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19th Annual Preakness Party Benefits Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation

Providence on the Piankatank River in Deltaville, VA, was the venue for this year's Preakness Party held in May. Over 350 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: Indian Creek Yacht & Country Club (Kilmarnock), Java Jacks Cafe (Tappahannock), Little Jimmy's (Urbanna), Ma Margaret's House Bed & Breakfast (Reedville), and RCC Culinary Arts Program (Glenns). Wines were served by General's Ridge Vineyard (Hague), Good Luck Cellars (Kilmarnock), Ingleside Vineyards (Oak Grove), and Winebow (Glen Allen).

Last month's Preakness Party netted over \$100,000 in support of the RCC Educational Foundation and its scholarship program, marking the most successful year in the 19-year history of the event. Proceeds help support the RCC student scholarship program that is providing over \$540,000 in scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year, as well as student emergency financial assistance and textbook purchases.

"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 help put on this worthwhile and fun event each year!"

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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.