

Subject: Homecoming invitation and news updates

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Dear Friends:

Our year is off to an exciting start, and I would like to share some of our recent news with you.

In May we graduated 20 students, one of our largest classes in recent years.

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/news/graduation-2012.php>

They were a terrific and talented group - as always - with plans that include law school, and Latin teaching for some, graduate studies, work and travel for others. While we will miss their enthusiasm and commitment around the halls of Morton, we are delighted to welcome them to our ever-growing body of classical studies alumni.

For a week in mid-September William and Mary was host to an international conference on Athenian Potters and Painters, organized by our colleague John Oakley.

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/news/athenianpotters.php>

The conference was a remarkable success, with more than 100 participants from a dozen countries and an opening keynote address that drew more than 300 attendees! Accompanying the conference was an exhibit at the Muscarelle Museum of Greek vases from Virginia collections. The exhibit runs through October 7, and I would encourage you to catch it if you can – it would be well worth your while.

To have the chance for us to be in the international spotlight was tremendously exciting. It affirmed the importance of our field to a wide audience while celebrating the intellectual vibrancy of our Department. You can be sure that classics is alive and well at W&M!

Finally, Homecoming is just around the corner. This year we would like to welcome all of you to our second annual homecoming reception to be held in Morton 340 on Saturday, October 27, from 10-12 am. It will be a great time to catch up and renew old friendships:

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/news/homecoming-2012.php>

If you plan to attend, please let Joyce Holmes (jrholm@wm.edu) know by Oct. 19.

And do keep the alumni news coming . . . as always, we are delighted to hear from you.

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/alumni/sendnews/index.php>

Best wishes,

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