UCB STEM Requirements (CALGETC), Assist.org)
Thursday, September 26, 2024 (4-5 PM) - Personal Insight Questions + Crafting a Competitive Application
Thursday, October 3, 2024 (4-5 PM) - UC Application: Extracurriculars and Activities Portion
Thursday, October 10, 2024 (4-5 PM) - Student Transfer Panel - Advice on Applying
Thursday, October 17, 2024 (4-5 PM) - CE3 Resources for Transfer Students
Thursday, October 24, 2024 (4-5 PM) - How to Find Research
DATE TBA - Financial Aid 101: Paying for College
Thursday, November 7, 2024 (4-5 PM) - Transfer Pathway Intro (IGETC vs UCB STEM Requirements (CALGETC), Assist.org)
Thursday, November 14, 2024 (4-5 PM) - Personal Insight Questions + Crafting a Competitive Application
Thursday, November 21, 2024 (4-5 PM) UC Application: Extracurriculars and Activities Portion
DATE TBA - UC Berkeley Office of Undergraduate Admissions Presentation
DATE TBA - Transfer Student Center - Starting Point Mentorship + Student Panel
DATE TBA - College of Engineering - Meet and Greet w/ UCB Representatives

RP Scholarship Renewal Information

This is a reminder that the 2024-25 Scholarship Renewal Application is still open! Submit your application as soon as possible. Unsure of enrollment plans? Complete the application anyway!

Begin your application here: tinyurl.com/RP-Renew

Once you have started and saved your application, use this link to resume and submit: tinyurl.com/RP-Renew-Resume. Please do not start over!

Please read the form's instructions carefully. You will need:

- Your RP ID
- **Unofficial** college transcript(s)
- Proof of enrollment for Fall 2024 (class schedule) if not included in your transcript
- 2024-25 FAFSA Submission Summary or CA Dream Act Student Aid Report

ALL documents must be downloaded and submitted as PDF files, not screenshots.

More information was sent to your email, so check that message for more. You can find complete renewal application instructions here: tinyurl.com/HowToRenew-RP.

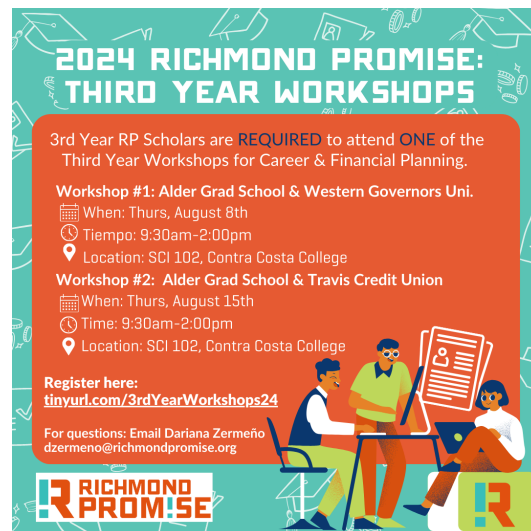
Summer Workshops for Second and Third-Year Scholars

Are you a rising second or third-year RP scholar? If so, we have some required workshops coming up for you all! You are expected to attend at least ONE of

these workshops!

We plan these workshops for you all to receive information that will be useful. Our partners from Travis Credit Union, Health Career Connection, Wells Fargo, Alder Graduate School of Education, and Western Governors University will lead these presentations.

Details our guest speakers, times, and workshop locations are listed below. We will also send them to you via email, and you can find them on our social media channels. If you have any questions about these workshops, please contact Dariana Zermeño at dzermeno@richmondpromise.org.



RP Student Portal

Have you checked out the new Richmond Promise Student Portal? You can access all your RP-related info and documents in one place. Check it out at the link below

For login instructions, visit tinyurl.com/RP-StudentPortal.

Student Portal

Student Opportunities

Richmond Promise Mentor Program

Interested in getting a little extra support as you navigate college? Are you looking for guidance to get to your desired career? Apply to be part of the Richmond Promise Mentor Program!

As a mentee, you'll receive advice from a career professional who works in your future industry or possibly connect with someone who attended your college. A mentor can help you achieve your academic and career goals through coaching and professional support. You will be required to meet with your mentor every month to discuss topics that can help you grow professionally. We encourage you to take advantage of this incredible opportunity!!

[To apply, click here.](#)

Questions? Contact Dariana Zermeño at dzermeno@richmondpromise.org or Jasmine Gonzalez at jgonzalez@richmondpromise.org.



Internship Alert!

Great Clips

Join locally owned Great Clips Salon as an intern and help develop your skills while gaining essential salon experience.

- Familiarize yourself with a successful, stable salon brand.
- Develop fun, meaningful relationships with a diverse team of salon professionals.
- Acquire skills and knowledge necessary to expand your talent through advanced training in cutting, customer service, product knowledge, and salon operations.

To apply, please visit their [website](#).

[Administrative Student — City of Richmond](#)

We're looking for tomorrow's leaders. People who are bold, creative, curious, and excited to contribute to the City of Richmond.

- You will be paid for actual hours worked
- This is a part-time, hourly position
- You will receive prorated sick leave and no other benefits
- Training will be provided
- You are at-will/exempt and can be released at any time

To apply or learn more, [click here](#).

Additional Resources

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.

RP 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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