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Dear Colleagues,

As we wrap up our fourth week of classes (hard to believe a month has already come and gone!), the variety and volume of the accomplishments within our division is impressive! Read on for details of your peers' successes.

- The recent winner of the [Society for Neuroscience's Next Generation Award](#) is Associate Professor of Biology [Dr. George Vidal](#). This award is given in recognition of one faculty member's education and outreach efforts to the next generation of neuroscientists. SfN specifically [recognized his work](#) directing the [JMU Brain Bee](#), involving undergraduates in his research and outreach, and teaching innovative neuroscience courses to undergraduates. Dr. Vidal was quick to recognize [JMU STEM Outreach Center](#) director [Dr. Kerry Cresawn](#), saying the "center's help was indispensable for making the JMU Brain Bee the successful enterprise that it is today."
- The [Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Art](#) and the book [The Museum of the Old Colony](#), which accompanied the 2022 exhibition mounted by Gallery Director [Dr. Beth Hinderliter](#) and Professor of Art History [Laura Katzman](#), are featured in an extensive review in [Caribbean Studies](#), one of the most important journals in the field of Caribbean art, history, and culture, published by the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras. The book is also on view in the [2024 Venice Biennale Book Pavilion](#) and will become part of the Biennale's permanent library.
- [Dr. Christine Kilby](#), Associate Professor of Religion, has received an additional grant for the [JMU Welcome Corps](#), a program associated with the State Department, that assists refugee students. The first students in this program arrived this semester.

Earlier this week, we had the pleasure of hosting a celebration dinner for faculty who received a promotion or achieved tenure effective this fall. Please join me in congratulating these faculty members for their accomplishment.

Promoted to Full Professor

- Carlos Alemán, School of Communication Studies, College of Arts and Letters
- Christine Argenbright, School of Nursing, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Audrey Barnes, School of Art, Design and Art History, College of Visual and Performing Arts
- Chris Berndsen, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science and Mathematics
- Rebecca Brannon, Department of History, College of Arts and Letters
- Lihua Chen, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Science and

Mathematics

- Kerry Crawford, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Letters
- Katie Dredger, Department of Middle, Secondary and Mathematics Education, College of Education
- Christian Early, Department of Philosophy and Religion, College of Arts and Letters
- Samy El-Tawab, Department of Computer Science, College of Integrated Science and Engineering
- Allison Fagan, Department of English, College of Arts and Letters
- Evan Friss, Department of History, College of Arts and Letters
- Mollie Godfrey, Department of English, College of Arts and Letters
- Trent Hargens, Department of Kinesiology, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Bryce Hayes, School of Music, College of Visual and Performing Arts
- Justin Henriques, Department of Engineering, College of Integrated Science and Engineering
- Rebecca Howes-Mischel, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of Arts and Letters
- Michael Kirkpatrick, Department of Computer Science, College of Integrated Science and Engineering
- William Knorpp, Department of Philosophy and Religion, College of Arts and Letters
- Alan Jay Levinovitz, Department of Philosophy and Religion, College of Arts and Letters
- Kristin McCleary, Department of History, College of Arts and Letters
- Joi Merritt, Department of Early, Elementary and Reading Education, College of Education
- Kethera Moore, Department of Psychology, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Hala Nelson, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Science and Mathematics
- Edwin O'Shea, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Science and Mathematics (posthumous)
- Alex Parrish, School of Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication, College of Arts and Letters
- Jessica Salvatore, Department of Psychology, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Melanie Shoup-Knox, Department of Psychology, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Angela Smith, Department of Economics, College of Business
- Stephanie Stockwell, School of Integrated Sciences, College of Integrated Science and Engineering
- Isaiah Sumner, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science and Mathematics
- Carl Ullrich, Department of Finance and Business Law, College of Business
- Alexandra Vilela, School of Media Arts and Design, College of Arts and Letters

- Andrew Witmer, Department of History, College of Arts and Letters

Promoted to Associate Professor and Granted Tenure

- Zareen Aga, Department of Middle, Secondary and Mathematics Education, College of Education
- Gizem Atav, Department of Marketing, College of Business
- Daniel Castaneda, Department of Engineering, College of Integrated Science and Engineering
- Modjadji Choshi, School of Nursing, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Dymphna de Wild, School of Art, Design and Art History, College of Visual and Performing Arts
- Deborah Elkins, School of Nursing, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Chiara Elmi, Department of Geology and Environmental Science, College of Science and Mathematics
- Amanda Gerber, Department of English, College of Arts and Letters
- Syed Hussain, Department of Economics, College of Business
- Shraddha Joshi, Department of Engineering, College of Integrated Science and Engineering
- Kendra Letchworth-Weaver, Department of Physics and Astronomy, College of Science and Mathematics
- Kevin Molloy, Department of Computer Science, College of Integrated Science and Engineering
- Colleen Moore, Department of History, College of Arts and Letters
- Kathryn Morris, Academic Engagement, Libraries
- Dana Moseley, Department of Biology, College of Science and Mathematics
- Leigh Mutchler, Department of Computer Information Systems and Business Analytics, College of Business
- Piyusha Mutreja, Department of Economics, College of Business
- Kelly Naletelich, Department of Marketing, College of Business
- Luis Novoa, Department of Computer Information Systems and Business Analytics, College of Business
- Gretchen Peters, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science and Mathematics
- Benjamin Riden, Department of Educational Foundations and Exceptionalities, College of Education
- Michael Stewart, Department of Computer Science, College of Integrated Science and Engineering
- Sri Siddhi Upadhyay, Department of Psychology, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Adam Usman, Department of Finance and Business Law, College of Business
- Prabashi Withana Gamage, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of

Science and Mathematics

- Weiwei Zhang, Department of Finance and Business Law, College of Business

Promoted to Associate Professor

- Karen Jagiello, School of Nursing, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Masoud Kaveh-Baghdorani, Department of Physics and Astronomy, College of Science and Mathematics
- Paul Mabrey, School of Communication Studies, College of Arts and Letters
- Abby Massey, Department of Health Professions, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Pradeep Menon, Department of Biology, College of Science and Mathematics
- Shelley Whitmeyer, Department of Geology and Environmental Science, College of Science and Mathematics

Granted Tenure

- Stephanie Crockett, Department of Graduate Psychology, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Jason Forsyth, Department of Engineering, College of Integrated Science and Engineering

Promoted to Assistant Professor

- Julianne Secrist, School of Nursing, College of Health and Behavioral Studies

Promoted to Senior Lecturer

- Laura Atkins, Department of Computer Information Systems and Business Analytics, College of Business
- Miguel Baltazar, Hart School of Hospitality, Sport and Recreation Management, College of Business
- Daniel Blumling, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science and Mathematics
- Alyssa Bosley, Hart School of Hospitality, Sport and Recreation Management, College of Business
- Laura Cangiano, Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, College of Arts and Letters
- Lisa Carmines, School of Nursing, College of Health and Behavioral Studies
- Yamilette Chacon, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of Arts and Letters
- Susan Ferguson, School of Accounting, College of Business
- Paul Henriksen, School of Integrated Sciences, College of Integrated Science and Engineering
- Thomas (T.J.) Hynd, Department of Biology, College of Science and Mathematics
- Eric Imbrescia, Department of Early, Elementary and Reading Education, College of

Education

- James Jewett, Department of Computer Information Systems and Business Analytics, College of Business
- Lindsay King, Department of Marketing, College of Business
- Theresa Lind, Hart School of Hospitality, Sport and Recreation Management, College of Business
- Qingsheng Liu, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science and Mathematics
- David Parker, Department of Finance and Business Law, College of Business
- Ronald Rubin, Department of Finance and Business Law, College of Business
- John Tkac, Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, College of Arts and Letters
- Beate Warden, Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, College of Arts and Letters
- David Wilson, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science and Mathematics

I look forward to recognizing more of your successes throughout the year. Please submit items for yourself or your colleagues by emailing provost@jmu.edu.

Sincerely,

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