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Join us at Mason’s College of Science Virtual Research Day on Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Our college has had a busy start to the fall semester. I am excited to share some highlights and to hear from our colleagues at the college’s annual Research Day event on September 24.

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics has experienced double-digit growth across all undergraduate and graduate programs. This growth is due in part to new programs, such as the mathematics component of the interdisciplinary data science program.

The Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science has seen a significant increase in enrollment, particularly in the fields of environmental science and policy.

The Department of Environmental Science and Policy has also seen growth, and the college is currently recruiting faculty in this area.

The College of Science is also making strides in research. Over the past year, the college has generated the largest share of Mason’s research proposals receiving more than $32 million in funding.

The college is also home to several high-profile research initiatives, such as the North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) pulsar timing array for detecting gravitational waves.

In addition, the college has been recognized for its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The LGBTQ community program, led by Mary Ellen O’Toole, appears in both the college’s annual report and the list of Mason’s diversity initiatives.

The college is also home to several world-class research facilities, such as the North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) pulsar timing array for detecting gravitational waves.

In conclusion, the college is making significant progress in science research and instructional growth. I am proud of the dedication and commitment of our faculty, staff, and students, and I look forward to continuing this momentum in the coming years.

About Mason University

Mason University is a public research university located in Fairfax, Virginia. It is home to more than 38,000 students and offers more than 200 degree programs across 11 colleges and schools.

Mason is known for its commitment to service and leadership, and it is consistently ranked among the top 100 universities in the world by Times Higher Education.

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