Ah, it’s that time of year once again. Time to set my New Year’s Resolutions… and this year, I promise, I’ll stick to them! In 2019, I want to become the best Spider I can be. How you ask? See this year’s resolutions below. I hope you’ll join me in adding some of these to your list!

1. Spin a stronger web by attending more alumni events - no better place to connect with my fellow Spiders and make new friends!
2. Take more Spider Selfies (and make sure to tag @URichmondalumni)!
3. Master downward facing spider by making yoga at the Weinstein Center for Rec and Wellness a part of my regular routine.
4. Volunteer by hosting a spiderling for a Spider Shadowing experience, becoming a regional volunteer for my corner of the web, recruiting future Spiders to the web as an Alumni Recruitment Committee member, or spreading the good word about UR as an ambassador.
5. Take an SPCS class in web design.
6. Get active by cheering on the Spiders, especially against our rivals across town on February 13 and March 2.
7. Spread #SpiderPride far and wide by celebrating my 125th anniversary of being yoUR favorite mascot at Spider Day Celebrations on March 14...and every day.
8. No more climbing waterspouts.

Signed,
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Rivalry Reflections

For over 40 years, the Richmond – VCU basketball rivalry has been unforgettable.

We asked three Spider alumni to share their Capital City Classic reflections as we prepare for the UR vs. VCU game watches that will be hosted across the nation for this season's battle for the Capital on Wednesday, February 13 and Saturday, March 2.

Greg Beckwith, R'87, T.J. Cline, '17, and Allie Ware, '14, explained how electric this battle for the Capital can be.

T.J. Cline shared, "Spider Pride is a tradition you want to be a part of for the rest of your life. It combines the community and alumni along with the students and athletes. One Richmond says it all."

Read their reflections »

Taking a Look Back

A new year has us feeling all the reflective feels, so join us as we look back on some highlights.

Since July 2018, which is the beginning of UR’s fiscal year, there have been over 60 events for Spiders around the world.

At those events, we have seen over 3,000 people. In California, we saw 56 folks at various alumni events.

Of the thousands of people we’ve seen, 280 were new graduates, and we want to thank you for giving them a warm Spider welcome to the alumni community!

As we greet a new year, we appreciate looking back but are even more excited to look forward…hope to see you, either again or for the first time this year!

Check out our calendar of events »

Big happenings in 2018? Did you get a new job, climb a mountain, add a baby Spider to your family, get married, read a great book? We want to know!

Connect with us.
Save the Date:

Los Angeles: Student-Alumni Networking Reception
Join University of Richmond professor Dr. Monti Datta and sophomores enrolled in his Human Rights and Modern-Day Slavery class for a reception and conversation at Rudolph's Bar & Tea. **Learn more and register**

UR vs. VCU Game Watches
Join us in cheering on the Spiders against our across town rivals on March 2. There will be game watches in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Stay tuned for more details! **Registration to open soon**

Spider Day Celebrations
Highlight your arachnophilia by wearing your Richmond colors and Spider gear while celebrating 125 years of being Spiders on National Spider Day. We will be hosting a special event for alumni and friends to connect with generations of Spiders. **Registration to open in February**

Help Wanted!
We are currently looking for a Spider alum to help lead our efforts in San Diego! Please contact Megan Dooley in the Alumni Relations office at megan.dooley@richmond.edu if you are interested in serving as a regional volunteer. We would love to have your help in strengthening our Spiders in San Diego group!

Interested? Contact us [here](#).

Make sure to visit our [regional pages](#) to stay updated on additional future events!
Want to be featured in a newsletter or on our social media channels? Share your story and a photo with us for a chance to be featured on one of our platforms by emailing alumni@richmond.edu. We can't wait to hear about you and your successes!

Did you graduate in a year ending in 4 or 9? We will be celebrating your milestone Reunion this summer, so save the date of May 31 - June 2, 2019 for a weekend full of fun!