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RBC Students in the AIC (Academic Innovation Center)

RBC students have been making the most of the new Academic Innovation Center (AIC), a dynamic space designed to support both academic and recreational needs. The AIC features a variety of study rooms that offer students a quiet and focused environment for group work or solo study sessions. For relaxation and socializing, the gaming lounge has become a popular spot, providing a fun break from academic demands. Additionally, students are exploring innovative ways to unwind with VR meditation sessions, which offer a unique and immersive way to practice mindfulness. The AIC also houses an impressive E-sports arena, where our E-sports team trains and competes, taking advantage of advanced technology and dedicated space to elevate their gameplay. The AIC has quickly become a central hub for study, play, and innovation on campus.

8th Annual Pecan Festival

The 8th Annual Pecan Festival was a resounding success, drawing a record number of attendees and featuring over 160 vendors from across the region. The festival offered something for everyone, with a vibrant mix of food, crafts, beverages, and product vendors showcasing a diverse array of items. An assortment of food and beverage options kept everyone refreshed and satisfied, while live music created an upbeat atmosphere throughout the day. Families enjoyed a variety of activities for kids, including a petting zoo, making it an ideal community event for all ages. The Pecan Festival continues to be a highlight of the year, celebrating local flavor, creativity, and community spirit.



Athletics

Statesman athletics has had an impressive season, showcasing talent and dedication across multiple sports. The Women's Volleyball team is currently ranked 7th in the nation, proof of their hard work and skill. Excitement is building as they prepare to compete in the NJCAA Division II Region 10 Tournament, which will be held at RBC Statesmen Hall. Women's Soccer made history this year, becoming runner up in the NJCAA Region 10 Division II Championship for the first time in the program's history. Meanwhile, basketball season is just around the corner.



Student Assembly

The student assembly has had an active and impactful start to the year. With election results finalized, we now have a full Assembly ready to represent the student body and drive positive change. Demonstrating their commitment to community engagement, Assembly members recently volunteered at the Hopewell/Prince George Chamber Annual Meeting and Mixer where they helped facilitate the event and connected with local leaders. Additionally, they extended their involvement by attending and volunteering at the Pecan Festival, contributing to the event's success while building relationships throughout our community.