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Hello colleagues,

Thanksgiving break is rapidly approaching, and while we're all looking forward to some rest, campus activity isn't slowing down in the interim. Some of that commotion comes from [ESPN Game Day's third JMU appearance](#); if you want to watch preparations from the comfort of your office, check out the [QuadCam](#), which provides a 24/7 live view of the Quad. The rest of the university is matching Athletics' vibrant energy - our community is hustling! A great example of the depth and breadth of what we do can be found in the College of Education's [partnership map](#) which depicts the scope of CoE's impact across the Commonwealth. The energy required for that kind of reach is astonishing, and so are the ongoing achievements of your colleagues - take a peek at what they've been up to.

- Professor of Geoscience Education [Eric Pyle](#) and Professor of Geochemistry [Steve Baedke](#) were featured in a [WHSV segment](#) on a series of earthquakes centered in Augusta County. Pyle followed up with [WHSV](#), elaborating on possible environmental factors. In addition to these local media appearances, Geology & Environmental Science faculty and students recently presented 34 papers and posters at the recent [Geological Society of America meeting](#) in Pittsburgh.
- Professor of Art History [Laura Katzman](#) reports that curating and displaying "[Ben Shahn, On Nonconformity / De la no conformidad](#)" at the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia has been an incredible experience so far. Using pieces from the [Madison Art Collection](#), this is the first time MAC artworks have been lent to another facility. Drawing inspiration from the exhibit, a group of [JMU Dance](#) and [Music](#) students led by [Rubén Graciani](#), Dean of the [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#), recently performed at the museum during a [study abroad experience](#).
- [NPR's Health Shots](#) showcased Associate Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Audiology Program Director [Erin Piker](#) in the piece "[Hearing Loss Can Lead to Deadly Falls, But Hearing Aids May Cut the Risk](#)." The article details the underlying hearing issues experienced by older adults, and Piker provides specific insight into how reduced function in a system located in the inner ear can increase a patient's fall risk, because the vestibular system is fundamentally linked to balance. If you need to have your hearing tested, visit the [JMU Audiology Clinic](#) for assistance.

Please keep submitting your accomplishments, comments and inquiries. You can email provost@jmu.edu or submit a question anonymously through the [Ask the Provost](#) option online.

I wish you each a relaxing and rejuvenating break next week.

Sincerely,
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