

Walton, Amos earn degrees at RU

Radford University (RU) presented undergraduate and graduate degrees during the spring 2022 commencement exercises. On Friday, May 6, 250 graduate degrees were awarded during a hooding ceremony at the Dedmon Center on campus in Radford. On Saturday, May 7, 915 undergraduate degrees were presented on Moffett Lawn at the Radford campus.

In all, RU conferred degrees on 1,165 undergraduate and graduate students from main campus and Radford University Carilion (RUC) including:

- Charity Hope Walton of Drakes Branch graduated with a bachelor of science in public health
- Madison Elizabeth Amos of Charlotte Court House graduated with a bachelor of science in psychology

Stacey Price '99, M.S. '01 delivered the keynote address at the graduate hooding ceremony Friday night.

"Congratulations to all of you. You made it!" said Price, a Washington, D.C.-based social entrepreneur

who leads a retail incubator that supports nearly a thousand entrepreneurs. "You not only made it through all of the classes and the papers and the exams, but I want you to take a moment to acknowledge that you did it with the weight that you have felt over these last two years."

RU is a comprehensive public university of 8,998 students that has received national recognition for

many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as its sustainability initiatives. Well known for its strong faculty/student bonds, innovative use of technology in the learning environment and vibrant student life on a beautiful 211-acre American classical campus, RU offers students many opportunities to get involved and succeed in and out of the classroom.

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this day in 2021. This tax comes right before the Fourth of July holiday when AAA predicts 47.9 million people will travel with higher levels of travel by automobile than air than in past years.

According to the Virginia Legislative Information System, Former Gov. Ralph Northam signed HB 1414 in 2020 that a tax rate of 26.2 cents per gallon of gasoline would be phased in over the next two years and then adjusted in the following years for inflation.

According to Dean, on July 1, 2021, the gas tax increased by 5

cents. The small increase was seen slowly over a long period as the price only rose a penny over 11 days making the new tax almost unnoticeable.

"Many things go into the makeup of the price of a gallon of gas at the pumps," said Dean.

"The price of crude oil is the largest part...state taxes, make up a much smaller piece of the pie."

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, in May 2022, with the gas price of \$4.44 per gallon, 59% of the cost covers crude oil, 26% covers refining, 5% covers distribution and marketing while only 11% is due to taxes.

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water rescue training course on the Nantahala River in North Carolina on Saturday, June 25.

It is uncertain what caused Monahan to become unresponsive while in the water.

On Thursday, June 29, a procession honoring the fallen firefighter took place as her body was escorted from Bryson City, North Carolina, to Chesterfield.

"It's a sign of respect," Bacon District Volunteer Fire Department Chief Will Stenbridge said of the procession. "We know the dangers of this job, and it could happen to any of us, and we are a great big family, and when one department morns, we all mourn."

Monahan was a part of the Clover Hill Fire Station and provided more than 11 years of service to Chesterfield County Fire and EMS.

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