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### **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Preakness Party Benefits Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation**

*Shandy Hall* on the Rappahannock River in Warsaw, VA, was the venue for this year's Preakness Party held in May. Over 300 guests enjoyed appetizers and wine from local restaurants and wineries, bid on auction items, and watched a live stream of the Preakness stakes. Best hat and most dapper man contests during the festivities brought out the competitive spirit in many of the guests.

Gourmet fare was provided by these top restaurants and caterers: 1710 Tavern (Tappahannock), Indian Creek Yacht & Country Club (Kilmarnock), Prince Street Cafe (Tappahannock), RCC Culinary Arts Program (Glenns), and Relish Restaurant & Wine Bar. Wines were served by General's Ridge Vineyard (Hague), Good Luck Cellars (Kilmarnock), Ingleside Vineyards (Oak Grove), and Winebow (Glen Allen).

This year's Preakness Party netted over \$88,000 in support of the RCC Educational Foundation and its scholarship program. Proceeds help support the RCC student scholarship program that is providing over \$700,000 in scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year, as well as student emergency financial assistance and textbook purchases.

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Danny Ludeman, Old Orchard Builders, Pocket Change Investments, and Welch Funeral Home.

“The Preakness Party is the signature fundraising event for RCC’s Educational Foundation,” said Sarah Pope, Executive Director. “We truly value the community support, steering committee, staff, and volunteers who braved the rain to help put on this worthwhile and fun event!” Save the date for May 17, 2025—location to be announced.

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Since 1970, Rappahannock Community College has been breaking down barriers to education in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. Five degrees, 6 certificates, and 26 career and workforce studies programs are offered through RCC, in addition to nearly 40 guaranteed admissions agreements with colleges and universities across the state and region. For more information, visit [rappahannock.edu](http://rappahannock.edu).