

Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Programs



At Ferrum College, we believe in providing unique opportunities and an excellent educational experience that will transform our students' lives within a welcoming, supportive community. We want our students, from all walks of life, to be empowered to discover their potential, achieve their goals, and make a difference in their communities. The Ferrum experience is rich with opportunities for internships, hands-on learning, international and domestic travel, scholars programs, personal development, and service to the community.

Opportunity. Discovery. Community. Success.

Grant Waldrop '14

Graduate Student at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech

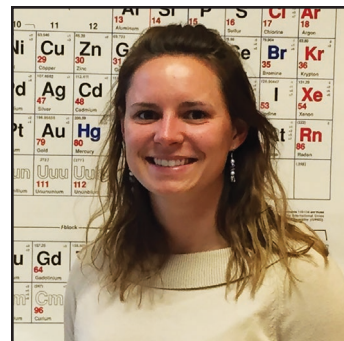
"I would not have been able to make it this far without the hands-on training, knowledge, and faculty investment that I received at Ferrum College. The students that I work with here in graduate school recognize and comment on how well-prepared I am. I notice others struggle with their lack of development, and it is nice to know that I am ready for what is expected of me at this level."



Hannah Shumaker '13

High School Biology Teacher with North Carolina Public Schools

"After my first visit to Ferrum College, I knew this was a place I would soon call home. The things that originally drew me to Ferrum were the beautiful mountain scenery, the excellent athletic program, and the welcoming faculty and students. I had a wonderful experience in the athletic program, and I can say without hesitation that Ferrum's education department prepared me for the job that I do today. Since graduating from Ferrum, I have gone back to visit several times and every time I return, I still feel like I am going back home."



Vanessa Torres '12

Marketing Representative, C-SPAN

"For four years, I had Ferrum College as my second home – a small, cozy, and loving environment where I began my journey as an adult. Throughout my four years, I stayed involved in school. I played Women's Lacrosse alongside great teammates and an awesome coach, and I joined the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority. I served as a Panther Blogger as well as a writer and news editor for The Iron Blade. I embraced my Spanish major by studying abroad in Alicante, Spain. My experience at Ferrum was certainly one of a kind!"



The Ferrum College Motto - "Not Self, But Others"

Matt Woods '11

Assistant Principal for Roanoke City Schools

"I am extremely grateful for the impact Ferrum College has made in my life. Ferrum laid down the foundation for me as an educator and helped me establish my purpose. In addition to my academics, Ferrum's professors and staff truly cared about my well-being in and out of the classroom. The interactions I had at Ferrum have led me through doorways I never imagined before: from making new friendships, to conducting research that got published, to advancing professionally in my career from teacher to administrator, to now being a member of the Alumni Board of Directors. Ferrum's investment in their students goes above and beyond the classroom."



Alyssa Walden '08

Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development for the Virginia Cooperative Extension - Stafford County

"The school motto 'Not Self, But Others' is instilled in me at my very core and has easily become my private motto as well. I could not have asked for a more rewarding experience than what I had at Ferrum College, and truly believe my time on campus molded me into who I am today."



Wilson Paine '07

Program Analyst in the Office of the Federal Co-Chair at the Appalachian Regional Commission

"To say that Ferrum College was life-changing would be an understatement. At its core, Ferrum represents the very best of what higher education is meant to be. A private, liberal arts college tucked away in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Ferrum serves as an incubator for new ideas and offers its students opportunities to be at the doorstep of an ever-changing, global world – all accomplished under the principled tenet of teaching and learning."



Rachael Youmans '07

Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Nevada

"I found that Ferrum College had all the qualities I was looking for in a college. Its natural setting amidst the mountains was a perfect "laboratory" for my studies. Whether I am doing field work, writing reports, meeting with employees of Federal Agencies, or interacting with Tribal members, the best part of my job is that I use what I learned both on- and off-campus at Ferrum to make a difference in the world."



Matthew Hull, Ph.D. '00

President/Founder, NanoSafe, Inc. Program Manager, Nano-Bio Interface and Nanoscale Science and Engineering, Virginia Tech Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science (ICTAS)

"While the path that brought me to where I am today has been anything but typical, it's a path that I was uniquely prepared to take thanks in large part to my time at Ferrum College. My story is a great illustration of how a "blue-collar liberal arts perspective" can serve as a critical element of interdisciplinary teams tackling society's high-tech challenges of the future."

