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**REPORT OF THE RBC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
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Student Experience in the Promise Scholar Program

This month I went to my fellow Promise Scholars and asked their opinions on the program. Several events and classes were singled out:

- The Rastafarian class that we are currently enrolled in was highly praised. Professor Osiapem is a spectacular teacher and really makes the class enjoyable. My classmates and I have noticed that more readings and writings are required in this class, but we all agree that it allows us to better understand the material.
- We are particularly excited about the upcoming Biology class next semester.
- Another highly talked about event was the visit to the Highland, home of President James Monore residence. The property was stunning, and we are all grateful to William & Mary and Rector Littel for sponsoring the trip.
- Overall, the Promise Scholar group is becoming a cohesive learning community.

Athletics

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team recently won the Region X championship. Three players received All-Region honors, and Sophomore Harper Smith was named Player of the Year for Region X, alongside her All-Region distinction. The successful season saw head coach and athletic director Scott Newton named Coach of the Year.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team finished their season with fourteen wins, the second most wins in school history. Five players received All-Region honors, with Sophomore Vandyke Gyau was named Player of the Year, along with his All-Region honor.

Volunteering on Campus

Recently, over 100 students volunteered to help restore the campus nature trail. I was one of the students who helped with planting trees and shrubs at the entrance. The trail is absolutely breathtaking after the restorations, and I highly recommend taking a walk on the trail when on campus. RBC students thank Dominion Power for donating the money and labor for the trail improvements.

Another recent event that students enjoyed was the Trail of Terror, a creepy Halloween-themed walk that included zombies, bloody patients, and even Michael Myers. Approximately seventy students volunteered to make this event a success. I asked a couple of students who went on the Trail of Terror what their experience was; they said it was tremendously creepy, and stated that hopefully next year it will return so they can "wreak terror" on the incoming freshmen.

I believe that if more opportunities are available for students to volunteer on campus, they will participate.

Update on Library Renovation

I have noticed a substantial increase in the number of students using the library. Most are using the computers or studying in groups. I asked fellow students how they felt about the library's recent updates, and they stated that they not only used the library to study, but they are also meeting new friends there. I, too, find myself going to the library more often this year to complete homework and meet with classmates to study for quizzes and tests.