

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION 2022-009

Resolution Honoring the Service of Student Trustee Ryan Cooney

- WHEREAS, Ryan Cooney attended George Mason University for a year before coming home to Vermont for the Professional Pilot Technology Program at Vermont Technical College in fulfillment of his childhood dreams; and
- WHEREAS, Ryan has served as the Student Trustee to the VSC Board of Trustees for the past two years during a time of historic significance for the Vermont State Colleges; and
- WHEREAS, Ryan has been an exceptionally diligent, competent, and thoughtful trustee during his service as a trustee on the Board and on its Education, Personnel and Student Life and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committees; and
- WHEREAS, Ryan served on the Search and Screen Committee for the inaugural President of Vermont State University and took the time to meet each of the final four candidate in persons, thereby significantly aiding the Board in its selection of the incoming President; and
- WHEREAS, Ryan's service on the Student Advisory Council has provided direct input on the ongoing transformation work, alongside fellow students from across the system; and
- WHEREAS, As the representative of the student body to the Board, Ryan made time to visit each residential campus at least once to meet with students face to face, notwithstanding the pandemic, to share what was happening with the Board and transformation; and
- WHEREAS, Ryan has given his time unstintingly to Vermont Tech's Williston campus, working in numerous capacities, including as a tour guide, a security guard, a residential advisor and in the library, for which he earned a reputation for being the most reliable student worker Williston has ever had; and
- WHEREAS, he is now a graduate of the Class of 2022 of Vermont Technical College with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Pilot Technology and the winner of the Vermont Flight Academy's Pilot Excellence Award; and
- WHEREAS, Ryan has demonstrated an incredible level of professionalism, preparedness and effective advocacy for his fellow students during his tenure as a Student Trustee; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees expresses its sincere appreciation to Ryan Cooney for the benefit he has brought to the State of Vermont through his service to the VSC System, to its four colleges and universities, to its hundreds of faculty and staff, and most important, to its many thousands of students.

Ryan, we could not be prouder of all that you have achieved or be more grateful for all that you have contributed to the Vermont State Colleges and to Vermont Technical College. We wish you our very best.

Be it Approved: May 16, 2022

*Eileen M Dickinson*

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Eileen "Lynn" Dickinson, Chair of the Board of Trustees