SPCS SGA’s

Tips for Getting More Out of Your College Experience

1. **Set up and check your University of Richmond email account**
   You can have your UR Gmail forwarded to your home or work email address also. Check the daily SpiderByte digest email for news and events on campus that are of interest to you.

2. **Get your SpiderCard**
   Your SpiderCard allows you to check out books and videos at the University Libraries, access the Wellness Center and you can deposit funds to it to use at the Bookstore, Heilman Dining Center, Tyler’s Grill, the coffee shop in the library and **vending machines**.

3. **Find events on campus that interest you and GO!**
   In any given week, there are dozens of events held on our campus and many are free to students. From politics to performing arts and everything in between – there is something of interest happening on campus that will enrich your academic experience. (And remember to check **OrgSync**!)

4. **Support your spiders and show your school spirit!**
   **Tickets** to Spider sports events are FREE to degree seeking students. Extra admission tickets can be purchased at a minimal cost so you can bring your family and friends to cheer on our Richmond Spiders! Don’t forget to get a UR sweatshirt, coffee mug, or t-shirt at the Bookstore to display your Spider pride! The bookstore is conveniently located on the 2nd floor of the Tyler Haynes Commons and has official Spider apparel and gifts in addition to textbooks, greeting cards, school supplies, and assorted sundries.

5. **Get to know your classmates.**
   Bonds of friendship made in college can last a lifetime and it’s no different for adult students. Make the effort to get to know your classmates by forming a study group or meeting for coffee before or after class. You can grab a cup of Starbucks at **8:15** (UR’s coffee shop) conveniently located in the Boatwright Library. You’ll find **8:15** is ideal for meeting classmates for a quick cup of coffee or a bite to eat before class or on the way to study or do research.

6. **Discover the treasures of your campus.**
   Consistently ranked one of the "most beautiful campuses in the country" by The Princeton Review, there are 350 acres of inspiring Gothic architecture, towering pines, rolling hills, and a 10-acre lake on your campus. Grab a campus map and explore – bring family or friends here for a walk around the lake or dine on campus. The Heilman Dining Center (known affectionately as D-hall) features Mongolian grill, brick oven pizza, rotisserie, comfort food, and carving station in addition to desserts made daily on campus; it is not only the best deal in town, it is also a nationally recognized, award winning dining facility.
7. **Use the University Libraries.**
   There are in excess of 1.3 million pieces in the Boatwright Library collection and our librarians live to help students find what they’re looking for. There are a variety of spaces for quiet reading, research, and group spaces for study groups and special projects.

8. **Utilize the Technology Learning Center and the Help Desk.**
   Having trouble with your laptop, special software or a new program? The technicians at the Technology Learning Center (located on the 3rd floor of the Boatwright Library) are available to help you with almost any software package that you need to utilize for your coursework. Laptop on the fritz? The Help Desk (located in the basement of Jepson Hall) can troubleshoot almost any problem you are having and help you get connected to the University’s campus-wide wireless network.

9. **Visit and participate on OrgSync, SPCS and SGA Facebook pages, follow SPCS on Twitter, and join in the conversation on LinkedIn.**
   SPCS social media will keep you up to date, let you view photos from SPCS/SGA events, and help you communicate with both the SGA and other SPCS students. Through OrgSync, you can stay in the loop on upcoming activities, view SGA meeting videos and participate in polls. You can also find information about who is currently on the SGA board and how you can join!

10. **Log onto Blackboard for more information on your Student Government Association**
    In addition to accessing information on your classes, you will find the School of Professional and Continuing Studies SGA listed under *Courses* in your Blackboard. There you will find links to social media, a message from the SGA President and recent announcements from your Student Government Association.

    The School of Professional and Continuing Studies
    **Student Government Association**
    Welcomes you to the University of Richmond!

    Be sure to check out your SGA website at [http://spcs.richmond.edu/sga/](http://spcs.richmond.edu/sga/)
    We look forward to hearing from you!