



Richard Bland College
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RBC's Students on Campus

Welcome back to Richard Bland! We are now well into the school year, the thrill of Welcome Week has gone and the anticipation of midterms has arrived. Many students have taken to the library to efficiently prepare for their upcoming exams. While others make time to study within the spacious study rooms within the residential houses. Hyeonmin Kim, pictured on the left, had this to say when asked about his studies: "I am not good at English because I am from another country [South Korea] but I am working hard to break the language barrier between my classes and hopefully excel." Hyeonim also commended his professor stating that "they really want me to do well and they always try to help me when I ask questions."



Promise Scholars

Also preparing for midterms are our sophomore promise scholars who are currently taking the COLL 100 class of Religion, Race, and Gentrification in the U.S with Professor Dr. Annie Blazer of William and Mary. In class we are currently studying racial dynamics of urban policies that created new metropolitan cities surrounding Richmond and the lasting effects that it has had on our surrounding community. As part of our investigation into this material, our class took a field trip to The American Civil War Museum where author Ta-Nehisi Coates spoke with a panel about these ideas. We also ran into fellow board member Viktor Branch, while at this panel! Caleb Harris, a fellow promise scholar and a student athlete says that “I believe that this class is preparing us [promise scholars] well for the William and Mary environment, I am enjoying the discussions that I am having in class with my classmates and I am hoping that this class really opens my world view of race, religion, and gentrification not only in Virginia, but in the United States and abroad.”



Student Assembly

The student assembly is made up of elected members and is supported by its committees: Research and Development, Civic Engagement, Appropriations and Finance, College Policy and Student Rights, and Health and Wellness. The student assembly encourages engagement from all levels of the College's community. Additionally, they work to ensure that campus policies remain fair, protects student rights, and builds strong relationships between the tri-city area and Richard Bland administration. The assembly has already funded a numerous amount of student organization events and is currently working on a Town Hall meeting to discuss the well being of the rbc community. Alden Di Dio, Vice President, when asked about the role of the student assembly states that “It's a lot of responsibility but it's for a good cause.” The student Assembly has a great deal in store for Richard Bland and I cannot wait to report it all.



Pecan Festival and The Trail of Terror

RBC's hosted its two annual fall events the Pecan Festival and the Trail of Terror this October and both of them did extremely well. Pecan Festival set a record for attendance with over 13K people visiting the grove. We had 160 vendors (including craft and food vendors). People in attendance enjoyed dancing and listening to music, shopping, and enjoying food. Under the RBC tent, the Admissions department offered on site admission decisions and RBC students helped to sell cookbooks, pecans, and apparel and greet alumni. For the Trail of Terror, over 90 students volunteered in general to scare attendees, while about 545 attendees came through. The student participants were full of energy and the attendees really enjoyed the trail!



Men's Soccer

Our Men's soccer team has had a marvoulous season! They currently have a record of 15-2 and they just recently won their first playoff game. Gorka Delgado from Spain, a sophomore left wing, was our nations leading scorer for mor than half of this years season with 23 goals made. Gorka is no longer or nations leading scorer due to an injury to his right leg, he is unable to play in the playoff games. When asked about his success this season, Gorka says "I always try to make plays that will better the team, I was just frortunate enough for the team to play well with me and for my couches to assist us in anyway possible. I am also really thankful towards the RBC students because they came to many games and were supportive when I got injured."



Men's soccer players: Gorka Delgado

Enjoying the School Year

With midterms here and the holidays quickly approaching, students are enjoying their semester whether it be their first or last semester here at Richard Bland! We are looking forward to an amazing spring semester as well!

