We are delighted to share that Mason has been named one of the 2020 Best Workplaces for Commuters. Mason made the list for our commuter options including such opportunities as telework, compressed schedules, Commuter Choice, carpool/vanpool programs, bike incentives, and access to an Emergency Ride Home program.

Please visit the flexible work site and the transportation site for information on all of these programs.

From our colleagues at Student Involvement:

Details: Thursday, February 20, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts Concert Hall

Buy discounted tickets to see the Homecoming headliner, Colin Jost!
Colin Jost serves as a head writer for “Saturday Night Live.” He started writing for “SNL” in 2005 and has been co-anchor of “Weekend Update” since 2014. Jost co-hosted the special editions of “Weekend Update” that aired on MSNBC during the 2016 Republican and Democratic National Conventions as well as the primetime “Weekend Update Summer Edition” in 2017.

In 2018, Jost and co-anchor Michael Che hosted the Primetime Emmy Awards. Additionally, Jost wrote and starred in the Paramount/Netflix film “Staten Island Summer,” based on his days as a lifeguard. He has won four Writers Guild Awards, a Peabody Award and has been nominated for multiple Emmy Awards for his writing on “SNL.” Jost graduated from Harvard University and is from Staten Island, N.Y.

To get the Mason faculty, staff, and alumni discount, visit the Center for the Arts website.

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**Winter Bike to Work Day**

From our colleagues at Parking and Transportation:

Winter Bike to Work Day coincides with Valentine’s Day! Join on Friday, February 14 for a little bike love. Stop by the Merten Hall Lawn between 7:30 and 10 a.m. with your bike for a hot beverage and some biking related giveaways.

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**Vanpooling Drop By**

From our colleagues at Parking and Transportation:

Are you commuting along I-66, outside the Beltway to get to and from Mason? Traveling from Winchester? Front Royal? Haymarket or other western locations? Traffic on this corridor has been greatly impacted by an important transportation project, Transform 66, and with the project construction increasing, Mason employees will need solutions.

Consider vanpooling. On Wednesday, February 26 from noon-2pm at Kiosk F at the Johnson Center and 4-6pm at Sandy Creek Transit Center, representatives from Parking and Transportation and the I-66 project will be on hand to share vanpool information and sign up those interested in forming a vanpool.

As background, there are financial incentives for full-time faculty and staff to vanpool through the Commuter Choice Program and Transform 66. You might not be able to avoid heavy traffic, but you don’t always have to be driving! This is a great time to get started.
For additional information, please visit the Parking and Transportation website.

Guaranteed Ride Home

From our colleagues at Parking and Transportation:

If you are a faculty or staff member who bikes, carpools, vanpools, uses mass transit (e.g. bus, metro) or walks to work at least two times per week, Parking and Transportation wants you to know that you always have a ride backup with Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH).

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), it is free to sign up and free to use. Once you register, you can use GRH up to four times per year. If a qualifying emergency arises, call Commuter Connections and they will arrange transportation for you (e.g. taxi, car rental, transit). It is a good idea to sign up before you need it. Conditions apply.

For details and to register, visit https://transportation.gmu.edu/grh/.

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