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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### Film Screening, "Backpack Full of Cash"

February 13 (Tuesday), 6–8:30PM, [School of Education](#) Matoaka Woods

### HESA Lunch Series

February 16 (Friday), 12–1 PM, Sadler Center Colony Room  
With Kate Perry, Senior Assistant Dean of Admissions  
[RSVP](#) by February 12 for provided lunch

### Learning from the Past to Shape the Future: [50th Commemoration](#)

March 15 (Thursday), 6–7:30PM, School of Education Holly Room  
*Join the W&M Higher Education program in the School of Education as we host alumni and emeritus faculty who were among the first African-Americans to join William & Mary as students and faculty. In conjunction with the university's commemoration of 50 years of African Americans in Residence, the panel will explore the academic and personal experiences of these trailblazers, as well as the larger context of equity and inclusion in higher education.*

## ALUMNI *in the* SPOTLIGHT



### "One of a Kind Job"

If you missed [this story](#) from William & Mary news, be sure to go learn more about how Charlie Foster (M.Ed. '17) is combining his past experiences as a U.S. Marine and student in the Higher Education program as a veteran liaison at the [Troops to Teachers Virginia Center](#). This center is housed within the School of

Education and serves military service members who want to become K-12 educators. As quoted in the news story, Charlie shared, "Because I was in the military and I also have a master's degree in higher education, I can help veterans consider their options. A lot of the veterans who become teachers have to go back to school, and I can help them research what school might be right for them."

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Dr. Sikes Successfully Defends

On Tuesday, January 30, Dr. Amy Sikes defended her dissertation and rang the School of Education bell loudly! The title of Dr. Sikes's study is, *Rural Students' Experiences at Selective Four-Year Colleges: Pathways to Persistence and Success*. Pictured in the photo to the right are Amy's dissertation chair, Dr. Jim Barber (Associate Professor of Higher Education), Amy, and committee member, Dr. Monica Griffin (Director of William & Mary's Sharpe Community Scholars Program). Not pictured is Amy's third committee member, Dr. Eddie Cole (Assistant Professor of Higher Education).



Amy is currently the Development Coordinator for Literacy for Life, located within the School of Education. She shared, "It was so exciting to do a study with students who were truly engaged not only in the interviews, but in reading the final results themselves. This is a critical, timely topic, and I hope more people will choose to study rural students at colleges so we can provide institutions with recommendations for best practices in supporting students' success."



### Barteel Selected as CASE Student Delegate

Angela Barteel, Ed.D. student and Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at Virginia Commonwealth University, was recently selected as the Division III Student Delegate for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education ([CASE](#)) conference in Atlanta, GA. This year's [conference](#) will be February 11–14. Please join us in congratulating Angela!

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



### Lee Attends National Conference on Law and Higher Education

E. Ashleigh Schuller Lee ('02, JD '06, Ph.D. '15, and adjunct faculty member in the Higher Education Program) was a speaker at the 39th Annual [National Conference on Law and Higher Education](#). The theme of the conference was *Eve of Disruption: Courageously Meeting Higher Education's Challenges in Times of Transition*. Dr. Lee spoke as part of the Scholar's Roundtable and the two keynote speakers were John R. Kroger, Reed College President, and E. Gordon Gee, West Virginia University President. Dr. Lee taught *Law of Higher Education* last summer and is currently teaching *The Academic Life*.

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