

BONNER CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
2023-24 Year in Review



Student Engagement



*If you're going to commit to serving a community,
you become a part of that community.*

Ny'Asia Flowers, '24

Bonner Scholar

96

Bonner Scholars
committed to sustained
community engagement
for 10 hours a week

16

Civic Fellows interned
in summer 2023
with guidance from
site supervisors and
faculty advisors

25

Program Associates
led civic engagement
initiatives and hosted
drop-in advising hours

38

student volunteers prepared tax returns in 2023-24
through our partnership with the Robins School of Business
and United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg,
now in its thirteenth year



*I engage with
my community,
because it's
where our
shared stories
unfold.*

Beza Mulatu, '25

Pathways to a College
Experience (PACE)
Program Associate

MISSION

The Bonner Center for
Civic Engagement prepares
students for lives of purpose
and connects student,
faculty, staff, and community
stakeholders in social change
efforts that value the
knowledge and potential
in our communities.

VISION

The University of Richmond
will be a vital partner to a
thriving Richmond region,
catalyzing lifelong learning
and civic engagement.

► Bonner Scholar and business administration major Amber Castaneda, '26,
focuses on communications for Cristo Rey Richmond High School.

Faculty Engagement

Connections with our communities help facilitate authentic and applicable learning.

Camilla Nonterah

Associate Professor of Psychology

6

Faculty Learning Community Fellows explored ways to integrate community-based learning (CBL) into their courses

6

Richmond Cemetery Collaboratory members from UR partnered with VCU and community members to host 3 public events in the cohort's seventh year

122

Course Support Grants awarded to faculty in 2023–24

Arts & Sciences: 93

Business: 11

Leadership Studies: 5

Professional & Continuing Studies: 11

184

CBL courses reported in 2023–24

591

members of the Class of 2024 took at least one CBL course during their time at UR

2169

undergraduate students took at least one CBL course

2

community-engaged research grant recipients Andy McGraw, Associate Professor of Music, for the Prison Recording Project and Sandy Williams, Assistant Professor of Art, for the 40 ACRES Archive Historical Marker Unveiling

Building community-based learning into my Spanish for Heritage Speakers class has been one of the best pedagogical decisions that I've ever made.

David Giancaspro

Associate Professor of Spanish

COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING MODES

Service learning

is volunteerism that connects back to classroom learning

Collaborative projects with community partners

include data analysis and research projects, producing community-engaged creative works (such as documentaries, murals, or exhibitions), organizational studies and consulting, and sharing course materials

Internships, student teaching, or clinical education

is completed with a community partner, usually (but not always) for the duration of a semester

Guest speakers from the community come to class, usually to share their expertise and experience in a subject

Study trips include field trips, service trips, and participant observation and shadowing

**The numbers reported here exclude classes in which a guest speaker was the only CBL mode.*



► Professor of Anthropology Margaret Dorsey's Border Art and Ethnography class toured Richmond murals.

Community Relationships

91

community relationships sustained by the CCE in 2023-24

350

young people from the Richmond region experienced campus through Pathways to a College Experience

47

special events for student, faculty, staff, and community learning and connection

3

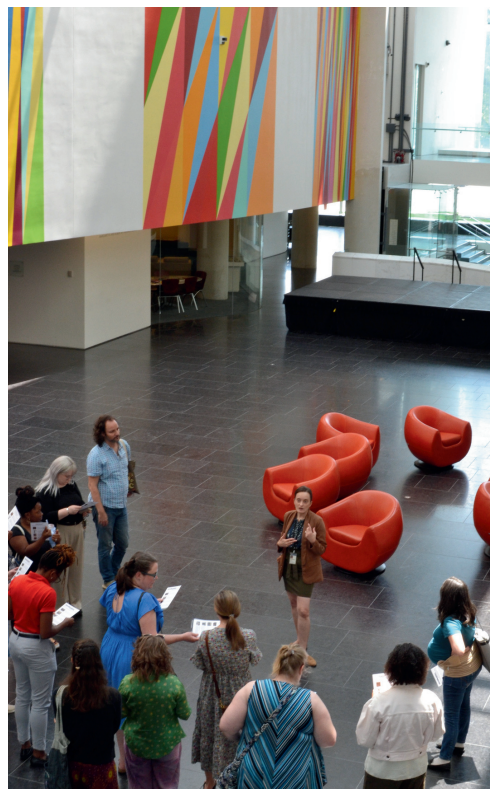
Civic Action Conversations hosted on literacy, art, and affordable housing in collaboration with ChamberRVA, the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond, PlanRVA, the VCU Center for Community Engagement, and VPM



Our Bonner Scholars are all remarkable in their own ways and make real contributions that affect Virginia public policy.

Terri Erwin

Director at Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy



ENGAGE FOR CHANGE AWARDS

Service for Change Award

Jake Barnet, '24
Yamir Chapman, '25
Beza Mulatu, '25

Community-Engaged Teaching Award

Camilla Nonterah, Associate Professor of Psychology

Community-Engaged Scholarship Award

Andy McGraw, Associate Professor of Music

David Salisbury, Associate Professor of Geography, Environment, & Sustainability

Collaboration for Change Award

Sara Hanson, Director of the Spider Business Hub

Activism for Change Award

GreenUR

Advocacy for Change Award

Equality Virginia

Contribution to the Institution Award

Kerstin Soderlund, Associate Dean for Student & External Affairs

Bill Coleman Award

Lauren Lightfoot, Administrative Coordinator, Parking & Transportation Services

Community Educator Award

Cara Cardotti, Director of Tax Assistance Program, United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg

Brenda Dabney Nichols, Author of *African Americans of Henrico County and Zions town*

► Partnership for Housing Affordability's Executive Director Jovan Burton speaks during a Civic Action Conversation; community leaders attend the Connections Gathering; and VMFA Director of Education Celeste Fetta welcomes faculty and staff to the museum during a Summer in the City excursion.

Current Partnerships

Relationships with organizations in the region are the cornerstone of the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement's work. The CCE's Community Relationships Team collaborates with organizations to identify where University and community needs intersect across a variety of issue areas. The CCE was in regular communication with the following organizations in 2023-24:

1708 Gallery	PlanRVA
American Red Cross of Virginia	Podium RVA
Armstrong Leadership Program	Real Life Program
ART 180	Richmond City Human Services
Art for the Journey	Richmond City Office of Sustainability
Befriend	Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity
Birth in Color RVA	Read to Them
Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia	ReEstablish Richmond
Bridging the Gap in Virginia	Richmond City Council
Boaz & Ruth	Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity
CancerLINC	Richmond Public Defender's Office
CARITAS	Richmond Public Schools
Rise Richmond	RPS Education Foundation
Chesapeake Climate Action Network	Richmond Symphony
CodeRVA	Richmond Performing Arts Alliance
Collegiate Recovery Program	Ronald McDonald House Charities
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	RVA Works
Communities in Schools	Sacred Heart Center
Conner's Heroes	Science Museum of Virginia
CrossOver Healthcare Ministry	Shalom Farms
Early Impact VA	Sierra Club
Feed More	SOAR 365
Girls for a Change	Special Olympics of Virginia
Girls on the Run Greater Richmond	State Council of Higher Education in Virginia
Goochland Cares	The Valentine
Happily Natural Day	The Doorways
Health Brigade	The Metropolitan Business League
Henrico Education Foundation	The Virginia Home
Hermitage Richmond	Tuckahoe YMCA
Higher Achievement	United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg
Enterprise Community Development	Virginia 21
Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc.	Virginia Anti-Violence Project
International Rescue Committee	Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities
IT4Causes	Virginia Community Capital
James River Association	Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
James River Parks	Virginia Interfaith Power & Light
Latinos en Virginia	Virginia Holocaust Museum
Legal Aid Justice Center	Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Library of Virginia	Virginia Museum of History & Culture
Mentor VA	Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative
Nationz Foundation	Viridiant
New Virginia Majority	Voices for Virginia's Children
Nurture RVA	World Pediatric Project
Office of Community Wealth Building	Youth Life Foundation of Richmond
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth	YWCA of Greater Richmond
Peter Paul RVA	



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