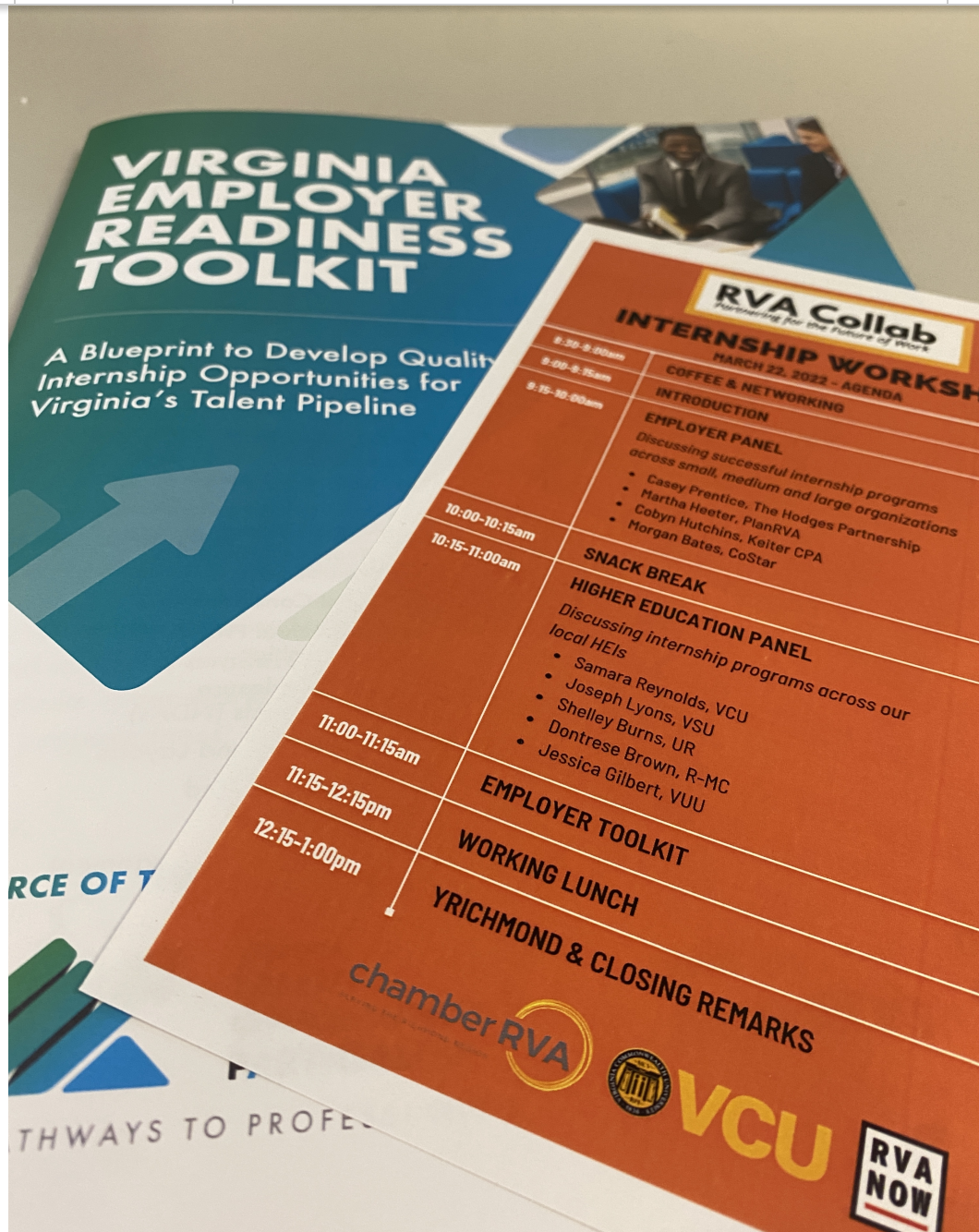


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RVA COLLAB COFFEE HOUR: APRIL 27TH, 2022 AT 10AM

Wednesday April 27 at 10am, the RVA Collab will be hosting the first RVA Collab Coffee Hour Zoom meeting for all stakeholders and partners of the RVA-VTOP Initiative. We will provide topics of discussion for this call to increase conversation and active collaboration surrounding the issue of Richmond talent retention and increasing quality, paid, and equitable internship opportunities within the region.

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If there are particular topics of conversation you would like to see covered in future meetings, please let us know by filling out [our brief online form](#).

MARCH 22 INTERNSHIP WORKSHOP RECAP

We enjoyed bringing regional employers and higher education leaders together for our first Internship Workshop of our VTOP partnership, now named RVA Collab. We had an excellent turnout at the event, with 73 of the registered 76 attendees present at the workshop. The workshop included an employer panel of small, medium and large sized organizations with internship programs in the Richmond region along with a higher education panel made up of regional higher education leaders from local colleges. Attendees had time to collaborate and discuss best practices with one another over a working lunch, and everyone was given a copy of the VTOP Employer Toolkit to take home and use as a reference point for improving internship programs.



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