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Farewell to Carrier Event, May 2023

Hello colleagues,

I hope you're getting outside to enjoy this gorgeous weather. I'm writing today to share more recent updates from across Academic Affairs – the variety of ways you're connecting with your disciplines and communities is impressive.

- If you've got plans to improve your garden this summer, check out the [Ridge & Valley Native Plant Tour](#) this weekend, featuring plant species indigenous to the area. The event is sponsored by the [Shenandoah Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society](#), which is led by WRTC Instructor [Anna Maria Johnson](#).

- Lecturer [Daniel Blumling](#) (Chemistry) and Professor [Christine Hughey](#) (Analytical and Environmental Chemistry) are being noticed for their recent publication, "[Looking to Move Away from Expository General Chemistry Laboratories? We May Have a Cure for What "Ales" You](#)," in the Journal of Chemical Education. The article discusses their development of the Brew Chem lab, an innovative effort that incorporates brewing beer into an undergraduate chemistry lab curriculum.
- The new issue of the [Coachella Review](#), a literary arts journal published by the University of California, Riverside–Palm Desert Low Residency MFA in Creative Writing & Writing for the Performing Arts, features "wormholing," the latest work from Assistant Professor of English [Jason Baltazar](#).
- [Bernie Kaussler](#), Professor of Political Science, was featured on the June 2 episode of With Good Reason, "Destroying the Soul," which focuses on ongoing military interventions and humanitarian crises in the Middle East. His segment is called "[Yemen's Proxy War](#)."
- Are you following the [Academic Affairs Administrative Staff Advisory Council](#)'s monthly newsletter? Filled with professional development opportunities, community profiles and more, the newsletter connects administrative professionals across the division. Watch for updates on opportunities to engage and learn with your colleagues, tips for success in a variety of administrative areas and self-care pointers for improved well-being at work.
- Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Learning, Technology and Leadership Education Professor [Oris Griffin](#) and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Partnerships and LTLE Associate Professor [Bryan Zugelder](#) recently co-authored a book chapter entitled "[Teacher Leadership as a Value of Restorative Justice Practice in Schools](#)." You can find the chapter in Restorative Justice and Practices in the 21st Century, a handbook that provides strategies to implement restorative practices in schools and workplaces.

Keep your questions and comments coming! You can email me at provost@jmu.edu or submit a question online at [Ask the Provost](#).

Sincerely,
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