

A photograph of a family of three standing outdoors in front of a brick building. On the left, a young man with a beard and glasses wears a yellow t-shirt with 'UNITED NATION OF MASON' and a green and white baseball cap. In the center, a woman with purple hair and glasses sits, wearing a grey t-shirt with 'EST. 1967 GEORGE MASON'. On the right, a man in a green t-shirt with 'WE ARE MASON' and black shorts stands with one leg raised. A yellow horizontal band is behind the text '#MASONFAMILY'.

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The Wallis Family
2022 Mason Family of the Year



FAMILY CALENDAR

2023-24



Dear Mason Families,

Welcome to a new academic year at George Mason University! You and your student will help us usher in Mason's second half century as an independent university. I'm so pleased that you're part of this inclusive academic community.

Mason is among the top 10 public universities nationwide for diversity and innovation, and that's reflected in the many activities on our campuses. It's part of what makes *Mason All Together Different*. In addition, Northern Virginia and the greater Washington, D.C., region offer unparalleled internship and job opportunities to help your student achieve their academic and professional goals.

There may be one or multiple members of your family enrolled in classes, and you are all Patriots. We encourage you to play an active role in your student's college experience. This calendar highlights important dates, monthly tips, and contact information for Mason's student services. You'll also find dates for opportunities to participate in educational, cultural, and social programs on our campuses, as well as specific family-oriented events, including Family Weekend.

We look forward to seeing all of you. Go, Patriots!

Gregory Washington
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 serves as a liaison between the university and families and provides an outlet for families 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 parents and families to meet with university leadership, volunteer at events, and become actively engaged and informed members of the Mason community.

Parent and Family Fund

The Parent and Family 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.

COME BACK TO VISIT

Family Weekend October 13–15, 2023

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!

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 of updates, and much more. Join or update your profile at gmucampusesp.com.

Family Support Series

The Family Support Series is intended to help parents, families, and supporters understand how they can best support their student while at Mason. Webinars are typically held in the evenings, last approximately one hour, and are recorded and made available following each session.


CONNECT WITH US!


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 [@OfpsGMU](https://www.youtube.com/OfpsGMU)



Whether your student is living on or off campus, remind them to become familiar with their best routes to and from campus. It's always a great idea to know how you're getting to and from campus, which could involve purchasing a parking permit or learning a bus or Metro train route. Encourage your student to create an account at masoncommutes.com if they are interested in riding with others who are traveling at the same time to the same destination. Information on parking and transportation options is available at transportation.gmu.edu.

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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Visit registrar.gmu.edu for information about summer sessions.						1
2	3	4 Independence Day Observance (University Closed)	5	6	7	8
9	10 Summer Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Islamic New Year	19	20	21	22
23 National Parents Day	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31			Ashura Begins	Ashura Ends	



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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.

Encourage your student to connect with their **Student Success Coach** to set goals and support their definition of success at Mason. Students can find their Success Coach at coaching.gmu.edu/findyourcoach.

Patriot Experience has a First Year Challenge for incoming freshmen and transfer students to get connected to Mason and learn about the resources, experiences, and opportunities available. Log into **Mason360** for more info!

Registration for **Family Weekend** is open! Visit the **Mason Family Connection** to register your family.

AUGUST2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Welcome2Mason takes place August 20–September 16.		1 Immunization Record Deadline	2	3	4 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday	5
6	7 Purple Heart Day	8	9 Last Day of Summer Classes	10	11	12
				Summer Exam Period		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Gradstravaganza		
				Upper-Level Move-In		
				The Preamble		
			Freshman Move-In			Degree Conferral
20	21 First Day of Fall Classes	22	23	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day
Welcome2Mason						
27	28 Last Day to Add Classes	29	30	31	Visit welcome2mason.gmu.edu for the full list of events.	
Welcome2Mason						

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.

Encourage your student to nominate your family for the 13th annual Dr. Alan and Sally Merten **Family of the Year Award**. This award is presented during Family Weekend and recognizes one family for the critical role they played in their student's success at Mason. More information can be found at masonfamily.gmu.edu.



SEPTEMBER2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15.					1	2
					Welcome2Mason	
3	4 Labor Day (University Closed)	5 Last Day to Drop Classes (100% Refund)	6	7	8	9
Welcome2Mason						
10 National Grandparents Day	11 Day of Service	12 Last Day to Drop Classes (50% Refund)	13 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	14	15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins Rosh Hashanah Begins	16
Welcome2Mason						
17 Rosh Hashanah Ends	18 U.S. Air Force Birthday Midterm Evaluation Period Begins (Full semester 100-200 level classes)	19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn
24 Yom Kippur Begins	25 Yom Kippur Ends	26 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends Fall Job Fair	27 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins (Undergraduates only)	28	29 Sukkot Begins Pitru Paksha Begins	30 Get Connected Fair



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OCTOBER



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 13–15! Visit masonfamily.gmu.edu for details and to view the schedule of events.

OCTOBER2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Sukkot Ends	7
8	9 Indigenous Peoples' Day Fall Break (No classes)	10 World Mental Health Day Monday Classes/ Labs Meet (No Tuesday classes this week)	11	12	13 Midterm Evaluation Period Ends U.S. Navy Birthday Family Weekend	14 Pitru Paksha Ends
15 Hispanic Heritage Month Ends Navratri Begins Family Weekend	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	24 Navratri Ends	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	LGBTQ+ History Month Domestic Violence Awareness Month National Disability Awareness Month Hispanic Heritage Month ends on October 15.			



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For major school breaks such as Thanksgiving and Winter Break, Parking and Transportation offers **shuttles** from the Fairfax Campus to several regional cities in Virginia and beyond. Shuttles are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, so encourage your student to book a spot early! Information on regional shuttles is available at shuttle.gmu.edu about four weeks before the scheduled break.

NOVEMBER



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Native American and Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month			1 Día de los Muertos Begins	2 Día de los Muertos Ends All Souls Day	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10 U.S. Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veterans Day
12 Diwali	13	14	15	16	17	18
International Education Week						
Transgender Awareness Week						
19	20 Transgender Day of Remembrance	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Black Friday	25 Small Business Saturday
Transgender Awareness Week	Thanksgiving Recess (No Classes)					
26	27 Cyber Monday	28 Giving Tuesday	29	30		
Thanksgiving Recess	Destress Fest					

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



DECEMBER2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 World AIDS Day	2 Last Day of Classes
					Destress Fest	
3	4	5	6	7 Hanukkah Begins	8	9
Reading Days			Examination Period			
10	11	12	13 U.S. National Guard Birthday	14	15 Hanukkah Ends	16
Examination Period				University Commencement	Degree Conferral	
17	18	19	20	21 Yule Begins First Day of Winter	22	23
Winter Recess (University Closed)						
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	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 16. Encourage your student to check their account in **Patriot Web** regularly.

Talk with your student about **living arrangements** for the 2024–25 year and encourage them to start making plans now. Students can visit **housing.gmu.edu** 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.

JANUARY2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa Ends Yule Ends <div>Winter Recess</div>	2	3	4	5 Immunization Record Deadline	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <div>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University Closed)</div>	16 First Day of Spring Classes	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Last Day to Add Classes	24	25 Martin Luther King Jr. Evening of Reflection Mahayana	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
28	29	30 Last Day to Drop Classes (100% Refund) <div>Get Connected Fair</div>	31			



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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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Black/African American History Month				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6 Last Day to Drop Classes (50% Refund)	7 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	8	9	10 Chinese New Year Korean New Year Vietnamese New Year
11	12 Midterm Evaluation Period Begins	13	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	21 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins Spring Career Fair	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		



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MARCH

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 campus in August. The UPS Store will store your student's belongings, so they don't have to haul it all home only to bring everything back!

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's History Month					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 International Women's Day	9
Spring Recess (No Classes)						
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins Ramadan Begins	11	12	13	14	15 Midterm Evaluation Period Ends	16
Spring Recess						Pride Week
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 First Day of Spring	20	21	22	23 Purim Begins
Pride Week						
24 Purim Ends Palm Sunday	25 Holi Selective Withdrawal Period Ends	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30 Mason Drag Show
Pride Week						
31 Easter					International Week	
Graduate Student Appreciation Week						
Greek Week (3/24 - 3/31)						

APRIL



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!

Is your student looking to jumpstart their Mason journey? Sign up for Quill Camp, an engaging summer program opportunity where students can participate in theme-based camps such as True Crime, Republic, Outdoor Adventures, and more! This intentional experience is meant to support the transition of our incoming Patriots by developing a diverse network and strengthening their ties to Mason Nation. Visit quillcamp.gmu.edu for more information.

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5	6
	International Week					
7 World Health Day	8	9 Ramadan Ends Eid al-Fitr Begins	10 National Siblings Day Eid al-Fitr Ends	11	12	13
International Week						
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Passover Begins Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
					Mason Days	
28	29 Last Day of Spring Classes	30 Passover Ends	Sexual Assault Awareness Month Month of the Military Child			
	Destress Fest					
		Reading Days				



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MAY

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.

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Military Appreciation Month			1	2	3	4
			Destress Fest			
			Reading Days	Examination Period		
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
Examination Period					University Commencement	Degree Conferral
12 Mother's Day	13 First Day of Summer Classes	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Last Day to Add Classes	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day (University Closed)	28 Last Day to Drop Classes (100% Refund)	29	30	31	

JUNE

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.



JUNE2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>We hope you enjoyed the 2023–24 Family Calendar!</div> <div>Stay connected by visiting masonfamily.gmu.edu</div> <div>and joining the Mason Family Connection at gmucampusesp.com.</div>						1
2	3 <div>Last Day to Drop Classes (50% Refund)</div>	4 <div>Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins</div>	5	6	7	8
9	10 <div>Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends</div>	11 <div>Shavuot Begins</div>	12	13 <div>Shavuot Ends</div>	14 <div>U.S. Army Birthday Flag Day</div>	15
16 <div>Father’s Day Eid al-Adha Begins</div>	17 <div>Eid al-Adha Ends</div>	18	19 <div>Juneteenth (University Closed)</div>	20 <div>First Day of Summer</div>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Contact Information

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Academic Integrity 703-993-6209 oai.gmu.edu	Financial Aid 703-993-2000 financialaid.gmu.edu	New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) 703-993-2475 ofps.gmu.edu masonfamily.gmu.edu	Student Conduct 703-993-6209 studentconduct.gmu.edu
Bookstore 703-993-2666 gmubncollege.com	First-Gen+ Center 703-993-2700 firstgen.gmu.edu	Parking and Transportation 703-993-2828 parking.gmu.edu	Student Health Services Fairfax: 703-993-2831 Mason Square: 703-993-2831 shs.gmu.edu
Campus Information and Visitor Services 703-993-1000 info.gmu.edu	Housing and Residence Life (HRL) 703-993-2720 housing.gmu.edu	Patriot Tech 703-993-4100 gmubncollege.com	Student Involvement 703-993-2909 si.gmu.edu
Center for Culture, Equity, and Empowerment (CCEE) 703-993-2700 ccee.gmu.edu	Information Technology Services 703-993-8870 its.gmu.edu	Police Non-emergency: 703-993-2810 Emergency: 911 police.gmu.edu	Student Success Coaching 703-993-2470 coaching.gmu.edu
Contemporary Student Services (CSS) masoncss@gmu.edu contemporary.gmu.edu	Learning Services 703-993-2999 learningservices.gmu.edu	Provost/Undergraduate Education 703-993-1000 provost.gmu.edu	Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) 703-993-3686 ssac.gmu.edu
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) 703-993-2380 caps.gmu.edu	LGBTQ+ Resources Center 703-993-2702 lgbtq.gmu.edu	Registrar 703-993-2441 registrar.gmu.edu	University Career Services 703-993-2370 careers.gmu.edu
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Dining Services 703-993-3313 dining.gmu.edu	Mason Student Services Center 703-993-2000 mssc.gmu.edu		

Colleges and Schools

College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) 703-993-2080 cehd.gmu.edu	College of Public Health (CPH) 703-993-1901 publichealth.gmu.edu	Honors College 703-993-1110 honorscollege.gmu.edu	School of Business 703-993-1880 business.gmu.edu
College of Engineering and Computing (CEC) 703-993-1511 cec.gmu.edu	College of Science (COS) 703-993-3622 science.gmu.edu	Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution 703-993-4165 carterschool.gmu.edu	School of Integrative Studies (SIS) 703-993-1436 integrative.gmu.edu
College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) 703-993-8725 chss.gmu.edu	College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) 703-993-5572 cvpa.gmu.edu	Schar School of Policy and Government 703-993-1400 schar.gmu.edu	



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