

Subject: Instant HR/Payroll: Faculty/Staff/Retiree Appreciation Night at Mason Basketball, DMV2Go at Merten Hall on Monday, Family Matters Survey, Background Check Expansion in the New Year, and Much More!

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Faculty/Staff/Retiree Appreciation Night

A shout out to our colleagues in Intercollegiate Athletics for Faculty/Staff/Retiree Appreciation night! This year is will be held on Tuesday December 8 when the men's basketball team will host Northern Iowa at 7:00 PM. Faculty, staff, and retirees may request up to 4 complimentary tickets for this game. For more information and to submit a request, please visit GoMason.com/faculty by today, Friday, December 4.

DMV2Go Coming to the Fairfax Campus on Monday

Take care of your Department of Motor Vehicle business at a convenient Mason location. DMV2Go will be in the Merten Hall parking lot on Monday, December 7, from 9:00-4:00. For the 2016 DMV2Go schedule, please visit <http://hr.gmu.edu/worklife/documents/DMV2Go2016Schedule.pdf>.

Reminder: Family Matters at Mason, An Invitation for Feedback

A Mason working group composed of faculty, staff and administrators has been formed to explore faculty and staff needs and ideas in the area of family support. We are currently seeking feedback on two specific initiatives related to the child care needs of our faculty and staff living near or working on the Fairfax campus.

- Spring Break Camp for school-aged children, 12 and under
- Extended Hours Care (before 7:00am or after 6:00pm) for children 2 -12 years old

We also invite faculty and staff at all Mason locations to share their specific family care challenges, including child care, eldercare, special needs support, and other family care matters.

As you know, the university recently implemented a new [Parental Leave Policy for Instructional 9-Month Faculty](#). Through the survey below, we hope to gather further feedback on family-related challenges and potential University supports. Depending upon your responses, there is a maximum of 12 questions and we anticipate the survey will take less than 7 minutes to complete.

The survey is available for the next couple of weeks at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FamilyMattersatMason>. Feel free to email worklife@gmu.edu if you have any questions.

Background Check Expansion Coming in the New Year

The University's Background Check policy and procedures will be updated in the Spring. Changes will be implemented to expand the requirement for background checks to **all** new employees. The University will also be using a new vendor, Truescreen, starting in January. Additional information regarding the expansion and new vendor will be communicated in the new year. For questions, please contact Jessica Cain at 3-1275 or jcain4@gmu.edu.

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) Underway Through 12/17

Please share with your faculty and staff that the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign is coming to an end later this month but there is still time to donate. Please visit www.cvc.virginia.gov and click on the **Give Now** button. Or click on <https://edirect.virginia.gov> to go automatically to EmployeeDirect. Log in and

follow the online prompts. You can also make your donation through a pledge card available from hyunker@gmu.edu. Please donate by December 17th.

Bonus Opportunity! If you have given directly to a CVC charity within this calendar year, Mason can receive Campaign credit for that as well. Please send an email to Helga Yunker at hyunker@gmu.edu with an acknowledgement or receipt from the charity or a copy of your canceled check or credit card statement (for a one time donation).

Enrollment Open: Virginia 529 PrePAID Program

Enrollment is open for the Virginia 529 PrePAID program from 12/1/15 through 3/31/16. For details and enrollment materials please visit the [Virginia 529 PrePAID site](#) and review the [program overview](#) which describes the PrePAID program and the other 529 savings programs.

Individual Retirement Counseling Sessions

Mason's three retirement vendors provide individual retirement counseling sessions, including sessions held on campus. For dates, times, and locations for all three retirement vendors, please see the Individual Retirement Counseling page at <http://hr.gmu.edu/benefits/retire/tiaa.php>.

Lunchtime Possibilities

Taking a break mid-way through your day is important to well-being. There are many ways to get involved on campus and some of them occur over lunch. We've compiled a sample of what is available at Lunchtime Possibilities at <http://hr.gmu.edu/worklife/lunch>. Have an opportunity you would like to add? Email us at worklife@gmu.edu.

You're Invited: An Afternoon with Hoda

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-afternoon-with-hoda-at-george-mason-university-registration-4773201775>

