



GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Notes from the DEAN

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dear alumnus,

If you stop by College Hall on George Mason University's Fairfax campus, you will notice some changes this fall. Along with the new students arriving, we in the dean's office have been getting settled in our new offices.

If we haven't met in person yet, I certainly hope to change that soon.

I'm Deborah Boehm-Davis, and I am very pleased to be the new dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. I had been serving as the associate dean, and I look forward to continuing the exciting evolution of the college. I come to the administration from the social sciences "side of the house;" my academic background is in psychology, and I have worked at Mason for 29 years. I am truly passionate about working on behalf of our faculty, students, and alumni to ensure that the bonds among all of us remain strong.

Joining our office is [Robert Matz](#), who is now serving as the senior associate dean for curriculum and technology. Robert has been at Mason since 1993, and he comes to us from five years as chair of the English department.

Matt Zingraff, who has been the college's associate dean for research, is notably absent from College Hall. Matt has accepted the position of interim president of Mason's upcoming campus in Songdo, Korea. The campus, due to open in March 2014, will offer courses of study in economics, management, and global affairs.

Matt's responsibilities with graduate academics will be handled by Jamie Cooper. Jamie has been the college's associate dean of undergraduate academic affairs, and is now our associate dean for academic affairs and graduate programs. Lisa Kahn, the college's assistant dean for research, will be taking on the research role. We wish our administrative leaders all the best in their new roles.

Alumni Weekend is just around the corner

The university-wide [Alumni Weekend](#) is scheduled for Oct. 4-6, and it is not too early for you to start making plans to be here. The weekend will include many opportunities for you to reconnect with your friends and favorite professors from your days at Mason.

In particular, we hope to see you at the college's third annual beer tasting on Saturday, Oct. 5. This very popular event will have a decidedly sweet flavor this year, with the addition of honey tasting alongside beer from Port

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[James M. Buchanan: A Celebration of Scholarship](#)

*Mason Inn Conference
Center and Hotel, Ballroom
Sunday, Sept. 29 @ 9:30-4
p.m.*

["Dante and the Greeks" Lecture by Giuseppe Mazzotta](#)

*College Hall, Meese
Conference Room
Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 3 p.m.*

[George Mason University Alumni Weekend](#)

Oct. 4-6

[CHSS Third Annual Beer and Honey Tasting](#)

*Johnson Center, Dewberry
Hall
Friday, Oct. 5 @ 4-6 p.m.*

City Brewing Company. The college is celebrating the [George Mason Honey Bee Initiative](#), whereby New Century College has established a teaching apiary on the Fairfax campus. We are very excited about this program and look forward to sharing its fruits with you. Click [here](#) to register!

Brian and Holly Gray offer CUPs of support for at-risk youth

Brian Gray, BA psychology '99 and MS conflict analysis and resolution '03, along with his wife, Holly Gray, have been awarded a \$15,000 grant to support their work in developing and operating a nonprofit coffeehouse in southwest Baltimore. The CUPs Coffeehouse ("Creating Unlimited Possibilities") employs at-risk youth and works with the Grays' "I Can" project, in which volunteers teach youth participants business skills, including: resume writing, financial literacy, communication and customer service proficiency. Their project received the grant from BMe (Black Male Engagement) in recognition of its benefit to the Grays' community. [Read more](#)

Pamela Maroulis leading Loudoun Hospital Foundation



Pamela Maroulis, MPA '04, has been named the executive director of the INOVA Loudoun Hospital Foundation. In that role, she will lead fundraising activities that will benefit the capital and program

improvements for the award-winning hospital. [Read more](#)

Elizabeth Miller enters Virginia House of Delegates race



Elizabeth Miller, BS psychology '08, is campaigning to represent the 32nd District of Virginia in the Virginia General Assembly. Miller's

campaign focuses on themes of transportation, education, and the economy. [Read more](#)

We hope you will make plans to join us for Alumni Weekend, and we hope that you will keep in touch to let us know about your news. We want to hear from you! I hope to meet each of you personally soon.

Yours in Patriot Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah A. Boehm-Davis".

Deborah A. Boehm-Davis
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