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October 2020 :: Election 2020 & Kids :: Community Conversation :: Upcoming Events



## How to talk to kids about Election 2020

Esther Kim, assistant professor of social studies education and a scholar of civic education in schools, shares strategies, tips and resources for educators and parents navigating conversations with kids and young people during a particularly contentious presidential election season. [More.](#)

### FROM THE DEAN



I've been thinking a lot about the power of community and how we foster these connections during a pandemic. Relationships are integral to our work as educators. As our schools and workplaces forge ahead in a virtual setting, we're all developing new ways to build community. And while these solutions may feel imperfect, we are gaining skills and innovating in ways that will serve us well even after the pandemic ends.



### Community Conversation with President Rowe

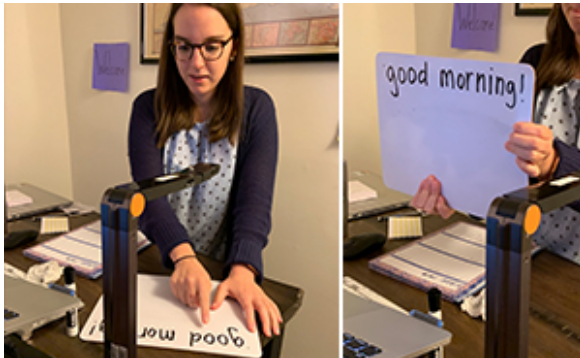
Earlier this month, Dean Knoeppel sat down virtually with President Rowe and his two fellow new deans at W&M to discuss community, leadership and innovation amid the pandemic. [Learn more and watch.](#)



### Learn more about Dean Knoeppel

In this video, Dean Knoeppel shares why he was drawn to William & Mary, how the mission and values of the school align with his own, and efforts to make William & Mary the premiere school for educator preparation in Virginia. [Watch.](#)

## NEWS & NOTES



### Alumni teachers embrace the linguistic and cultural diversity of their bilingual students through family engagement

When schools transitioned to online learning, teachers had to quickly learn how to fit their classrooms into each student's home. For ESL and bilingual teachers, there were additional challenges to keeping students and families engaged while also incorporating students' cultural backgrounds. [More.](#)



### The Social Justice & Diversity Graduate Research Fellows program welcomes a new cohort

Meet the master's and doctoral students who will conduct research and collaborate with mentors to promote social justice in academia and in professional practice in education, counseling, and law. [More.](#)



### **A Conversation with Dean Knoeppel**

Dean Knoeppel shared his career path and vision for leadership in the School of Education, as well as his own growth as a leader. He also shared his musings on community and equity in learning in a virtual education landscape. [More.](#)

### **Reimagining Education in a Pandemic**

In March 2020, COVID-19 shuttered schools overnight and led to unprecedented challenges and opportunities. Now faced with the expectation to reopen schools, we must consider whether we are on the right path to provide an excellent and equitable education for our students. [More.](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FACULTY  
RESEARCH  
BROWN  
BAG TALK  
JANISE  
PARKER**



### **Nov. 4: Supporting Black Students through School-Community Partnerships**

In the next Faculty Research Brown Bag Talk, Assistant Professor of School Psychology Janise Parker will share how educators and researchers can be intentional about collaborating with predominantly Black community organizations to support the development of Black K-12 students. [More.](#)

#### **More Webinars:**

**Nov. 10:** [Hear from Higher Education Alumni](#)

**Nov. 17:** [Book Talk: Pamela Eddy and Jim Barber](#)

**Nov. 19:** [Learn about the Counselor Education Program](#)



### **Nov. 6: Day for Prospective Students**

We'll welcome prospective students for a virtual event that will allow them to experience W&M, learn about our programs and connect with faculty and students. Please share this event with people you know who might be interested in pursuing a graduate degree in education at William & Mary. [More.](#)

# #WMEducationWeek

Monday 11/16	Tuesday 11/17	Wednesday 11/18	Thursday 11/19	Friday 11/20
CELEBRATING TEACHERS & EDUCATION LEADERS	BEYOND K-12: HIGHER EDUCATION	THE NEXT GENERATION OF TEACHERS	SUPPORTING STUDENTS AT SCHOOL & AT HOME	GRATITUDE: THANKING EDUCATORS

Join us as we celebrate NEA's American Education Week November 16-20. We'll be spending the week celebrating K-12, counseling and higher education professionals. Stay tuned for information about related events and other ways to get involved.  
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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



WHAT'S  
YOUR WHY?



RACHEL SMITH  
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"My favorite experiences so far at William & Mary have been simple and organic. I enjoy talking with my classmates about their interests and their future goals. I also enjoy meeting with faculty. I always learn something new. I am working on a research project with my advisor and three other students. Overall, it's fun to 'nerd out' with the School of Education community."

[Learn more about Rachel](#)

## RESOURCES

W&M COVID-19 Response: [Latest Information and Resources](#)

Studio for Teaching & Learning Innovation: [W&M Instructional Resilience](#)

Support from W&M Libraries: [Remote Resources & Services](#)

Cohen Career Center: [Virtual Resources](#)

W&M Alumni Association: [Virtual Engagement Opportunities](#)

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