GMU Update and Vision

Gregory Washington, PhD
President
Thriving Through Our Major Crises

Pandemic disrupts campus operations for greater than 1 year

Enrollment Grew by about 2.1%, Rankings improved

Largest (39,174) and most diverse 4-year Inst in VA (Majority/Minority)

No staff layoffs or furloughs - 5% raise

Best Research Expenditures ever

Managed budget and restored non AE reserves
With Degree-Holders Increasingly Dislocated...

Unemployment Rate in the Greater Capital Region (2016-2020)

- Nationwide unemployment peaked at 14.4% in April 2020.
- Regional unemployment peaked 10.4% in April 2020.

(48% have some college or a degree.)

Source: Burning Glass
Cumulative higher-education job losses
February - December 2020

Estimated number of workers employed by institutions of higher education

A Brutal Tally: Higher Ed Lost 650,000 Jobs Last Year - Chronicle 2/5/2021

Cumulative higher -education job losses  
February - December 2020
- 650K
Keeping Mason safe to learn, live, and work

Minimal COVID-19 cases

- **383 Total** since January reopening
- **127** in residence halls
- **51 faculty/staff, 5 contractors**

Vaccine Delivery – More than 80,000 since January
# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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Mason Impacting the World

Thomas Lovejoy
National Academy of Sciences

Andrew Light
Assistant Secretary of International Affairs at U.S. Energy Department

Justin Sutters
2021 Southeastern Region Higher Education Art Educator Award
National Art Education Association

Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera
Small Wars Journal El Centro Fellow

J.P. Singh
Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow by the board of the Robert Bosch Academy in Berlin
Ed Maibach ranked number 7 in the world for Climate Science

Dr. Lance Liotta and his team at Mason’s Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine shifted their research to fighting COVID-19.

- Developed nanotrap COVID-19 testing technology used by LabCorp
- Developed a rapid-result, saliva-based test that has allowed Mason to expand its surveillance testing to greater than 5000 per day

Mason economist Tyler Cowen launched the Emergent Ventures Fast Grants program to incentivize and fund COVID-19 research.

- The program has awarded 247 grants totaling $50 million
- One success story is the Yale-sponsored COVID-19 test used by the NBA
Graduate Rankings

U.S. News & World Report Ranks 8 Mason Graduate Programs Among Top 25 Nationally

Antonin Scalia Law School
• Part-time law program: 1st of public institutions; 4th overall

Schar School of Policy and Government
• Homeland Security: 4th of public institutions (Best in Virginia); 7th overall
• International Policy: 5th of public institutions (Best in Virginia); 14th overall
• Local Government Management: 18th of public institutions (Best in Virginia); 22nd overall
• Public Policy Analysis: 11th of public institutions; 23rd overall

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
• Criminology: 10th of public institutions (Best in Virginia); 10th Overall

College of Education and Human Development
• Elementary Education: 17th of public institutions; 20th overall
• Special Education: 15th of public institutions; 16th overall
Collaborative Partnerships

The New Virginia Promise: A pathway towards an advanced degree or your own business for EVERY Virginian who wants it

Meeting 100% of Student Need
• National leader in **collaborative partnerships** between faculty, staff, students, senior leadership and our community
  – Visit **EVERY** county in the state supporting small businesses, community college pathways (ADVANCE), and outreach
  – Low/zero debt degrees
We will bring Innovation to Northern Va.

- Institute for Digital Innovation
- 225,000 SF for Mason-led innovation programming and community engagement spaces
- 120,000 SF for innovation labs, offices and programming by developer and partners
- 15,000 SF for retail amenities
- 2025 Occupancy

+ Industry Partners
What’s Next?

Hybrid Campus & Instruction
New Academic Programs
Diversity & Inclusive Excellence
Retain & Attract Talent
Research Infrastructure & Innovation
Transformational Initiatives
Fall 2021 Safe Return to Campus
Campus refresh and rebranding
Why we need You?

• Over the next seven years
  – We will add at least 400 faculty and 400 staff
  – We will add 10,000 more students
  – We will add at least 4 new buildings
  – We will need at least $1B in additional support
  – We will need to add an additional $100M to our research expenditures
  – We will expand our Global Partnerships
  – We will be more diverse
  – We will be more competitive than ever before

• We will have to thrive in an uncertain and at times hostile economic climate

• Our coalitions and partners will be more important than ever before
Thank You!