RESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS’ DAY
RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE

8:15 – 8:50 AM  REQUIRED: Check-in
Blackwell Auditorium #16 on campus map
Every scholar must check-in for the day to receive your personalized interview time and location. Arrive any time between 8:15-8:50 please. Check-in will be alphabetical by the scholar’s last name.

Scholarship Parking: Lots B, D, J, E, or street parking
Lost? Follow signage once on campus or look for student ambassadors who will be directing traffic. We kindly ask that if you arrive early, please park in Lot J or B to allow late comers to park closer to check-in. This will help us (and your fellow families!) tremendously. Click here to see the campus map.

Directions to Campus: We are 20 minutes north of Richmond, Virginia and just 90 miles south of Washington, D.C.
I-95 to exit 92(B). Head west on 54/England Street toward Ashland, going through a number of lights and crossing over Route 1. Turn RIGHT on Henry Street. Look for signs and/or students directing you to the appropriate parking lots.

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9:00 AM  Welcoming Remarks

Times vary  Interview and Written Statement
Students, for your interview time and location, please see the personalized information sheet in your folder you will receive at check-in. The interview and written statement time frame is approximately one hour; other than this, you are encouraged to take advantage of all the programming offered!

Parents/Families: You are also encouraged to take advantage of all programming. It will be especially helpful to your student if you attend any sessions they may need to miss while interviewing.

10:00 – 3:00  Create your own day! Apart from the interview and written statement, you are free to create your own day. We have created dynamic programming to allow you to get to know us better. As a family unit, you may need to split up to hit everything you want to learn, but here are some options:

Macon You a Teacher
Pursuing the Teacher Licensure Program at R-MC
If you are even just considering a career in teaching, you don’t want to miss this group of presenters! Join faculty and current students from the R-MC Department of Education as they passionately show off our education program. Licensure includes elementary (PK-6), secondary (7-12), music education, and our new special education program. Hear about why our successful graduates like Ryan Stein and Kenneth White are proud alum.

Psychology And Your Human Emotions
For those planning a major in psychology or behavioral neuroscience (or both), this is the session for you! Learn more about the department’s faculty, program concentrations, abundant research and travel opportunities, and what our current students and alumni are up to these days. The faculty presenter is also looking forward to sharing information about her specialized research emphasis: how we display emotions and detect emotions in others – specifically, facial expressions, language use, and vocal pitch. Hear how her students actively study and engage in this research topic.

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Let’s Talk About It
What is Communication Studies—and why are so many R-MC students majoring in it? The scholar-faculty in Communication Studies offer an overview of the comprehensive approach they take in exploring the discipline, an approach that covers family communication, conflict resolution, public relations, political campaigns, public memory sites, broadcasting, healthcare communication, and more. The approach is designed to open doors, including ones beginning students haven’t even heard of yet. The published research of the faculty, the exciting undergraduate research of the majors, and the many and varied internship opportunities will be highlighted.

Scholars With The Edge
Do you have a specific career goal you’ve had since third grade? No idea what you want to do?!
Either way, this is a session for you. The Edge’s executive director will lead you through this session about R-MC’s signature personal and career development program. She and current R-MC students will discuss in detail how The Edge delivers a thoughtful program that will prepare you with skills necessary for life after R-MC in this economy. The Edge begins as a freshman and culminates with post-baccalaureate placement in graduate school or a career path. Hear about special initiatives, internships, intensive training and events, and resources available to students. The Edge is a collaborative partnership between parents, staff, alumni, and faculty.

The Honors Program
Honors Director and current honors students welcome all visitors interested in learning more about the R-MC Honors Program. The presentation will be an informative session with details regarding the application process, class choices, special housing, graduation requirements, unique opportunities, and answers to your questions!

Financial Aid Workshop
Soon after today, you will hear about any scholarship increase based on your interview and written reflection. But your annual merit-based scholarship is only a piece of the puzzle. Please join us for a conversation about R-MC’s affordability and value, and let us show you what a complete R-MC financial aid package looks like. There will definitely be time for your questions.

From The Classroom to The Voting Booth
Parents and/or students are welcome for a conversation about the current political landscape and R-MC’s engagement within it. It’s been a fascinating year if you’ve been following, and Randolph-Macon students (majors and non-majors) have experienced it firsthand through campus events, domestic and international trips, exciting internships, and more!

Pursuing a Pre-Med/Pre-Health Track at R-MC
Physician or veterinarian? Physical therapist or pharmaceutical researcher? Dentist or infectious diseases researcher? If you have an interest in a health-related field, R-MC has the curriculum and resources to make your future plans possible. Our presenters will share health science opportunities at R-MC, paths our students take, and professions our graduates pursue.

Want to explore some programs right now?
- Did you know that because we’re a “small” school we can offer some big opportunities?
- We partner with medical schools, too!
- Thinking about nursing? We have relationships. Physician’s Assistant? We’ve got that, too.
12:30 – 2:00  
**Computer Science Departmental Open House**  
Cyber security, business infrastructure, a top-paying profession, creative apps for mobile devices, high-performance computing, sharpened reasoning **skills**, and intellectual rewards -- if any of these topics interest you, come **tour the department**, learn about our program, and meet faculty and students. The department is growing rapidly; we hope you’ll come hear about the modern and exciting experiences our students have.

1:00 – 2:30  
**Business, Economics, and Accounting Open House**  
Come by any time as your schedule allows, hear stories about what our current students and alum are up to, and **meet faculty** personally. Ask questions about our new business major, **internships**, research, travel courses, and why **accounting** and economics are becoming **more and more popular choices** for our students. Learn how you can engage with our department immediately as an incoming freshman.

1:00 – 2:30  
**Physics, Astrophysics, Engineering-Physics Open House**  
Come as your schedule allows, tour **the department**, ask your questions, learn how R-MC’s engineering-physics is different than other programs, and meet faculty and **students**. Curious right now? Check out some stories about mechanical and **nuclear** engineering, **biomedical engineering**, and lovers of **planetary science**.

1:00 – 2:30  
**Modern Languages Department Open House**  
Come as your schedule allows, tour the department, meet with faculty members, ask your questions, and learn about our **Modern Languages** department and what our students have been involved in.

1:15 – 2:00  
**Chemistry Department Presentation and Facilities Tour**  
Arrive at 1:30 to tour the **department**, meet faculty and students, and ask your questions. Find out what we’re up to!

1:15 – 2:00  
**Biology Department Open House**  
Come by as your schedule allows. Tour the department, meet faculty and students, and ask your questions. At R-MC, **you are in the labs** and working with the equipment as a freshman—you don’t compete with graduate students for faculty time, attention, and lab assistant positions!

10:00 – 2:30  
**Financial Aid & Admissions Headquarters**  
Please stop by any time between 10:00 and 3:00 today to speak with the Admissions and Financial Aid teams, ask your questions, and pick up your gift. We’d love to meet you, hear your thoughts, and help in any way we can. * Tip: Parents, a great time for you to visit Financial Aid is while your student is in the interview and writing exercise.

Throughout day  
**Student-Led Campus Tours**  
“One-stop” tours and a formal tour are available. One-stop tours are meant for those of you who just want to see one or two spots on campus of interest (i.e. the fitness center, a typical freshman room, the library, the SunTrust Theater). Or, wrap up the day with a personalized, formal tour that will depart promptly at 1:00 and end around 2:00. These tours are recommended for those of you who have never seen the entire campus before.

10:00 – 2:00  
**Brunch**  
Meal tickets provided at check-in.

9:00 – 4:00  
**Shop at the R-MC Campus Store**  
Coupons provided at check-in.
This day is as much about us getting to know you as it is about you getting to know us! You will have opportunities to speak with faculty, meet students, chat with Admissions and Financial Aid, and meet other community members. You can sit in on a seminar, departmental information session, eat in our dining hall, visit the Campus Store, see a residence hall, tour the rest of campus... Is there someone special with whom you were hoping to speak? Call admissions ahead of time to see if we can arrange a special meeting. The day is yours, enjoy it! Call us at (804) 752-7305 with your questions/requests. If we can, we want to help!

**THE INTERVIEW**

*What will they ask? How will I know what to say? Is there a right answer they’re looking for?*

These may be the worries running through your mind right now as you prepare for your scholarship interview at Randolph-Macon. The Scholarship Committee wants to be sure you understand that the interview questions are not intended as “traps,” but, rather, as tools and opportunities to help you talk about yourself and showcase your skills and interests. By the time you arrive on the R-MC campus, we have already reviewed your file and learned a great deal about you – on paper. We have also already accepted you; we think you’re great! The interview is our chance to get to know you as a person (and for you to get to know us).

Your interview will typically be with a faculty member and a current R-MC presidential scholar student (someone who was once in your seat!). Remember, an interview has begun at the moment of introduction, so shake hands, smile, and be your best self. To begin your conversation, the professor and student will probably start with a “warm up” where they offer some social pleasantries, let you know how the interview will run (about 20-30 minutes), and possibly comment on things they already know about you.

Once you have gotten more comfortable, the faculty and student will move on to specific questions for the remainder of the conversation. These questions are meant to be springboards for discussion; please do not respond with a simple “yes” or “no.” Expand on your answers. (Sample interview questions are listed on the next page.) Remember, too, this is meant to be a conversation; be prepared with your own questions for them.

**THE WRITTEN STATEMENT**

This is not something you can prepare for. The written statement is a follow-up evaluation that takes most students about 20-30 minutes to complete; you will complete this after your interview. You will be asked to write to a general prompt. This will be done on a desktop computer, and it will be considered by the scholarship committee to assess your critical thinking and written communication skills. If you require special accommodations, please note this when you RSVP! If you have questions or concerns, please call Kellyn Fleming at (804) 752-7313.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: If I compete for additional scholarship, am I obligated to attend R-MC?
A: No - there is absolutely no commitment, pressure, or obligation to attend Randolph-Macon if you come to a scholarship program. We encourage you to complete the process to increase your final scholarship amount, but you still have until May 1 to decide which college you want to attend.

Q: Do I have to attend an on-campus scholarship program to receive the additional scholarship award?
A: You must complete the scholarship interview process (scholarship interview and reflection) to receive the additional scholarship. An initial scholarship award (the one listed in your acceptance letter) has already been awarded to you—this interview process is for the second, additional award. If you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from coming to campus, please complete the RSVP form indicating that conflict; we’ll be in touch!

Q: What if I am not able to attend any of the scheduled programs?
A: If you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from coming to campus, please complete the RSVP form indicating that conflict; we’ll be in touch to discuss your options. We can try to arrange for you to interview during another visit to R-MC, or—for students who live especially far away from Ashland—we can arrange an interview over the telephone or, preferably, via Skype.

Q: I can’t stay the whole day. Can I request an early interview time?
A: If you have a specific conflict and need to leave early, you may request an early interview time, though it is recommended that you consider attending a different Saturday scholarship program altogether. Even the earliest interview time slot will not conclude until 12:30PM. To make your request, either complete the “Special Requests” box on the online RSVP form or contact Kellyn Fleming directly at (804) 752-7313. Because of the large number of students who attend these programs, we may not be able to accommodate all requests. The sooner you RSVP and get your special request in, the better your chances of being accommodated.

Q: Do I need to bring anything with me?
A: Nothing is required, but if you have additional academic information to submit, please feel free to share it with us.

Q: What should I wear?
A: This is an interview, so please use your best judgment. We do discourage jeans, very high heels, sweatshirts, short skirts, and t-shirts. You may also be walking a lot, so consider comfortable shoes!

Q: What if I’m running late?
A: We can accommodate students who are running a few minutes late—no problem—but due to the nature of the many moving parts of this program and the near-300 scholars visiting, we cannot work with you if you’re much later than 9:00AM. If this is the case, please call (804) 752-7305 that morning to reschedule/cancel. Or text 804-363-3869 with your full name and the details of your situation.

Q: Who will my faculty interviewer be?
A: We do our very best to pair you with a faculty member who is from your intended major(s). When you submit your RSVP you are asked to list your intended major. This is what we used to pair you. Most of the time, we can make this happen. Sometimes, however, we do not have enough faculty to meet the demands of our most popular programs. To help bridge this gap, we have tried our very best to offer academic sessions throughout the day that will allow you to at least get face time with faculty in your areas of interest. Please note: if you listed “undecided” in your RSVP then your faculty interviewer could be from any department.

Q: Will I meet any current R-MC students?
A: Yes! We have done our best to put students in front of you during academic sessions and the interview. All of our campus tour guides are current students, too. We encourage you to ask any student you meet your most burning questions.
Q: When will I find out if I earned a presidential scholarship increase?
A: The scholarship committee meets the first Tuesday and Wednesday following the scholarship day. Our goal is to get increase letters out the door and in the mail by that Friday. So, in other words, you should have a letter in the mail within a week and a half following the program. If you don’t receive one by then, please contact us to follow up.

Q: I am a parent. What do I do while my student is in the interview?
A: All programming we offer on these Saturdays (except the interview) is meant for families, too. Please take advantage of it and learn as much as you can about us. For example, due to your student’s interview time, s/he may need to miss an academic seminar (sometimes the timing just doesn’t work out), so you can go take notes for him. Or maybe this is a good time to visit the Financial Aid Office or buy your son/daughter an R-MC t-shirt in the Campus Store.

More questions? Call Admissions at (804) 752-7305 for general inquiries. You may also contact Kellyn Fleming, Presidential Scholarship Coordinator, directly at KellynFleming@rmc.edu or (804) 752-7313 with more specific needs.

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
(IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER)

- About what are you passionate?
- What career goals (if any) do you have at this time? Dream job?
- What makes Randolph-Macon College a good fit for you?
- If you had the opportunity, what changes would you make at your high school?
- Describe a missed opportunity you have experienced.
- How would others describe your role in your school community?
- Describe how living in your current community has impacted your outlook on the role you play in society.
- What current issue – local, regional, national, or international – concerns you and why?
- Which qualities do you feel are essential for effective leadership?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- Have you ever thought of not going to college? If so, what can you see yourself doing?
- What person, living or dead, would you most like to talk to and what would you discuss?
- Describe a time when you found yourself in a difficult situation. How did you resolve it?
- If you had the political power to do anything you wanted, what would you do?
- What do you hope to accomplish in your four years at Randolph-Macon College?
- What would you like to talk about?

You will be asked other questions. This list is just meant to help you prepare.