Dear MAE Family:

I am writing to inform you that the Mason Alumni Association, the Office of Alumni Relations, and the Office of Communications have reunited to bring you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to watch a virtual commencement ceremony on May 23rd, live from the George Mason University campus. The ceremony will feature the President, Dr. OVireda Sharpe, and the Provost, Dr. Susan Kim, sharing inspiring words and celebrating the Class of 2021.

This event is open to all Mason students, alumni, and friends. You can expect to see highlights of the Class of 2021, including photos and videos from their academic journey. The ceremony will also feature special guests and performances, as well as interviews with Mason graduates who have made a positive impact on their communities.

Please mark your calendars for May 23rd, and stay tuned for more details. We look forward to seeing you virtually.

Sincerely,

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MASON SCIENCE COMMUNITY

There's still time to vote in this year's College of Science faculty election. The online ballots are due on May 25th.

Research & Discovery

Researchers test Mason wastewater for COVID-19 activity. "These early results are promising," said Professor Padhu Seshaiyer. "Our approach could provide an additional surveillance tool for COVID-19 outbreaks."

In the News

Last week, many across America watched the 147th Running of the Roses, the Kentucky Derby, at Churchill Downs. Medina Spirit, the horse owned by Brooks Halley, won the race. The victory was a momentous achievement for Medina Spirit and his owner, as the horse had been under scrutiny due to drug testing.

Dean's Blog: Proud of our team

With the naming of the Makani Antarctica Foundation Chair in Marine Science at Mason, Dr. Gerald Weatherspoon, Dean of the College of Science, observed that "this is a special day for our College and Mason as a whole. We are proud of our team."