This newsletter will communicate the news of faculty and staff, update everyone on campus events, and welcome new colleagues to campus. Use the online form to submit good news, achievements, and spread the word about important events to our community.

Submit your news! Past Issues Vol. VI, Number 1: September 2017 Vol. VI, Number 2: October 2017
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College Announcements

- John and Kelly Knapp will host a holiday celebration for faculty and staff on Dec. 13 and 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Towler Hall at Cameron Stadium. Parking will be available at the stadium, 60 Park Avenue in downtown Washington. To RSVP, click here.

WINTER TALES XVI

One Hundred Dollars awaits the W&J student who writes the winning Winter Tales play this year. For the best-written play, the Communication Arts Department will award a 100-dollar cash Reader’s Prize. The winner of the Reader’s Prize will be chosen by professional playwrights.

Write a play no longer than 9 pages and send it by e-mail to sfrank@washjeff.edu or drop a hard-copy in Mr. Frank’s mailbox: 1361. Winter Tales XVI is open to any member of the W&J Community, although only students are eligible to win the cash prize. Submission Deadline: December 31st

To be considered for production and the prize, plays must run no longer than ten minutes and they must be written in standard manuscript form. See below.
Joy Boy
Pay attention, knuckleheads! Character names're indented five tab spaces. Dialogue's gotta run from margin to margin for the play to be considered for production. Look at what's double spaced and what ain't.

(Stage directions must be indented three tabs, set in parentheses, and written in italics.)

Father Eddie
If you structure your manuscript like this one, kids, and keep your speeches short, your nine-page play should run exactly ten minutes.

Joy Boy
But read it through with your buds, out loud, and time it, to make sure it's under ten minutes.

Father Eddie
You are absolutely right, Joy Boy! And oh so delightful to look upon too.

Joy Boy
Ahm...we gotta get the kids to write more plays, don't we, Father Eddie?

Father Eddie
Indeed. And when they win a prize, (singing) it will be happy happy day day for Joy Boy and me!

Joy Boy
Ah, Father, you're actin kinda crazy now.

Father Eddie
Oh I love acting crazy. Don't you like acting crazy?

Joy Boy
Not really.

HR News

- Coming in Early 2018! W&J is partnering with Catapult Health to provide employees health screenings on the go. Catapult will be conducting free, confidential health screenings on campus for your convenience. The screening will consist of a diagnostic blood test, measured biometrics, a printed personal health report and a consultation with a Nurse Practitioner. Health Screenings are only for benefits-eligible employees and their covered spouses and domestic partners that are enrolled in our Highmark health insurance.

- We would like to congratulate the following employee who has a milestone service anniversary in the month of December:
  - Chris Hughes, Advancement, Dec. 12—1 Year

- Warm Welcomes:
  - Bernie Van Briggle, Student Life, Nov. 4
  - Jonathan Miles, Campus and Public Safety, Nov. 7

- Fond Farewells:
  - Bridget Lyndon, Campus and Public Safety, Nov. 17
  - Payj O'Shea, Athletics, Nov. 30

Library Times

PAWS for a Study Break

Back by popular demand, PAWS for a Study Break will return on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Therapy dogs from the Pittsburgh chapter of Therapy Dogs International will be on hand to help students relax in anticipation of finals week. Past PAWS events have drawn more than 200 students to the Library, so please encourage your students to take advantage of the furry volunteers who come visit.

Extended Finals Hours

The Library will be open extended hours on Reading Days and the first few days of finals. Please check out the calendar on our homepage for our exact hours Dec. 9-15.

Library Instruction Sessions

During the fall semester, the library offered 41 instruction sessions for a total of 51 hours of instruction time that reached 597 of our students! We look forward to working with faculty during intersession and in the spring semester to continue to provide this service to our faculty and students. If you'd like to schedule an instruction session for your class or need more information on the types of instruction the library can provide visit our Information Literacy Instruction Page at http://libguides.washjeff.edu/facultysupport/ins
News

- Because of your donations, The W&J Office of Communications was able to deliver a van full of toys to the 96.1 KISS Stuff-A-Bus toy collection, benefitting the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Thank you for your participation and support in this great cause!

From the Sustainability Committee

- Get your home and office decluttered for 2018 by giving away or selling gently used items on the Wash Jeff Exchange! It's an easy way to reduce and reuse! Not a member yet? Just search "Wash Jeff Exchange" on Facebook and request to join. Contact site administrator Rebecca McDonald (rmcdonald@washjeff.edu) with questions.

Scholarship

- In October 2017, Director of Community Engagement Justin Dandoy became certified as an EcoDistricts Accredited Professional. EcoDistricts is an organization and effort which advances a new model of urban regeneration and community development rooted in collaboration and social, economic and ecological innovation. The accreditation demonstrates a commitment to creating sustainable, equitable neighborhoods that meet the EcoDistricts Certified standard. To obtain the accreditation, Justin participated in the EcoDistricts Foundations course and completed the accreditation exam. You can find more information on EcoDistricts here.

- Assistant Professor of English Dr. George David Clark’s poems “Snow in the Dark” and “Afterhere” appeared this past month in the 2017 issue of the Hampden-Sydney Poetry Review and his poem “Muse” appeared the summer/fall issue of The Antioch Review also published in November.

New Acquisitions

The following titles have been added to the library’s collection and can be found in the New Book corner:

- Rolling Blackouts: Dispatches from Turkey, Syria, and Iraq by Sarah Glidden
- Soviet Daughter: A Graphic Revolution by Julia Alekseyeva
- The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven by Sherman Alexie
- How to Be a Woman by Caitlin Moran
- Step Aside, Pops: A Hark! A Vagrant Collection by Kate Beaton

Library Calendar

Find your friendly Library staff at the following events in—and out of—the Library this month.

- Wednesday, Dec. 6, Library on Location, George & Tom’s, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 9, PAWS for a Study Break, Walker Room, Library lower level, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
CoLET Corner

The Committee on Library and Educational Technology is here to look at academic uses of library and technology resources.

- CoLET wants to know if there are infrastructural barriers that limit your ability to use technology to enhance learning in your classes. If so, please email Jamie March and include what technology you want to use, what is the barrier, and which classroom you use where this barrier is present.

- Please report wifi problems to the ITS Helpdesk at helpdesk@washjeff.edu or x6022.

- Help us set the agenda for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. Suggested topics can be directed to any committee member:
  - James Benze
  - Ronalee Ciocco
  - Dan Faulk
  - David Kieran
  - H.J. Manzari
  - Jamie March (Chair)