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.

### College Announcements

- Mark your calendars to save the date for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend on Oct. 12-13, 2018. If you are a faculty or staff member who is planning an event during the weekend and would like information included in the official brochure, please contact Kerri DiGiovanni Lacock at ext. 6099 or klacock@washjeff.edu by Friday, March 30.

- Washington & Jefferson College’s fourth annual Day of Giving will be held on Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 19. Day of Giving is a 24-hour fundraising campaign to support W&J’s students, faculty, and campus programs. Members of the W&J community are invited to participate by making a gift of any size to the W&J Fund as we strive to reach our goal of 550 donors in 24 hours. Show the world how the #ReadBlackGirlBook

### News

- Michael Fuga ’02, a former W&J psychology major and education minor, is a successful and award-winning principal in Durham, N.C. He recently received the honor of being named the Durham Public Schools’ Principal of the Year. We are proud of Michael and encourage you to read the article, which appeared in the Herald Sun.

- Head Women’s Basketball Coach Jina DeRubbo earned her 400th career coaching victory on Jan. 6 after an 86-53 victory over Chatham University.

- On Jan. 10, a team of students from W&J was accepted into NASA’s 2018 RockSat program. The students spent the fall semester creating experiments to launch into the Earth's ionosphere. The flight is expected...
#RedBlackGiveBack and visit the Day of Giving table at George & Tom’s on Feb. 19 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., where forms to make your gift via payroll deduction will be available, or by making a secure gift online at jayconnected.com/RedBlackGiveBack. All those who brave the cold and visit us at George and Tom’s will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win some great prizes! For more information, contact Chris Hughes at ext. 6866 or chughes@washjeff.edu, or visit jayconnected.com/RedBlackGiveBack.

On Friday, March 16, Duquesne University will host the Pittsburgh Regional Faculty Symposium, an event designed to promote and discuss successful teaching practices. James Lang’s book *Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning*, will be the focus of the conversation, but the day’s schedule also includes interactive workshops and a “Steal My Idea” showcase. Attending the symposium is free. Interested faculty should register in advance. Find more details at the website for Duquesne’s Center for Teaching Excellence.

Each year, NEH offers tuition-free opportunities for high school, college, and university educators to study a variety of humanities topics—including everything from “Culture in the Cold War: East German Art, Music, and Film” to “Hoover ionosphere.” The flight is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 21, out of Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia. Students on the team are Julia Angotti, Garret French, Patrick Fullerton, Christopher Madia, Akira Yamashita, and Jiaoyi Yang. The flight manifest is shown with W&J’s experiments in the third canister from the right.

HR News

Congratulations to the following employees who have milestone service anniversaries in the month of February!

- Bob Adkins, Admission, Feb. 1—30 Years
- Dana Staudt, Financial Aid, Feb. 13—5 Years
- Bob Day, Campus and Public Safety, Feb. 14—1 Year
- Yancy Yeater, Marketing and Communications, Feb. 20—1 Year

Please welcome the following new employees to the W&J community:

- Michele Botta, Admission, Jan. 9

New Acquisitions

The following new books have been added to the library’s collection:

- *Why Demography Matters* by Danny Dorling
- *Theaters of the American Revolution* by James Kirby Martin
- *Run for Something: A Real-Talk Guide to Fixing the System Yourself* by Amanda Litman
- *Asking for It: The Alarming Rise of Rape Culture & What We Can Do About It* by Kate Harding
- *The Art and Science of Mindfulness: Integrating Mindfulness into Psychology and the Helping Professions* by Shauna Shapiro

Library Calendar

Please check the library’s website for opening and closing hours for the Spring 2018 semester.
Scholarship

- Professor of English Linda Troost published "Before It Was All About Mr. Darcy: Nineteenth-Century Views of Austen’s Characters," co-written with Sayre Greenfield (University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg), in volume 38 of *Persuasions Online*, an open-access publication of the Jane Austen Society of North America. You can read it here.

- Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students Eva Chatterjee-Sutton presented in the Athletic Direct Report (ADR) Institute at the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 17-18. She served as a panelist in a session focused on Enrollment Perspectives on Athletics and moderated a session on Meaningful Personnel Evaluations for Athletes.

- Director of Athletics Scott McGuinness served on the planning team for the 2018 NCAA Athletics Direct Report

- Fond Farewells:
  - Thomas Kelly, Admission, Jan. 19

- On Thursday, March 8, 2018, W&J is partnering with Catapult Health to provide employee 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. Please take a moment to schedule your appointment at www.TimeConfirm.com/WJCollege.

- Human Resources would like to offer W&J's Annual Healthiest President Challenge to all employees. This is a 13-week competition that measures the
In January, Assistant Professor of English George David Clark's poem "Gardensong" appeared reprinted in *The Cumberland River Review Anthology*.

The Kenneth M. Mason, Sr.
Summer Grants for Faculty Research have been established to support independent scholarly or creative projects during the summer. Two $4,150 grants will be available for 2018. Anyone currently teaching full-time at the College is eligible to apply. Awardees are not permitted to teach during the summer of the grant. Further rules, guidelines, and application procedures can be found on the Faculty Development Committee wiki. The application deadline is April 2, 2018. All materials must be emailed as an attachment to Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs Steven Malinak (smalinak@washjeff.edu), to be considered by the Selection Committee. Contact FDC Chair Rebecca McDonald (rmcdonald@washjeff.edu) or Assistant Dean Steve Malinak with questions.

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### From the Office of Communications

- Have a project for The Office of Communications? Use our Project Request Forms to let us know! Find request forms and other resources at [www.washjeff.edu/office-of-communications](http://www.washjeff.edu/office-of-communications)

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Institute at the NCAA Annual Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 17-20. He served as the moderator for the Student-Athlete panel to 43 vice presidents of NCAA institutions.

Competition that measures the greatest percentage of weight loss (NOT total pounds lost.) It’s a fun, healthy way to improve your lifestyle and win an awesome prize. Best of all, it’s your chance to embark on a weight loss challenge with your colleagues in the W&J community. The challenge begins Friday, Feb. 2, 2018. Please contact Kaley Wood at kwood@washjeff.edu for more details and to register.

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