



# THE STUDENT JOURNAL

*Richmond Student Government Association Presents*

**WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST MONTHLY  
SGA NEWSLETTER!**

**A LETTER FROM  
THE PRESIDENT**

12 September 2019



Welcome back to campus! As your President, I would like to take the opportunity to briefly update you on progress as we begin our Fall 2019 term and in our 47th year. We welcomed over 400 new students with a wide range of orientation and team building activities to our Richmond and Kensington campuses.

The new leaders of the Student Government and our Residential Advisors and Directors have an important role as ambassadors of the University and part of the support structure and resource for fellow students.

Richmond remains one of the smallest universities in the UK with nearly 1,000 degree students in 2019-2020 (90% of whom are undergraduates); the small class sizes, peer mentorship, and faculty advisors create a unique educational experience. We also position ourselves as an American university focused on the liberal arts and business education and are the only UK institution to award both a US and UK accredited degree.

The student physical environment is important to the learning experience and overall satisfaction. We are working together with the University Estates team and Sodexo on a multi-year facilities improvement project and have a strong commitment to Health + Safety. Here are some important steps we have taken in the last year:

- Richmond reception area and hallway renovation (including electronic screen for updates and a receptionist to welcome visitors)
- A new Business School at 37 High Street Kensington with renovated classrooms+ Library in Richmond space modifications opened 24/7 for student study
- Expanded outdoor seating areas for Richmond campus
- Upgrades to the IT infrastructure including addition of new fibre optic line to speed access
- Renovation of the upper dining hall (funded by Sodexo)
- Renovation of the reception area of Asa Briggs (funded by AIFS)
- Renovation of Longley and Lower



Cottage and ongoing renovation to Red House to be completed the end of the year (funded by AIFS)

- Night patrols on both campuses to improve the safety and security of our environment
- Improvements to some of our student accommodation spaces (residential rooms and bathrooms in process)We will continue over the summer period to continue renovations and appreciate your patience during this process.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Richmond University community as your President and look forward to seeing you soon!

Best,  
Lawrence



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# A SPECIAL WELCOME FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT



We are honoured and proud to be elected as the new Student Government for this academic year. The purpose of the Student Government is to represent the interests of each student in all matters relating to their success at Richmond. As members of this University, we arrive during a period of rejuvenation as it searches for diverse ways to enrich student life in Richmond. It is a unique time of change and exploration, giving us all an opportunity to make a necessary impact.

With a diverse Student Government team full of dedicated and outstanding students, we are committed to protecting and representing each and every need in the most effective way possible, by striving to improve the students' experiences here at Richmond and beyond. We look forward to seeing everyone new and old this fall!



# ORIENTATION HIGHLIGHTS



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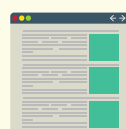
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# WEEKLY THEMES CALENDAR

Week 3: 16-20 September	Creativity Week
Week 4: 23-27 September	Careers Week
Week 5: 30-4 Sept/October	Sustainability Week
Week 6: 7-11 October	Health & Fitness Week
Week 7: 14-18 October	Productivity Week
Week 8: 18-1 Oct/Nov	Spook Week
Week 9: 4-8 November	Sport Week
Week 10: 11-15 November	SHAG Week
Week 11: 18-22 November	International Week
Week 12: 25-29 November	Winter Week
Week 13: 2-6 December	Wellness Week

If you'd like to sponsor a week or organise events, contact  
Maddi Jones at [000092805@richmond.ac.uk](mailto:000092805@richmond.ac.uk) or  
Devon Roberts at [000100264@richmond.ac.uk](mailto:000100264@richmond.ac.uk)



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Prayer Room

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Did you know that we have not just one, but two Prayer Rooms? You can find them in Main Building on the Richmond campus, or Atlantic House in Kensington. Just ask for the key at the Security desk!

## The Amazing Race

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Did you know we have our very own "Amazing Race" adventure taking place on September 28? Run by the Events Coordinator for Richmond Devon Roberts, the event takes advantage of London's internationality for the run of your life! Sign up on the Richmond store.



## 24/7 Library

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Did you know the Taylor library on the Richmond campus is 24 hours? You can access it whenever you need. Just remember to check out any books in before the front desk closes!

# GET INVOLVED IN STUDENT LEADERSHIP

## Peer Mentors

The Peer Mentor program is comprised of student workers assigned to a section of the Transitions course (a class dedicated to helping new students prepare for academic life at Richmond).

The PMs also have weekly office hours in the Taylor Library, where students can drop in and ask for help for both Transitions or any other academic issue they may have.

### Peer Mentor Office Hours



Asba-Tammia:  
Mondays 3-5pm



Carl David:  
Tuesdays 10:30-12pm



Carmen Micheli:  
Thursdays 1-2:30pm



Leah Wood:  
Thursdays 3-4pm

**Location: Richmond Taylor  
Library, Ground Floor**

## Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors work as part of a highly professional Marketing and Admissions team to attract new students to Richmond, establish a closer bond between existing and new students and promote the University to a wider audience.

The Student Ambassador role is an excellent opportunity to gain some valuable work experience and develop your personal and professional skills, such as communication and teamwork, providing increased employability.



# ResLife

Residence Life, or ResLife for short, is a team of student workers who live on campus and assigned to help out campus residents. Each student on the team has been at Richmond for at least one semester and has been selected through an application and interview process.

Each team is overseen by a university employee: Oliver Brady for the Richmond campus and Chelsea Ranger for the Kensington campus. Please never hesitate to contact your Reslife member - they are here to help!

## FALL 2019 KEN RESLIFE TEAM



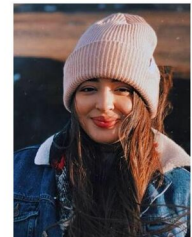
RD Atlantic House



RA Atlantic House



RD Ambassador House



RA Ambassador House



Alessandra Baratelli  
RD Collingham  
Gardens



# ResLife Fall 2019



Beatrice Benatar  
Main Building Women's RD  
MB34



Samuel Strowger  
Longley, LC, and KFA RD  
PV8



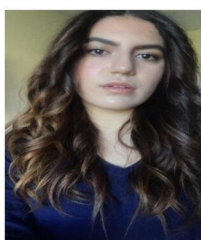
Nicholas Ceja  
Main Building Men's RD  
MB66



Iva-Elaine Tan  
Parkview RD  
PV3



Tegan Wood  
Montford RD  
MFRD F1



Chiara Di Venosa  
Main Building Women's RA  
GH11



Andrew Harford  
Main Building Men's RA  
MB95



Alice Sparkhall  
Main Building Women's RA  
MB85



Amanda Einberg  
Main Building Men's RA  
G04



Elisabeth Joyce  
Parkview RA  
PARK 14

# Student Government

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The RAIUL Student Government is a student-run organization that represents the interests of students in all matters relating to academic, social and personal success at Richmond. Elected by the student body, these Richmond students serve as a valuable resource for getting students' needs heard on campus. Our aims are:

- To prevent any form of discrimination on their behalf.
- To provide a fun and engaging social hub across the University community.



**Nicholas Guillermo Ceja**  
President



**Carl David Wallin Heden**  
Vice-Executive  
President for  
Academics



**Leah Wood**  
Vice President for  
Kensington



**Tegan Wood**  
Vice President for  
Richmond



**Samantha Ferreira**  
Treasurer

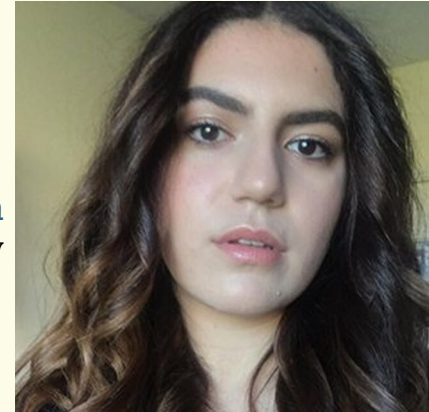


**Devon Roberts**  
Events Coordinator -  
Richmond



**Maddi Jones**  
Events Coordinator -  
Kensington

**Chiara Di Venosa**  
Secretary





# Richmond Leadership Academy

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Programming, opportunities and resources available to all students to aid in leadership development and employability. At the core of this vision are two central aims:

- A student body engaged within their campus community, local community and globally
- The development of well-rounded graduates armed with skills and experiences that enhance their competitiveness as they prepare for a global workforce.



A scheme to encourage students to develop in 4 core areas: personal skill development, volunteer and work experience, workshop and seminar participation and campus leadership.

Aims:

- Record co-curricular engagement to measure both academic and non-academic successes and produce a summary report for potential employers
- Identify and remedy skill gaps
- Learn how to present their personal achievements in a professional settingAn opportunity for students to become more widely engaged within their campus community, local community and globally
- Recognition on their CV/Resume and LinkedIn

The Richmond Leadership Academy is a programme coordinated by Student Affairs. Any questions please email [studentaffairs@richmond.ac.uk](mailto:studentaffairs@richmond.ac.uk)



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