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That's a Wrap on Our First Small Business Week Pop-Up Shops!

During Small Business Week (May 5-9), the airport hosted daily pop-up shops from 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. in RIC's upper-level connector, displaying everything these businesses have to offer. Vendors sold coffee, snacks, apparel, and much more!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this event and showed their support. A special thanks to Danie B. Events, our Balloon Artist and Lavish Entertainment Selfie Booth Sponsor.

The Capital Region Airport Commission proudly celebrates the contributions of Virginia SWaM businesses. If you have questions regarding this event or doing business with RIC, please contact supplierdiversity@flyrichmond.com.

The Commission Achieves Excellence in Airport Training

by Dereck Tingfah, Airport Operations Manager, Capital Region Airport Commission

RIC has received the Digicast 2024 Excellence Award for Airport Training! Digicast is a training platform from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) to which the Capital Region Airport Commission has subscribed for many years. The system offers high-quality training programs, industry conference highlights, and related news.

RIC was recognized as one of 24 airports in the small hub category that earned this distinction. In total, Commission personnel took nearly 600 courses in the system. Digicast is used primarily as a training vehicle for ARFF and Ops, however, several Commission staffers from other departments completed courses this year.

Some special recognition to RIC's top training all-stars: Jessica Torres, David Anholzer, Greg Rice, and Larry Hamilton! Thanks to all those who've taken advantage of this resource, and let's keep it going! [Commission employees can request an account here.](#)



ARRIVALS

Patricia Milfort
General Manager (RIC)
American Airlines

March 2025



395,919



19.8 million lbs.



8,650

-4.2%

+4.8%

+4.7%

Nonstop to the Big Apple!

On Wednesday, May 7, Spirit Airlines launched its brand-new route from Richmond to New York City (LGA)! This addition marks Spirit's third destination from Richmond, joining existing flights to Fort Lauderdale (FLL) and Orlando (MCO). Refreshments were provided to all passengers of the inaugural flight and ARFF was on hand to provide a celebratory water arch over the plane.

Whether you're planning a Broadway weekend, a business trip, or just a slice of authentic New York pizza, Spirit Airlines gets you to NYC for less. [Book your flight to LGA today!](#)



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If you haven't already, complete the quick poll [at this link](#) or the QR code to the right to let us know what content you'd like to see more often in this newsletter!



Easy Commutes with GRTC!

Do you want to lower the cost of your commute and make it more eco-friendly? The [Greater Richmond Transit Company \(GRTC\)](#) is here to help! In addition to [their regular bus service to RIC](#), GRTC offers a rideshare program entitled RideFinders, which works to decrease the number of single-occupant vehicles in the Central Virginia region by supporting carpooling, vanpooling, and more.

[Visit the RideFinders website to learn more!](#)

Itinerary: Important Dates

May 15	Full-Scale Emergency Response Exercise
	Badging Office Closed
May 16-18	Dominion Energy Riverrock
Fridays in May & June	Friday Cheers Downtown Concert Series
May 26	Memorial Day
	Badging Office Closed
June 6	Inaugural show at Allianz Amphitheater at Riverfront
June 7	Inaugural flight to Bermuda with Bermudair
June 12	Inaugural flight to Detroit with Spirit
June 15	Father's Day
June 19	Juneteenth
June 21	First Day of Summer
June 30	Fiscal Year 2025 Ends



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