Applications for the 2022 ASSIP program are now open. If you know a student who may be interested, please share this opportunity with them. The deadline for applications is February 6, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

ASSIP 2022 Session:
Join Mason's Interdisciplinary Program in Neuroscience for a free screening of the documentary and panel discussion titled "Jupiter: The Ringed Planet," featuring ruling planets and the search for extraterrestrial life. This event will take place on February 2, 2022, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Johnson Center Cinema.

Climate Action Plan Townhall
Engage with the Mason Sustainability Council, hear the latest updates, and share your thoughts about the future of climate action at Mason. The Climate Action Plan Townhall will be held on January 21, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Exploratory Hall, room 3301 or via Zoom.

Mason Math Alumni / Student Conference
Mason will host its annual Math Alumni/Student Conference on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. The conference will feature a keynote address on "Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High" by Tatyana Woodall, Popular Science. Log in to MasonLEAPS and search "Crucial Conversations Skillshop" to sign up for the workshop. Attendees will learn skills for navigating difficult conversations in the workplace. January 19, 2022, from 1 to 3 p.m. in person or via Zoom.

Mason will recognize outstanding faculty with the expanded Presidential Awards for Faculty Excellence this year. The awards honor faculty members who have made significant contributions to teaching, research and scholarship, social impact, and diversity and inclusion. Submit nominations for the Presidential Awards for Faculty Excellence today.

The European Space Agency will soon send the JUICE mission to explore Jupiter and its moons. Mason scientist Daniel Tong is working on models of Jupiter's dust storms. His research focuses on improving the FENGSHA wind-blown dust emission model, which is used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Air Resources Laboratory to update the FENGSHA dust storm prediction model. Tong is the creator of the original FENGSHA model. His research aims to provide more accurate predictions of the time, location, and magnitude of dust storms on Jupiter.

In memory of Tom Lovejoy, the founding Scientific Director of the World Wildlife Fund's flagship program, the Earth Institute for a Sustainable Earth, and a mentor and friend to countless graduate students, researchers, and faculty at Mason. His impact on the Mason Science community is immeasurable, and his legacy will continue to inspire us. Mason Science community also has your back if you or your students feel a sense of loss. Go chase those lofty goals. We are here to support you. As the new semester begins, we are coming off a winter break that offered at least some moments of respite from the stress and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. Remember, you are not alone.