COMMENCEMENT
School of Professional and Continuing Studies

May 6, 2023
Dear Graduates:

Congratulations on earning your degree from the University of Richmond! This is a remarkable accomplishment. You have succeeded, and you have done so during an unprecedented time. Amid a global pandemic that inhibited our normal ways of interacting, learning, and socializing, you persevered with your studies, working hard and demonstrating an eagerness to learn, excel, and contribute. For that, as well as your academic accomplishments, you have my deep admiration.

While you celebrate, I encourage you to take time to reflect on the help you received along the way from staff, faculty, family members, and friends. Reach out to thank them. It’s so important to foster those relationships and offer your support to others.

I hope your time at Richmond has challenged you intellectually, broadened your perspective, and nurtured your desire for lifelong learning. Many of you have balanced the demands of academic work with those of jobs, families, and other important responsibilities. I admire your pursuit of education and hope you’ve also made lasting friendships and developed skills to cultivate your health and well-being.

On behalf of the entire University of Richmond community — congratulations again, and best wishes for the years ahead. We look forward to following your accomplishments as leaders in your careers and communities.

Please keep in touch, return often, and continue to take care of yourself and look out for others.

Sincerely,

Kevin F. Hallock
President
Seating Areas
Degree recipients of the prior December are placed at the beginning of their respective degree groups.

Order of Recognition
Students are recognized in the order shown in this program.

Photography and Videography
For safety precautions, family members and guests will not be permitted to approach the graduate-seating and stage areas during the ceremony to take pictures. GradImages, a University vendor, will take a photo of each graduate receiving his or her diploma and again once off stage.
Note: Only authorized press and University photographers are permitted on the arena floor during the ceremony.
Videos and photographs taken during Commencement will be used in University publications and on the website. If you do not wish to be included in videos or photographs, please alert the photographer and/or videographer.
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
PRESIDING
Dr. Kevin F. Hallock
President, University of Richmond

Prelude, Processional March, and National Anthem.............................................James River Brass

Invocation..............................................................................................................The Reverend Dr. Craig Kocher
University Chaplain and Jessie Ball duPont
Chair of the Chaplaincy

Welcome .....................................................................................................................President Hallock

Introductory Remarks ..........................................................................................Dr. Jamelle S. Wilson
Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies

Student Commencement Speaker ..................................................Davis Winston Mugford, GC’22

Presentation of Awards .........................................................................................Dr. Jeffrey W. Legro
Executive Vice President & Provost
Annette Ardler, C’01
President, SPCS Alumni Association

2023 Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award..............Abbi Leinwand Haggerty, Ph.D.
Adjunct Assistant Professor,
Nonprofit Studies

2023 Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award................................................. Deon Price, C’14

Presentation of Diplomas ..........................................................................................Dean Wilson

Conferring of Degrees ..............................................................................................President Hallock

Benediction ............................................................................................................................Dr. Kocher

Other Participants on the Dais
Dr. Thomas J. Shields, Associate Professor of Education, Chair of Graduate Education,
Associate Dean of Academic & Student Affairs.........................................................University Marshal
Elisa de la Vega Ricardo, C’23.................................................................................. Mace Bearer
Richard D. Bottone, GC’23..................................................................................... United States Flag Bearer
Jose Patricio Hermosilla, GC’23............................................................................ University of Richmond Flag Bearer
Ana Elizabeth Reilly, C’22........................................................................................SPCS Banner Bearer
Dr. Daniel L. Hocutt, R’92, G’98, SPCS Web Manager, Adjunct Professor, Liberal Arts...............Reader
Kristen A. Ball, G’94, P’25, University Registrar ......................................................Assisting with Diplomas
Gretchen Flynn Morris, Director, Strategic Management for Academic & Student Affairs......SPCS Marshal

Please join us following commencement for a reception on the Robins Center Concourse
hosted by the School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

*Mace, Flag, Banner bearers, and other students participating in the program are graduating students with the highest grade point
averages. In the event of a tie, selection is made by committee.*
Students in Completion of Award Requirements

CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

Lacey Neale Nance ...................................................................................................... Callao, Va.
Lindsay Alma Paiz ................................................................................................. Venice, Fla.
Chyna Ronaé Parham-Bland .............................................................................. Petersburg, Va.
Barbara Ann Rinker ............................................................................................ Petersburg, Va.
Whitley Leonarda Whittaker .............................................................................. Henrico, Va.
Sherri Lynn Woolf ............................................................................................... Winchester, Va.
+ Kaiera Hanifah Yancey.................................................................................... Fredericksburg, Va.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

• Tatyana Jolie Broaddus .................................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Kasey Bond Caras ............................................................................................. Phoenixville, Pa.
• Isabella Rose Ciambotti ................................................................................ Charlottesville, Va.
Sarah Elizabeth Cover ........................................................................................ Richmond, Va.
Elizabeth Cary Dickinson .................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
Gunes Eren .............................................................................................................. Bitlis, Turkey
Kaylin C. Evans ................................................................................................. Williamsburg, Va.
• Destiny I. Goodwyn ........................................................................................ Richmond, Va.
John Peter Hipsman ............................................................................................. Chester, N.Y.
Jaquelyn Renee Levesque .................................................................................. Richmond, Va.
• Kathryn Suzanne Lyon ................................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
• Andrew Erle Ross ............................................................................................ Powhatan, Va.
Atasha O. Smith .................................................................................................. Chester, Va.
Brandon M. Smith ............................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
• Harmandeep K. Tur ........................................................................................ Glen Allen, Va.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY

Graduates — December 28, 2022

+ Gina More Davis ................................................................................................ Stafford, Va.
+ Jennifer M. Jensen .......................................................................................... Raleigh, N.C.
+ Patricia L. Jessee ............................................................................................ Suffolk, Va.
+ Jacqueline L. O’Toole ....................................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
+ Michelle Chastain Ryan ................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Candidates — May 6, 2023
Ebony Di-Anne Alexander ................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Connor Anthony Crabtree ............................................................... Hillsborough, N.C.
Kyle Subers ....................................................................................... Somerset, N.J.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — NONPROFIT STUDIES
Candidates — May 6, 2023
Brenden Jake Argomaniz ................................................................. Claremont, Calif.
Brock A. Weirather ........................................................................... Polk City, Fla.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
TEACHER LICENSURE PREPARATION
Graduate — August 17, 2022
Veronique Zara ................................................................................... Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS
Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022
+ Kimberly N. Bryan, magna cum laude ........................................... Nassawadox, Va.
+ Jordan McAdam, summa cum laude ................................................. Midlothian, Va.
Paige Salone Smith ........................................................................... Belleville, Ill.

Candidates — May 6, 2023
• Mary Butler Eggleson ................................................................. Glen Allen, Va.
• Andrew Ian Gottlieb ......................................................................... Richmond, Va.
Emily Nicole Hobbs, magna cum laude ............................................. Richmond, Va.
• Jessica Lynn Oliver ........................................................................... Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022
Ariyan Bakhti-Suroosh, summa cum laude ..................................... Denver, Colo.
+ Stephanie N. Becton, summa cum laude ........................................ Richmond, Va.
Shawn H. Davis ................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
Tiffany Serenity Haynes, magna cum laude ...................................... Kingston, Jamaica
+ Kaelyn Michelle Kessler, summa cum laude ................................... Appomattox, Va.
Annie Maude Koroma, cum laude ...................................................... Columbus, Ohio
+ Ron G. Meise, magna cum laude ...................................................... Middle River, Md.
Angela Faye Thomas Minor, magna cum laude .............................. Richmond, Va.

+ December 2022 graduate
* August 2023 candidate
Amanda Raye Napoli, magna cum laude ....................................................... Goochland, Va.
+ Ana Elizabeth Reilly, summa cum laude ................................................ Glen Allen, Va.
Kylee C. Shreve, summa cum laude ............................................................. Seattle, Wash.
Jeffrey P. Smith Jr. ....................................................................................... Mechanicsville, Va.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

• Elisa de la Vega Ricardo .............................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Timothy Dolan ............................................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Katlyn A. Ducca, magna cum laude .............................................................. Richmond, Va.
• Karen Leigh Hileman .................................................................................. Aylett, Va.
• Mustafa Ali Idris .......................................................................................... Khartoum, Sudan
• Itzel Ismeray Jimenez Martinez ................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Madison E. Johnson ...................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
• Toya Thanielle Johnson .............................................................................. Kents Store, Va.
• Amber Lee Kennedy .................................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
Hiniye Madelaine, cum laude ........................................................................ Richmond, Va.
Jennifer Denise Peterbark, magna cum laude .............................................. Henrico, Va.
Betty Teresa Price .......................................................................................... Glen Allen, Va.
Lisa M. Roland, magna cum laude ................................................................. Glen Allen, Va.
• DeAnna N. Roney ........................................................................................ Richmond, Va.
Ryan Robert Sims, magna cum laude .......................................................... Richmond, Va.
Leslee R. Stone, cum laude ............................................................................. Ashland, Va.
Randy Martin Treat, summa cum laude ........................................................ Richmond, Va.

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

Tierra LaShae Humphries .............................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Gabriella Kaszala ........................................................................................ Glen Allen, Va.
Charlotte S. Martin ........................................................................................ Midlothian, Va.
+ Anna Lanier Nott ....................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
Caroline Paige Schoeneweis ......................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
Jeffrey Lane Varljen ...................................................................................... Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

• Erin Rose Hernandez .................................................................................. Fanwood, N.J.
• Ashley Brooke Meyer .................................................................................. Glen Allen, Va.
Molly Morgan ................................................................................................ Upper Arlington, Ohio
• Julia Johnston Oliver ..................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
• Daniel Harris Payne ..................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
Lyons Sanchezconcha ...................................................................................... Lima, Peru
Parish T. Talley .............................................................................................. Richmond, Va.
• Karle Renae Wells ....................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

Raymond John Baran II ........................................................................................................ Berwyn, Pa.
+Barbara J. Benson ............................................................................................................. Pittsburgh, Pa.
+Janee LaShawn Bolling .................................................................................................... Chesterfield, Va.
Cassandra Monique Byrd ....................................................................................................... Reston, Va.
+Victoria Anne Dean ........................................................................................................... Chesterfield, Va.
+Briania Ellingson Gann .................................................................................................. Austin, Texas
+Roy W. Gann ..................................................................................................................... Austin, Texas
Grace de la Cruz Ipsan ...................................................................................................... Annandale, Va.
+Nicole Gilliam Leggett ..................................................................................................... Chester, Va.
Nicholas Loffredo .............................................................................................................. Seneca, S.C.
Robert Stanley Mason ....................................................................................................... Chesterfield, Va.
Jenna Adams Smith ........................................................................................................... Charleston, W. Va.
Lindsey Jane Stagner ......................................................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
Caleb Ugworji .................................................................................................................... Chester, Va.
+Jessica E. Voyack ............................................................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Brock Austin Weirather .................................................................................................... Polk City, Fla.
Tonya Ellis Woodson ......................................................................................................... Baltimore, Md.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

• Daisy Georgia Ann Woldorf Duitsman ........................................................................ Columbus, Ga.
Shane Gipson ...................................................................................................................... Stickney, Ill.
Dalton Grace Gormus ........................................................................................................ Richmond, Va.
• Jocelyn Nicole Hermosilla ........................................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
• Derrek A. Madonna ...................................................................................................... East Syracuse, N.Y.
Marcus Damone McGee ................................................................................................... North Chicago, Ill.
Constantine Andrew Papantonis ..................................................................................... Lebanon Township, N.J.
• Krystle O. Pollard ......................................................................................................... Fredericksburg, Va.
• Rachel Marie Ristow ...................................................................................................... Newport News, Va.
Brandis A. W. Ruffin ....................................................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
• Jacob Ross Wilson Saunders ......................................................................................... Oakville, Ontario
• Richard Allan Thomas .................................................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Amber Dominique Valentine ............................................................................................ Richmond, Va.
Anna Kathleen Whalen ..................................................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

+ Haylynn Noel Copper ............................................................................................ Woolrich, Pa.
Brooke Alexander Fazio ...................................................................................... Basking Ridge, N.J.
Eli Zachary Kimbell ............................................................................................. New York, N.Y.
+ André LáMont May ............................................................................................ Richmond, Va.
Madison Paige Ostrick ........................................................................................ Medford, N.Y.
+ Reece B. Udinski ............................................................................................... North Wales, Pa.

Candidate — May 6, 2023

• Emilija Krista Grava .......................................................................................... Ligatne, Latvia

MASTER OF NONPROFIT STUDIES

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

Laura Elizabeth Bacigalupo .................................................................................... Tampa, Fla.
+ Tichana Moné Bailey .......................................................................................... Matoaca, Va.
Matthew John Dewald ......................................................................................... Lahr/Schwarzwald, Germany
+ Bradley Kaplan .................................................................................................. Richmond, Va.
+ Kristen A. King ................................................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Nathaniel Louis Mulberg ...................................................................................... Cherry Hill, N.J.
+ Keith C. Reibsome ............................................................................................ Richmond, Va.
Olivia Kate Stickley ............................................................................................... Leesburg, Va.
+ Kaitlyn N. Tritt ..................................................................................................... Fredericksburg, Va.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

Rebecca Suzanne Byrd Musser ........................................................................... London, United Kingdom
Jose Patricio Hermosilla ..................................................................................... Santiago, Chile
Sarah Sewell Sinsabaugh ..................................................................................... Richmond, Va.

MASTER OF TEACHING

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

+ William Charles Ahrens .................................................................................... New Canaan, Conn.
+ Sonya Ranelle Branch ....................................................................................... Sutherland, Va.
Jamie B. Brown ..................................................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
+ Weston Paige Stevens Buchbinder ...................................................................... Richmond, Va.
+ Owen S. Hughes ................................................................................................ Lynchburg, Va.
+ Taylor Hodgson Miller ....................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
+ Davis Winston Mugford ..................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
Hoa Hien Pham ..................................................................................................... Chesterfield, Va.
+ Sarah White Pruden .......................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
+ William Allen Rothert ....................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
+ Nicolas Emmanuel Sherod ................................................................................ Richmond, Va.
Candidates — May 6, 2023

Alyssa Christine Sicard .............................................................................. Deerfield Beach, Fla.
+ Alberta Lynn Snapp ...................................................................................... Midlothian, Va.
+ Paula Devon Thomasson .............................................................................. North Chesterfield, Va.
+ Sean Marie Wollenberg .................................................................................. Glen Allen, Va.

Aurora Elizabeth Breeden .................................................................................. Richmond, Va.
Matthew E. Domer .............................................................................................. Sterling, Va.
Clark H. Lewis Jr. ............................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
Ciara Elaine Sanchez ............................................................................................ Killeen, Texas
• Cassandra E. Tagert ......................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
Chiyo Tokizawa ..................................................................................................... Tokyo, Japan
Lee McKinley Tyler ............................................................................................... Charlottesville, Va.
• Noel Philip Varghese ......................................................................................... Richmond, Va.
Chaniece Aquela Williams .................................................................................... Chester, Va.
Awards and Honors

2023 BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Book Awards recognize academic success and dedication to the School of Professional and Continuing Studies and the University. They are presented to top students in each program, as chosen by the faculty.

Curriculum and Instruction
*James W. Lanham Book Award for Excellence* ................................................................. Molly Morgan

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
*Catherine S. Fisher Book Award for Excellence* ............................................................... Parish T. Talley

Human Resource Management
*Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement* ......................... Stephany N. Becton
*Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding Graduate Achievement* ................................. Daisy Georgia Ann Wolford Duitsman

Information Systems
*Christopher and Swartz Memorial Book Award* ............................................................... Kasey Bond Caras

IT Management
*McDonald Davis Jr. Book Award* .................................................................................. Brian William Yauss

Liberal Arts
*Kuehl Book Award in Recognition of Excellence in the Bachelor of Liberal Arts Program* ................................................................. Jordan McAdam
*Daniel McDonald Roberts and Frances Taylor Roberts Master of Liberal Arts Memorial Book Award* ................................................................. Haylynn Noel Copper

Nonprofit Studies
*Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book Award* ........................................................................ Kristen A. King

Paralegal Studies
*William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award* .............................................................. Kaelyn Michelle Kessler

Teacher Licensure Preparation and Teaching
*Samuel E. Perry Jr. and Nancy B. Perry Book Award (Grades K–6)* ................................. Chaniece Aquela Williams
*Ann C. Taylor Book Award (Grades 7–12)* ......................................................................... Alyssa Christine Sicard
JEAN H. PROFFITT STUDENT SERVICE AWARD
Established in 1996 by the School of Professional and Continuing Studies and the SPCS Student Government Association, this award is presented to a graduating student recognized by his/her peers for outstanding service to the School. The recipient of this award for 2023 is:

Ebony Di-Anne Alexander

RICHARD W. LEATHERMAN SR. AND IDA MAY LEATHERMAN MACE BEARER AWARD
Established in 2013, this award honors the memory of Richard W. Leatherman Sr. and Ida May Leatherman and is given to a graduating student in recognition of academic excellence. The award recipient is given the honor of carrying the University Mace and leading the graduates in the Commencement processional. Maces, symbols of leadership and ascendancy, have been used since the Middle Ages by governments, institutions, churches, and schools in special rites and ceremonies. The recipient of this award for 2023 is:

Elisa de la Vega Ricardo

COLONEL PORCHER L. TAYLOR JR. PH.D. BOOK AWARD FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
Established in 2006, this award honors Dr. Porcher L. Taylor Jr. and the servant leadership he has exemplified his entire life. Dr. Taylor, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., served in World War II, Vietnam, and the Korean Wars. Dr. Taylor also served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Virginia State University and has spent his entire life involving himself in civic, charitable, educational, and religious causes and serving as a role model for youth. This award is given to a graduating student who has provided leadership and involvement to their community. The recipient of this award for 2023 is:

Elizabeth Cary Dickinson

JOANITA BBAALE SENOGA BOOK AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE BY A STUDENT WHOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH
Established in 2006, this award is given to the student with the highest undergraduate grade point average whose native language is not English. This award is named in honor of its first recipient, Joanita Bbaale Senoga. Ms. Senoga, a refugee from Uganda, overcame many hardships to earn her degree, including escaping persecution in her native land and then struggling to bring her family to the United States. Ms. Senoga worked three simultaneous part-time jobs and raised a family all while attending classes full time. The recipient of this award for 2023 is:

Rosio G. Esparza-Hoppe
Chiyo Tokizawa
TAYLOR KIE COUSINS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Established in 2010, this award is given to a graduating student who exemplifies outstanding service and leadership to the University community. This award is in memory of Adjunct Professor Emeritus Taylor Cousins’ service and commitment to the School of Professional and Continuing Studies as a teacher and in recognition of his involvement in service to the community. The recipient of this award for 2023 is:

Hiniye Madelaine

ACADEMIC HONORS

General academic honors of three ranks are awarded to members of the graduating class on the basis of their cumulative grade point average on work completed in the School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

Summa Cum Laude .................. 3.80–4.00
Magna Cum Laude .................. 3.50–3.79
Cum Laude ......................... 3.20–3.49

SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STUDENT CHAPTER

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) is the world’s largest HR professional society, representing 285,000 members in more than 165 countries. SHRM triple honor cords are five feet in length, navy blue, light blue, and white. The cords are worn and knotted around the neck with tassels at each end, recognizing achievement in the field of human resources.

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

Study abroad sashes display the unique qualities and national colors of the study abroad student’s host country’s flag. An alternative item approved for study abroad students is a small flag (not to exceed the dimensions of three-by-five inches) representing the respective country in which the student studied, which is worn on the left shoulder of the gown.

RICHMOND’S SPIDER FIRSTS

First-generation students’ cords are silver and rose, signifying they are among the first in their family to graduate with a bachelor’s degree.
Biographies

STUDENT SPEAKER

Davis Winston Mugford is a Social Studies Teacher in Henrico County at John Randolph Tucker High School, where he also coaches the Mock Trial team. He entered the Master of Teaching program at the University of Richmond School of Professional and Continuing Studies after being inspired by the example of his wife, Shelby Mugford, who is also an SPCS alumna and currently teaches Theatre Arts at Glen Allen High School.

Mugford is a Richmond native, and he graduated from Christopher Newport University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. It was there that he met Shelby while performing in university theatre productions. After college, the pair briefly lived in New York City, but they returned home to Richmond in 2018 to be closer to family.

After working in sales for years, and after the pandemic in 2020 turned life upside down, Mugford reflected on his goals in life — like so many Americans at the time — and decided to pursue a service-oriented career where he could directly help others. Following his wife’s example, he enrolled in the University of Richmond to begin his Master of Teaching program. He hopes to inspire citizenship and civic engagement in his students with the skills he has acquired at SPCS.

The Mugfords currently live in Mechanicsville, which his wife has always called home. They are so grateful for the support of both of their families. They enjoy spending time with their hound, Penny, and hope to build a family together soon.
Abbi Leinwand Haggerty, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of Richmond Performing Arts Alliance and an adjunct assistant professor in the Nonprofit Studies program at the University of Richmond’s School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

With 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, primarily in fundraising, Haggerty has also held positions at VMFA, Museum of Science & Industry (Tampa, Fla.), Brightpoint Community College, and the Partnership for Nonprofit Excellence.

She earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Virginia Tech and a master's degree and doctorate in public policy and administration (with a concentration in nonprofit management) from Virginia Commonwealth University.

For SPCS, Haggerty has served on the Adjunct Faculty Advisory Committee (Chair, 2021) and the Adjunct Performance Review Task Force. In the community, she serves as immediate past president of the Board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)-Central Virginia Chapter and as a member of the Emerging Leaders Committee for AFP Global.

Throughout her academic and professional career, Haggerty has worked to advance nonprofit organizational culture and employee retention and has presented on the topic at numerous conferences including Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC), Nonprofit Talent & Culture Summit, and Virginia Fund Raising Institute, as well as led webinars with Korn Ferry.
Deon Price, C’14, began his undergraduate studies in Information Technology Management at the School of Professional and Continuing Studies the fall semester following his mother’s footsteps, Deborah A. Jones, GC’10. Jones graduated from the SPCS with a master’s degree in Human Resource Management.

Price grew up during the “computer boom” of the late 90s, and his interest in computers began at the age of 12, when he went to his first computer show with his father. Price remembers taking apart computers his parents bought at auctions and putting them back together as a child; he describes himself as always being a “natural computer guy.”

Price is currently an IT asset manager for the Virginia State Corporation Commission, a regulatory agency that oversees businesses across the state in several industries. During his undergraduate career at the University of Richmond, Price also started his own business, iLikeTech, providing IT consulting, sales, repair, and training. He credits his professional career growth from his UR Spider Web of alumni connections and continues to promote Spider talent when given the opportunity.

When asked about how he juggled school, a career and his own business, Price says “a lot of coffee”. Despite this heavy workload, Price has kept his ties with UR strong. He has served among the Board of Directors for both the SPCS Student Government Association and later on after graduation, the SPCS Alumni Association. Price is committed to alumni re-engagement, one of the five pillars of the University’s five-year strategic plan.