 Although we cannot celebrate in person with Mason's usual holiday party, the University wants to Cozy up for Mason Holidays at Home with family and students by email before January 15.

### In the News

**Washington, the deans of each college, a short message from a member of the Class of 2020, a performance**

**Virtual Degree Celebration**

*Thursday, December 17, 2020 | 2 p.m. (virtual, live College of Science PhD celebration to follow at 3 p.m.)*

**Meteors and Meteorites: Geminids Live**

*Monday, December 14, 2020 | 6:45 p.m.*

**Environmental Science and Policy Fall Seminar Series**

*December 11, 2020.*

**Fall 2020 Virtual Celebration of Student Scholarship and Impact**

**View and comment on the dozens of science student research. WINNERS ANNOUNCED Friday morning, December 18, 2020.**

**Message from the Dean**

*By Kim de Mutsert*

**Master's student focuses thesis research on air flow and the spread of pathogens, like COVID-19.**

**COVID-19 airflow insights furthers science in our community, our region, our nation, across the globe, even into the beyond.**

**Yes. Those are all applicable answers. In my first six months at Mason, I've come to realize that I am a global scientist citations, or perhaps helping many thousands of students realize their own true scientific potential.**

**When asking that question, you might get many answers: winning a Nobel Prize, crafting policy that saves a species, directing a multidisciplinary research collaboration, having a theorem named after you, editing your sector's top scholarly journal, being identified in the top 2% of global scientist citations.**

**In addition to the many prizes won, 14 staff also received special recognition and ESP faculty and staff for their service during the 2020 calendar year.**

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