Safe Return to Campus: Virtual Kick Off for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Dear Mason Community,

As we begin the 2020-2021 academic year, I am writing to express my gratitude to all members of our Mason community — students, faculty, staff, and alumni — for your unwavering commitment to advancing the mission of Mason. I am particularly grateful to our students, who have shown incredible resilience in adjusting to the challenges of the pandemic.

I am pleased to announce that Mason has been recognized as a 2020-2021 College of Distinction. This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire community. Mason’s commitment to excellence in education, research, and community engagement continues to set us apart.

I wish to share our on- and off-campus science community footprint, the steps all must take to return to campus safely, and some of the resources available to help us do so.

As you've just learned from a New York Times article, models show that opening schools during a pandemic can have a positive impact on the spread of COVID-19. However, effective mitigation strategies are crucial to ensuring the safety of our students, staff, and faculty.

Returning student athletes will undergo COVID-19 testing by John Hollis. The Mason Athletics department is committed to ensuring that our student-athletes can return to campus safely.

Gradstravaganza

Inside Science (Our Universe): Roving for Signs of Life on Mars

OSCAR Summer Student Scholarship Virtual Celebration

What happens to viral particles on the subway

Tularensis out sickness. The team, part of Mason's NCBID Collaborative, has worked on developing a vaccine to combat tularensis.

Mason collaborators include Associates Professor of Mathematics Drain and Associate Professor of Mathematics Winter. The team is working on developing a vaccine to combat tularensis.

The Yorktown, Va., native, became interested in working with NASA contractor on an ozone garden project with the Virginia Living Museum and Amber was eager to get involved.

Andrea Cobb, program founder, has helped Amber develop her love of science while in high school. She entered George Mason softball student-athlete Amber Verstynen discovered a passion for atmospheric science with career aspirations in the meteorological field.

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