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is set to begin in September of 2021. If you’d like to support the pier campaign, please join the Don Kelso Learning Pier campaign, helping to fund and build the Future Potomac Science Center Pier Named in Honor of Dr. Don Kelso, a renowned environmental researcher and adventurer. The campaign aims to raise funds for the pier, which will serve as a valuable resource for students and the community.

The noted environmental researcher and adventurer also endowed a scholarship to help environmental science students. With a career highlighted by contributions to biodiversity conservation, management of wild living resources, environmental policies and institutions, and environment and development, Talbot is widely recognized for his contributions. His legacy continues to influence on their lives.

The Mason Environmental Alumni Network is now live! Emma Gregory, Chair of the Mason Environmental Alumni Network, is excited to introduce you to them here. If you have any questions for any members of the Alumni Chapter Board or would like to join future meetings, please contact us at ecoalumn@gmu.edu

To stay up-to-date on our events, you can follow our calendar here.

As we prepare for students to return to campus on August 23rd, students, faculty, and staff are ready to help our environment, ecosystems, sustainability, climate, and related things we care about. If you have a question you’d like us to answer in a future newsletter, please write to us!

In an effort to continue to protect our community, Mason recently announced that we are joining the growing community of universities that require all students, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated in order to work, study, and live on campus. This requirement is consistent with Mason’s longstanding history of requiring students to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola), German measles (rubella), mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and varicella (chicken pox) (dual poliovirus vaccine—oral and injectable forms are also available)—while also keeping a close eye on the increase in COVID cases due to the Delta variant. Over the past 18 months, Mason has done an admirable job, proactively responding to a rapidly changing environment, and I am fully supportive of this mandate.

Making scientifically informed decisions, for their own safety and the safety of others. Not only are my family and I are fully vaccinated, and we have encouraged our friends and loved ones to do the same. We support the vaccination mandate because it aligns with the commitment to maintaining your own health.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and friendship, and for your commitment to maintaining your own health.

Sincerely,

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