# Virginia Banking Fellows Program 2022–2023 Cohort

The Fellowship is a collaborative partnership between the Virginia Bankers Association Education Foundation and the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education. Its mission is to provide opportunities for deserving students to attend a Virginia community college to pursue their academic goals, strengthen their leadership skills, and learn more about the banking industry.



#### Rachel Absolu

College: Northern Virginia
Major: Business Administration
Aspiration: To complete my bachelor's
degree in business administration
with a concentration in accounting.



### **Fallon Fox**

College: Mountain Empire Major: Health Science/IT Aspiration: To pursue a degree in administrative technology. My goal is to become more employable with marketable skills and to gain a position with secure benefits and opportunities to advance.



**Madison Brantley** 

College: Laurel Ridge
Major: Human Services
Aspiration: To complete my associate
degree and pursue a bachelor's
degree in sociology and psychology
so I can advocate for children and



Sheila Guox

College: Laurel Ridge Major: Science

**Aspiration:** I plan on transferring to finish my bachelor's degree and then I will attend an accredited medical school. I am very interested in the OB/GYN and pathology field.



**Brooke Cook** 

adults in need.

**College:** Blue Ridge **Major:** Nursing

Aspiration: To graduate with my associate degree in nursing and immediately start working toward my bachelor of science in nursing. I want to work in labor and delivery and help bring new life into the world.



## **Caleb Murphy**

College: Patrick & Henry
Major: Entrepreneur/Small Business
Aspiration: I started my own LLC
and am studying to take my Class C
Residential and Commercial Virginia
license test. I want to operate a
construction business that specialize

license test. I want to operate a construction business that specializes in new construction and remodeling jobs and provide quality employment

for others.



#### **Catherine Culbertson**

**College:** Northern Virginia **Major:** Social Science

Aspiration: To obtain my bachelor's degree at George Mason with a concentration in social justice and human rights, working with those unfairly incarcerated or working to ensure that all citizens have access to proper health and housing services.



## Thinh "Kevin" Nguyen

College: Reynolds

Major: Business Administration Aspiration: I aspire to transfer to the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. After I graduate from there, I plan to serve in the U.S. military.



**Cullen Shortt** 

College: Tidewater

Major: Computer Science

**Aspiration:** To further my education in computer science by attending a four-year university. I aspire to become a software engineer.



## **Erica Wekony**

**College:** Virginia Western **Major:** Business Administration/

Management

**Aspiration:** I am interested in business management so I can learn how to improve productivity and efficiency in the workplace.



#### **Karnard Thomas**

College: Germanna

**Major:** Business Administration **Aspiration:** I'm planning to attend a four-year college, major in business administration, and continue with a master's degree in family and marriage therapy. I would like to open my own practice to assist families and couples.



#### Jonathan Wrenn

College: Germanna

**Major:** Business Administration **Aspiration:** My goal is to obtain a bachelor's degree from the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. I would like to become

a financial analyst.



## Latesha Washington

**College:** Rappahannock **Major:** Nursing

Aspiration: I plan to transfer to Liberty University to further my education in psychology and social work. I hope to either continue working for the Community Services Board or work as a social worker in a hospital.



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