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Exciting Pilot Opportunity: Helping Faculty/Staff Manage Student Loan Debt

HR & Payroll is partnering with one of our retirement vendors, Fidelity Investments, on the very important topic of employee student debt. As a qualified public-service employer, Mason's salaried (i.e. benefited) faculty and staff who work 30 or more hours per week may be eligible to participate in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program*. Representatives from Fidelity will be on campus on November 1 from 12-1pm to present on the PSLF. The session will be videoconferenced to Arlington and SciTech. If you or a family member has federal student debt, you may find this session informative. Please register at <http://hr.gmu.edu/learning/hr.php>.

Additionally, beginning October 10 and running through November 14, Fidelity is also piloting a new Student Debt Tool website for all faculty and staff. This beta site is being made available to a limited number of organizations; Mason is one of only two public universities participating in the pilot. For additional information on this opportunity, please visit <http://hr.gmu.edu/benefits>. Please note: This is a voluntary program for all faculty and staff to test Fidelity's new website and gain insights into managing student debt; there are no sales involved and you will not be contacted by Fidelity regarding any of their other products. You do not have to be a Fidelity member to participate in either opportunity.

If you have any questions, please contact the Benefits Team at benefits@gmu.edu.

**Please note: The Federal PSLF program has a very specific definition of employee eligibility. There could be limited cases for other types of Mason employees to be eligible. Eligibility is defined by the PSLF program on its [Employment Certification Form](#).)*

DMV2Go Fairfax Date Moved

Due to unforeseen circumstances, DMV2Go has had to move the date they will be on the Fairfax Campus. Instead of Monday, October 24, they will be in the Merten Hall parking lot on Tuesday, October 25 from 9am-4pm.

Faculty-Staff Enrichment Day: Keynote Speakers Videoconferenced

Faculty-Staff Enrichment Day will take place on Wednesday, October 26 and will focus on the theme "Building a Culture of Appreciation". This year's keynote speakers will be videoconferenced to Arlington and Science and Technology. Dr. Beth Cabrera will speak from 9:00 – 9:45 and Dr. Michael "Doc Nix" Nickens will speak from 11:15 – 12:00. Presentations will take place in Founders Hall, B119 at Arlington and Bull Run 254 at SciTech. For more detail or to register for the full day's events at Fairfax, visit <http://hr.gmu.edu/learning/>. Keep an eye on the website for more details as they are released!

Reminder: TIAA's Financial IQ Challenge 2.0

Have some financial fun with TIAA's Financial IQ Challenge through November 2! Each day, five new questions are added to the challenge. Every time you play, you are automatically entered for a chance to win a \$25 Amex Gift Card. The more you play, the better your chances of winning—so sign on every day! (All responses are confidential.)

Ready to test your financial savvy and learn something new each time you play? Check out the [Challenge!](#)

From the IRS: College Tax Credit Information for 2016 Returns

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently shared a reminder for parents and students regarding two college tax credits – The American Opportunity Tax Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. They recommend that it “is a good time to see if [you] qualify for either of two college tax credits or other education-related tax benefits” when you file your 2016 federal income tax returns next year. For details and to learn more, please visit the [IRS IR-2016-126 press release](#).