

CITY OF RICHMOND REPORT REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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THANK YOU!



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Academic Year 2025-2026

**Planning, Prioritizing, and
Disciplined Execution**

New/Enhanced Programs & Learning Environments







FIRST SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY GRADUATES!



FIRST IMPRESSION GRAND OPENING







GOCHLAND COUNTY



MARGO WAGNER, TIMES-DISPATCH

Gov. Glenn Youngkin presents a Virginia flag to Eli Lilly Chair and CEO Dave Ricks on Tuesday at Main Street Station in Richmond.

Drugmaker Eli Lilly to build \$5 billion facility

Project to create 650 high-paying jobs, leaders say

ERIC KOLENICH
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Drug maker Eli Lilly & Co. intends to build a \$5 billion man-

County, the company announced Tuesday, a potential big boost to the region's budding pharmaceutical industry.

patch first reported last month that state lawmakers had approved economic development packages for Eli Lilly to build a plant in Goochland and for AstraZeneca to construct one in

Since the pandemic, local leaders have hoped greater Richmond — and other corners of the state — can become a destination for drug building. Eli Lilly's

RECORD INVESTMENTS IN FY2025

**\$ Private philanthropy up 150% over FY24.
\$ More than \$3 million raised.**

**\$ Public grants up 232% over FY24.
\$ More than \$11 million awarded.**

LARGEST FUNDRAISING YEAR IN REYNOLDS' HISTORY!

Since then...

\$2,357,086

**Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education
(FIPSE) Grant Awarded through the Department of
Education for Short-term Healthcare Programs**

\$5,000,000

**Private Family Foundation Commitment
to Expand Healthcare Programs**

Unlocking Opportunity



THE ASPEN INSTITUTE COLLEGE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM



Unlocking Opportunity intensively engages community colleges over multiple years to develop and enact bold strategies focused on **increasing the number of students entering and completing high-value community college programs.**

One of only 55 community colleges selected nationwide!



“The designation of Leader College is a hard-earned honor with lasting impact. We use lessons and cutting-edge approaches from colleges like yours to inform and inspire others across ATD’s highly diverse Network in their efforts to support the students and communities they serve. We at ATD are very excited to count J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College among our Leader Colleges this year!”

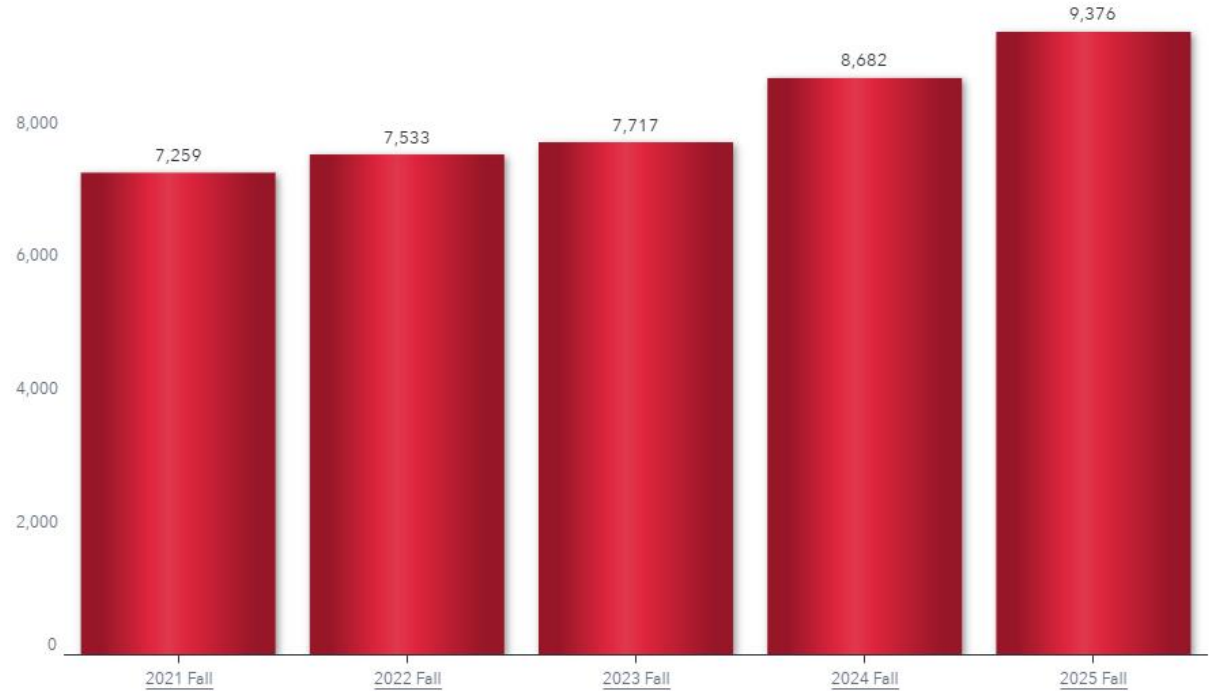
- Dr. Karen A. Stout
President and CEO
Achieving the Dream

ENROLLMENT TRENDS



FALL 2025 ENROLLMENT

- **9,376 students**, an **8% increase** from Fall 2024.
- **5,350 FTES**, an **8% increase** from Fall 2024.



AY 2025-2026 ENROLLMENT

FALL 2025

9,376
Students  **8%**

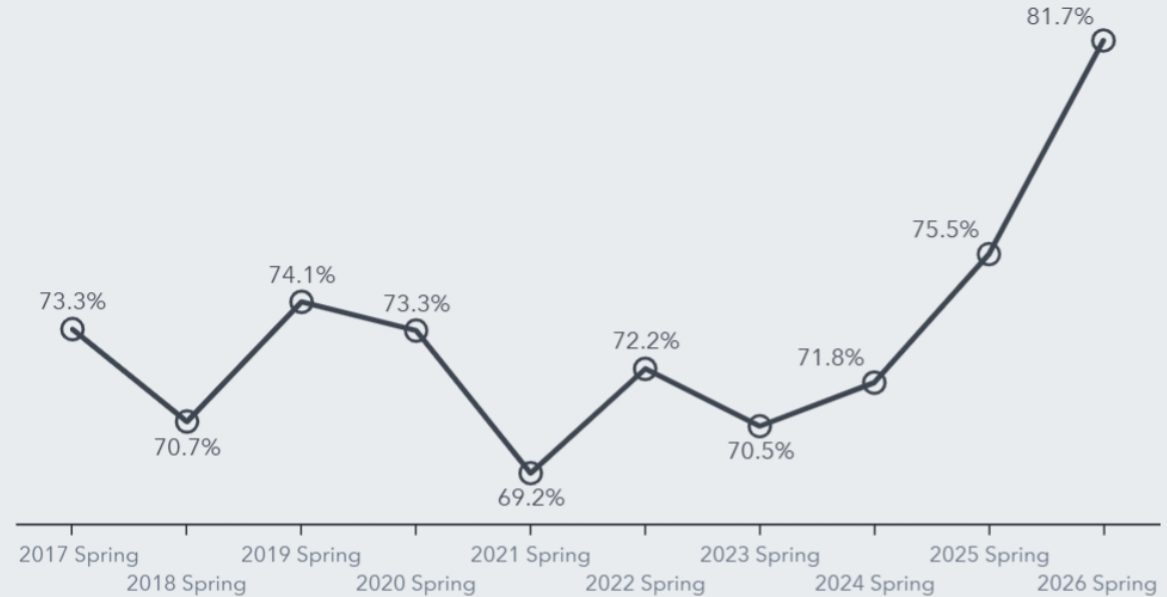
SPRING 2026

9,123
Students  **9%**

Fall-to-Spring Persistence

Fall-to-Spring persistence reached a new record high of 81.7% in Spring 2026.

Fall to Spring Persistence Rate by Ending Semester



RICHMOND - FALL 2025 ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT



1,180 Students

- 78% First Generation
- 56% Pell-awarded
- 53% Learners 25+

+ an additional **686** Richmond City residents enrolled in short-term credential programs through Reynolds' workforce division, CCWA (an increase of 16% over prior year).

CLASS OF 2026



Early College Academy

81 students enrolled in the program in Fall 2025

A total of 242 students have graduated from the ECA since its inception!

TRADITIONAL DUAL ENROLLMENT IN RICHMOND

An additional **61 RPS** students enrolled in dual enrollment courses outside of the Early College Academy.





\$2,588,928

**in scholarships and aid awarded to
City of Richmond residents in the
2024-2025 Academic Year**



Meet Sidney

Graduated from Reynolds
Spring 2025
City of Richmond
Early College Academy Student

Phi Theta Kappa New Century
Transfer Scholar Award Recipient

Transferred to William & Mary!
Studying Neuroscience



Meet Deon

Enrolled in Respiratory Therapy Program in the
School of Health Professions
City of Richmond resident

Originally from Jamaica, couldn't find schools willing to
accept her high school diploma.

Professor Austin provided 1:1 orientation to the
program to make sure she could enter into the cohort.

Graduated Spring 2026 and
already has offers from three local hospitals!

Thank you!
Questions?

