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### **Reward and Recognition Enhancements**

In response to feedback from surveys and focus groups, Reward & Recognition is making some exciting changes to help enhance the recognition culture in schools and units. You will see enhancements in the following areas:

- **[Impact Awards](#)**  
There are now four tiers of impact awards – Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. The tiers are based on project size and length and provide guidance and structure for departments looking to award their high performing faculty and staff.
- **[eCards](#)**  
The survey and focus groups said that Mason’s faculty and staff want recognition that’s free, fast, and easy, and we’ve got it for you in the form of [eCards](#). Recognize a colleague or team member on their birthday, to say thank you, extend congratulations, and more!
- **[Team Recognition](#)**  
We’re empowering units to recognize their own teams for cross-functional and cross-departmental collaboration by showing us your [Team Spirit](#).

If you have any questions about any of the Reward and Recognition enhancements, please contact Beth Baroody at 3-2739 or [bbaroody@gmu.edu](mailto:bbaroody@gmu.edu).

### **Is August your busy time? Need some extra hands?**

Talent Acquisition is happy to provide [Mason Talent Temps](#), an alternative to recruiting wage or seasonal employees through eWork and available at a reduced cost compared to external temp agencies. Talent Acquisition manages a vetted and on boarded (yes, that means no EPAFs) pool of ready employees with skill sets ranging from reception and administrative support to financial and technology professionals. Mason Temps can provide temporary help for a few days, or up to 40 hours per week for up to 9 months.

Have questions? Please take a look at our [Q&A](#).

To request a Mason Talent Temp, please complete the [electronic form](#).

### **Adult Caregiver Support Group Meeting**

If you are a Mason faculty or staff member currently caring for an adult loved one (i.e. adult child, spouse/partner, parent), please join us for a monthly lunchtime meeting. Sessions will provide opportunities for members to share stories, strategies, and resources to navigate the unique challenges of adult caregiving. We meet the first Thursday of each month at noon in Merten 4102. The next meeting is

Thursday, August 3. For the 2017 schedule please see our [flyer](#).

### **DMV2Go Coming to Fairfax**

Take care of your Department of Motor Vehicle business at a convenient Mason location. DMV2Go is coming to the Fairfax campus from 9:00 am-4:00 pm on Tuesday, August 8 and Tuesday September 12. The [2017 schedule is available](#); you can find information on DMV2Go services at [http://www.dmv.state.va.us/general/#dmv\\_2go.asp](http://www.dmv.state.va.us/general/#dmv_2go.asp).

### **9/11 Day of Service: Women Giving Back Clothing Drive**

Between now and September 11, as part of the 5th Annual Mason Day of Service, a clothing drive is being held on behalf of [Women Giving Back](#), a local non-profit that provides free clothing to women and children in Northern Virginia homeless shelters.

Items they need:

Suits, separates, business attire, shoes, jewelry, coats, unopened makeup and toiletries, purses and business accessories. Also, children's clothing, shoes, books and toys.

Boxes are, or soon will be, available in:

- HR & Payroll, Merten, Suite 4100
- Patriot Tech, Johnson Center, Room 133
- Collaborative Learning Hub, Johnson Center, Room 311
- Aquia, Room 349

We'll keep you posted about additional donation sites. If you are interested in sponsoring a box, please email [worklife@gmu.edu](mailto:worklife@gmu.edu) and we'll arrange to get one to you. Thank you!

### **Solar Eclipse: How Cool!**

You may have heard that we will be on the path for a solar eclipse on Monday, August 21 beginning around 1:15pm (maximum eclipse in our area will be at about 2:40 when the sun will be about 80% covered). If you plan to be outside for the event, please keep your safety in mind. For some resources on the topic, please visit:

- Eclipse Information (NASA): <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-who-what-where-when-and-how>
- Eclipse Eyeglass Safety (NASA): <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>
  - Please note: review the manufacturers listed who are certifying that their glasses meet the international standards; please be careful, see [scammers news report](#).)
- Fairfax County Solar Eclipse Information: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/solar-eclipse-tips-enjoy-the-view-safely-on-aug-21/>
  - Fairfax County Library Events: <http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar.php?t=s&q=eclipse&sa=0&cid=6524&sort=1>
- Prince William Public Library: <http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/library/pages/default.aspx> (free solar eclipse glasses beginning August 1; while supplies last)
  - Other places to get [free solar eclipse glasses](#) (in Metro DC area): <http://www.wusa9.com/news/eclipse/how-you-can-get-free-solar-eclipse-viewing-glasses/452951976>
- Live video stream of the eclipse: <https://www.nasa.gov/eclipselive>
- Eclipse Timing ([TimeandDate.com](#)): <https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/washington-dc>
- Mason News Story on the Eclipse: <https://www2.gmu.edu/news/435791>