



## Alynn Parham M.A.Ed. '18 trailblazes new African American History course for WJCC

The Virginia Department of Education has launched a new high-school elective course that surveys African American history from precolonial Africa to the modern day. Alynn Parham M.A.Ed. '18 shares her experiences teaching the course at Jamestown High School in Williamsburg. [More](#).

### FROM THE DEAN



**The school is humming as the school year hits its stride.** It's such a joy to see the hallways bustling and to hear about our students starting their school placements and internships. This weekend, we'll celebrate Homecoming and we'll welcome back our 2020 graduates for a long overdue Commencement ceremony. These opportunities for connection seem even more meaningful now, and I can't wait to share them with our community. In so many ways, the pandemic has highlighted what we need in order to flourish as individuals and as a community. When we live our values, make connections and build something greater than ourselves, we can truly flourish.

— Dean Rob Knoepfel

### NEWS & NOTES



#### With record enrollment, School of Education welcomes new students and new programs for 2021-2022

The school welcomed 403 new students in Fall 2021, bringing its total enrollment among graduate students to 814 — a record in recent years. Despite declining enrollment nationally among schools of education, W&M saw a 69% increase in applications and a 27% increase in enrollment in its graduate programs in education in 2021. [More](#).



#### Supporting STEM Faculty Development during the Pandemic

A virtual professional development program for STEM faculty was designed a few months before the start of the pandemic and became a year-long study providing activities and workshops to engage faculty in learning about evidence-based strategies. [More](#).



## Resources for educators supporting students after an incident of violence

Following the recent school shooting in Newport News Public Schools, faculty in school counseling and school psychology at William & Mary have gathered resources to help educators and families support students. [More](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Oct. 11: Hispanic Heritage Month Panel

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, join the School of Education for a virtual panel discussion focused on the experiences of Latinx individuals in K-12 and higher education settings. [More](#).

### Oct. 22: Day for Prospective Students

Are you or someone you know considering a graduate degree in education? Join us for our annual Day for Prospective Students and have an opportunity to chat with faculty and current students, tour the School of Education and learn more about our community. [More](#).

Oct. 6: [Courageous Conversation: The Violent Dismantling of Education](#)

Oct. 25: [DEI Book Discussion: The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison](#)

Oct. 27: [Faculty Research Brown Bag Talk with Betsy Talbott](#)

#### Upcoming [Admissions Webinars](#):

- Oct. 12: [M.Ed. in Higher Education](#)
- Oct. 13: [Executive Ed.D. Programs](#)
- Oct. 20: [M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Higher Education](#)
- Oct. 23: [Executive Ed.D. Programs](#)
- Nov. 5: [M.Ed. in School Counseling](#)
- Nov. 5: [Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Programs](#)
- Nov. 10: [M.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling](#) (including concentrations in Addictions; Couples, Marriage and Family; and Military and Veterans)
- Nov. 15: [Elementary, ESL/Bilingual and Special Education Programs](#)
- Nov. 17: [School Psychology](#)



## Join us at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, October 7-10, 2021

[Calendar of Events](#)



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