

# 2020-21 FAMILY CALENDAR



2019 Family of the Year

#MasonFamily



# DEAR MASON FAMILIES,

Welcome to George Mason University and the Mason family! Selecting a university is an important decision, and we are honored that you and your student elected to be part of our community. Rest assured you chose well and have joined one of the world's most diverse, innovative, and entrepreneurial schools. Here, your student will have unique opportunities to experience academic excellence, meet people from all walks of life, and participate in a vibrant community full of opportunities for growth and discovery at Mason and beyond.

This is an exciting transition, not just for your Patriot, but for you as well. This calendar serves as a guide for new Mason families throughout the year. You can rely on it for important dates, monthly tips, and contact information for various Mason student services. I hope that this resource answers many of your questions about what to expect in the upcoming year.

I also strongly encourage your active participation in the many educational, cultural, and social programs offered at our campuses, particularly those geared toward Mason families. Family Weekend and Sibs & Kids Weekend are two great examples. 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 email [families@gmu.edu](mailto:families@gmu.edu).

Best wishes for a wonderful year,

Rose Pascarell  
Vice President, University Life  
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](https://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 Mason Family Association in order to receive timely and important university information. Members receive our weekly e-newsletter, the *Mason Family Flash*, which includes important tips and reminders and ensures that you stay informed and connected to Mason!

 [masonfamily.gmu.edu](https://masonfamily.gmu.edu)

## FAMILY WEEKEND

Join us November 13–15, 2020, 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 make plans to attend this Mason-wide celebration!

## SPRING FAMILY FLING

Experience the beauty of springtime in Northern Virginia on April 17-18, 2021, for the inaugural Spring Family Fling (formerly Sibs & Kids Weekend). Spring Family Fling is a smaller, spring version of our fall Family Weekend. Bring your whole family to reconnect with your student the Mason way!

## 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](https://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 during your student's time at Mason. For more information and to give, visit [masonfamily.gmu.edu/parents-fund](https://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](https://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](https://masonfamily.gmu.edu)

 [families@gmu.edu](mailto:families@gmu.edu)

 703-993-2475



## JULY REMINDERS

- If your student is living off campus, remind them to purchase a **parking permit** and become familiar with the best routes to campus.
- Ask your student to register your contact information at [alert.gmu.edu](https://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 emails to receive information in a timely manner.

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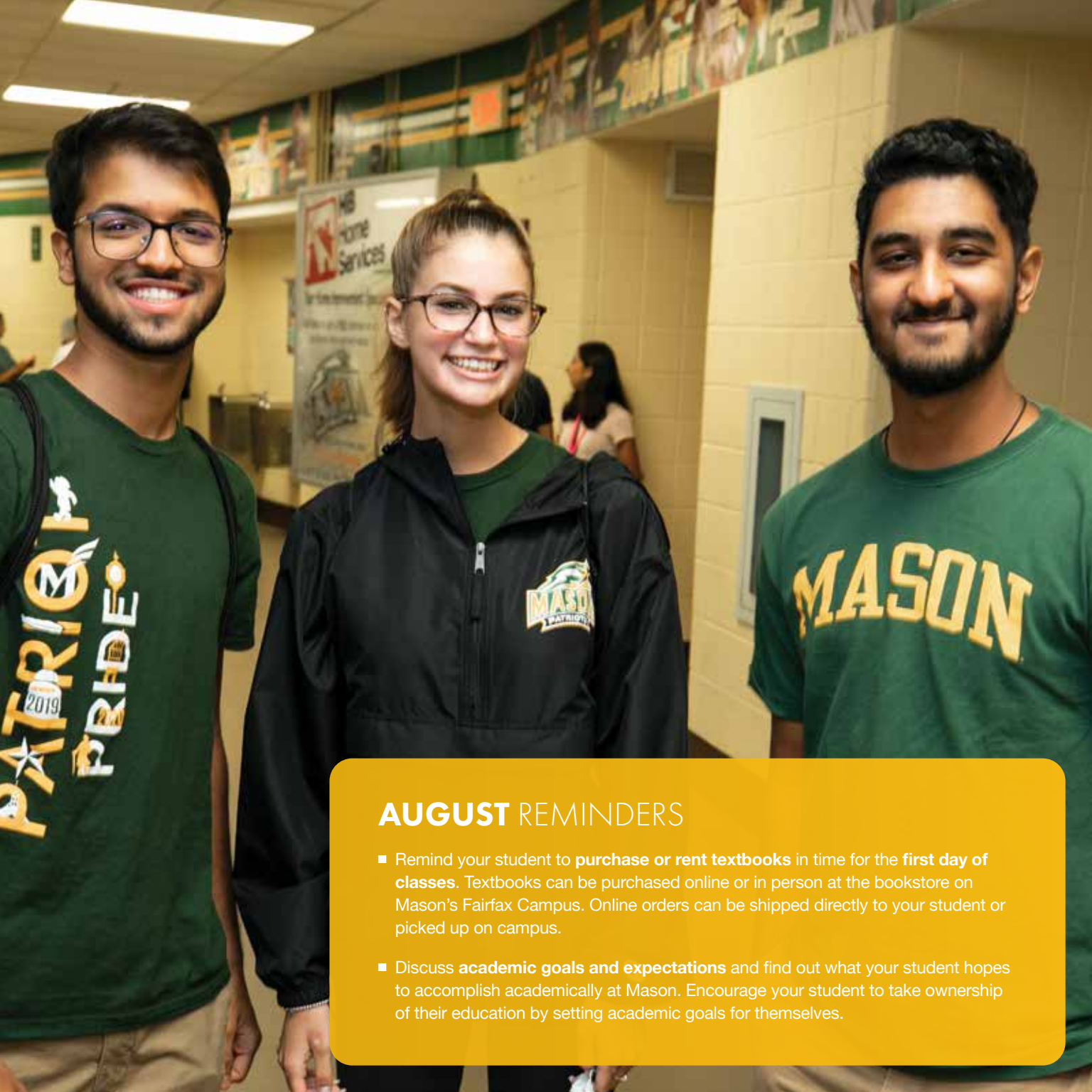
More information about summer sessions can be found at <a href="http://registrar.gmu.edu">registrar.gmu.edu</a> .			1	2	3 Summer Recess (University Closed)	4 Independence Day
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12	13 Summer Session F Begins	14	15	16	17	18
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26 National Parents' Day	27	28 Summer Sessions E Ends	29	30 Eid al-Adha Begins	31 Eid al-Adha Ends	

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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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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Family Weekend Registration Opens	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Summer Session F Classes End	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Freshman Move-In Family Farewell	<b>20</b> Islamic New Year	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Degree Conferral for All Summer Sessions Upperclass Move-In
<b>Welcome2Mason: The Preamble</b>						
<b>23</b> Welcome2Mason Begins	<b>24</b> Fall Classes Begin Fall Tuition and Fees Deadline	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Part-Time Job Fair	<b>27</b> IVth Night	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Last Day to Add Classes					

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## SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

- Registration for **Family Weekend** is open! Visit [masonfamilyevents.gmu.edu](https://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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Welcome2Mason takes place Sunday, August 23–Sunday, September 27. See <a href="http://welcome2mason.gmu.edu">welcome2mason.gmu.edu</a> for the full list of events.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day (University Closed)	8	9 Get Connected Fair	10	11 9/11 Day of Service	12
Sorority Recruitment Period						
13 National Grandparents' Day	14	15 Last Day to Drop Classes Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	17	18 Rosh Hashanah Begins	19
Sorority Recruitment Period						
20 Rosh Hashanah Ends	21 Midterm Evaluations Begin	22 First Day of Fall	23 Patriot Leader Applications Open	24 Study Abroad Fair	25	26
27 Yom Kippur Begins Welcome2Mason Ends	28 Yom Kippur Ends Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	29 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins	30 Fall Career Fair			

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## OCTOBER REMINDERS

- Encourage your student to nominate your family for the 10th 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](https://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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LGBT History Month Turn Off the Violence/Dating and Relationship Violence Awareness Month				1 Fall Career Fair	2	3 Leadership Mason Conference
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Fall for the Book						
11	12 Fall Break (No Classes) Indigenous Peoples' Day	13 Monday Classes Meet	14	15 Hispanic Heritage Month Ends	16 Mason Madness Midterm Evaluations End	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Patriot Leader Applications Close	24
25	26	27	28 Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	29 Career Night	30	31 Halloween Día de los Muertos Begins

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## NOVEMBER REMINDERS

- **Family Weekend** is November 13–15. Visit [masonfamilyevents.gmu.edu](https://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](https://shuttle.gmu.edu) for more information.

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<b>1</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends Family Weekend Online Registration Deadline	<b>2</b> Día de los Muertos Ends	<b>3</b> Election Day	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Diwali
					Family Weekend	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Transgender Day of Remembrance	<b>21</b>
Family Weekend		International Education Week				
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
			Thanksgiving Recess (University Closed)			
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
Thanksgiving Recess		Destress Fest				



## 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 the 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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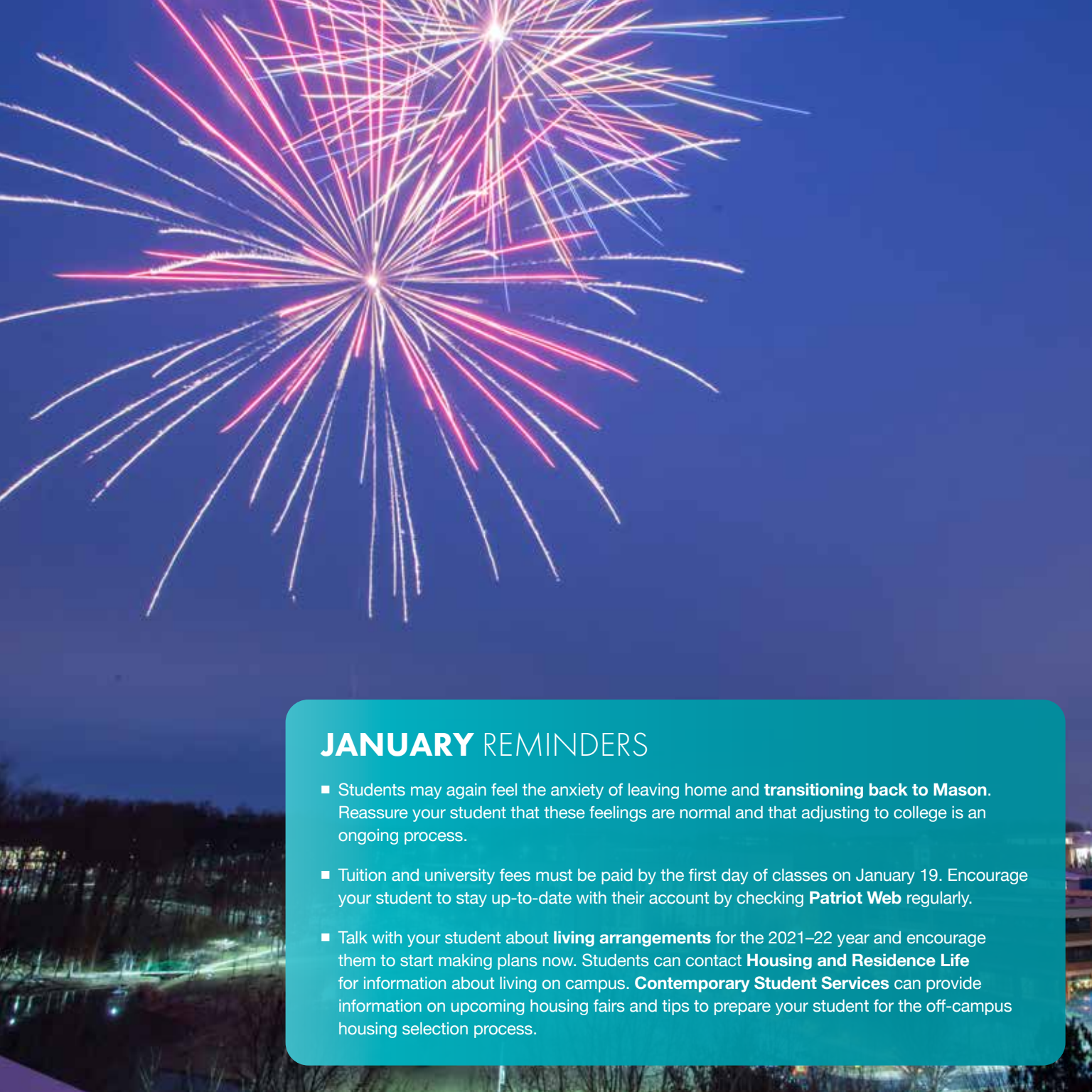
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		Destress Fest					
6	7	8 Off-Campus Housing Fair	9	10 Hanukkah Begins	11	12	
	Reading Days		Exam Period				
13	14	15	16	17 Winter Graduation	18 Hanukkah Ends	19 Degree Conferral	
Exam Period							
20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	
				Winter Recess (University Closed)			
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			
Winter Recess (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 19. 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 2021–22 year and encourage them to start making plans now. Students can contact **Housing and Residence Life** for information about living on campus. **Contemporary 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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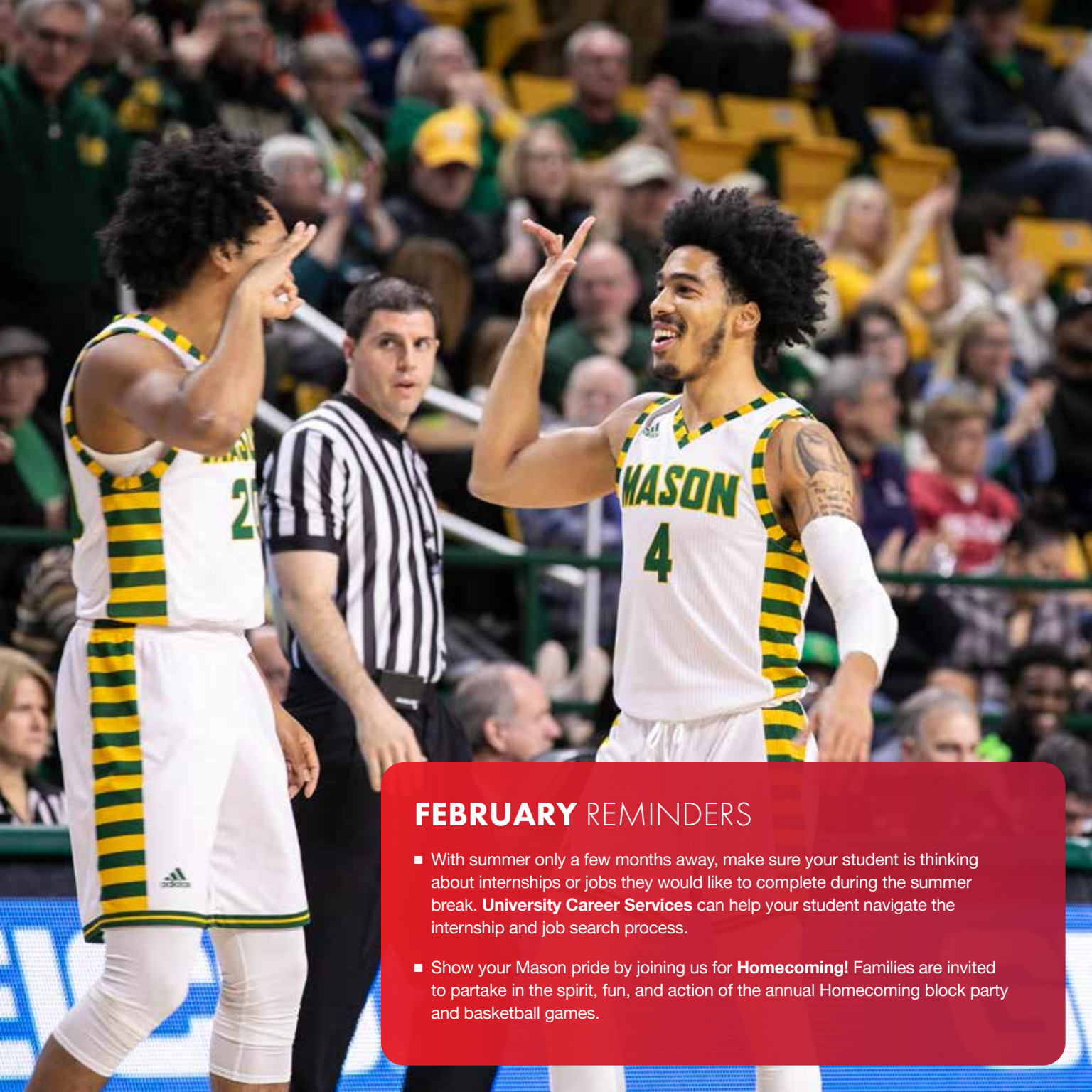
					<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Kwanzaa Ends</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
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<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr., Day (University Closed)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Spring Classes Begin</p> <p>Immunization Record Deadline</p> <p>Spring Tuition and Fees Deadline</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Last Day to Add Classes</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
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## 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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Black/African Heritage Month	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Last Day to Drop Classes	10 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	11	12 Lunar New Year	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents' Day Midterm Evaluations Begin	16 Sibs & Kids Weekend Registration Opens	17	18	19	20
21	22 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	23 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins Study Abroad Fair	24	25 Purim Begins	26 Purim Ends	27
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Spring Career Fair

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## MARCH REMINDERS

- Encourage your student to utilize 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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7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13
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14 Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Education Career Fair	18	19 Midterm Evaluations End	20 First Day of Spring
Spring Recess						
21	22	23	24 Off-Campus Housing Fair	25	26	27 Passover Begins
Greek Week						
28 Holi Begins	29 Holi Ends Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	30	31			
Greek Week						

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## 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 17–18. Encourage your student to invite their siblings, other family members, and friends between ages 6 and 18 to Mason to get a glimpse into life as a Patriot!



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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Sexual Assault Awareness Month				1 April Fools' Day Health and Science Job Fair	2 Good Friday	3
International Week						
4 Passover Ends Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10 National Siblings Day
International Week						
11	12 Ramadan Begins	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17
International Week		Spring Family Fling				
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23 Mason Day	24
Spring Family Fling		Destress Fest				
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## 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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						Destress Fest
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Exam Period						
<b>9</b> Mother's Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Ramadan Ends	<b>12</b> Eid al-Fitr Begins	<b>13</b> Eid al-Fitr Ends	<b>14</b> University Commencement	<b>15</b> Degree Conferral
Exam Period						
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> First Day of Summer Classes Just-in-Time Job Fair	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Last Day to Add/Drop Summer Classes	<b>26</b> Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Memorial Day (University Closed)					

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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 **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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27	28	29	30	<p>We hope you enjoyed the 2020–21 Family Calendar. If you would like to stay up to date with important university dates, please contact <a href="mailto:families@gmu.edu">families@gmu.edu</a> with your name and mailing address, and we'll send you a copy of the 2021–22 calendar.</p>		



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# CONTACT INFORMATION

## Bookstore

703-993-2666  
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## Contemporary Student Services

703-993-6563  
contemporary.gmu.edu

## Counseling and Psychological Services

703-993-2380  
caps.gmu.edu

## Dean of Students/University Life

703-993-2884  
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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

## Housing and Residence Life

703-993-2720  
housing.gmu.edu

## Information Technology Services

703-993-8870  
its.gmu.edu

## Learning Services

703-993-2380  
learningservices.gmu.edu

## Mason Care Network

703-993-2470  
mcn.gmu.edu

## Mason Money, Mason ID, and Meal Plans

703-993-2870  
masonid.gmu.edu

## Mason Student Services Center

mssc.gmu.edu

## Military Services

703-993-1316  
military.gmu.edu

## New Student and Family Programs

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

## Safety Escorts

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

## Student Accounts

703-993-2484  
studentaccounts.gmu.edu

## Student Conduct

703-993-6209  
studentconduct.gmu.edu

## Student Financial Aid

703-993-2353  
financialaid.gmu.edu

## Student Health Services

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

## Student Support and Advocacy Center

703-993-3686  
ssac.gmu.edu

## University Career Services

703-993-2370  
careers.gmu.edu

## University Information

703-993-1000  
info.gmu.edu

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## 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

## Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution

scar.gmu.edu  
703-993-1300

## Schar School of Policy and Government

schar.gmu.edu  
703-993-2280

## School of Business

business.gmu.edu  
703-993-1880

## School of Integrative Studies

integrative.gmu.edu  
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## Volgenau School of Engineering

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