



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## Dear Mason Families,

I welcome you to a new academic year at George Mason University, the largest, most diverse, and most innovative public university in Virginia!

You are part of an institution whose impact is growing by the day. Among public universities nationally, Mason is No. 33 in the *Wall Street Journal*, No. 40 in *Forbes*, and No. 51 in *U.S. News & World Report*. News outlets across the board recognize Mason as the top public university in Virginia for the social mobility of our students.

Whether you're the family member enrolled in classes or not, you're *all* Patriots. We encourage you to play an active role in your student's experience at Mason. Visit our campuses, and the dynamic Washington, D.C., region, often. Take part in the many activities we offer, from the arts to athletics to events specifically for Mason families such as Family Weekend, which is an annual highlight.

This calendar provides important dates, monthly tips, and contact information for services to make the Mason student and family experience one to cherish now and for years to come.

We look forward to seeing you at Mason. 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 pathways 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 (PAFC) 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 18–20, 2024

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!

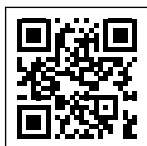
## STAY INFORMED

### Website

If you have a question about Mason and aren't sure where to start, visit [masonfamily.gmu.edu](https://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](https://gmucampusesp.com).



Scan here with your mobile device.

### Family Support Series

The Family Support Series is intended to help parents, families, and supporters understand how they can best assist 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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Whether your student is living on or off campus, remind them to become familiar with their best routes to and from Mason. For some students, being prepared for the first day of class could involve purchasing a parking permit or learning a bus or Metrorail route. Encourage your student to create an account at [masoncommutes.com](https://masoncommutes.com) if they are interested in riding with others who are traveling at the same time and to the same destination. Information on parking and transportation options is available at [transportation.gmu.edu](https://transportation.gmu.edu).

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 number and additional emails to receive information in a timely manner.

## JULY2024

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





# AUGUST

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.

Encourage your student to connect with their 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 first-year and transfer students to get connected to Mason and learn about the resources, experiences, and opportunities available. Have your student log into Mason360 for more info!

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

## AUGUST2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Welcome2Mason</b> takes place August 25–September 30 Visit <b>welcome2mason.gmu.edu</b> for the full list of events				1  Immunization Record Deadline	2	3
				Summer Exam Period		
4  U.S. Coast Guard Birthday	5	6	7  Purple Heart Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Gradstravaganza		Degree Conferral
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			First-Year Move-In		Upper-Level Move-In	
25	26  First Day of Fall Classes  Women's Equality Day	27	28  Get Connected Fair	29	30	31
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 14th 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 they played in their student's success at Mason. More information can be found at [masonfamily.gmu.edu](https://masonfamily.gmu.edu).

## SEPTEMBER2024

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





**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 18–20! Visit [masonfamily.gmu.edu](https://masonfamily.gmu.edu) for details and to view the schedule of events.

OCTOBER2024

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

# NOVEMBER

Over major school breaks such as Thanksgiving and Winter Break, Parking and Transportation Services 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](https://shuttle.gmu.edu) about four weeks before the scheduled break.

Every semester around Finals Week, Student Government hosts **DeStress Fest!** Encourage your student to take advantage of the multitude of activities scheduled to help them practice self-care and have fun as they close out the semester!



## NOVEMBER2024

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





# DECEMBER

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.

## DECEMBER2024

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





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 check their account in **Patriot Web** regularly.

Talk with your student about **living arrangements** for the 2025–26 year and encourage them to start making plans now. Students can visit [housing.gmu.edu](https://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.

## JANUARY2025

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



University Events



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# FEBRUARY

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. Encourage your student to attend the Spring Career Fair. For more event info, visit [careers.gmu.edu](https://careers.gmu.edu).

Show your Mason pride by joining us for **Homecoming!** Families are invited to partake in the spirit and fun.



## FEBRUARY2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Black/African American History Month						1
2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Last Day to Drop Classes (100% refund)	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Last Day to Drop Classes (50% refund)	12 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents' Day Midterm Evaluation Period Begins (Full-semester 100–200 level classes)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	26 Selective Withdrawal Period Begins (Undergraduates only)	27	28 Ramadan Begins	





If your student will be moving out of a residence hall in May and returning to campus in August, encourage them to utilize the summer storage program offered by the UPS Store, located in Merten Hall. The UPS Store will store your student's belongings, so they don't have to haul it all home and back!

## MARCH2025

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

# 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!



## APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5
Graduate Student Appreciation Week (3/31-4/4)						
Pride Weeks (3/22-4/5)						
International Week (3/28-4/5)						
6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10 National Siblings Day	11	12 Passover Begins
13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Passover Ends	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Mason Day	26
27	28	29	30	Sexual Assault Awareness Month Month of the Military Child		



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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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MAY2025

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



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.

## JUNE2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Shavuot Begins	2  Last Day to Drop Classes (100% refund)	3  Shavuot Ends	4	5	6  Eid al-Adha Begins	7
8	9  Last Day to Drop Classes (50% refund) Eid al-Adha Ends	10  Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Begins	11	12	13	14  U.S. Army Birthday Flag Day
15  Father's Day	16  Unrestricted Withdrawal Period Ends	17  Selective Withdrawal Period Begins (Undergraduates only)	18	19  Juneteenth (University Closed)	20  First Day of Summer	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	We hope you enjoyed the 2024–25 Family Calendar! Stay connected by visiting <a href="#">masonfamily.gmu.edu</a> and joining the Mason Family Connection at <a href="#">gmu.campusesp.com</a>				



# Contact Information

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**Student Health Services**  
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