Back to school: Expert shares ways to support K-12 students’ mental health

Leandra Parris' research focuses on relationships among middle and high school students within an equity-centered, trauma-informed framework. As a new academic year begins for a community that includes students going to school and being homeschooled, W&M News asked Parris to discuss ways to support K-12 students at home and at school. More.

FROM THE DEAN

Excitement abounds here in the William & Mary School of Education with the start of the new semester. This fall, we welcomed a record high enrollment enabling us to achieve our strategic priority of Programs that Serve the Commonwealth and Profession. We are training education professionals who are prepared to serve an increasingly diverse population, especially in high demand areas, using multiple delivery modalities. We look forward to a successful academic year and are grateful for the partnerships that are so critical to this work.

— Dean Rob Knoeppel
Voices for Children and Youth in Washington: William & Mary attends the 2022 Special Education Legislative Summit

Elizabeth Talbott and Caroline Malachowsky ’24 traveled to D.C. to advocate with members of Congress for students with disabilities in an annual summit hosted by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE). More.

Holmes Scholars Participate in AACTE's Washington Week

W&M Holmes Scholars Philippa Chin, Lavare Henry, Paola Mendizabal, Aishwarya Nambiar, and Shené Owens participated in Washington Week 2022 this past June. It was an opportunity for faculty, Holmes Scholars, and state leaders to learn, collaborate, and network around the advocacy for education in our country. More.

NAGC Announces Dr. Jennifer Riedl Cross as Next Gifted Child Quarterly Editor

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) is pleased to announce that Dr. Jennifer Riedl Cross, director of research at the W&M Center for Gifted Education has been appointed Editor of Gifted Child Quarterly (GCQ), the Association’s research journal. More.

For small districts, a regional network holds the key to new teacher support

The School-University Resource Network (SURN), a university center at W&M, created the Novice Teacher Academy in response to the struggle many small and rural school districts have in retaining early career teachers. The Novice Teacher Academy is a yearlong program that supports new teachers through in-person workshops and mentoring, online coaching, and supplemental teaching tools and strategies. More.
Fostering the future: Janise Parker dedicates work to community-based research

A Florida native, assistant professor Janise Parker chose to work at William & Mary because of her combined passions for research and social justice. Much of her research and scholarship focuses on the experiences of minoritized youth, especially Black adolescents. Recently awarded the W&M President's Award for Service to the Community, Parker is a scholar-activist producing scholarship that contributes to social change and works with Virginia-based organizations as well as Newport News public schools. More.

Congrats to Alexus McKoy, Dr. Janise Parker, and the School Psychology program!

The Virginia Academy of School Psychologists awarded Alexus McKoy M.Ed. ‘22, Ed.S. ’24, Graduate Student of the Year, based on her excellence in scholarship, service, and leadership. Dr. Janise Parker was awarded the inaugural Social Justice Award for her commitment and excellence in creating change and promoting equity and inclusion across the state.

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Oct. 7: [School of Education Day for Prospective Students and Open House](#)
Oct. 10: [Leaders in Education: Annual Conference](#)
Oct. 14: [Joy of Literacy and Literature Conference](#)
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