In the Mason hundredth anniversary year, we are celebrating the new era in Mason's history. Join us at Johnson Hall to greet Dr. and Mrs. Washington as they arrive on campus. Wear your Mason green and gold to celebrate this milestone moment.

**Breakfast with President Washington**

October 15, 2021 | 9 to 10:45 a.m. | SciTech Campus

Join Mason faculty and students to watch and discuss the documentary *Coded Bias*, which investigates bias in Artificial Intelligence algorithms and facial recognition software. This event will take place in the Science and Technology Complex.

**Neuroscience Seminar Series**

The Neuroscience Seminar Series is back in a virtual format this Fall 2021. Learn about topics and issues related to neuroscience research from experts in multidisciplinary fields. Seminars are free and open to everyone.

- **October 11, 2021 | 4 to 5 p.m.**
  - Neuroscience Seminar Series with Holger Dannenberg

- **October 8, 2021 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.**
  - CSS/CSI Colloquium: Complexity and Artificial Society Modeling Challenges
  - Speaker: Andreas Tolk, Senior Principal Chief Scientist, The MITRE Corporation, Adjunct Professor, Old Dominion University

Join our College of Science team for an exciting event that empowers Latinas to pursue and thrive in careers in earth and planetary sciences. This event will focus on the topic of "Being an Astrophysicist in the Space Flight Center," featuring Mason alumna Jenna Cann. She is now a postdoc at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, which recently awarded her with a National Science Foundation Fellowship.

**Message from the Dean**

Last week I gave my first State of the College speech as Dean and leader of Mason's science community. I highlighted our strengths, along with opportunities to change and evolve. I shared what I knew, what we had learned over the past year, and where we hope to go in the short- and long-term future. Those who attended saw some of the data we are using to improve our campus life and community. I was excited to share what I knew, and I hope to continue to share more information in future faculty and staff sessions.

In the 'success business' built on transparency, with a spirit of true transparency, I will continue to share what I know. Some attendees mentioned this as being refreshing and valuable. I hope to do this not only for the College of Science community but for various teams at Mason to provide more updates and information as they become available. I shared my candid, honest impressions about our strengths, along with opportunities to change and evolve. I was given additional information in future faculty and staff sessions.