Science educational growth and creative engagement
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This month, the College of Science celebrated the fall 2020 semester by recognizing the academic achievements of our graduate students. The Graduate Student Awards of Excellence were given to 25 students who demonstrated exceptional academic excellence in their fields. These awards are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students and reflect the high standards of our academic programs.

In other news, the Mason Science community was invited to join the Mason Fiscal Year 2021 Strategic Plan Launch Event. The event was held on September 10, 2020, and featured a keynote address by President Ángel Cabrera, who discussed the importance of the strategic plan in guiding the College of Science towards its future goals.

Research and discovery

Mary Ellen O’Toole, MacArthur Foundation Fellow and Chair of the Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Earth Sciences, is part of an international research team working on a project to study the interactions between climate and society. The team’s goal is to understand how climate change is affecting human behavior and how society is adapting to these changes.

In the Classroom

The College of Science is committed to providing a high-quality education to its students. This includes not only traditional courses but also innovative and interactive learning experiences. The College has introduced a new course on fall colors and stars, which combines science and astronomy to provide a unique educational experience for students.

In the News

Mason President and Science Dean Extol Praises Building Bridges and Community Engagement

President Ángel Cabrera and Science Dean Fernanda Miralles-Wilhelm recently emphasized the importance of building bridges and fostering community engagement in Mason’s scientific research. They highlighted the College’s commitment to working with the local community, government agencies, and other organizations to address pressing issues such as climate change and public health.

Events

In addition to the strategic plan launch event, the College of Science is hosting several other events throughout the semester. These include a panel discussion on firearm ownership and the mental health of the LGBTQ community, a lecture on the role of women in bio conferences, and a talk on the impact of climate change on the environment.

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