

Subject: Instant HR/Payroll: Move In Day on Thursday, Outstanding Achievement Award Nominations, Search Committee Guidance, Healthy Campus Week and More!

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Move In Day is Coming!

Move in Day is scheduled for this Thursday, August 27. This heralds the start of academic year 2015-16. Please remind your faculty and staff that for our newest Patriots, this is a day of anticipation and excitement. They are starting a new chapter in their lives as are their loved ones. Please make them feel welcome. It's going to be a hectic day, traffic will be heavy, and there will be lots of volunteers helping out. Please be patient with everyone; they're all going to be doing their best.

Complete details on parking availability are at <http://building.gmu.edu/parking-and-traffic-alert-housing-move-in-august-27-30/>. Please note that the roof on Rappahannock Deck will be available for general lot parking and Lots A and K are also available. Additionally, Parking & Transportation has some videos on [their Facebook page](#) that show incoming students the recommended routes (with directions) for getting to the Rappahannock and Shenandoah Neighborhood Move Ins; reviewing them will give you a chance to see where traffic is likely to be heaviest. If you can, please avoid the heavy traffic areas and build in some extra time to get to work.

Our students are what make Mason the awesome place it is! Move In Day is always a challenge but it can be fun too. With sincere thanks to everyone; all the faculty, staff, and students who make this amazing day happen! It's time to welcome the Class of 2019!! Go Mason!

Outstanding Achievement Awards, Call for Nominations

HR & Payroll is accepting nominations for the 2015 Outstanding Achievement Awards. The submission deadline is Friday, October 2, and the ceremony will take place on Tuesday, November 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Dewberry Hall.

For a detailed list of the awards and nominations forms, please visit <http://hr.gmu.edu/awards/award.php>. Questions? Contact Beth Baroody at 3-2739 or awards@gmu.edu.

Reminder: Search Committee Guidance

Please let your faculty and staff involved on search committees know that all matters pertaining to compensation are to be handled directly between the Hiring Authority, Human Resources & Payroll, and the Department Head, where appropriate. Compensation decisions are very complex and dependent on many variables. Our search committees should remain focused on finding the best group of top candidates to present to the hiring authority regardless of salary.

We appreciate all those who willingly participate in the hiring process and thank you for your continued cooperation with the university guidelines. Should you have any questions related to this or other talent acquisition matters, please feel free to reach out to Michael Biggiani at mbiggian@gmu.edu.

Healthy Campus Week

Healthy Campus Week will be held from September 21-25, 2015; it's a terrific opportunity to "Plug into Your Wellness" with some opportunities and events each day that week as well as a [challenge](#) from Mason Dining to eat more fruits and vegetables! For details, please visit [Wellness by Mason](#). A [Healthy Campus Week flyer](#) is also available.

Hold the Date: Happy Heart Walk

The [Happy Heart Walk](#) will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at noon in Arlington, Fairfax, and Science & Technology. Join us for this annual, fun walk brought to you by Wellness by Mason and Who's Walking Wednesday.

October Fun

Join in the fun at Family Weekend (October 16-18) and Alumni Weekend (October 15-18). Lots of great events including the Family Weekend 5K run/walk on Sunday, October 18. Details at [Family Weekend](#) and [Alumni Weekend](#).

A Note from Our Colleagues in Outdoor Adventures: The Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge is Coming!

Mason is part of the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge, September 6-October 17. All Mason Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni, and Community members can sign up, log points, and help Mason win the title of National Outdoor Champion. We also have an opportunity to win grants for our Outdoor Adventures program and great individual prizes.

If you participated in 2015, it is even easier to participate this year!! We came in 4th out of 10 colleges last year!

Go to www.oncampuschallenge.org to create an account for yourself under Mason's account. Pre-registration began August 24 at midnight. If you sign up now, you'll be able to log points as soon as the Campus Challenge begins on September 6.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Johnson at sjohnsoi@gmu.edu or Ryan Murphy at rmurph14@gmu.edu.