

SUBJECT: W&M Summer Study Abroad and Homecoming Update

Dear Friends:

It's the end of the semester and for all of us in Morton Hall that inevitably means term papers, blue books, and students eager for the winter break to begin. Fond memories, I'm sure!

It also means that we can take a moment to share with you the latest news about two initiatives that are especially important to us – the opportunity to welcome our alums back to campus and exciting new research opportunities for our students.

Homecoming Weekend in late October provided the setting for our second annual alumni gathering for friends and graduates of the Department. I'm delighted to tell you that the turnout was more than double from the previous year.

As you know, William and Mary embraces tradition. We'd like to think that we are starting a new one of our own with the Homecoming reception and we are confident that it will continue to grow over time. Do take a look at some of the pictures from the gathering and, if we missed you this year, think about joining us next fall to reminisce and catch up on all that is going on these days at the College!

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

This past summer also marked the third offering of our study abroad program in Rome and the Bay of Naples. Led by Barbette Spaeth, an energetic group of thirteen students from a variety of academic disciplines got to visit and study a wide range of sites as part of their coursework on the development of ancient city in Italy.

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

Like the Homecoming reception, this program continues to grow in popularity, as we remain committed to complementing the classroom experience of our students with research and study opportunities abroad.

I'm delighted to announce, too, that in summer 2013 we will be launching a similar program in Athens and Nafplio, Greece under the direction of Bill Hutton, our expert in all things Hellenic.

<http://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/students/studyabroad/summer%20in%20Greece/index.php>

The plan is to offer the Italy and Greece programs in alternate summers. Students have already shown considerable interest in the program, so stay tuned for more details in the months ahead.

That's just a bit of what we have been up to recently. As always, we remain committed to providing the best undergraduate education in the nation for our students. At the same time, we are increasingly aware that we cannot do this alone. Consequently, we

would welcome your support in helping us to build and sustain the kind of academic programming that will prepare our students as fully as possible for the challenges they will face in the complex and competitive world of the 21st century.

I hope you will consider joining us as we move forward in these promising new ventures.

On behalf of all of my colleagues I wish you a happy holiday season and a most prosperous New Year.

Cordially,

John