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Diversity Statement

William & Mary is committed to inclusive excellence. Building on our core value of diversity, we strive to be a place where equity and inclusion are integral parts of all that we do. We work to create a community that is representative of individuals with different backgrounds, talents and skills. We work to ensure that William & Mary is a place where all faculty, staff, students and alumni feel supported and affirmed. From classroom discussions and study abroad experiences, to equitable and transparent recruitment, hiring processes, inclusive excellence is our focus. This work is not aligned with a single office. We define diversity in it’s broadest terms and celebrate how this makes William and Mary a better institution.

VOICES is a monthly e-newsletter that provides an update on the university’s diversity efforts in facilitating and supporting diversity and inclusion. Each issue shares the good work of academic and administrative departments, students, affinity groups and more. Past issues are available at http://www.wm.edu/offices/diversity/.
Did you know?

May is Jewish American Heritage month.

If you want to learn more please go to http://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/about/

On April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month. The announcement was the crowning achievement in an effort by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders that resulted in resolutions introduced by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida and Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania urging the president to proclaim a month that would recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. The resolutions passed unanimously, first in the House of Representatives in December 2005 and later in the Senate in February 2006.

Source: http://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/about/
Honors & Recognitions

Suzanne Raitt - English Department

Suzanne was nominated for a Diversity Recognition award. Her continuous advocacy for a diverse faculty, curriculum, and overall climate in her department furthers our mission to make W&M an inclusive community.

“She has also been a superb advocate for the new Program of Asian and Pacific Islander American Studies where she collaborated in attaining a faculty position with English. Were more Department Chairs as committed and dedicated to diversity and inclusion through their actions like Professor Raitt, William and Mary will be an even stronger institution.” — nominator

Susan Grover, Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, and University Professor for Teaching Excellence will receive the 2017 Aceto Award. The Aceto Award winner recognizes an employee who exhibits a commitment to the core values of William & Mary, proven leadership capabilities in working with students, faculty and staff, and a record of outstanding individual service to the university. Congratulations Susan!


Diversity Recognitions – Nominate a Colleague!

The Office of Diversity & Inclusion welcomes campus community members to nominate a colleague to be recognized for a diversity-related program or project that furthers our commitment to inclusive excellence. To nominate a member of faculty/staff, please fill out this form http://forms.wm.edu/32004.
Working with our diverse suppliers is incredibly important to procurement services and William & Mary. We strive to use Small, Women-, and Minority-owned (SWaM) businesses whenever possible and take any opportunity to promote those businesses to our campus clients. We appreciate when departments are willing to meet with and learn more about the capabilities of a recommended SWaM business, or submit suggestions of qualifying local businesses to become certified as a SWaM supplier as well. Information Technology has consistently been one such department – reaching a direct spend of 28.9% of their department’s spend with SWaM certified businesses to date for fiscal year 2017! Hats are off to IT for reaching these numbers, especially given the amount of purchases for computer leases they make on behalf of the institution. IT has used SWaM vendors such as ACF Solutions (SWaM partner for the client relationship management project), Seacom, Inc. (communications technology provider), Onyx Technical Services (AV good services), Ace Peninsula Hardware (local industrial supplier), and The Supply Room Company (W&M’s contracted office supplier). Congratulations, W&M Information Technology and keep up the great work for Supplier Diversity!
Human Computers: A Moment in History

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, William & Mary (W&M) along with the Williamsburg and Hampton Roads communities gathered to join in celebration of local heroes and history makers revealed in "Hidden Figures" the book, and the Academy Award Best Film nominee.

Among them, Dr. Christine Darden, a mathematician, aeronautical engineer, and former NASA scientist featured in the book "Hidden Figures." Becoming the first African-American woman to be promoted into senior executive service at NASA’s Langley Research Center is amongst her many distinctions. The event also included historic photos and videos of NASA’s human computers provided and discussed by a NASA’s panel of scientists, including W&M alumna, Michelle Ferebee. These dialogues set the stage to where all came together to enjoy the inspirational “Hidden Figures” film as a community followed by a reception.

Congratulations to Dr. Shantá D. Hinton for organizing such a wonderful event for our community!
Recent Events

2017 Supplier Diversity Fair, featuring SWaM businesses.

Annual Diversity Recognition Reception

Hidden Figures and modern figures at William & Mary

April’s Lunch & Learn: Internationalization and Diversity in 2017
Upcoming Events

Hulon Willis Alumni Association & Lemon Project

Donning of the Kente Ceremony

May 12th, 5-7 pm, Phi Beta Kappa Hall (Reception: Swem Courtyard Tent)

COMMENCEMENT 2017

THURSDAY, MAY 11

7:00-11:00 p.m.  MBA Graduate Party (Sponsored by the MBA Association)
                    Miller Hall Courtyard (Rain: Brinkley Commons)

9:30 p.m.         Senior Class Dance
                    Swenson Garden Tent (Rain: Sadler Center, Chesapeake)

FRIDAY, MAY 12

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation
                        The Wren Chapel

12:15 p.m.         Phi Beta Kappa Reception
                    Swenson Garden Tent (Lightning: Sadler Center, Tidewater)

12:30-2:00 p.m.    ROTC Commissioning Ceremony and Reception
                    Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium & Lobby

2:30-3:30 p.m.     Baccalaureate Service
                    Phi Beta Kappa Hall

3:00-5:00 p.m.     School of Business Undergraduate Open House
                    Miller Hall Atrium

5:00-7:00 p.m.     Hulon Willis Alumni Association & Lemon Project
                    Donning of the Kente Ceremony

6:30-8:00 p.m.     Environmental Science & Policy Reception
                    Kock Lab

6:30-9:30 p.m.     U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary University Programs
                    Graduation Ceremony and Reception
                    Tucker Hall, Room 127A

9:30 p.m.          Senior Class Candlelight Ceremony
                    The Wren Yard

SATURDAY, MAY 13

8:00 a.m.          Doors to Kaplan Arena Open

8:45 a.m.          Walk Across Campus
                    Degree candidates gather in the Wren Courtyard

9:00 a.m.          Live Stream Viewing Locations Open
                    Sadler Center & Bradley Commons (Business School)

9:30 a.m.          Candidates for Degrees Assemble

9:45 a.m.          All guests are asked to be seated

10:00 a.m.         The Academic Procession Begins
                    Degree Candidates, Faculty, and Official Party enter
                    Kaplan Arena (Tickets required)

~12:30 p.m.        Commencement Ceremony Ends (approximate)

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SATURDAY, MAY 13 (continued)

12:00-2:00 p.m. Commons Dining Hall Open for Pre-Ordered Lunches Only

1:00 p.m.          School of Education Diploma Ceremony
                    School of Education Courtyard (301 Monticello Avenue)

1:30 p.m.          School of Marine Science Diploma Ceremony
                    Sadler Center, York & James Rooms

Global Studies/International Relations Ceremony

Phi Beta Kappa Hall (Reception to follow in Swem Courtyard)
(Diploma pick-up for GSIR majors will take place on Sunday from
9:00-12:00 p.m. in Tyler Hall)

3:00 p.m.          Raymond A. Mason School of Business
                    Graduate Programs Diploma Ceremony
                    Kaplan Arena (Doors open at 2:00 p.m.)

Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Reception
                    Undergraduate Admission

3:30 p.m.          Law School Awards Ceremony
                    Merchants Square, Kimball Theater

3:30 p.m.          William & Mary Choir Concert

4:30 p.m.          Interdisciplinary Receptions
                    (Graduates of the following inter-disciplinary programs choose a
                    Sunday departmental ceremony to attend to receive their diplomas)

African Studies

Sadler Center, Tidewater A

Asian & Pacific Islander American Studies

Sadler Center, Tidewater B

Computational & Applied Mathematics and Statistics

Bow Hall, BOW Dining Room (3rd Floor)

Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies

Sadler Center, Tidewater B

Linguistics

Tucker Hall, Theatre and Foyer

Film & Media Studies

Bow Hall, Room 201

Psychology

Bow Hall, Room 417

Neuroscience

Bow Hall, Room 417

Law School Awards Reception

Wren Yard (Rain: Law School Lobby)

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Graduate Programs Reception (MCC, MBA, & MSBA)

Miller Hall Atrium & Courtyard

St. Andrew’s Joint Degree Program Reception

Tyler Hall, Commons

6:30 p.m.          New Graduate & Family Reception
                    Wren Courtyard (Rain: Kaplan Arena)

9:00 p.m.          Alumni Induction Ceremony & Signing the Class of 2017 Banner
                    Wren Courtyard & Great Hall (Rain: Kaplan Arena)

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SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENTAL CEREMONIES AND RECEIPTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 14

8:15 a.m.

School of Law
Martha Wren Briggs Amphitheatre at Lake Matoaka
Reception at Law School to Follow
(Rain: Kaplan Arena)

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

GS/IR Diploma Pick-up
Tyler Hall
Public Policy
Wren Building Courtyard (Sunken Garden Side)
(Rain: Brinkley Commons)

10:00 a.m.

Art & Art History
Andrews Hall, Foyer
Chemistry
Sadler Center, Chesapeake Rooms
Classical Studies
Undergraduate Admission
English
Sunken Garden Tent (Lightning: Student Rec Center)
Geology
McGlothlin-Street Hall, Room 20
History
Phi Beta Kappa Hall, Auditorium
Kinesiology & Health Sciences
Campus Center, Trinkle Hall
Modern Languages
School of Education, Matoaka Woods Room
Music
Ewell Recital Hall
Philosophy
Blow Memorial Hall, Room 201
Physics
Small Hall, East Lawn (Rain: Small Hall Auditorium)
Religious Studies
Tucker Hall Theater (Room 127)

11:00 a.m.

Government
Wren Building Courtyard (Sunken Garden Side)
(Rain: Kaplan Arena)

1:30 p.m.

American Studies
Blow Memorial Hall, Room 201
Anthropology
Jefferson Lawn (Rain: Washington Hall, Room 201)
Biology
Sunken Garden Tent (Lightning: Student Rec Center)
Business (Undergraduate)
Kaplan Arena
Economics
Wren Building Yard (CW Side) (Rain: Trinkle Hall)
Computer Science
Sadler Center, Chesapeake Rooms
Mathematics
School of Education, Matoaka Woods Room
Psychology
Phi Beta Kappa Hall, Auditorium
Sociology
Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium
Theatre, Speech and Dance
Phi Beta Kappa Hall, Dodge Room and Patio

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Guzheng Workshop Ⅰ

Learn to play the Guzheng, an ancient Chinese zither, and experience classic sounds of China.

Time
Individual Tutoring

Location
Rowe House, 314 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23187

Fee
$10/class for Community students ($80 for 8 classes)
$5/class for W&M faculty, staff, and students ($40 for 8 classes)

Please Register Online: www.wm.edu/sites/confuciusinstitute/

The instrument will be provided by Confucius institute

Tel: (757)221-1286  Email: wmcir@wm.edu
A Sample of China

Come and learn the basics of four of China’s art forms: calligraphy, paper cutting, Chinese knotting, and musical instruments. Gain hands-on experience where you can make your own artwork!

Instructors: WMCI volunteer teachers
Time: 5:10 - 6:10 pm, Mondays & Wednesdays, May 1 to May 24, 2017 (8 classes)
Location: Rowe House, 314 Jamestown Rd
Fee: $80 — Community Members
     $40 — W&M Faculty, Staff, and Students

Please register online: www.wm.edu/confuciusinstitute

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William & Mary will soon celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first African American students in residence, who are also the first African American female graduates, with a year-long series of events beginning August, 2017, and ending in May, 2018. Among the events are

- A course to create a mural (AFST 307-01)
- A poster contest – all posters to be exhibited in Swem
- Opening reception – unveiling of mural
- Afternoon of dance with the Leah Glenn Dance Theatre, featuring Hermine Pinson
- Muscarelle Museum Exhibit of Black artists
- Poets, musicians, and speakers throughout the year

And so much more! Watch for a full calendar of events and commemoration website coming soon. For more information contact:

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Religious/Cultural holidays

May 2017

5/1/2017  National Asian American History Month
          Jewish American Heritage Month

5/1/2017  Beltane (May Day, Ancient Arrival of Summer, Wiccan/Pagan)

5/5/2017  Cinco de Mayo (Commemorates Mexican military victory, Mexican cultural background)

5/10/2017 Vesak Day (Celebration of the life of Buddha, Buddhist)

5/14/2017 Mother’s Day (American Holiday)

5/15/2017 Commemoration of Appearance of John the Baptist to Joseph Smith (LDS)

5/25/2017 Feast of the Ascension (Commemorates the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven, Christen)

5/27/2017 Ramadan (Commemoration of the Revelation of the Quran Islamic, 6/6-7/5)

5/29/2017 Memorial Day (Day of remembrance, American Holiday)
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