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Hello colleagues,

I hope your semester is going well. Once again, I'm happy to share updates on recent achievements by your colleagues.

- I had a wonderful time yesterday at the [Academic Affairs Awards and Recognition](#) luncheon. Faculty and staff awards included six endowments, one presidential chair, 23 Provost Awards for Excellence; eight Distinguished Service awards; eight Distinguished Teacher awards; seven Madison Scholar awards; one Provost Distinguished Career Award for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and one seed grant for Inclusive Research and Pedagogies. It was an honor to recognize so many valuable members of Academic Affairs yesterday.
- Congratulations and safe travels to [Daniel Beers](#), associate professor of [Justice Studies](#), and [Ken Rutherford](#), professor of [Political Science](#), who were both awarded 2023-24 [Fulbright Scholarships](#)! Read more about [their destinations and research here](#).
- JMU Libraries' efforts supporting affordable and open course materials were [covered in The Breeze recently](#). Liz Thompson, faculty member in the Libraries, was interviewed and featured for the piece, but many staff and faculty in the Libraries contribute to these efforts. Be sure to consider [open educational resources](#) as you plan your upcoming courses!

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

Sincerely,
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