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Hello colleagues,

While we're not quite in crisp territory yet, the early mornings this week have been satisfyingly cool. After a few false starts, it feels like fall is actually here, so break out your favorite office cardigan or a beloved mug to make the switch to hot coffee and tea - it's cozy season. That cup of coffee actually connects to some of the research found in some of your colleagues' recent achievements.

- Highlighting collaborative faculty/student scholarship, [Food Chemistry](#) recently published "[Identification of alkaline-induced thioly-chlorogenic acid conjugates with cysteine and glutathione,](#)" which was co-authored by Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (CBC) Professor [Chrisi Hughey](#) in partnership with CBC alums Amanda Cicali and Drew Roberts.
- If you're interested in photography and the relationship between audience and artist, be sure to listen to School of Art, Design and Art History Professor [Rebecca Silberman](#)'s segment "Miniatures and Illusions" on [With Good Reason](#). The segment, part of a larger episode interrogating human perception of images and reality, distills Silberman's ongoing work as a photographer, researcher and instructor.
- Associate Professor of Middle, Secondary, and Mathematics Education [Sarah Lupo](#) recently co-authored "A Mixed-Methods Investigation of Third and Sixth Graders' Academic Sentence Knowledge" in the [Journal of World Languages](#). The study investigated how native English-speaking third and sixth grade students formulated cohesive ties in academic sentences.
- [National Defense Magazine](#) recently interviewed Department of Political Science Professor and Director Emeritus of the [Center for International Stabilization and Recovery](#) (CISR) [Ken Rutherford](#). He discussed what measures are needed for successful mitigation of explosive remnants of war (ERW) in areas of conflict, with a focus on the United States' responsibilities in research, technology development and funding support.
- Professor of Geography [Amy Goodall](#) recently [welcomed Harrisonburg Public Works](#) to ISAT 675, Biodiversity Conservation I, connecting graduate students with local pollinator conservation efforts and giving them the chance to catalog campus species into the iNaturalist app as part of the [Parks for Pollinators 2023: Harrisonburg VA](#) project. Click that link to see their observations or to add your own.

I love hearing from you, so please keep those accomplishments, comments and inquiries coming! You can email [provost@jmu.edu](mailto:provost@jmu.edu) or submit a question anonymously through the [Ask the Provost](#) option online.

Sincerely,  
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