Leonard’s Corner

Welcome to the ninth edition of the College of William & Mary’s Office of Economic Development newsletter - CONNECTIVITY.

It has been an interesting full semester at William & Mary. In spite of an earthquake and hurricane, the William & Mary community successfully started another academic year. In fact, since 1693 the College has welcomed aspiring men and women into its classrooms and laboratories to learn. Needless to say, much has changed at William & Mary since the 17th century...new buildings, new programs of study, new tools to learn, and so on. What has not changed is the intellectual curiosity, commitment to service, and ingenuity that personifies the Tribe family.

As you read this issue of CONNECTIVITY, please take note of what is only a small representation of the exciting activity at William & Mary and the people who make it a reality.

And remember, before you leave, please be sure to take a look at our five major economic development projects : 1) Greater Williamsburg, 2) Hampton Roads Technology Clusters, 3) City of Portsmouth - World Class Maritime Center, and 5) The Petersburg Partnership.

These projects are essential components of the work William & Mary does to build a stronger economy throughout Virginia.

We hope you enjoy reading CONNECTIVITY. We are also interested in hearing your feedback about this newsletter and on ways the Office of Economic Development and Technology & Business Center can better serve you. Fill out our contact card to let us know your thoughts. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks,
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Bean Takes Helm at the Virginia Business Incubation Association
Bill Bean, director of William & Mary’s Technology and Business Center has been elected president of the Virginia Business Incubation Association (VBIA). He is joined on the board by Ron Monark, the managing director of William & Mary’s Alan B. Miller Entrepreneurship Center.
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Tribe Square Ushers in New Era of Student-Oriented Businesses
Tribe Square, which was dedicated October 20, has promoted an increase of student-geared businesses in the Williamsburg area, according to William & Mary officials. College officials have been advocating for more student-focused businesses within walking distance of the campus for more than five years. The William & Mary Real Estate Foundation was founded in 2006 to create such a destination, and the result was Tribe Square.
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William & Mary Receives $2.5 million for STEM Education
The College of William & Mary has received a sole-source contract from the Department of Defense for a total of $2.5 million over three years. The first year of the contract is underway, funding science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) outreach and training for Naval scientists and engineers who volunteer in school divisions.
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William & Mary Experts Weigh in on the Economy
It will take another three-and-a-half years for the recession in the United States to end. That was the conclusion drawn by William & Mary Professor John Merrick during the College’s fourth annual U.S. Economy Forum. More than 200 members from the campus and local community attended the annual forum, where business, law and government faculty came together to share their views on the state of the economy since the financial collapse in 2008.
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Diaz Assists in U.N. Report on Marine Low-Oxygen ‘Dead Zones’
Professor Bob Diaz of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science has played a major role in the new U.N. report on low-oxygen “dead zones,” a growing threat to ocean life and marine economies in coastal waters throughout the world. Diaz served as a chapter author, expert consultant, and reviewer of Hypoxia and Nutrient Reduction in the Coastal Zone: Advice for Prevention, Remediation and Research.
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