Dear Mason, Proud of our team!

I was happy to see the news breaking this morning about the winning horse in the Kentucky Derby, Medina Spirit. My heart is filled with pride and joy for my team.

Kentucky Derby 2021 Race Results

1. Medina Spirit
2. Mandalay Bay
3. Hot Rod Charlie

The winning horse, Medina Spirit, set a Kentucky Derby record with his seventh career win at Churchill Downs.

Dr. Bob Baffert, the trainer of the winning horse, was thrilled with the accomplishment, saying, "I couldn't be prouder of my team." When discussing the accomplishment during a postrace interview, Baffert acknowledged the hard work and dedication of his team.

In a recent interview, Thomas Lovejoy, a Mason College of Science Faculty in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy, shared his thoughts on the importance of wildlife conservation. "We need to make peace with nature," Lovejoy said. "We need to protect the Amazon rainforest from the devastating effects of climate change." Lovejoy was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences recognizing his numerous and significant contributions to conservation biology.

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- Mason Science highlights ESP Associate Professor Cindy Smith, Associate Professor Pat Gillevet, and Assistant Professor Thomas Lovejoy.

RESEARCH & DISCOVERY

- Researchers at Mason are testing wastewater to catch potential COVID-19 outbreaks early. This research is led by Assistant Professor Benoit Van Aken.

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