

# MAKE HOPE PERMANENT

## A WIN for Students, RIC and Rhode Island

### Students Win

#### **AFFORDABILITY:**

High-quality 4-year degree for <\$25K empowers students to enter the workforce sooner with less debt and greater financial stability.

#### **PERSISTENCE:**

Addresses the leading barrier to completion by eliminating cost pressures.

#### **GRADUATION:**

Hope eligibility provides academic and advising supports to all students, regardless of financial need.

“ I worked really hard to meet the requirements for the scholarship, and it paid off!”

- BRIANNA C., MUSIC EDUCATION



### RIC Wins

#### **MOMENTUM:**

Enrollment (+15%, or 1,000 students), retention (+2%)\* and 4-year graduation (+8%)\*\* have increased under Hope.<sup>1</sup>

#### **INVESTMENT:**

Increased enrollment funds stronger advising, data-informed scheduling and expanded student supports, creating a cycle of achievement and support for student success.

#### **BUDGET:**

Increased enrollment is strengthening housing and dining budgets, fueling steady investment in the college, expanding campus services, and generating new jobs that boost Rhode Island's local economy.

“ The Hope Scholarship makes RIC an easy pick from a financial standpoint.

- MIGUEL H., ECONOMICS AND GLOBAL STUDIES

### R.I. Wins

#### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:**

Hope, combined with new, career-focused majors that respond to R.I.'s needs, allows RIC to send more graduates into the workforce sooner with less debt.

#### **CAMPUS TO CAREER:**

R.I. residents make up 89% of enrollees at RIC, with over 70% of alumni working or living in R.I. upon graduation.

#### **COMPETITIVENESS:**

As many states adopt free tuition programs, R.I. has the opportunity to help more students succeed and strengthen the workforce for the future.

“ The scholarship has encouraged me to achieve my dream of becoming a doctor.

- ELLA L., BIOLOGY

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**4-YEAR GRADUATION RATE:  
77% HOPE SCHOLARS**

(vs. 29% all students)  
Based on Fall 2021 cohort



“ The scholarship has motivated me to keep pushing forward, ensuring I don't take this incredible opportunity for granted.”

- VICTORIA G., NURSING (CENTER)

## Why Now?

- Increases in enrollment, retention and graduation.
- Interruption in Hope could slow or reverse that momentum.
- Without action, Fall 2026 cohort will be last to receive full benefits under current pilot.

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## When RIC students have Hope, Rhode Island WINS!

Enrollment growth since the enactment of the Hope Scholarship has generated \$16M in additional tuition – revenue that is reinvested in student supports and programs that expand access, strengthen the workforce and increase **long-term economic value for RI.**

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