



Richard Bland College
of WILLIAM & MARY

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Richard Bland College of William & Mary's women's volleyball team won the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II national championship on November 19, 2022, at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse Arena in Cedar Rapids, Iowa;

WHEREAS, in the first title game appearance in program history, the Richard Bland College Statesmen defeated the Scottsdale Community College Artichokes in a gripping five-set match with the scores of 26–24, 25–23, 22–25, 19–25, and 16–14;

WHEREAS, after winning the first two sets and dropping the third and fourth sets, the Richard Bland Statesmen went toe-to-toe with the Scottsdale Artichokes in the final set; facing elimination with the score at 14–13 in Scottsdale's favor, the Statesmen rallied three points to seal the win;

WHEREAS, the Statesmen's victory was a total team effort, led by standout performances from Karagyn Durco, who had 62 assists and 17 digs; Sarah Heath, Leilani Goggin, and Hailey Hopkins, with 17, 16, and 15 kills, respectively; and Silaulauinasimativa Aoelua, who notched 19 digs and four service aces;

WHEREAS, in recognition of their accomplishments, Karagyn Durco was named tournament Most Valuable Player, Leilani Goggin and Hailey Hopkins earned All-Tournament honors, and Stephanie Champine was named Coach of the Tournament;

WHEREAS, along with securing the program's first championship title, the RBC Statesmen finished the season with an impressive 34–3 record, a remarkable start for head coaches Stephanie Champine and Shaun Dryden, who were in their first season with the program; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Richard Bland Statesmen is the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and professors, and the unwavering support of their families and the entire Richard Bland College community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the William & Mary Board of Visitors acknowledges and expresses their appreciation to the Richard Bland College women's volleyball team for winning the 2022 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy of the same be delivered to each member of the team with best wishes for continuing success in the years ahead.