



Wendy McClary '02, Social Science

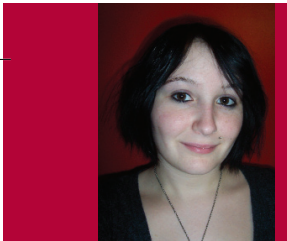
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College opened doors to me that may have otherwise remained closed. At the age of 30, I took the step to begin my college education. JSRCC offered me not only the financial ability to return to school, but also the confidence and the self-assurance to succeed there and beyond. I graduated from VCU in the top of my class in May 2005.



Shakira Sloane, Middle College Graduate

At the age of 24, I applied and was accepted into the Middle College Program. I received my GED and a 4.0 grade point average and was awarded a scholarship to begin college. In January, I began working towards certification as a Registered Nurse. I have completed my CPR and CNA training. Middle College has pushed me forward to want more out of life and to strive for more for me and my children...it was a great stepping stone. I tell my kids that school is the most important thing.

Without Middle College, I honestly don't know what I would be doing right now. I probably would be working a minimum wage job...Middle College inspired me to want more and to do more.



Windy Keeton, Social Science

I graduated high school on the Honor Roll in 2002, and despite my academic success, I decided not to attend college. I was burned out with 12 years of school...After 4 years in the workforce, however, without job security or room for advancement, I decided I had to go back to school. I knew that if I had been forced to go immediately after graduating high school I wouldn't have taken it seriously, but now I was determined...I found that Reynolds offered a wide array of general

electives and that appealed to me. In addition, I enjoy that there are three separate campuses which make it convenient for me to take a wide range of classes, at different times, in different places. Upon graduation I plan to transfer to VCU and major in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Sociology.



Monteque Williams, Business Administration

I chose to attend Reynolds because of its quality reputation and the diversity of its programs. When I started my first year, I had not decided on a course of study. I was fortunate to have the experience of being a work study student assisting in the science labs. This experience and my biology classes gave me the opportunity to meet two biology professors who have encouraged me to stay focused on pursuing my education beyond the Associate degree, which I anticipate achieving

this spring. I intend to transfer to a four-year college to complete a Bachelor's degree in business administration. In regard to long-term goals, I hope to integrate my interest in health sciences with business and eventually earn a Master's degree in health administration.



35th Birthday Celebration

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

Thursday, November 29, 2007
The Gallery of Georgiadis Hall
Parham Road Campus





Program

Welcome

Dr. Gary L. Rhodes
President of the College

Breakfast Begins

Introduction of Speakers

Dr. Gary L. Rhodes

Featured Speakers

Richard S. "Major" Reynolds III

Patrick W. Farrell
President, HCA Richmond Division

Cherise James-Cobb
2007 JSRCC Graduate



Today's birthday celebration cake was prepared especially for you by the students of the Culinary Arts, Tourism, and Hospitality program.



For our 35th birthday of the College, we are featuring several students who make J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College what it is today. Please enjoy the following student profiles and take the time to meet and talk with some of these students present today. They come from various backgrounds with one common interest – fulfilling their dreams through an education at JSRCC.



Carlos Iga, Culinary Arts

Reynolds has provided me the opportunity to pursue a career that I discovered a passion for, long after establishing myself in a vastly different career. I started the program with the dream of one day managing and owning my own restaurant, showcasing the true flavors of traditional Mexican food that I seldom find in the U.S. As a husband, a parent, and a full-time programmer analyst specialist at Dominion Resources, following a dream requiring further education could have posed too many obstacles. However, the Culinary Arts Program at Reynolds is structured in such a way that I can take classes at my own pace and successfully take care of my other obligations. The program has also given me the opportunity to intern in my field of study. The internship broadened my horizons and gave me exposure to the real restaurant world. Pursuing my dream and continuing my education has been challenging, but if not for Reynolds it would not have been possible.



Cherise James-Cobb '07, Early Childhood Education

Reynolds was an educational light for me. It guided me from a land of poverty to a land of prosperity of mind, finances, and power. Those benefactors in the Scholarship Program held their hands out to me and pulled me up and out of a place of need. I am a mother of five children, and I am glad to say that I have become better, stronger, and for that I am very thankful for the opportunities that Reynolds has given me...it was a shining beacon for me and my family. I am forever grateful. Now I will stretch out my hands to help others as Reynolds did for me.



Laura Waddell Custer, Nursing

I graduated from VCU in May of 1988 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. I married shortly after college, had three children and was a stay at home mom. Once my youngest child started kindergarten, I decided to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse. I began taking the prerequisites required for the Nursing Program at Reynolds and found a wide variety of classes offered at many different times, which allowed me the flexibility to attend school around my children's schedules. I will graduate from the JSRCC School of Nursing in March of 2008...Reynolds has enabled me to fulfill my dream of becoming a nurse...while also balancing the role of wife and mother.



Justin Bellamy, Business Administration

When J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College provided me with a scholarship, it gave me an opportunity to further my education and to pursue the degree of my choice. It has helped me financially and mentally to set my goals.

