



FAMILY CALENDAR 2021-22



THE BOWERS FAMILY

#MASONFAMILY



Dear Mason Families,

Welcome to a new academic year at George Mason University! Whether your student is headed to college for the first time or is just a few credits from graduating, we're pleased to have you as valued members of our Mason Family.

Mason students come together from all walks of life to discover, grow, and thrive in an inclusive and innovative academic environment in one of the most dynamic regions in the world.

Our parents and family members are Patriots, too. Your engagement in Mason strengthens our university community and further connects you to your student's college experience.

Please use this calendar to learn more about important dates, monthly tips, and contact information for various Mason student services. You'll also find dates for opportunities to participate in educational, cultural, and social programs on campus as well as specific family-oriented events, including Family Weekend and Spring Family Fling.

We encourage your involvement. If you ever have questions, or if we can assist you in any way, please reach out to New Student and Family Programs at 703-993-2475 or email families@gmu.edu.

Best wishes for a wonderful year,

Gregory Washington
President, George Mason University



STAY CONNECTED AS A MASON FAMILY

New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) recognizes the important role you play in your student's development and success at Mason. NSFP serves as a liaison between the university and families and provides an outlet for you to become active members of the Mason community through programming and outreach. Take advantage of the following resources and stay connected to Mason throughout the year!

GET INVOLVED

Parent and Family Council

The Parent and Family Council provides an opportunity for you to become actively engaged and informed members of the Mason community by volunteering at events and serving as ambassadors for the university and prospective and current families.

Parent and Family Fund

The Parent and Family Fund offers you 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.

COME BACK TO VISIT

Family Weekend | October 15–17, 2021

Join us for our annual university-wide celebration that takes place each fall. Events are designed to allow you to meet other families, become familiar with university resources, spend time with your student, and learn more about life as a Mason Patriot!

Spring Family Fling | March 25–27, 2022

Experience the beauty of springtime in Northern Virginia at our Spring Family Fling—a spring version of our fall Family Weekend. We invite you to bring your whole family to reconnect with your student the Mason way.

STAY INFORMED

Website

If you have a question about Mason and aren't sure where to start, visit masonfamily.gmu.edu and take advantage of a multitude of resources.

Mason Family Connection

Everything you need to make the most of your Mason family experience is located within the Mason Family Connection. This platform provides a space for you to find your community within our larger family network, customize the content and frequency you receive updates, and much more. Join or update your profile at gmucampusesp.com.

CONNECT WITH US!

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☎ 703-993-2475

🏠 masonfamily.gmu.edu

🌐 gmucampusesp.com

📷 [@masonnsfp](https://www.instagram.com/masonnsfp)

📘 [/masonnsfp](https://www.facebook.com/masonnsfp)



- 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 to receive emergency notifications from the university. All students are automatically enrolled in Mason Alert and are advised to add their cell phone number and additional emails to receive information in a timely manner.

July

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
More information about summer sessions can be found at registrar.gmu.edu .				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Independence Day Observance (University Closed)				Selective Withdrawal Period Ends		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Eid al-Adha Begins	Eid al-Adha Ends				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
National Parents' Day						



University Events



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Student Life Events



- Remind your student to purchase or rent textbooks in time for **the first day of class**. 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. Encourage them to take ownership of their education by setting academic goals.
- Registration for **Family Weekend** opens this month! Check the Mason Family Connection for more information and to register your family.

August

AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Immunization Record Deadline	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Islamic New Year	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Fall Family Kick-Off	18 Ashura Family Farewell Freshman Move-In	19 The Preamble	20	21
22	23 First Day of Fall Classes Fall Tuition and Fees Deadline	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27	28
29	30 Last Day to Add Classes	31	Welcome2Mason takes place August 22–September 26. Visit welcome2mason.gmu.edu for the full list of events.			



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- 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.
- Nominate your family for the 11th 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 masonfamily.gmu.edu.

September

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Rosh Hashanah Begins Labor Day (University Closed)	7	8 Rosh Hashanah Ends	9	10	11 9/11 Day of Service
12 National Grandparents' Day	13	14 Last Day to Drop Classes	15 Yom Kippur Begins Hispanic Heritage Month Begins Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	16 Yom Kippur Ends	17	18
19	20 Sukkot Begins Midterm Evaluation Period Begins	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23 Fall Study Abroad Fair	24	25
26	27 Sukkot Ends Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	28 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins	29 Fall Career Fair	30		



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Student Life Events



- 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.
- Family Weekend is October 15–17! Visit MasonFamilyEvents.gmu.edu for a schedule of events and more details.

October

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
LGBT History Month Domestic Violence Awareness Month						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Indigenous Peoples' Day Fall Break (Classes Do Not Meet)	12 Monday Classes/ Labs Meet	13	14	15 Midterm Evaluation Period Ends Hispanic Heritage Month Ends	16
					Family Weekend	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Family Weekend		24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
31 Halloween			Selective Withdrawal Period Ends			



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. Shuttle seating is reserved on a first come, first-served basis, so encourage your student to book a spot early! Visit shuttle.gmu.edu for more information.

November

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Días de los Muertos Begins	2 Días de los Muertos Ends Election Day All Souls Day	3	4 Diwali	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
	International Education Week					
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Black Friday	27 Small Business Saturday
	Thanksgiving Recess (No Classes)					
28 Hanukkah Begins	29	30 Giving Tuesday				
Thanksgiving Recess (No Classes)						



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- 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.

December

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 World AIDS Day	2	3	4 Last Day of Classes
5	6 Hanukkah Ends	7	8	9	10	11
Reading Days			Examination Period			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Examination Period				Winter Graduation		Degree Conferral
19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
Winter Recess (University Closed)						
26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	
Winter Recess (University Closed)						



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- 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 24. Encourage your student to check their account in **Patriot Web** regularly.
- Talk with your student about **living arrangements** for the 2022–23 academic 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.

January

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Kwanzaa Ends New Year's Day Immunization Record Deadline Winter Recess (University Closed)
2 Winter Recess (University Closed)	3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University Closed)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 First Day of Spring Classes Spring Tuition and Fees Deadline	25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29
30	31 Last Day to Add Classes					



- Registration for **Spring Family Fling** is open! Check the **Mason Family Connection** for more information and to register your family.
- 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 and fun.

February

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chinese New Year	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
Black/African American History Month						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Last Day to Drop Classes Valentine's Day	15 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins Spring Study Abroad Fair	16	17	18	19
20	21 Midterm Evaluation Period Begins Presidents' Day	22	23 Spring Career Fair	24	25	26
27	28					



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- 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!
- **Spring Family Fling** is March 25–27! We invite you to bring your whole family to experience the beauty of springtime in Northern Virginia and reconnect with your student the Mason way. Check the **Mason Family Connection** for a schedule of events and more details.

March

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's History Month		1 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	2 Ash Wednesday Selective Withdrawal Period Begins	3	4	5
6	7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins	14	15	16 Purim Begins	17 Purim Ends St. Patrick's Day Holi Begins	18 Holi Ends	19
Spring Recess (No Classes)						
20 First Day of Spring Spring Recess (No Classes)	21	22	23	24	25 Midterm Evaluation Period Ends Spring Family Fling International Week	26
27 Spring Family Fling	28	29	30	31	International Week	



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- 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!
- The end of the semester is near, and your student may be finding it difficult to prioritize their well-being. Encourage them to take mindful breaks and practice self-care that strengthens vitality, purpose, and resilience.

April

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sexual Assault Awareness Month					1 April Fools' Day	2 Ramadan Begins
					International Week	
3	4	5	6	7 World Health Day	8	9
International Week						
10 National Siblings Day	11 Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	12	13	14	15 Passover Begins Good Friday Tax Day	16
17 Easter	18	19	20	21	22 Passover Ends Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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- If your student is living on campus, encourage them to talk to their 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.

May

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ramadan Ends	2 Eid al-Fitr Begins	3 Eid al-Fitr Ends	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 Last Day of Classes
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
Reading Days			Examination Period			
15	16 First Day of Summer Classes	17	18	19	20	21
Examination Period					University Commencement	Degree Conferral
22	23	24 Last Day to Add/ Drop Classes	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day (University Closed)	31	Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month			



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- 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.

June

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Shavuot Begins
5	6 Shavuot Ends	7	8 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	9	10	11
12	13	14 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	15 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins	16	17	18
19 Father's Day Juneteenth	20	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	We hope you enjoyed the 2021–22 Family Calendar! To stay notified of important university dates, visit MasonFamily.gmu.edu and join the Mason Family Connection .	



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Contact Information

Academic Advising

703-993-3766
advising.gmu.edu

Academic Integrity

703-993-6209
oai.gmu.edu

Bookstore

703-993-2666
gmu.bnccollege.com

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
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

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 Money, Mason ID, and Meal Plans

703-993-2870
masonid.gmu.edu

Mason Student Services Center

703-993-2000
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

703-993-2710
parking.gmu.edu

Patriot Tech

703-993-4100
gmu.bnccollege.edu

Police

Non-emergency: 703-993-2810
Emergency: 911
police.gmu.edu

Provost/Undergraduate Education

703-993-3794
provost.gmu.edu

Registrar

703-993-2441
registrar.gmu.edu

Safety Escorts

Fairfax: 703-993-2810
Arlington: 703-993-8070
SciTech: 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
SciTech: 703-993-8374
shs.gmu.edu

Student Success Coaching

703-993-2470
coaching.gmu.edu

Student Support and Advocacy Center

703-993-3686
ssac.gmu.edu

UNIV Courses and Programs

703-993-3794
transitions.gmu.edu

University Career Services

703-993-2370
careers.gmu.edu

University Information

703-993-1000
info.gmu.edu

Colleges and Schools

College of Education and Human Development

703-993-2010
cehd.gmu.edu

College of Engineering and Computing

703-993-1505
volgenau.gmu.edu

College of Health and Human Services

703-993-1901
chhs.gmu.edu

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

703-993-8720
chss.gmu.edu

College of Science

703-993-3622
cos.gmu.edu

College of Visual and Performing Arts

703-993-8877
cvpa.gmu.edu

Honors College

703-993-1110
honorscollege.gmu.edu

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution

703-993-1300
carterschool.gmu.edu

Schar School of Policy and Government

703-993-2280
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School of Business

703-993-1880
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