A Manual for Students and Parents

Bridge to Success 2015

University of Richmond
WHAT IS BRIDGE TO SUCCESS?

The Bridge to Success program is an incredible opportunity. This student-focused program has been designed to create life-long learners who will succeed in the most rigorous of academic climates. Not only will you be exposed to the challenging academic life of the University, you will bond as a team. Bridge to Success promises to be an exciting and beneficial program for all involved.

As a transition program, Bridge to Success prepares first-year students to meet the rigorous demands and expectations of the University’s academic program. The program eases you into college living and learning. Participants will receive 2 units of credit for the coursework they take during the six weeks of the program.

By participating in Bridge to Success, you will not only learn to cope with the pressures of college life, you will also build relationships with peers and faculty/staff members who will support them through their years at UR.

WHY WAS I SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN BRIDGE TO SUCCESS?

The Bridge to Success program is an honor. You are being awarded a significant scholarship of tuition, room, board, and books, will be able to get ahead on your studies at the University of Richmond, and will meet new classmates prior to your college experience.

You were chosen to participate in this program because the University of Richmond recognizes you as someone who will make a difference at the University.
BRIDGE TO SUCCESS EXPECTATIONS
The following are a list of expectations for the Bridge to Success program.

1. Attend ALL mandatory program activities.

2. Attend ALL classes and other course-related activities. This is required in all University of Richmond classes.

3. Complete ALL course work on time and turn in all assignments on time.

4. Respect ALL Bridge to Success and University of Richmond employees.

5. Notify a staff member if you are leaving campus for any reason.

6. Be present EVERY Sunday for a brief BTS meeting.

7. Use common sense and courtesy.

8. No alcohol or drug use will be tolerated.

9. Obey curfew policy: 11:30 Sunday-Thursday; 1:00 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

10. Attend study halls each week.

11. Follow all University of Richmond and Virginia state regulations.

12. Maintain a 2.0 GPA in each individual class.

Activities which result in a meeting with Dr. Snaza:
- Missing a class
- Repeated class tardiness
- Showing disrespect to any member of the University community
- Professorial complaints

Activities for removal from BTS and the University of Richmond:
- Missing more than the number of classes allotted by the professor
- Failure to achieve a 2.0 GPA in all classes
- Illegal activities (drugs, alcohol, vandalism, theft, etc.)
- Failure to attend required Bridge to Success activities

Failure to Obey Curfew Policy:
- 1st offense: Study Hall lengthened
- 2nd offense: Evening curfew shortened
- 3rd offense: Meeting with Dr. Snaza
WHAT TO BRING TO BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

This year, we will be residing in one of the residential dorms on campus. Listed below are some of the things you may want to consider bringing for your six weeks on campus.

• Bed linens, blankets, and pillows
• Bath towels
• Clock radio/alarm clock
• Laundry basket and laundry supplies
• Umbrella/rain gear
• School supplies
• Swim suit/athletic equipment
• Athletic shoes
• Computer (if desired)
• Telephone (if desired)
• Tuition, room and board, books, and required activities will be paid by the Bridge to Success program. You will need to bring money for laundry, stamps, and general living expenses.

Please note that you will be assigned a roommate for the summer session. You may not change rooms without prior approval from Dr. Snaza.
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

On behalf of Bridge to Success 2015 faculty and staff, we welcome you to the University of Richmond family. This summer we have an exciting and outstanding program planned to assist your “Spider” in making the delicate transition from high school to college.

Since your “Spider” will be in residence for the six weeks of Bridge to Success, it is necessary to obtain some important medical / family background information. Please be sure to return the following information:

1. Bridge to Success Emergency Information Form
2. Bridge to Success Expectations Form
3. Student Health Form (if you have already submitted these forms to your coach, you do not need to complete them a second time)

You must also fill out the Challenge Discovery Ropes Course waiver ONLINE (the link will be on the BTS website). If you are under eighteen years old, you will need approval from your parent or guardian.

Please return all forms by June 18th.

In the event that your child is in need of medical treatment during Bridge to Success 2015, the procedure below will be followed.

1. Students will be referred to Dr. Leslie W. Rose, III, M.D.
   Internal Medicine
   7605 Forest Avenue, Suite 100
   Richmond, Virginia 23227
   Office (804) 288-8338
   Toll Free: (800) 741-7185
   Please advise in writing if other arrangements should be made.

2. Your insurance will be billed as the primary insurer. Under certain circumstances additional costs may be covered by Bridge to Success 2014.

3. All medication is at the student’s expense.

Again, welcome to Bridge to Success 2015 and the University of Richmond.
CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address
If you wish to receive mail during the summer, please use the following address:

Your Name
Bridge to Success 2015
C/O Department of English, 307 Ryland Hall
28 Westhampton Way
University of Richmond, VA 23173

Personnel Contact Information

Dr. Nathan Snaza, Bridge to Success Director
Bridge to Success 2015
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STUDY HALL

Study Hall will be mandatory on weeknights Monday through Thursday 7:30-9:00. Students will have access to a computer lab as well as a quiet classroom to read / study. Students are expected to be working on course work during this time. There will be ample opportunity to seek help with papers, and trained Writing Consultants will be available for individual workshops.

While study hall will provide time for students to do their work, it is not the only time students should be working. You will have more work to do outside of study hall since you will be taking two college courses.

Student athletes will also attend daily study halls during the week.
DATES OF THE PROGRAM AND WHERE TO REPORT THE FIRST DAY

Bridge to Success will begin on Sunday, June 21st. All students are to report to Lakeview Hall where they will live for the six week term (see Campus Map on previous page) between the hours of **1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Students will receive meal cards, keys to their dorm rooms, and books for classes.

There is a parking lot between the hall and the lake at the center of campus which is the most convenient place to park. If you enter campus from Three Chopt Road in Richmond, you can turn onto Richmond Way and then follow it to Lakeview Way (you’ll turn right). The parking lot is right there.

A **Welcome Event** will be in the commons of the Weinstein International Center at 4:30. We will provide an introduction to the Bridge to Success program as well as an opportunity for you to ask questions, and several University of Richmond staff and faculty will address new Spiders, welcoming to the campus and providing a guiding vision for Bridge to Success. Parents, guardians, Spiders, and coaches are all invited!

Students will attend dinner as a group at 5:30.

The program will end on August 1st. All students must be out of their assigned dorms by 11:00 a.m. Students may also leave on July 31st after their last class. Please make travel arrangements accordingly.
COURSES OF STUDY

You will take two courses during the six week summer term. One meets the HSLT liberal arts graduation requirement. Both give you credits toward graduation.

ENGLISH 103—Introduction to Expository Writing
Students will take an English course that will introduce them to critical reading, thinking, and writing across disciplines.

HISTORY 199—Elements of Historical Thinking: Lincoln
This course examines the life of Abraham Lincoln as a means to understand the nature of historical inquiry. It devotes equal time studying the period from his birth in 1809 to his election as President in 1860 and the four years of his presidency. Introduction to aims and methods of historical thinking. Through concentrated exploration of a particular historical issue, students develop their understanding of the nature and limits of historical evidence, various legitimate ways of approaching it, and the art of making persuasive claims about it.
SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Challenge Discovery / Ropes Course
This will take place over the first full weekend of the program. It is a highlighted event that will enable students to explore their talents, interact with one another, challenge themselves, and work on group dynamics. We are very fortunate that students have this opportunity this year.

King’s Dominion
King’s Dominion is one of the largest amusement parks in the state of Virginia. Located about 40 minutes from campus, we will have access to rides, games, food, etc.

Movies
We will go to the movies at least once during the time you are here. Other options for recreational activities that we will consider are bowling, laser tag, or anything else that the group decides on.

Final BTS Dinner
We will have a final dinner celebration the last weekend that we are here.

Check Out
You will be expected to check out after your last class on July 31st. You MUST attend all final classes before you can check out with Dr. Snaza and the RAs.