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# WILLIAM & MARY STAFF ASSEMBLY

quarterly newsletter



## ARIELLE NEWBY'S REFLECTIONS ON HER STAFF ASSEMBLY PRESIDENCY:



Dear Colleagues,

It has been a pleasure serving as a Staff Assembly senator since 2017 and president since 2019. As I reflect on my time in the Assembly, I find joy and peace in all that the staff has done to inspire and empower me. Doing this work for you has taught me more than I could have ever imagined. I am humbled to represent your interests, advocate your needs, and elevate your voices.

I remain humbled by this opportunity to serve. I'd like to take a moment to praise the Staff Assembly for continuing to weather this pandemic with grace, motivation and innovation. We have really made an impact on our organization, staff, leadership and William & Mary. Keep soaring to greater heights and challenging the status quo with innovative ideas. Please note, while I may not be an official senator, I will be around continuing to support the Assembly's mission and vision. I extend best wishes to the incoming officers and chairs. Remember, you can do this because you have an amazing Assembly riding with you even when the light at the end of the tunnel is dim. Thank you Staff Assembly for giving me a place to belong and flourish. I am a stronger human and leader because of this experience. I will not take any of it for granted.

Stay safe and take care,  
Arielle

## SAVE THE DATE: SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Date: May 7, 2021, 11:00am

Speakers:

- Ombuds – (Rick Gressard, PhD  
Shylan Scott, PhD, Rebecca  
Green, J.D.)
- President Katherine Rowe

Register: <https://bit.ly/2PukXac>

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SPRING FOOD DRIVE!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Spring Food Drive, it was a huge success!



## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS? GET IN TOUCH!



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2nd Wednesday of each month



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## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION SNACK BAG HANDOUTS



The Staff Assembly partnered with PPFA to hand out snack bags to Facilities, Public Safety, Post Office, VIMS Facilities, Security, Mailroom, and Marine Operations/Vessels workers to show appreciation for all the hard work they have been doing during the pandemic.



## COVID UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS FROM COO AMY SEBRING:

- The Virginia Department of Health will contact you regarding the scheduling of your second dose. If you get to the 28th day after your first dose and have not heard from VDH, please contact [HealthyTogether@wm.edu](mailto:HealthyTogether@wm.edu).
- If employees need to take time off following their vaccination due to side effects, this can be done through regular sick days. If employees do not have sick time available, they can use Public Health Emergency Leave (PHEL).
- We plan to continue prevalence testing for employees and students through at least the end of the semester:
  - To be exempted from census and prevalence testing, as well as from quarantine requirements as a close contact, please provide proof-of-vaccination to William & Mary in the Kallaco portal at [kallaco.wm.edu](http://kallaco.wm.edu)

More updates and information can be found at: <https://www.wm.edu/news/announcements/2021/covid-19-messages-to-employees.php>

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