

# Looking for CASH students IN find jobs Colonial Williamsburg

→ For college students, a cash flow could be hard to come by. Between classes, extracurricular commitments, and limited transportation, finding a job that fit one's lifestyle had the potential to be harder than finding classes on Banner. Luckily, William & Mary was located in the Historic Triangle, an area that over four million tourists visited every year. This much business meant there was always a job opening nearby.

These jobs could usually be found right across the street, in the shops and restaurants of Merchant's Square. Here options ranged from specialty stores such as King's Treasure that sold Williamsburg collectibles to toy stores like The Toymaker of Williamsburg. The casual eateries of Retro's Good Eats and Aromas and the finer restaurants of The Trellis Restaurant and Blue Talon Bistro always needed students to wait on their customers. No matter which environment on preferred, students could find a job to suit their tastes.

Moreover, these jobs provided students with a way to get off campus while still staying close to home. Xue Franco, a sopho-

more, had no car, but her job at Aromas was a short walk away from her Jefferson dorm. "I wanted to do something with my time that would bring in money," Franco said. Being so close to Colonial Williamsburg, she decided to take advantage of the opportunities that area offered.

A major drawback to off-campus jobs, however, was that they did not offer work-study environments. Unlike jobs on-campus where a student could study as he worked, in off-campus jobs class work was prohibited.

For sophomore Tom Tibbett this was the most challenging part of working at Barnes and Noble. However, Tibbett held that the business understood his limitations as a student. "[This challenge] is offset by how flexible work is. Your manager will work with you. They understand that I am a college student, and they accommodate me," Tibbett said.

With so many options available close to campus, there were few excuses left for calling Mom and Dad to plead for money.

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Kim Bassett and Jessica Pollett ring up a pair of sweat pants for a customer at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Colonial Williamsburg. Students working here not only enjoyed the benefits of a steady income during the school year, but when they left for the summer, they could arrange to have their job transferred to a Barnes & Noble near their hometown.



During a slow shift at Aromas, Xue Franco, Clara Kim, and Genna Alie pose for a photo. Off-campus jobs provided opportunities to form new friendships that could easily transfer from work back to the dorm rooms and cafeterias at the College.

Laila Selim measures out hard candies and other sweets for tourists at the popular Wythe Candy and Gourmet Shop. Employees at Wythe ensured that tourists went home with whichever classic candy, homemade fudge, candied apple, or holiday sweet they wanted.