



# GMU Update and Vision

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# 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)

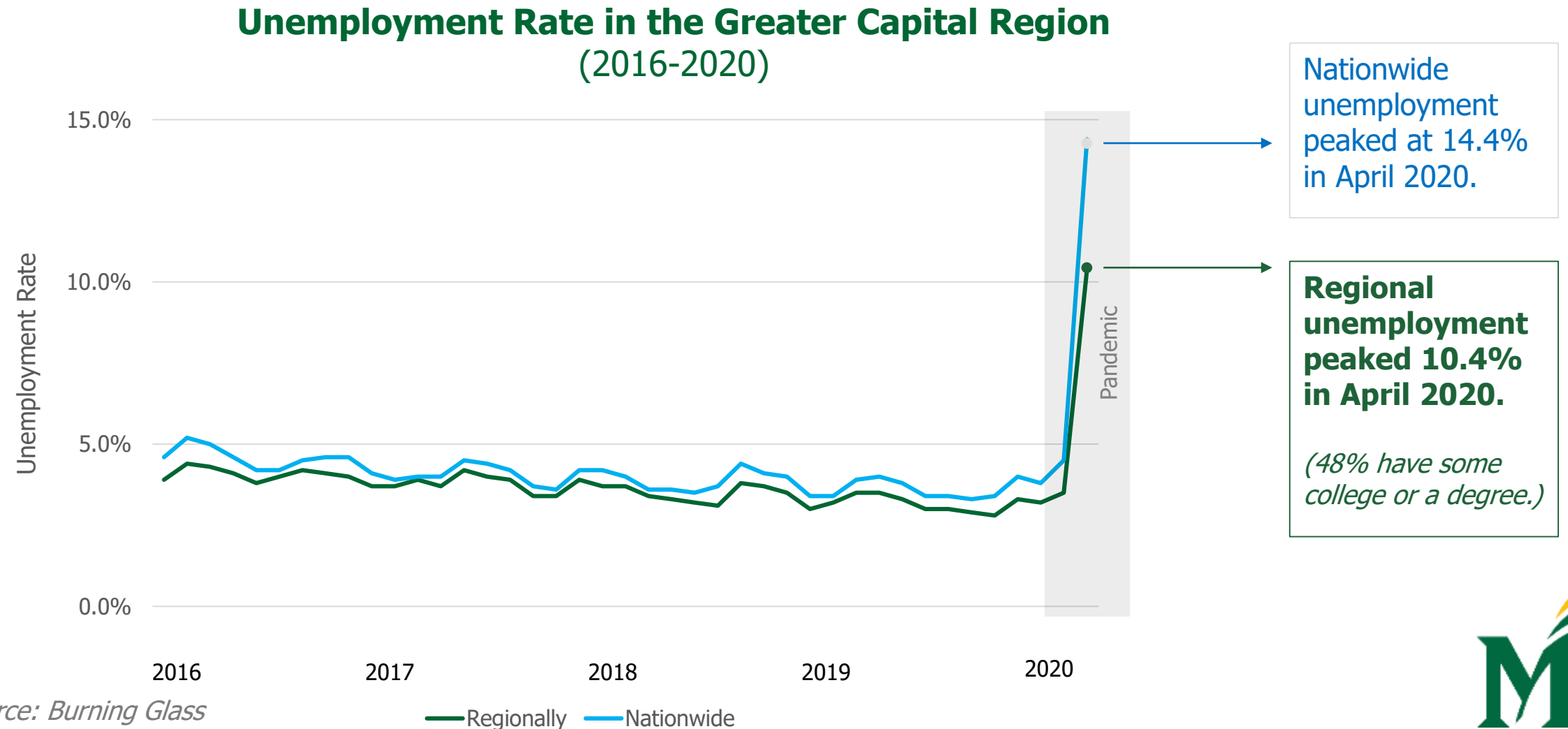
No staff layoffs or furloughs - 5% raise

Best Research Expenditures ever

Managed budget and restored non AE reserves

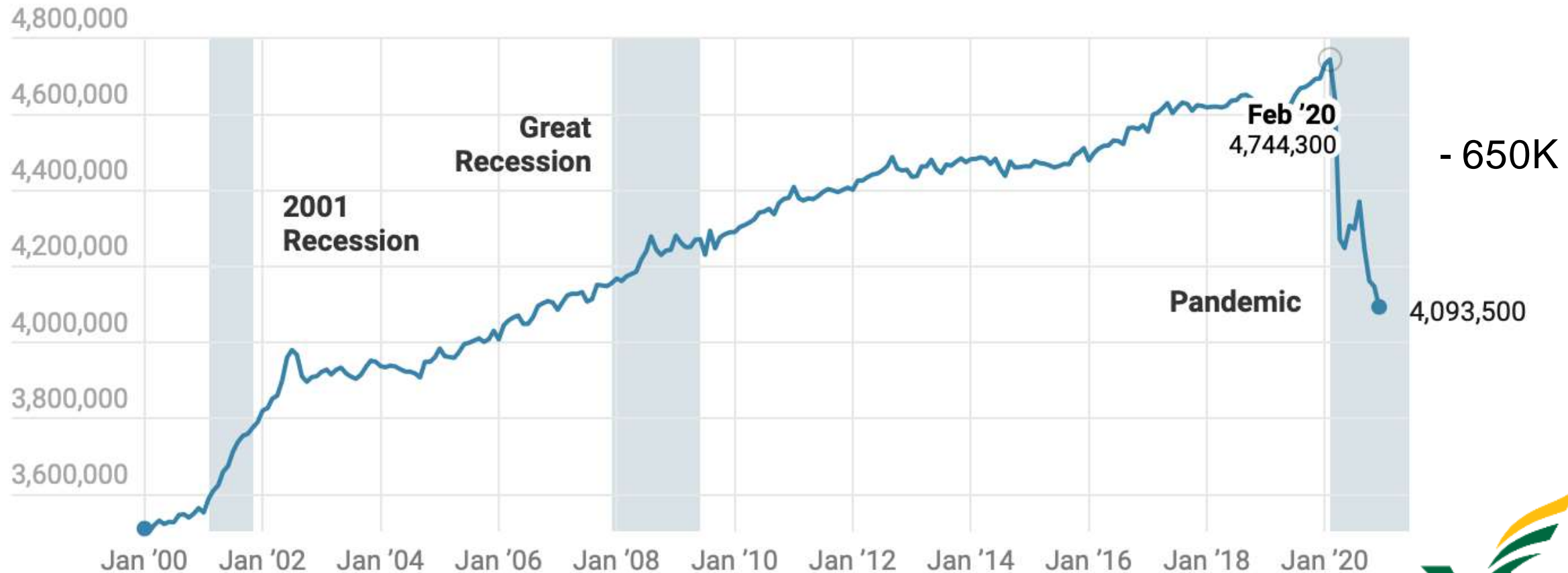


# With Degree-Holders Increasingly Dislocated...



# 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





# 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**

GEORGE  
**MASON**  
UNIVERSITY

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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Training and Development	Curriculum and Pedagogy	Campus and Community Engagement	University Policies and Procedures	Research
Develop Competencies	Campus-wide Course on Diversity/Inclusion	Establish Police Advisory Board	Build Infrastructure	Seed-Funding Initiative
Intro to ARIE Session	Evaluate and Revise Existing Courses	Honorific Naming Practices	Recruit and Retain Faculty and Staff	Grad Mentorship Program
Certificate Program	Ongoing Support and Incentives	Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Center	Elevate Student Services Support	National Research Conference

# 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



# Mason Impacting the World

- **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:** 1<sup>st</sup> of public institutions; 4<sup>th</sup> overall

### Schar School of Policy and Government

- **Homeland Security:** 4<sup>th</sup> of public institutions (Best in Virginia); 7<sup>th</sup> overall
- **International Policy:** 5<sup>th</sup> of public institutions (Best in Virginia); 14<sup>th</sup> overall
- **Local Government Management:** 18<sup>th</sup> of public institutions (Best in Virginia); 22<sup>nd</sup> overall
- **Public Policy Analysis:** 11<sup>th</sup> of public institutions; 23<sup>rd</sup> overall

### College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- **Criminology:** 10<sup>th</sup> of public institutions (Best in Virginia); 10<sup>th</sup> Overall

### College of Education and Human Development

- **Elementary Education:** 17<sup>th</sup> of public institutions; 20<sup>th</sup> overall
- **Special Education:** 15<sup>th</sup> of public institutions; 16<sup>th</sup> overall



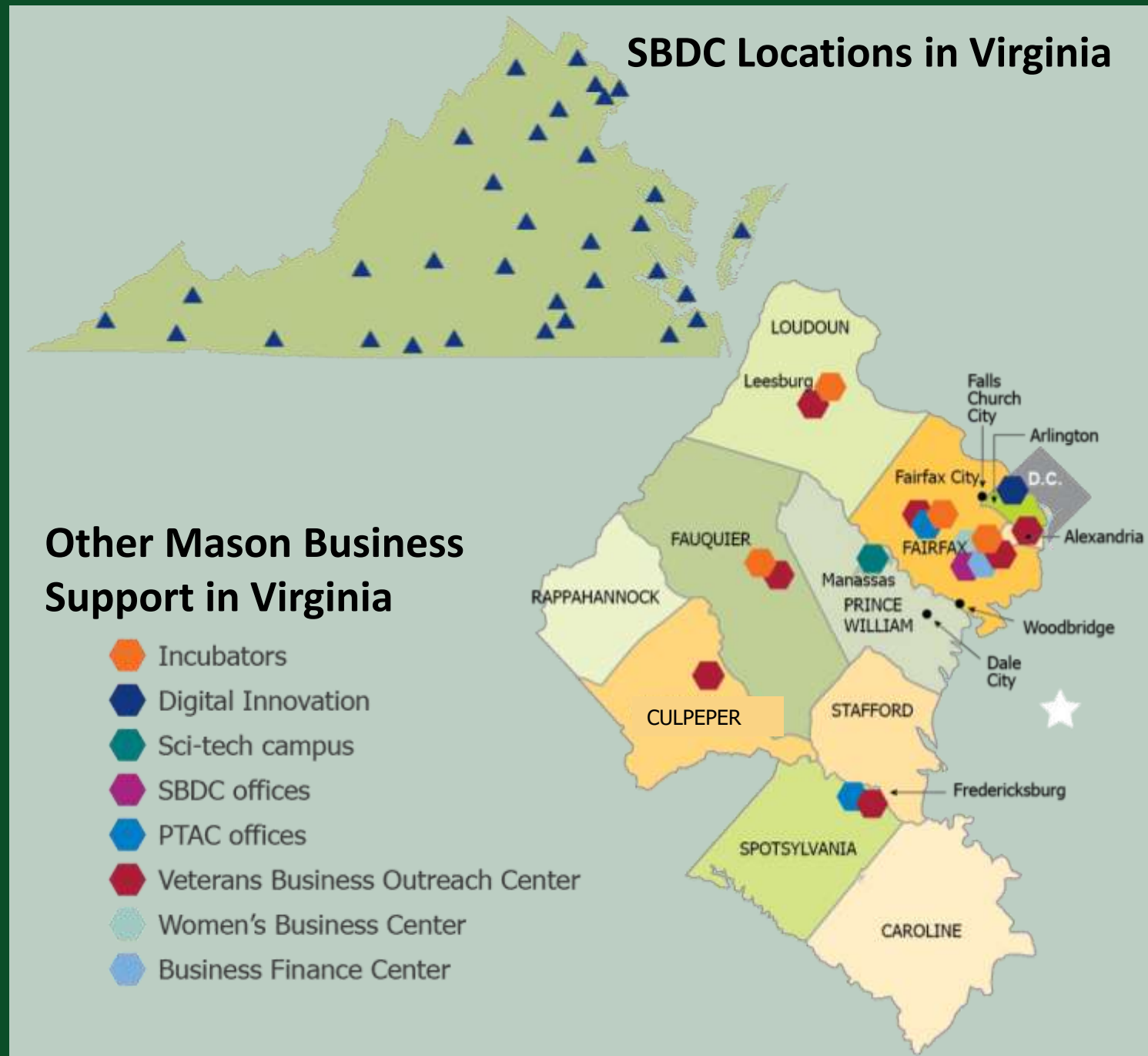


# Collaborative Partnerships

- 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

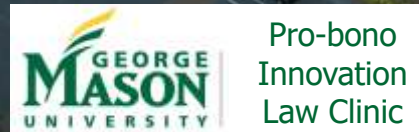


- National leader in **collaborative partnerships** between faculty, staff, students, senior leadership and our community
  - Visit **EVERY** county in the state supporting small businesses, community college pathways (ADVANCE), and outreach
  - Low/zero debt degrees





# We will bring Innovation to Northern Va.



+ Industry  
Partners

- **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



# 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



# Thank You!

**Merci Bien!**

**Vielen Dank!**

**感謝!**

**Obrigado!**

**Ευχαριστώ!**

**დიდი მადლობა!**

**СПАСИБО!**

**Tak!**

**Grazie!**

**Asante Sana!**

**谢谢!**

**¡Muchas Gracias!**

