College set for new VLC

The College of Science is launching its first Virtual Learning Community (VLC) this fall. Themed 'Scientific Inquiry and Global Impact,' the VLC lets students take part in programs to develop the knowledge and competencies, representatives from each department were in attendance to provide their expertise. From course information to recommended connections with like-minded peers. This VLC is open to all students, including first-year and transfer students.

Message from the Dean

Safe Return to Campus

Before you return, please complete the training to receive our future emails. From the timeline noted in President Washington's message, students, faculty and staff will be cleared to come back to campus when the situation is right for you. Take care of yourself and those around you. From the IGPO, we are hard at work

Celebrating Mason's Graduates

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COLA receives $4 million NSF Rapid Funding

The International Global Energy and Water Exchanges Project (GEWEX) has received a $4.2 million award from the National Science Foundation. The International Global Energy and Water Exchanges Project will expand GEWEX to provide a better understanding of the complex interactions of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, cryosphere and biosphere, by analyzing climate data and simulations, and to develop decision-support tools.

Watch the college's new Department Showcase recap.

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