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Hello colleagues,

The past week has been taxing. I know many of you have held space for your peers and had hard conversations with students, not to mention processing your own reactions to the leaflets distributed across our community. On top of your already full workloads, the addition of that emotional labor is a huge lift. While I can't promise that our community won't have to continue navigating adverse situations like these, I hope that it makes our celebratory moments all the sweeter. Please join in celebrating your colleagues' accomplishments.

- JMU Libraries Director of Digital Projects [Kevin Hegg](#), Department of History Professor [Kevin Borg](#), and several History graduate students were awarded the 2023 [Commonwealth Technology Award at the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovative Technology Symposium](#) for their work on the [Histories Along the Blue Ridge](#) project. This multi-year initiative [focuses on the digitization, preservation and public accessibility of historical court records](#) from Rockingham County.
- Associate Professor of Engineering [Justin Henriques](#) was selected to attend the [International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace](#), hosted by Hiroshima University in August. He accompanied three undergraduate students, who participated in model UN exercises focused on climate change, and presented a workshop on climate adaptation and resilience, one of his areas of scholarly expertise. He was one of just four faculty from the member institutions in the International Network of Universities invited to present.
- Congratulations to School of Nursing Associate Professor [Christine Argenbright](#), who is being inducted into the [American Academy of Nursing](#) for her excellent work with the [International Network Universities Nursing Collaborative](#). The nursing collaborative supports global citizenship and initiatives impacting patient centered care, health outcomes and cross-cultural learning experiences to promote QSEN competencies, leadership skill development and multicultural awareness
- Department of Philosophy and Religion Professor [Frances Flannery](#) was invited by the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS) of the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Okedongmu Children in Korea (OKCK) to participate as

one of three international scholars in the 2023 Korea Global Forum on Peace Education in Seoul, Korea. She spoke on "Climate Change Responses and Peacebuilding in International Conflict Areas." You can learn more about Frances's NGO at [their website](#) and see photos from her trip on the organization's [social media pages](#).

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.

Sincerely,
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