We will be commemorating 50 years of faculty, staff, and student achievement, alumni success, and the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration & Mason Vision Day. This is the focal point of April 4, 2022, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at Wilkins Plaza, Fairfax Campus.

The Dedication of the Enslaved People of George Mason Memorial is an interactive workshop designed to discuss issues and tools involved in working with international researchers. It will be held virtually on April 1, 2022, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Join us for a lecture by Lynn Soreghan, University of Oklahoma, on Paleo-landscapes of Late Paleozoic. The event is scheduled for March 31, 2022, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. at 1309 Exploratory Hall, Fairfax Campus, and will be available virtually.

The Center for Culture, Equity, and Empowerment (CCEE) is proud to announce that Mason's CCEE graduation will be held on May 7, 2022, at 2 p.m. Contact the CCEE at 703-993-5876 for more information.

We are gathering data on Mason faculty through the COACHE survey. To ensure an adequate sample size for leveraging feedback in the future, we aim for at least a 75% response rate. The college currently has a 51% response rate. Our goal is to match the Mason average of 65% for three years. The survey uncovers opportunities that have shaped our current priorities.

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The Mason Science community, including faculty and researchers, has been recognized for their contributions to innovation and research. This includes the East Coast Optimization Meeting in 2006. Many at George Mason University can recall our Patriot's illustrious march to the pinnacle of basketball glory. Some played basketball since they first started elementary school. To reach and succeed at such a high level requires dedication and resilience. The question arises: what is the significance of these milestones in the journey of basketball and research?

Think back and consider how much time and energy all of these athletes and researchers have invested. The importance of recognizing these milestones cannot be overstated. The basketball team and the scientific community both experience moments of triumph and disappointment. We applaud the victors, but we also think about the other team. The winners may be celebrating, but what about the losing team? Both teams experience the agony of defeat. It is crucial to 'stop and smell the roses' during these milestone moments. Do the players of the team leaving the illustrious brackets experience the agony of defeat? We interview the victors. Yet, I also wonder about the other team and what they experience. As we approach March Madness and the NCAA basketball tournaments, we are reminded of the meaningful milestones in basketball and research.

By Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm.