A transformation year

As we look back to the early days of this pandemic: trying to understand what the SARS-CoV-2 virus was, its behavior, and its impact on the entire planet. It was eager to move over to campus. Little did I know, perhaps like many of you, that a 'novel corona virus' would upend our world, forever changing the face of higher education, the virtual work environment, and even taking the lives of many we hold dear.

Around this time last year, I had just accepted the position of Dean for Mason's College of Science and Technology. What a difference a year makes!

We launched a new blog called #FacultyFriday highlighting the work of our faculty. Jennifer Salerno, Environmental Science and Policy Assistant Professor, is this week’s #FacultyFriday. Read her story here.

Jennifer Salerno

Jennifer Salerno is a microbial ecologist and evolutionary biologist. Her research interests include the diversity, function, and evolution of microbes associated with deep-sea, freshwater, and terrestrial ecosystems. She uses molecular and traditional ecological methods to examine the distribution of microorganisms in various environments. Her current research focuses on the diversity of deep-sea microorganisms and the roles they play in maintaining and destabilizing the health of ecosystems.

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