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Hello colleagues,

I'm pleased to once again share some of your colleagues' recent achievements from the last few weeks.

- Department of English professor Mark Rankin's 2021 Noftsinger lecture article - "Accuracy and 'Error' in the Production of John Foxe and John Day's *Acts and Monuments*" was published in the peer-reviewed journal [The Library, 7th series 24](#) (March 2023). *The Library* is the premier UK scholarly journal for the study of books as material objects and of the role of the book in history.
- Associate Director of CARS and Professor of Graduate Psychology Sara Finney, along with students Kate Schaefer (Assessment & Measurement Ph.D. student & Psychological Sciences M.A. alum) and Mara McFadden (Psychological Sciences M.A. student), recently presented three studies at [the International Convention of Psychological Sciences](#) in Brussels, Belgium. They shared their [empirical research](#) on measuring, modeling and trying to influence student motivation during low-stakes assessments. Thanks for representing JMU abroad!
- Under the direction of Professor of Intelligence Analysis Tim Walton and Professor of Integrated Science Chris Bachmann, Integrated Science and Technology majors Bethany Biggi, Paris Beaver and Devon Embry are building a website that allows civilians to report possible Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAPs) – also known as Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) – sightings for their senior capstone project. The students will present their research at the [School of Integrated Science Symposium](#) on April 23.
- Vice Provost for Student Academic Success and Enrollment Management and Assistant Professor of Educational Foundations & Exceptionalities Rudy Molina was featured in a Q&A in [Inside Higher Ed](#). The piece deals with Rudy's approach cross-divisional approach to student success.
- Senior jazz major Peter Haensel has been accepted into the Eastman School of Music master's program and offered a scholarship and assistantship. Saxophone Professor David Pope notes that this program is extremely competitive, and Peter is only one of a few that he has seen be accepted by the Eastman School of Music. Congratulations Peter!

I'd like to hear from you with questions and comments and look forward to responding. Email provost@jmu.edu or submit a question anonymously through the [Ask the Provost](#) option online.

Sincerely,
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