Statesman Strong Pledge

Consistent with the Statement of Civility and Positive Campus Citizenship, Richard Bland College is committed to social responsibility. We view social responsibility as our collective and individual obligation to behave and act in ways that are in the best interest of others in our communities and our society.

Now more than ever, it is important for us to focus on respect, cooperation, and other forms of positive and productive behaviors, and seek to understand one another by genuinely caring for each other.

With our nation confronting the COVID-19 pandemic, we must be Statesman Strong by being responsible for ourselves and each other during these unprecedented times.

We are asking all members of the Richard Bland College community to take the Statesman Strong Pledge. I pledge to do the following:

**Care for Myself**

I will monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 on a daily basis and report to a medical professional if I experience fever of 100 F (38 C) or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.

I will cover my cough and my sneeze, and I will wash my hands often with soap and water and use hand sanitizer.

**Care for Other Statesmen**

I will wear an appropriate face covering to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to protect others.

I will maintain social distancing when I am on campus.

I will stay home if I feel sick or after exposure to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19.

I will have open communication with my supervisor, instructors, peers, and others on campus who may be counting on me to complete work. I will agree to complete my work through reasonable accommodations if I am unable to come to campus.

**Care for Our Campus and Community**

I will educate myself regarding regulations, requirements, and guidelines that I need to be aware of as part of the campus community.

I will avoid bias and discriminatory behavior against people of certain ethnic backgrounds as well as anyone perceived to have been in contact with the COVID-19 virus.

I will carefully observe instructional signs and follow directions.

I will keep my clothing, belongings, personal spaces, and shared common spaces clean.