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Hello colleagues,

While I'd like for this to be my usual weekly email focused just on good news, our campus has suffered an [untimely loss which must be acknowledged](#). Whenever we lose a member of our community, we are diminished. During your interactions with co-workers and students for the remainder of the week, be open to making space for much-needed conversations as we all deal with grief and other complex emotions. In addition to being generous to yourself and your students, we can take comfort in celebrating the successes of our colleagues and friends.

- Assistant professor of Integrated Sciences and Technology [Kyle Metta](#) and JMU Affiliate Scholar Jennifer Lawlor recently coauthored an article in the [American Journal of Community Psychology](#), a publication of the Society for Community Research and Action: The Division of Community Psychology of the American Psychological Association. "[From Parts to Whole: Embracing Systems Science in Community Psychology](#)" establishes the premise for the September 2023 edition, a special issue focused on the use of systems science methods in community psychology.
- "The Many Voices of Woman: Radharani/Aparajita Devi's poems in translation" by Professor of English and World Literature coordinator [Debali Mookerjee-Leonard](#) was accepted for publication in [Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism](#). These translations will be featured in the Fall 2025 issue and accompanied by an introductory essay. The journal, a peer-reviewed publication produced by Smith College and published by the Duke University Press, highlights interdisciplinary feminist scholarship and creative work by and about women of color
- On [Oct. 27](#), faculty from the College of Education and the College of Health and Behavioral Studies co-hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> annual [Interprofessional Education Day](#). Graduate and undergraduate students in special education, school psychology, school counseling, speech language pathology, applied behavior analysis and occupational therapy learned how to successfully collaborate to improve student outcomes. Participants came away with more knowledge about other practitioners' roles and responsibilities, as well as new skills for effective interprofessional education. Faculty members providing mentorship included [Dannette Allen-Bronaugh](#), [Julie Bonham](#), [Tammy Gilligan](#), [Lori Hostetler](#), [Deborah Kipps-Vaughan](#), [Joe LeBlanc](#), [Sara Snyder](#) and [Geraldyn Timler](#).
- JMU Libraries has curated this [excellent selection of resources](#) to help our community celebrate Native American Heritage Month this November, including [research](#) on the Indigenous peoples of the Shenandoah Valley by Professor of Geography and Integrated Science and Technology [Carole Nash](#). You can stay abreast of what the university is doing to build relationships with Indigenous

communities, craft an intentional land acknowledgment statement, and more by [visiting this page](#).

Please keep submitting your accomplishments, comments and inquiries. 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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