



FROM THE DEAN



Resilience is not just about surviving, it's about thriving. Over the past year and a half, our focus has been on fostering a healthy and engaged community—caring for our physical and mental health, adapting our work to support student and faculty success, and finding new ways to mark the rituals and milestones of the academic journey. As individuals and as a community, we have developed new skills and strengths that will lead us to even greater heights moving forward. Our success is evidence of our resilience.

As we prepare for a new school year, we know there are still challenges ahead. We also have a greater sense of our ability to persevere *and thrive* through those challenges. We have a fuller confidence in the power of our collective impact. I can't wait to see what you—and we—will accomplish this year.

— Dean Rob Knoeppel

NEWS & NOTES



Center for Gifted Education receives Award for Excellence in Research from Mensa

Tracy L. Cross and Jennifer Riedl Cross have been recognized by the Mensa Education & Research Foundation for their research related to the psychology and academic success of high-ability students. [More.](#)



W&M honors Marchello, Martin with the Aceto Award

William & Mary has selected Sallie Marchello, associate provost and university registrar, and Jeremy Martin Ph.D. '12, M.B.A. '17, chief of staff to President Katherine A. Rowe, to receive the Shirley Aceto Award. [More.](#)



Dallas Baptist University visits William & Mary

On July 15, the School of Education hosted a group of Dallas Baptist University doctoral students in the Wren Building for a discussion about education leadership led by panelists: Dr. Yvonne Smith-Jones M.A.Ed. '87, Ed.S. '93, Ed.D. '97; Dr. Ginger Ambler '88, Ph.D. '06; and Dr. Steve Staples '76, M.Ed. '83.

UPCOMING EVENTS



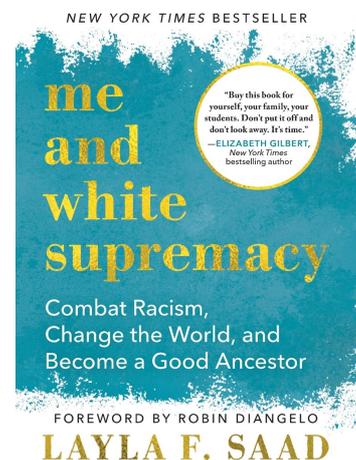
Mark your calendar for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, October 7-10, 2021

Calendar of Events

DEI Summer Book Discussion: Me and White Supremacy

Join Natoya Haskins, director of diversity and inclusion in the School of Education, for a discussion of the book *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla F. Saad. A New York Times and USA Today bestseller, this eye-opening book takes readers on a 28-day journey to do the necessary and vital work that can ultimately lead to improving race relations. [Learn more.](#)

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