

Formal Awards Ceremony/Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER/S
1	<p>Ms. Toni-Leslie James <i>Associate Professor and Director of Costume Design, Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Theatre</i></p> <p>To be received by: Ms. Toni-Leslie James</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor and celebrate her and thank her for her work on behalf of students.</p>	<p>Gray</p>



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Ms. Toni-Leslie James

Associate Professor and Director of Costume Design
Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Theatre

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor and celebrate Ms. Toni-Leslie James, Associate Professor and Director of Costume Design at the Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Theatre.

Joining the Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Theatre as a Guest Artist in 2006, Ms. James became an Assistant Professor the following year. From 2013 to the present, Ms. James has served as an Associate Professor of the Department of Theatre and as its Head of Costume Design since 2016. Students with a concentration in Costume Design learn the fundamental methods, materials, and techniques to design and fabricate costumes for stage productions through a wide range of coursework, including Figure Drawing, Costume Design, Costume Construction, Theatrical Makeup, and the History of Costumes, among others.

Costume design work for stage and screen productions has garnered Ms. James much personal recognition, including a nomination for the 2017 Tony Award for Best Costume Design in a Play, and selection as a 2017 Richmond Times-Dispatch Person of the Year honoree. A native of Clairton, Pennsylvania, Ms. James earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Design from The Ohio State University in 1979.

Dating its beginnings to 1838, Virginia Commonwealth University is one of the largest and most highly respected colleges in Virginia and features some of our nation's leading educational programs, which include mass communications, medicine, arts, design, social work, education, music, business, government, research, and urban studies.

Richmond City Council is a strong supporter, champion, and advocate of the continued progress, advancement and success of Richmond residents and is proud to promote and encourage education that helps prepare them for careers and empowers them to be responsible contributors to our community.

Now, Therefore, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate Ms. Toni-Leslie James, Associate Professor and Director of Costume Design at the Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Theatre, and thank her for her work on behalf of students.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twelfth day of March, two thousand eighteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Kim B. Gray
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond North Central 2nd Voter District