



Richard Bland College

of WILLIAM & MARY

REPORT OF THE RBC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE September 2024

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Introduction

Hello, my name is Sergio Perez. I'm a sophomore at Richard Bland College where I am pursuing an associate degree in computer science. After completing my education at Richard Bland College, I plan to obtain a bachelor's degree in computer science and start working in the software development field or go into AI research studies. What convinced me to apply to Richard Bland was the recommendation of my older sister, and after visiting campus, I loved the campus with its mix of modern and historic buildings. This year I'm serving as Secretary of the Student Assembly and will be supporting Student Assembly organization, communication, and scheduling for the 2024-25 academic year.

During my free time, I enjoy pursuing my athletic hobbies such as heavyweight lifting, long distance running, and playing soccer. Besides those hobbies, I also enjoy coding, building computers, and collecting trading card games.

Welcome Week

"Blast Off Week" was a series of events that welcomed new and returning students back to campus. On the first day we had a "Bingo and Beats" event where students listened to hip-hop and had the chance to win prizes by winning bingo games. On the second day, a Food Truck Fest allowed students to enjoy free food and treats from trucks that were stationed in the student parking lot. Students tried authentic Jamaican cuisine and traditional soul food. Other treats available at the event were snow cones and cupcakes. The RBC Family Reunion took place the next day. Student organizations and community partners, including Panera Bread, Chick-Fil-A, and Bank of America, came out to inform students about who they are and the services they provide. A tie-dye t-shirt station was set up for students to

design their own shirts to take home and wear. For the last day of "Blast off Week," students had the chance to participate in a water balloon fight while also enjoying free snacks and music. Statesman Splash, a giant slip 'n slide for students, was another fun event for students to enjoy on the last day of the first week of fall semester 2024.

Athletics

Student-athletes are back on campus training and participating in National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) competitions. Fall semester sports are basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, cross country, and track and field. Current standings are as follows:

Women's volleyball: Overall 5-0-0

Men's soccer: Overall 0-0-1

Women's soccer: Overall 0-0-1

A new addition to Statesman athletics is an Esports team, which will compete in the National Junior College Athletics Association Esports (NJCAA) and the Collegiate Fighting Game Conference (CFG). The RBC Esports team has over 50 members in its inaugural year. These student-athletes are eager to begin training and competing.



Richard Bland College Esports Arena in the new Academic Innovation Center

Student Assembly

Campaign week for six open Student Assembly positions started the week of September 2, and election day is on September 9. Results of the election will be announced on September 17.

Current members of RBC Student Assembly had a chance to introduce themselves to Virginia Senator Tim Kaine on August 27 when he visited the RBC campus. Senator Kaine participated in a Q&A and talked about his personal and professional experiences.



Virginia Senator Tim Kaine Visits RBC to Discuss Back on Track Program