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In a speech at the world’s largest gathering of international educators, William & Mary Chancellor Robert M. Gates ’65 said the United States’ top diplomatic tool is global education. READ MORE

W&M Study Abroad: Transformative Summer Semester
For many William & Mary students, the most intense semester of the year is summer. They are studying abroad—struggling with languages, with nuances of cultures and, perhaps, with what it means to be a person of privilege in this world. This year, 300 of them will be studying in 32 locations across six continents. None of them will return the same. READ MORE

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The University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC) and William & Mary’s math department are partnering to collaborate in research and promote exchanges between undergraduates and faculty of both universities. READ MORE

Social Entrepreneurs-In-Training Want To Make A Difference—And A Living
The Millennials, students born between 1980 and 1996, are gathered at William & Mary’s Mason School of Business for the first annual social entrepreneurship conference. They are tackling some of the world’s most vexing problems. Malaria in Africa. Water shortages in dry land countries. READ MORE

Sledge Takes Helm Of State Economic Development Officers Group
William & Mary’s Director of Economic Development Leonard Sledge has been named chair of Virginia’s University-Based Economic Development (UBED) Officer’s Group. READ MORE