Become part of the William and Mary community! New employees are encouraged to tackle learning about the College...one day at a time. Here’s a list of things you can do to learn a little bit more about the College. During your first three to six months once a week or so pick an item from the “to do” list below. You’ll be surprised at how quickly you feel like you are no longer a newcomer but a full member of the W&M community!

Get to know William & Mary and VIMS

- Just the facts! Learn some facts about the College and see how quickly you can become an ambassador telling others they work at the second oldest college in America or how many Presidents were educated at the College!
- More facts! Learn about VIMS – from how the program is funded to the relationship between VIMS and the College. How many people work there? You’ll need to check this out and find out.
- Go Green – and we don’t mean just the Tribe. Get involved with the College’s Sustainability efforts. You can be on a committee, submit a project for funding or just learn more about what you can do to Go Green!
- The Woody Tour – Did you know that over 300 species and varieties of woody plants can be found on campus? Pick a beautiful day and walk the campus grounds.
- Tradition! Learn about the traditions at William & Mary. Pick one, put it on your calendar and attend. You’ll make friends and memories that will help you stay connected with your peers at the College.
- Go Tribe. Pick a sport – any sport – and make plans to attend a game. From baseball to football, swimming to tennis, the Tribe is active year round.
- Dine In. You don’t need to be a student to enjoy the dining hall. What better way to connect with the students who are the backbone of the College. Grab lunch, sit in the dining room closest to your office and watch the fashions, listen to the lingo and learn!
- Get paid! Many employees must fill out a time sheet but have not used an electronic time sheet before. You go log in to myWM, select Banner from the upper right corner menu, the click on Employee Self Service. Check out all the features including your time sheet, leave balances and more!
- Enjoy some culture. The College has art everywhere. Pick a building, a school, a gallery – you’ll be amazed. Walk through the Muscarelle Museum, the Andrews Gallery, or any building on campus. What a great way to recharge during your work day. In the summer attend a concert at the Lake Matoaka or see a play at the Shakespeare Festival.
- What’s a Crim Dell? As a new employee you MUST learn about this campus treasure. Learn about the superstitions that surround this beautiful and romantic spot on campus.
- Is someone coming to visit you on campus? Where do they park? Where do you find directions? Follow these links and you’ll help them get around like you’ve work at the College for years!
- Which side of the river do you need to be on? Did you know that the Coleman Bridge has scheduled closings and a toll charge going in one direction? This is helpful to know if you need to go between VIMS and the main campus.
- Did the Sunken Garden have tomato plants? Corn? Or was it COWS! A visit to this lawn is a must. Go during the day when classes are in session and you’ll mingle with students studying, sunbathing and hanging out!
- Remember the benefits you signed up for? Maybe...Maybe not. Bookmarked the Benefits website on your computer so you can keep up to date with benefit changes, open enrollment and find the answers to questions you may have.
- Start your year right with a VIMS calendar. This is a must have for every office. Just call the VIMS Gift Shop to get your calendar (804-684-7825).
• What do weights, basketball and Pilates all have in common? They can all be found in the Recreation Center. Grab a quick cardio workout during lunch, sign up for the lunch fitness classes or burn carbs after hours.

• Got a meeting? A training? A conference or event? All points lead to the Scheduling Office. Take 15 minutes to bookmark this site and read through the information on what you need to do to book a room on campus.

• What’s that loud sounds? If you are on the main campus you main hear a loud siren. This is a test of the Surry Power Station early warning system. So you don’t become alarmed, check out their schedule and be prepared!

• Once your hearing returns (after the Surry siren)...go to the Wren Chapel for a Saturday morning free organ concert. The organ is played on Saturday’s from 10-10:30 and is free to the public.

• Get current. Pick up a Flat Hat and find out what is happening on campus and in the ‘burg’. Need more news? Then keep the Flat Hat website available at the click of a mouse.

• IT A-Z. A popular resource for ALL employees, this A-Z listing of the IT services available on campus help you navigate the every changing world of technology.

• EMERGENCY! Want to get a phone call or text when the College closes? When there is an emergency? You go log in to myWM, select Banner from the upper right corner menu, and click on Personal Information and then Update Emergency Contacts. You can keep your information up to date and stay in touch with the College.

• Visit VIMS From the history of the main campus to the shore of the Bay, the W&M experience is breathtaking. You can get there by interstate but consider taking the Colonial Parkway. Remember to check the bridge schedule!

• Be a tourist. Employees can take advantage of the Colonial Williamsburg Good Neighbor Pass. Plan your visit now!
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Cool Facts

U. S. News and World Report
- W&M ranked sixth among all public universities (2010)
- W&M ranked 33rd overall among the nation's best universities (2010)
- W&M ranked as tied for 6th nationally among best colleges for undergraduate teaching (2010)

- Founded in 1693, William & Mary is the second oldest educational institution in the U.S (Harvard is the oldest).
- Chartered on February 8, 1693, by King William III and Queen Mary II of England this day is celebrated each February as Charter Day. Ties to Britain were severed in 1776.
- Three Presidents of the United States benefited from educational programs offered by the College: Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler.
- Although William & Mary retains its traditional title of "College," it's really a small university that offers advanced degrees in more than 15 fields.
- The main campus is centered on 1,200-acres—including scenic Lake Matoaka and College Woods—located in historic downtown Williamsburg, Virginia.
- The College also operates Ash Lawn-Highlands, the home of James Monroe and a Washington D.C. office that supports student interaction with policy makers.
- Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) was founded in 1940 by the chair of the W&M Biology Department as the School of Marine Science. The School evolved from granting Master's Program in Aquatic Science to Ph.D. degree in 1968. Located on 40 acres on the Chesapeake Bay in Gloucester Point the 40 research vessels can be seen operating as you drive over the Coleman Bridge.
- Phi Beta Kappa, the premier academic honor society in America, was founded by College of William & Mary students in 1776.
- William & Mary was the first college in the nation to institute an honor code of conduct for students.
- William & Mary's 11-to-1 student-faculty ratio is the lowest among the top public universities, a factor that helps strengthen the College's traditional commitment to teaching. Nearly 50 percent of William and Mary's classes have fewer than 20 students.
- Named for its presumed architect, the Sir Christopher Wren Building was completed in 1699 and provided classrooms, library, dining hall and a chapel for generations of William & Mary students. It is the oldest academic building in continuous use in the U.S., and classes are still taught within its walls.
- A succession of influential individuals—including President George Washington, President John Tyler, Chief Justice Warren Burger, former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger have held the post of Chancellor of the College of William & Mary. In 2006, Sandra Day O'Connor, former Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, was installed as the College's 23rd Chancellor.
- William & Mary is the fifth-highest producer of Peace Corps volunteers among medium-sized colleges and universities having one Peace Corps volunteer for every 126 students in the undergraduate body. This sense of community service is a cornerstone tradition at William & Mary.
- Our recent graduates include award-winning poets, a senior State Department official, a performer in the Blue Man Group, an international banker, a crazy number of Peace Corps volunteers and Fulbright scholars, and some dude named Jon Stewart.