Fashion

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Ahh, the beginning of school. It's a pretty hectic time but you have GOT to love the weather in Richmond. According to the Richmond Class of 2017 Google Map, once again, the North reigns supreme. That being said, many people take the opportunity to extend their summer just a bit more when they head south. With weather generally in the mid-70s, autumn in Richmond is a beautiful time. What's the best way to take advantage of this while prepping for the first week of school? Just reaching into your closet and deciding what you are going to wear of course! Don't be surprised if the people look like they came straight out of a J. Crew or Vineyard Vines Article. Starting from the ground up, gentlemen will generally sport their boat shoes, grabbing influence from their times spent at the Vineyard. Word of Advice: BREAK THEM IN BEFORE. This is an extremely hilly campus, and walking around with tight leather shoes can be excruciatingly painful. Women will be sporting one of their favorite pairs of Jack Rogers to head up the rest of their ensemble. Many choose to sport a sundress, but for those looking for a bit more complexity, here's what you can expect.

For the bottoms, shorts are a must. Rain or shine, the weather is warm in Richmond, so both men and women are going to want to grab their club shorts to wear leisurely. Next up are the tops. Men, you will see a lot of pastels in a summer tee, a light button up, or a polo shirt. Now, I know it is TECHNICALLY fall, but we at Richmond like to extend our summer as long as we can with light colors in our ensembles.

Now, although there is a Richmond “mold,” don’t feel limited! Women tend to spice up their outfits with some nice jewelry, and a colorful sweater. Men, feel free to accessorize with your favorite pair of sunglasses and croakies. Both men and women can tie up their classy outfit with their favorite belt.

This bit of advice will help your transition into college by taking the stress off of one of the many things plaguing the mind of a first year. I hope this article and the rest of our Orientation issues answer several of the questions running through your mind. Oh, and most importantly, WELCOME TO RICHMOND!

- CHRISTOPHER ACQUAFREDDA