



## Higher Education Salon

Join the Higher Education program as we celebrate 50 years of African Americans in Residence at W&M with a panel and discussion, [Learning from the Past to Shape the Future](#). The panel will include alumni and emeritus faculty who were among the first African Americans to join W&M as students and faculty. 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. [RSVP for this event](#).

**When:** Thursday, March 15th from 6–7:30PM  
**Where:** Holly Room, School of Education

Prior to the panel, please join us for the Alumni Reception from 5–6 PM on the 2nd Floor Atrium. [RSVP for the reception](#).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



## A Day at William & Mary

Over two days (February 25–26), the program hosted A Day at William & Mary. Admitted master's students visited the School of Education on Monday the 26th for their graduate assistantship interviews and, the day prior, all admitted and current students were welcomed to attend events including dinner at Brickhouse Tavern and a dessert reception at the Cohen Career Center (pictured above). View the two-day itinerary [here](#). Thank you to everyone who assisted and volunteered their time for this event!



Program faculty were excited to host and meet with admitted students. Pictured above from left to right are Stephanie Blackmon (Assistant Professor), Jim Barber (Associate Professor), Pamela Eddy (Professor), and Eddie R. Cole (Assistant Professor). Photo credit to Josh Chung.



A special thank you to [Josh Chung](#) (M.Ed. '17) for taking wonderful photos for our admitted and current students and faculty! Josh currently works as an Instructional Design Specialist for the APeL Office at W&M.; Josh's personal website can be found [here](#).

## Janet Brown Strafer Award

Janet Brown was one of the first African American students in residence at W&M. In honor of Janet's courage, perseverance, and dedication to education, the School of Education has created the Janet Brown Strafer Award. Janet spent a number of years working with students from various racial, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds and was committed to creating an inclusive environment for all students. The award is designed to highlight a nominee who exemplifies this spirit of inclusiveness. A nominee for the Janet Brown Strafer Award should be a School of Education faculty, student, or staff member who embodies the school's commitment to transforming students, schools, and communities by promoting attitudes and beliefs that foster an understanding of self and diverse others. Nominations will be accepted until April 2, 2018. [Learn more about the nomination process](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HESA Lunch Series

Every month, the Higher Education Student Association connects students with professionals through their HESA Lunch Series. In February, the special guest was Kate Perry, Senior Assistant Dean of Admissions here at William & Mary. Those who attended had many interesting questions about Kate's career and her experience with admissions while enjoying food from Zoe's Kitchen. As always, the lunch offered a great conversation about general topics in higher education and advice from a professional in the field.

### Next Lunch Series

**Who:** Lesley Henderson (Assistant Dean of Students & Director of Student Accessibility Services)  
**When:** March 16, 12PM  
**Where:** School of Education room 2000

### Upcoming HESA Events

HESA Day Hike: Saturday, March 17 | 9AM–12PM | [RSVP](#) and learn more

HESA Rock Wall: Friday, March 30 | 6–8PM

HESA Lunch Series with Kathleen Powell: Friday, April 13 | 12–1PM

### Diversity Lecture Series

**When:** March 21 (Wednesday), 6–7PM  
**Where:** School of Education, Professional Development Center  
**With:** Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, President of University of Maryland, Baltimore County

[RSVP](#) here

## ALUMNI *in the* SPOTLIGHT



### Letizia's new faculty position

Angelo Letizia (Ph.D. '14) accepted a new position as Assistant Professor of Education at Notre Dame University of Maryland, in Baltimore, Maryland. There, he will teach the history of education, leadership, and social studies methods classes in the Ph.D., master, and undergraduate programs. He will also work with and supervise the pre-service teachers. We wish you luck in your new role!

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Wojtkun selected as NCAA evaluator

Erin Wojtkun, a third-year doctoral student in the joint degree program of Higher Education Administration and MBA degree, recently received the opportunity to work with the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA). Through this initiative, Erin will assist with developing an assessment tool for a new project, "Gameday the DIII Way." She will be highly involved in project evaluation once data collection is complete.



### HESA intramural team wins handball championship

HESA & Friends Intramural Handball team won the Handball championship in February, the first championship win for this group! [Read more](#) about their victory.

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

### Former Professor publishes

We invite all students, faculty, campus administrators to read John Thelin's 2017 text, [American Higher Education](#). Dr. Thelin, current Professor at the University of Kentucky, was a Professor of Higher Education at William & Mary from 1981–1993. Thelin's contributions to the program are ever present with his contributions supporting the John Thelin Higher Education Research Award. [Find more here](#) on this award and learn about Thelin's reflections from working with our higher education students.



### Cole to give a talk at Duke University

Eddie R. Cole, Assistant Professor of Higher Education, will soon visit Duke University on March 26 to give a talk titled, "Responding to Race: College Presidents and the Civil Rights Movement." Organized as a workshop, Dr. Cole will engage attendees through discussion about what can be learned from the past and applied in today's social and political environment.

## View the Spring HESA EVENTS CALENDAR

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