



## Richard Bland College

*of WILLIAM & MARY*

### REPORT OF THE RBC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE November 2022

#### Noah Wilson

W&M Board of Visitors, RBC Student Representative

#### Student Assembly

The election results are in! It was a close race with single digit differences in votes for several officer positions. Over 250 students participated in voting, and the candidate campaigns were phenomenal. A few RBC students came together and formed the “Sherman Party” named after our campus cat. These students worked together to increase their outreach on campus and boost votes. The outcome of the election shows that students are ready and eager to participate in more campus events. The 2022-23 Student Assembly Officers are as follows:

President – Noah Wilson  
Vice President – Sean Patrick Pendleton  
Treasurer – Maria Perez  
Secretary – Cris Perez  
Historian – Margaret Whitton  
Public Relations Officer – Reese Whitton

First Year Rep – Anna Lane  
Second Year Rep – Sam Lilly  
Commuter Rep – Michael Angelo Davalos  
Residential Rep – Michael de Almeida  
International Rep – Mason Kim

The RBC Student Assembly hit the ground running, creating events for students, building a relationship with the Petersburg transportation department, adding two new clubs, and funding a historical trip to the University of Richmond. Upcoming Student Assembly initiatives include a Halloween party on campus and the approval of additional clubs. The RBC Student Assembly is full of bright, caring students who represent a diverse student body. I am excited to see what they do next!

#### DroneUp

DroneUp is working with the Student Assembly to create a drone demonstration that will include a PowerPoint and a live drone test. Students are excited to learn more about this autonomous drone program, and DroneUp is excited to show them.

### **Pecan Festival**

The Pecan Festival went off without a hitch. There were upwards of 15,000 people who came out, including small businesses, students, professors, family, and friends. Activities included a petting zoo, and a childcare area for kids to play freely while parents relaxed and enjoyed live music by Zach Artis, Jimi King Trio, and Bustin' Loose. DroneUp provided a demonstration and flew in pecans to President Sydow with a drone. The first annual Family and Friends Dinner took place in the Barn following the Pecan Festival. The event was well attended by students and parents who enjoyed a meal while hearing from President Sydow and RBC faculty and staff. Overall, the day was a success and everyone had a good time.

### **Athletics**

On Friday, October 14, President Sydow and RBC Athletics hosted a VIP reception at the men's and women's soccer doubleheader. Special guests included Mr. Stephen Huebner of the W&M Board of Visitors and his dog, Amy. The event was well attended by faculty, staff, and students.

The women's volleyball team moves to 30-3 overall and is the Region 10 Champion after defeating the Cape Fear Sea Devils in sweeping fashion with set scores of 25-20, 25-19, and 25-10. Men's soccer moves to 13-4 overall and is the Region 10 Champion after defeating Spartanburg Methodist College Lancers with a final score of 2-1. Women's soccer finishes the season at 5-10 overall and third place in Region 10 Division 1 play.