**Fall 2020**

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

My name is Meredith Vivian Delaware and I graduated in 2003 with a B.A in International Relations. In 2001, I had the opportunity to join William & Mary as a student and completed a Congressional summer internship. The Washington Center’s program was not only an opportunity to connect with other W&M students and alumni extremely valuable.

Some of the memories that stand out most involve exploring the fascinating museums and historic federal buildings in the District. One stand-out tour was a tour of the West Wing, organized by the Washington Center, led by an alumnus working there at the time. Also, as a congressional intern I was responsible for the lighting of the Capitol building where I got to put my own music and architectural history classes to good use!

My time in Washington gave me incredible exposure to our political system, a chance for me to have some of my own W&M friends, and make the plans that D.C. had to offer. Occurring the summer before my junior year, this internship was the first major step in my career progression. Following my summer internship at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels and a full-time job in the defense consulting industry after graduation, without the experience of that summer I wouldn’t be where I am today, including joining the W&M Washington Center Advisory Board this year.

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**THE WASHINGTON CENTER’S 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

You’re invited! Join the William & Mary Washington Center as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary throughout 2021!

We’ll have plenty of ways to interact with the Center through videos, events, a memory collection initiative, social media and more. All of these opportunities are open to students, alumni, friends, employees, and parents of W&M.

Visit our 20th Anniversary website to stay up-to-date on all of our content as it becomes available!

We want to give a huge thanks to our 20th Anniversary Planning Committee and our W&M partners for their help and support in planning! Everyone who donates to the W&M Washington Center in 2021 will be invited to our 20th-Anniversary celebration in November 2021 and receive a special pin commemorating the event.

To donate, please visit www.wm.edu/giving.

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**FALL LEADERSHIP WEBINAR SERIES**

Three William & Mary webinars were held in September and October to gauge interest in a pilot continuing studies course on leadership. The series was called “Leading with Compassion: Reflections and Tools for Leaders Focused on Service & Community,” and focused on how leaders can create inclusive environments where courage and compassion lead in a sense of belonging for all members. The Washington Center worked in partnership with many alumni, schools, and units and most closely with University Advancement to produce this webinar series. Special thanks go to Michael Freeman for all of his tremendous efforts.

The three webinars included:

- Compassion in Leadership featuring Michael K. Powell ’85, D.S. ’02 and Drew Stipes J.D. ’07
- Inclusivity in Leadership featuring Mike Pettis M.B.A. ’93 and Inga Carboni Ph.D. ’98
- Advocacy in Leadership featuring J Tillis ’88, H.J. ’16 and Deirdre Corvelli Ph.D. ’02

The webinars received an enthusiastic positive response, with a total of 1,168 registrants. This includes 618 active registrants and 550 repeat registrants, and 99.2% of attendees would “recommend the webinar to a friend.”

Stay tuned for more information about a pilot course this spring, which will use the webinars as a guide.

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**WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**

If you would like to be involved in any of the Washington Center’s 20th anniversary events, just contact Elizabeth Mennifold at emm@wm.edu.