

RICHMOND ADULT TECHNICAL CENTER

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Celebrating the Class of 2024-2025

The Richmond Adult Technical Center proudly celebrated the Class of 2024-2025 on May 22 at Huguenot High School, marking another year of achievement and perseverance among our adult learners. The ceremony brought together graduates, families, instructors, and community partners for an inspiring evening honoring personal growth, career advancement, and lifelong learning.

This year's graduates represented a wide range of technical programs, including Automotive, Welding, HVAC, Electricity, Plumbing, Barbering, Eyelashes, and Cosmetology. Each field reflected the students' commitment to developing hands-on skills that meet the growing workforce demands across the Richmond region and beyond.

2025 National Night Out



The Richmond Adult Technical Center (RATC) recently participated in the South Richmond Satellite Club, where we connect directly with the community. During the event, RATC staff shared flyers and course catalogs to showcase the wide variety of programs available through our center. This marks the third time RATC has attended the event, and each visit has been a success in meeting potential students, answering questions, and promoting adult education opportunities in Richmond. RATC looks forward to continuing these outreach efforts and bringing career and technical education opportunities to even more members of our community.



Meet Our New RATC Team Members

The Richmond Adult Technical Center is pleased to welcome new team members this year. Mr. Peter Hidalgo, Plumbing 3 Instructor, brings strong trade experience to help students build practical, job-ready skills. Mr. Terrell Smith, Electricity 2 Instructor, will strengthen our electrical program with his expertise in industry standards and safety. Ms. Esperanza Perry, Office Associate 3, joins the administrative team, providing essential support to staff and students. Dr. Amy Snead, Substitute Instructor/Tutor will assist across programs, supporting instruction and student learning. We are excited to have them join our team.

Fall Career Fair

The Richmond Adult Technical Center hosted its Fall 2025 Career Fair on October 29th and 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event provided students with valuable opportunities to explore potential career paths and connect directly with local employers. Representatives from a variety of industries were in attendance, some included ABB, United Rentals, Virginia Career Works, Colonial Webb, Athens Building Corporation, Home Health Services of Virginia, JLL, Bridging the Gap in Virginia, Doswell Operating Group, IEC Chesapeake, 4B Kutz, VCU, and Virginia Credit Union. Students engaged in meaningful conversations about employment, apprenticeships, and training opportunities, gaining insight into the skills and qualifications needed to succeed in today's workforce. The Career Fair once again highlighted RATC's commitment to preparing learners for rewarding careers and building strong partnerships with industry leaders across the region.



Hands-on learning in action!



Mr. Rogerville's carpentry students recently completed a hands-on learning project by building a fully functional 8 foot x 8 foot storage shed from the ground up. This project gave students the opportunity to apply classroom lessons to real-world construction skills such as measuring, framing, and teamwork. The finished shed will be sold, and all proceeds will benefit the RATC program. If you are interested in purchasing this high-quality shed, please contact the RATC office at 804-780-6272. Your purchase directly supports future hands-on learning opportunities for our students.

Plumbing Department Celebrates 10 Years of Student Work Boot Giveaway

Mr. Redford continues to lead a long-standing RATC tradition; the annual Work Boot Giveaway for plumbing students. Each year, students in all three levels of the plumbing program have the opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$350 gift certificate toward the purchase of high-quality work boots. The giveaway takes place at the end of the school year and is proudly funded by the plumbing department teachers. This initiative not only supports students as they prepare for hands-on career success but also reflects RATC's ongoing commitment to equipping learners with the tools they need to thrive in the trades.

