

2019-20 FAMILY CALENDAR



#MasonFamily



DEAR MASON FAMILIES,

Welcome to George Mason University and the Mason Family. Selecting a college or university is a difficult and important decision, and we are honored that you and your student selected our campus community. Rest assured that you made a wise choice. As a part of the Mason Family, you will be joining one of the world's most diverse, innovative, and entrepreneurial universities.

As your student is preparing for the transition to college life, so are you. Please use this calendar as a guide to assist you throughout the year. Inside are important dates, monthly tips, and contact information for various student services at Mason. I hope that this guide will serve as a reference and answer many of your questions about what to expect in the upcoming year.

In addition to this guide, I strongly encourage your active participation in the many educational, cultural, and social programs offered at our campuses throughout the year. You and your family are especially encouraged to participate in Family Weekend, Sibs & Kids Weekend, and other events geared toward Mason families. Your engagement in these programs and activities contributes so much to the vitality of the university and to your own connection with Mason and your student's experiences.

Once again, welcome to the Mason Family! If you have questions, or if we can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact New Student and Family Programs at 703-993-2475 or families@gmu.edu.

Best wishes for a wonderful year,

Ángel Cabrera
President, George Mason University



STAY CONNECTED AS A MASON FAMILY

New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) recognizes the important role families play in their student's development and success at Mason. NSFP strives to develop relationships and support families throughout their student's college experience. Serving as a centralized resource, NSFP is a liaison between the university and families, and provides an outlet for families to become active members of the Mason community.

Visit masonfamily.gmu.edu for more information on the following programming and outreach opportunities.

JOIN THE MASON FAMILY ASSOCIATION

All families are encouraged to sign up for the dues-free Mason Family Association to receive timely and up-to-date university information. Every week, members receive the *Mason Family Flash*, an online newsletter that includes important tips and reminders. Your membership in the Mason Family Association ensures you stay connected to Mason!

FAMILY WEEKEND

Join us November 8–10, 2019, for Family Weekend at George Mason University! Family Weekend is a great time to visit your student and experience life at Mason. Events include a Men's Basketball home game; a wine and cheese reception; faculty spotlights; Little Patriots Lounge; family dinner; tours of Washington, D.C.; college and school receptions, and much more! Family Weekend registration opens in August, so mark your calendar and make plans to attend this Mason-wide celebration!

SIBS & KIDS WEEKEND

April 18–19, 2020, marks the ninth annual Sibs & Kids Weekend at Mason! Encourage your student to invite their siblings, other family members, and friends ages 6–18 to Mason to get a glimpse into life as a Patriot. Sibs & Kids Weekend registration opens in February.

PARENT AND FAMILY COUNCIL

The Parent and Family Council provides an opportunity for parents and families to meet with university leadership, volunteer at university events, and become actively engaged and informed members of the Mason community. For more information about how to get involved, visit masonfamily.gmu.edu.



PARENTS FUND

The Parents Fund offers parents and families the opportunity to play a role in building and shaping an exemplary educational experience for Mason students. You can be part of every student's success by giving a gift of any size at any point throughout your student's time at Mason. For more information and to give, visit masonfamily.gmu.edu/parents-fund.

E-CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES


We want to help you keep track of the dates that matter most to you and your student. In addition to our printed calendar, a list of important upcoming dates is accessible anytime at masonfamily.gmu.edu/upcoming-dates.

CONNECT WITH US

-  **George Mason Family Programs**—Like our public Facebook page for the most up-to-date news about programs, events, and activities.
-  **George Mason Family Association**—Join our closed Facebook Group to connect with other Mason parents and family members.

 masonfamily.gmu.edu

 families@gmu.edu

 703-993-2475



JULY REMINDERS

- If your student is living off campus, remind them to purchase a **parking pass** and become familiar with the best routes to campus.
- Ask your student to register your contact information at alert.gmu.edu to receive **emergency notifications** from the university. All students are automatically enrolled in Mason Alert and are advised to add their cell phone and additional email accounts to receive information in a timely manner.

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	1	2	3	4 Independence Day (University Closed)	5 Summer Recess (No Classes)	6
7	8 Summer Term C Final Drop Deadline	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Off-Campus Housing Fair	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Summer Terms B, C, and D End
28 National Parents' Day	29	30	31			

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AUGUST REMINDERS

- Remind your student to purchase or rent textbooks **in time for the first day of classes**. Textbooks can be purchased online or in person at the bookstore on Mason's Fairfax Campus. Online orders can be shipped directly to your student or picked up on campus.
- Discuss **academic goals and expectations** and find out what your student hopes to accomplish academically at Mason. Encourage your student to take ownership of their education by setting academic goals for themselves.

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11	12 Family Weekend Registration Opens	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Freshman Move-In	22	23	24 Upperclass Move-In
			The Preamble		Welcome2Mason	
25	26 Fall Classes Begin Fall Tuition and Fees Deadline Immunization Record Deadline	27	28 Part-Time Job Fair	29 IVth Night	30	31
Welcome2Mason						



SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

- Registration for **Family Weekend** is open! Visit masonfamilyevents.gmu.edu for more information and to register your family.
- One of the most challenging skills for students to master is **time management**. Encourage your student to attend a free workshop offered by **Learning Services** if they are having trouble establishing balance in their schedule.

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SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day (University Closed)	3 Last Day to Add Classes	4 Get Connected Fair	5	6	7
Welcome2Mason						
8 National Grandparents Day	9	10	11 9/11 Day of Service	12	13	14
Welcome2Mason						
15	16	17 Last Day to Drop Classes	18 Self-Withdrawal Period Begins	19 Study Abroad Fair	20 One Love Cultural Festival	21
Sorority Recruitment Period						
22	23 First Day of Fall Midterm Evaluations Begin	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rosh Hashanah Begins	30 Self-Withdrawal Period Ends					

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OCTOBER REMINDERS

- Encourage your student to nominate your family for the ninth annual Alan and Sally Merten **Family of the Year Award**. This award is presented during Family Weekend and recognizes one family for the critical role played in their student's success at Mason. More information can be found at masonfamilyevents.gmu.edu.
- **Registration for spring classes** is quickly approaching. Check in with your student to see whether they have made an appointment to speak with an academic advisor.

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OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LGBT History Month Turn Off the Violence/Dating and Relationship Violence Awareness Month	1 Rosh Hashanah Ends Selective-Withdrawal Period Ends	2	3	4	5
			Fall Career Fair			
6	7	8 Yom Kippur Begins	9 Yom Kippur Ends	10	11	12 Mason Madness
				Fall for the Book		
13	14 Fall Break (No Classes)	15 Monday Classes Meet	16	17	18 Midterm Evaluations End	19
Fall for the Book						
20	21	22 Career Night	23	24	25	26 Leadership Mason Conference
27 Family Weekend Online Registration Deadline	28	29 Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	30	31 Halloween		



NOVEMBER REMINDERS

- **Family Weekend** is November 8–10. Visit masonfamilyevents.gmu.edu for a schedule of events and more details. Walk-ins welcome!
- Over winter break, Parking and Transportation Services offers **shuttles** from the Fairfax Campus to Dulles Airport, as well as to various cities across Virginia and surrounding metropolitan areas. Shuttles are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, so encourage your student to book a spot early! Visit shuttle.gmu.edu for more information.

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NOVEMBER 2019

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3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8 Family Weekend	9
10 Family Weekend	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Transgender Day of Remembrance	22	23
International Education Week						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Thanksgiving Day		
Thanksgiving Recess (University Closed)						



DECEMBER REMINDERS

- Finals are right around the corner, so this may be a time of increased academic pressure on your student. Remind them of the importance of **balance**, which includes a healthy diet, adequate sleep, exercise, and some relaxation!
- Remember that **grades** do not provide a full picture of a student's academic progress, especially in their first year. If your student's grades are not what they hoped for, help them reevaluate time management strategies and study skills.

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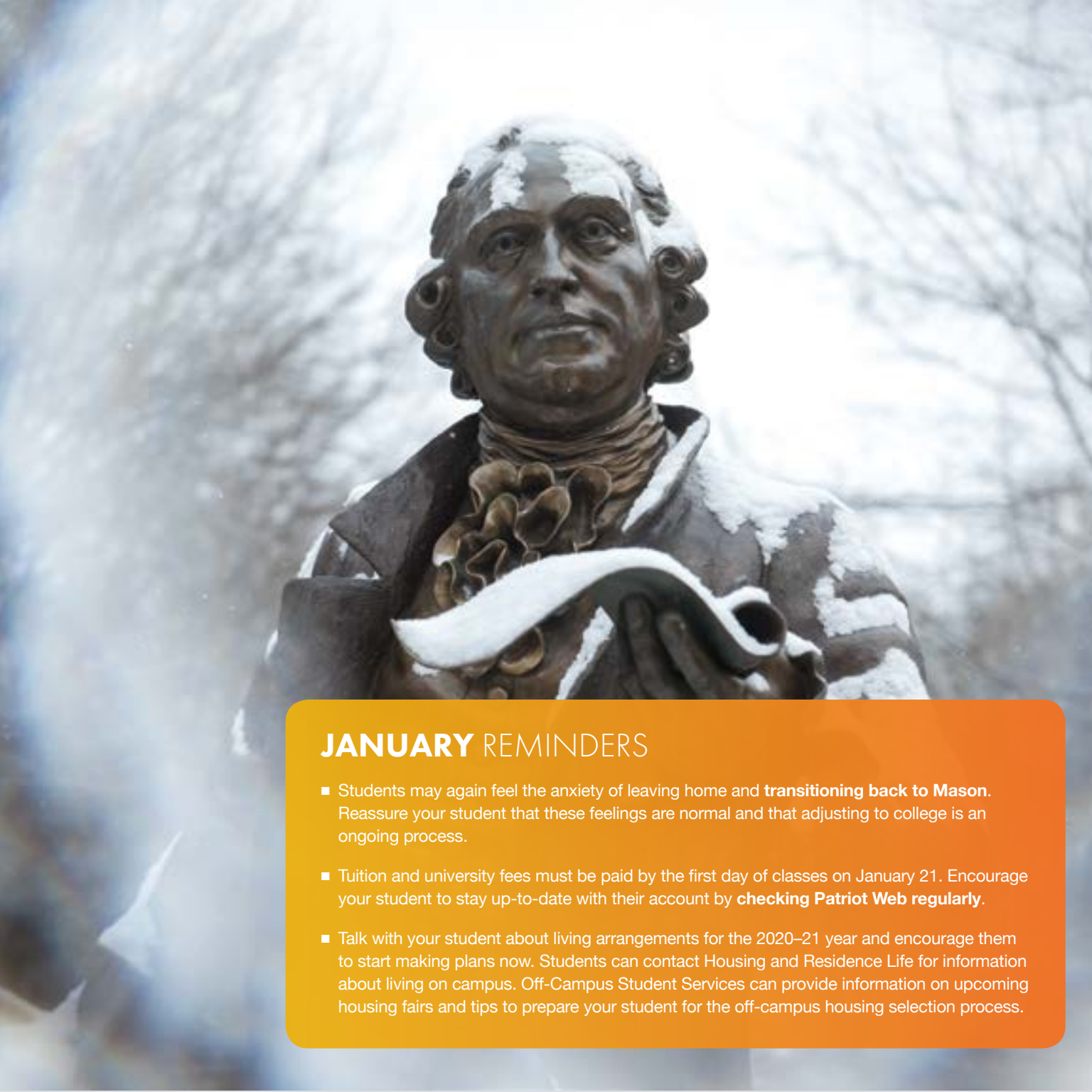
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Thanksgiving Recess		Destress Fest				
8	9	10 Off-Campus Housing Fair	11	12	13	14
Reading Days			Exam Period			
15	16	17	18	19 Winter Graduation	20	21 First Day of Winter Degree Conferral
Exam Period						
22 Hanukkah Begins	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28
University Closed						
29	30 Hanukkah Ends	31 New Year's Eve				
University Closed						

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JANUARY REMINDERS

- Students may again feel the anxiety of leaving home and **transitioning back to Mason**. Reassure your student that these feelings are normal and that adjusting to college is an ongoing process.
- Tuition and university fees must be paid by the first day of classes on January 21. Encourage your student to stay up-to-date with their account by **checking Patriot Web regularly**.
- Talk with your student about living arrangements for the 2020–21 year and encourage them to start making plans now. Students can contact Housing and Residence Life for information about living on campus. Off-Campus Student Services can provide information on upcoming housing fairs and tips to prepare your student for the off-campus housing selection process.

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			1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa Ends	2	3	4
			University Closed			
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19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University Closed)	21 Spring Classes Begin Immunization Record Deadline Spring Tuition and Fees Deadline	22	23	24	25 Lunar New Year
26	27	28 Last Day to Add Classes	29	30	31	



FEBRUARY REMINDERS

- With summer only a few months away, make sure your student is thinking about internships or jobs they would like to complete during the summer break. **University Career Services** can help your student navigate the internship and job search process.
- Show your Mason pride by joining us for **Homecoming!** Families are invited to partake in the spirit, fun, and action of the annual Homecoming Block Party and basketball games.

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						1 Black/African Heritage Month
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Last Day to Drop Classes	12 Self-Withdrawal Period Begins	13 Study Abroad Fair	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents' Day Midterm Evaluations Begin Sibs & Kids Weekend Registration Opens	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Self-Withdrawal Period Ends	25 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins	26	27	28	29 Leap Day

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MARCH REMINDERS

- Encourage your student to use the **summer storage program** offered by **The UPS Store**, located in Merten Hall, if they will be moving out of a residence hall in May and returning to live on campus in August. The UPS Store will store your student's belongings, so they don't have to take it all home in May, only to bring everything back in August!

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MARCH 2020

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8 Daylight Saving Time Begins International Women's Day	9 Holi Begins	10 Holi Ends	11	12	13	14
Spring Break (No Classes)						
15 Spring Break (No Classes)	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Education Recruitment Day	19 First Day of Spring	20 Midterm Evaluations End	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				International Week		
Greek Week						
29	30 Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	31				
International Week						
Greek Week						



APRIL REMINDERS

- Every year, Mason hosts **International Week**. Encourage your student to take part in the weeklong celebration that showcases the many countries and cultures that make up the Mason community!
- **Sibs & Kids Weekend** is April 18–19. Encourage your student to invite their siblings, other family members, and friends ages 6–18 to Mason to get a glimpse into life as a Patriot!

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APRIL 2020

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			1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4
			International Week			
5	6	7	8 Health and Science Job Fair Passover Begins	9	10 National Siblings Day	11
Pride Week						
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16 Passover Ends	17	18
Sibs & Kids Weekend						
19	20	21	22	23 Ramadan Begins	24 Mason Day	25
Sibs & Kids Weekend						
26	27	28	29	30		
Destress Fest						



MAY REMINDERS

- If your student is living on campus, encourage them to talk to a resident advisor to confirm **move-out policies and procedures**.
- Finalize **summer plans** with your student. Encourage them to stay engaged, whether they are working a summer job or taking classes, so the transition back to Mason in the fall won't be a drastic change in lifestyle.

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MAY 2020

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3	4 Last Day of Classes	5 Reading Day Off-Campus Housing Fair	6	7	8	9
Exam Period						
10 Mother's Day	11 Lavender & Women & Gender Studies/ Black Graduation	12	13	14	15 University Commencement	16 Degree Conferral
Exam Period						
17	18 First Day of Summer Classes Just-in-Time Job Fair	19	20	21	22	23 Ramadan Ends
24 Eid al-Fitr	25 Memorial Day (University Closed)	26 Last Day to Add Summer Classes	27	28	29	30
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JUNE REMINDERS

- The transition home after being away at college can be difficult. Allow your student **more responsibility and independence**. Discuss new expectations and rules for living at home over the summer.
- Encourage your student to create a **savings plan** if they have a part-time job over the summer. Remind them how nice it will be to access money throughout the fall semester.
- Encourage your student to **stay in contact with friends from Mason**, and even visit when possible, while still making time for family and other summer responsibilities.

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14	15	16 Self-Withdrawal Period Ends	17 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins	18	19	20 First Day of Summer
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30		We hope you enjoyed the 2019-20 Family Calendar. If you would like to stay up to date with important university dates, please contact families@gmu.edu with your name and mailing address, and we'll send you a copy of the 2020-21 Family Calendar.		

CONTACT INFORMATION

Bookstore

703-993-2666
gmu.bncollege.com

Career Services

703-993-2370
careers.gmu.edu

Center for Academic Advising, Retention, and Transitions

703-993-2470
advising.gmu.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services

703-993-2380
caps.gmu.edu

Dean of Students/University Life

703-993-2884
Alternate Phone Numbers:
703-993-8760
703-993-1000
ulife.gmu.edu

Dining Services

703-993-3313
dining.gmu.edu

Disability Services

703-993-2474
ods.gmu.edu

Escort Services

Fairfax: 703-993-2810
Arlington: 703-993-8070
Science and Technology: 703-993-8370
police.gmu.edu/police-cadets/escorts

Financial Aid

703-993-2353
financialaid.gmu.edu

Housing and Residence Life

703-993-2720
housing.gmu.edu

Information Technology Services

703-993-8870
itservices.gmu.edu

Learning Services

703-993-2999
caps.gmu.edu/learning-services

Mason Money, Mason ID, and Meal Plan

703-993-2870
masonid.gmu.edu

Military Services

703-993-1316
military.gmu.edu

New Student and Family Programs

703-993-2475
ofps.gmu.edu
masonfamily.gmu.edu

Off-Campus Student Services

703-993-6563
offcampus.gmu.edu

Parking and Transportation Services

703-993-2710
parking.gmu.edu

Patriot Tech

703-993-4100
gmu.bncollege.com

Police Department

Nonemergency: 703-993-2810
Emergency: 911
police.gmu.edu

Registrar's Office

703-993-2441
registrar.gmu.edu

Student Accounts

703-993-2484
studentaccounts.gmu.edu

Student Conduct

703-993-6209
studentconduct.gmu.edu

Student Health Services

Fairfax: 703-993-2831
Arlington: 703-993-4863
Science and Technology: 703-993-8374
shs.gmu.edu

University Information

703-993-1000
info.gmu.edu

Student Support and Advocacy Center

703-993-3686
ssac.gmu.edu

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

College of Education and Human Development

cehd.gmu.edu
703-993-2010

College of Health and Human Services

chhs.gmu.edu
703-993-1901

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

chss.gmu.edu
703-993-8720

College of Science

cos.gmu.edu
703-993-3622

College of Visual and Performing Arts

cvpa.gmu.edu
703-993-8877

Honors College

honorscollege.gmu.edu
703-993-1110

School of Integrative Studies

integrative.gmu.edu
703-993-1436

School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution

scar.gmu.edu
703-993-1300

School of Business

business.gmu.edu
703-993-1880

Schar School of Policy and Government

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703-993-2280

Volgenau School of Engineering

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