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THE WARREN FIRM'S “HARD WORK PAYS OFF” SCHOLARSHIP Now Open for 2025 Applications

The Warren Firm is once again offering the Hard Work Pays Off – Heart of Virginia Scholarship. The scholarship, worth \$2500, is open to graduating high school seniors from the following Virginia counties:

- Appomattox
- Charlotte
- Lunenburg
- Nottoway
- Amelia
- Cumberland
- Buckingham
- Prince Edward

Applicants can be planning to attend a trade school, an accredited community college, or an undergraduate program following graduation. One winner will be selected.

Information about the application process is on the Warren Firm website here: warren-law.com/hard-work-pays-off-scholarship-heart-of-virginia.



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“Mr. Warren was extremely helpful in helping me understand how to navigate my health uncertainty due to a driver hitting me while I was walking. He clearly communicated his goal was to help me achieve the best outcome possible, and so far, that means I have not yet engaged his services (8 months after the call). I would highly recommend talking to Mr. Warren or his colleagues after any car crash or personal injury, to explore if it is appropriate to get the team’s help. – Taylor A.

Help others who have been injured find the Warren Firm — review us on Google!

CHEESY BAKED PASTA WITH SAUSAGE AND RICOTTA

This baked pasta recipe is adapted from the *New York Times'* one-pan collection. Since the pasta cooks in the sauce, there's only one skillet to wash, and the only prep required is chopping garlic and mozzarella and opening two cans. It's great for those of us who need to get dinner on the table quickly!

Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- ¾ pound sausage
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- ½ tsp crushed fennel seed
- Red pepper flakes (optional)
- One 28-ounce can whole peeled tomatoes in juice
- One 14-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tsp salt
- 12 ounces dry short pasta (penne or rotini work well)
- 1 cup water
- 8 ounces mozzarella cheese, cut to bite-sized
- 6 ounces ricotta cheese
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup sliced basil

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Heat olive oil on medium-high in an overproof skillet. Add sausage, breaking up any large pieces, and brown for 5-7 minutes.
3. Add garlic, oregano, fennel seed, and red pepper. Cook for 1-2 minutes.
4. Add whole tomatoes and juices, breaking up the tomatoes, then add the crushed tomatoes, bay leaves, and salt. Bring to a simmer and cook 10 minutes, until somewhat thickened.
5. Add pasta and water, stir well, and bring back up to a simmer. Cook 2 minutes, stirring frequently.
6. Remove bay leaves and stir in 1/3 of the mozzarella cheese.
7. Place the remaining mozzarella and spoonfuls of the ricotta cheese on top of the pasta, then top with the Parmesan cheese.
8. Place in oven and bake 18-22 minutes, until pasta is cooked through.
9. Remove from oven and allow to sit for 5-10 minutes. Top with basil and serve.

Note: While the original recipe calls for bulk sausage, it also works with solid cased or link sausage. For cased sausage, you can either remove the casing and break up the filling, or slice it into ¼" pieces before putting it in the pan. Vegetarian/meatless sausages also work.



FREE STUFF THAT WORKS

Thanks to the Social Security Act of 1935, there is an Unemployment Insurance (UI) system in the United States. UI means that workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own can get help through their state. In Virginia, unemployment compensation is handled by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), which is part of the state government.

Unemployment benefits can make a huge difference in people's daily life, but deciding to apply for benefits and getting through the application process can be confusing. The Virginia Legal Aid Society has a free pamphlet for workers, to explain the eligibility requirements and procedures and answering questions like:

- When can I file for unemployment compensation?
- How much money can I expect to get in weekly unemployment benefits?
- What if I have also been working outside Virginia?
- Can I get unemployment benefits if I quit my last job? If I was fired?
- Are the requirements different if I'm a union member?

Hit-and-Run Injury Case Result

Type of Case: Vehicle Injury

Place of incident: Albemarle County, VA

Verdict or settlement: Settlement

Amount: \$97,500

In the spring of 2020, our client was taking his nightly 12-mile bike ride loop on Rio Road in Charlottesville, riding in the bike lane in his reflective vest with multiple lights on his bike. He was struck by a car that crossed into the bike lane. The car hit him without hitting his bike—the bike was undamaged.

The car did not stop after it hit him, and our client was not able to see the car's license plate number. Fortunately, another driver stopped to help him, and the police were called and took a report on the accident.

While our client initially thought he was not injured, he was taken to the University of Virginia Medical Center. There, doctors discovered that he had a break in one thighbone, known as a displaced femoral neck fracture.



- What if there's a mistake in the way the VEC has calculated my compensation?
- If I get a pension/retirement or Social Security, does that affect my unemployment benefits?
- What can I do if my workplace won't give me the forms I need to make my unemployment claim to the VEC?



Once he was released, he continued outpatient treatment. Our client incurred many thousands of dollars in medical expenses because of his injuries.

As the driver and automobile could not be identified by our client, other bystanders, or police, the only option for our client was to make a recovery was to file a claim with his own auto insurance company. Unfortunately, due to increasing numbers of hit-and-run accidents that happen, these kinds of claims (known as "John Doe motorist" claims) are fairly common.

Because there was a police report on the accident, our client had crucial support for his case. Through mediation, our firm was able to reach a settlement with his insurance company for \$97,500 on our client's behalf.

We focus our practice on cases involving:
Personal Injury
Wrongful Death
Children's Injuries
Bicycle Accidents
Auto Accidents



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