

## The stories that need to be told: W&M alumna returns as professor and published novelist

Formerly a school counselor, Pamela Harris Ph.D. '16 returned to W&M in 2020 to teach in the School of Education's growing Online Counseling Program. Meanwhile, she published her first YA novel, a thriller for teens inspired by her childhood growing up in Newport News and the experiences of her former students. [More.](#)

### FROM THE DEAN



On Friday, February 11, we celebrate Charter Day and the university's 329th birthday. The following day, the School of Education community will gather to [unveil a new installation](#) in the school building honoring [three trailblazers](#) who broke boundaries to distinguish themselves as pioneers and leaders in the field of education.

These events give us an opportunity to reconnect and reflect on our shared history. As we honor those who came before us, we acknowledge the work that remains for us to do — and the critical importance of including diverse voices, perspectives and stories as we move forward. Inclusion is at the heart of our work as educators. I hope you will join us for next week's festivities.

— Dean Rob Knoepfel

### NEWS & NOTES



#### Jamel Donnor named in 2022 Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings by Education Week

Jamel K. Donnor, an associate professor in the School of Education, has been named a top Edu-Scholar by Education Week. The rankings aim to recognize the 200 university-based scholars who have had the biggest influence on educational practice and policy over the previous year. [More.](#)



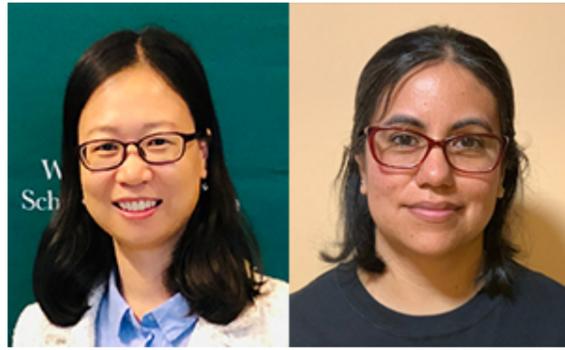
#### Counseling program participates in Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery

In late December, students from the clinical mental health and military and veterans counseling programs gathered at Arlington National Cemetery to lay wreaths in honor of veterans. [More.](#)



### Dual language programs are launching across the state thanks to the work of W&M faculty and alumni

Faculty are collaborating with partners and alumni in school divisions across Virginia to expand dual language and bilingual education programs. [More.](#)



### School of Education partners with Law School to provide language instruction to international law students

Through a new partnership with William & Mary Law School, doctoral students from the School of Education's Holmes Scholars program are teaching an English language preparatory course for international students in the university's LL.M. program. [More.](#)



### Make connections and support current students as an Alumni Mentor or Ambassador

Did you love your time at the William & Mary School of Education? Help us recruit and mentor the next generation of educators and counselors and guide them to become leaders in their fields. Whether you live locally in Williamsburg or across the country, you can get involved and help. Your commitment can vary from a few minutes to a few hours and all can be scheduled at your convenience.

[Learn more](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Unveiling the Trailblazers Wall

Saturday, February 12 at 11:00 a.m.  
Dogwood Room, School of Education

Join the school community as we unveil a new wall honoring trailblazers who have shaped the history of the school, university and broader field of education.

Our inaugural honorees are Hulon L. Willis, Sr. M.Ed. '56; Janet Brown Strafer '71, M.A.Ed. '77, D.Sc. '18; and Jo Lynne DeMary '68, Ed.D. '82. [Learn more about our honorees.](#)

- Feb. 7: [Brave Bubble Conversation: Critical Race Theory](#)
- Feb. 11: [Charter Day](#)
- Feb. 12: [Trailblazers Wall Unveiling](#)
- Mar. 14-18: Spring Break
- April 1: [Day for Admitted Students](#)
- April 14: [DEI Book Discussion: Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women that a Movement Forgot](#)

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