



THE MASON MINUTE

Summer 2013 Issue

Welcome to the Mason Minute

Amy Takayama-Perez, Dean of Admissions

Happy start of school, colleagues! School buses are out, the bookstore is packed, and several thousands of Patriots have moved back to campus. Yes, it's definitely the start of another school year! We have just welcomed the largest freshman class in Mason's history! These students come from all over the country and around the world. They are here to study everything from neuroscience to Russian literature to global affairs and political science. They are scholars, artists, fundraisers and social change agents. Our team had such a great time getting to know these incredible students this past year, and we can't wait to see how they will literally change the world at Mason.



With the excitement of welcoming our new freshmen and returning students, we are also gearing up for another recruitment and application cycle. Look for us to be **traveling the United States** and coming to a high school or college fair near you. ☺ We'll also be crossing the globe as we visit students in Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America. Our global impact has never been stronger, as we just officially announced the opening of our **Mason Korea campus** in South Korea this spring, 2014. This presents our students with an amazing opportunity to truly be part of a global network of scholars.

Never before has it been such an exciting time to be part of the Mason community and to embrace our new vision, the **Mason IDEA** – our commitment to remaining innovative, diverse, entrepreneurial, and accessible. This embodies our students, faculty, and staff, and represents the spirit of our vibrant campus in all that we do. As an

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alum, I couldn't be more proud to represent this university and all that we stand for! I hope you get a chance to see us in action, either **on the road** or right outside the nation's capital. Our premiere location makes us the place to be for ground-breaking research and internship opportunities.

We are preparing to head to NACAC, and I'm hoping to see many of you there. It's always great to meet the counselors we'll be working with this fall, and to learn more about your students who are applying to Mason!

I invite you to check out some important information and updates below, including an alumni spotlight, information about our College of Visual and Performing Arts, a profile of a current student, and our upcoming recruitment schedule. Please share these updates with your students who are interested in Mason.

Once again, thank you for all you do, and best of luck for a fantastic school year!

Dean Takayama-Perez

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Linda Miller, Senior Associate Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts

The **College of Visual and Performing Arts** (CVPA) is a community of artists actively engaged in the learning, teaching, practice and development of a wide variety of art forms. In addition to our newest programs of study in **Computer Game Design** and **Film and Video Studies**, CVPA offers degrees in **Art and Visual Technology**, **Arts Management**, **Dance**, **Music** and **Theater**. Through the **Center for the Arts** and the **Hylton Performing Arts Center**, CVPA brings the professional voice of the arts to the campus and community. Faculty and students regularly present work in both venues as well as participate in international exchanges on both artistic and academic fronts.



CVPA honors the value of the great traditions in the arts while actively engaging

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in the creation of new ideas and forms of expression. These fusions of the academic and the professional, the campus and the community, and the past and the present, all define the college as it moves forward in a spirit of growth and discovery. Today, CVPA has more than 1,400 students, who with the guidance of their instructors, evolve intellectually and artistically and engage in research and creative scholarship in their discipline.

Mason is deeply committed to the arts and educating our students about the significance the arts have in our lives. Active student participation is encouraged in the many programs and organizations sponsored by the college and university. We are also committed to preparing our students for the transfer of knowledge from the classroom, to the artistic venue, to the workplace, and to the community by encouraging students to participate in research and scholarship. The emergence of undergraduate participation in creative activity is not new to the performing and visual arts. For example:

- From the first day of classes, students are assigned “roles” that bring them into the disciplines on the stage, in the gallery, or behind the scenes of multiple artistic venues.
- In preparation for these events, students read, review, analyze, respond, perform, and critique their activities.
- Instructors assess students’ skills and abilities and assign creative activities that lead to progressive learning sequences and actions.
- Both faculty and students practice the ideal of inclusion by offering a variety of learning and research opportunities for all students. As the students evolve intellectually and artistically, they create their own innovative images or performances.
- Assessment is based on classroom work and creative activity: graphic images, painting, sculpture, theatrical performances, dance performances, etc. Faculty encourages students to think about the multiple layers of their work in relation to the body of work that exists.
- Students, with the guidance of their instructors, learn how to make their knowledge public, often witnessing audience reactions immediately. These steps are essential to disciplinary knowledge and to the transfer of knowledge from the classroom, to the artistic venue, to the workplace, and to the community.

CVPA students learn that the arts create community; thus, they become artist-scholars who know how to create community in the workforce, as well as in society.

FALL 2013 UPCOMING PERSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION

October 19, 2013: Auditions/portfolio reviews and special performances for all CVPA programs. Please contact the units for specific times and locations.

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Art and Design Building: Visual Art, Computer Game, Film and Video presentations with faculty and students
De Laski Performing Arts Building: Dance, Music, Theater performances with faculty and students

School of Art — soa.gmu.edu

Computer Game Design — game.gmu.edu

School of Dance — dance.gmu.edu

Film and Video Studies — favs.gmu.edu

Music — music.gmu.edu

Theater — theater.gmu.edu

Alumni Spotlight

Andrew Bunting, Senior Admissions Counselor

Earlier this summer, George Mason University graduated the Class of 2013 and increased the number of Mason Alums to over 150,000! Our alumni are spread not only across the entire nation, but around the world. They are innovators, thinkers, entrepreneurs, and leaders within their respective fields. Mason alums know that learning doesn't end with graduation, and they continue to strive for excellence by pursuing advanced degrees and keeping the Mason ideals of innovation, diversity, accessibility, and an entrepreneurial spirit alive.



One such alumna is **Deidre Alves**, M.Ed., of the Greater Los Angeles area. Deidre completed her Masters of Education in Curriculum and Multicultural/Multilingual Instruction at Mason in May 2003, after having experiences at several other area schools. Trilingual in English, French, and Spanish, Deidre is a member of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Honors Fraternity, and she currently serves as the Vice President of Professional Development for the International Right of Way Association (IRWA). Deidre states that she applies the education she received at Mason everyday in her work as Vice President of Professional Development to advance the learning experience for members of

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her organization.

On her Mason experience, Deidre credits her professors, who taught her “how to creatively and analytically solve real world education problems” and “how to develop critical and creative thinking” skills necessary for her field. Deidre notes that they are “role models who [she] strives to emulate” each day in her professional career. Furthermore, Deidre acknowledges that her time at Mason transformed her into an adaptable and dynamic leader, capable of defending her thoughts, research, and opinions – necessary skills in today’s workforce.



All students at Mason, like Deidre Alves, have access to some of the top professors and professionals in their respective fields, who push their students to achieve new heights. To be sure, a Mason education is much more than just traditional textbook instruction, and Mason students benefit in an uncountable number of ways.

Profile of a Patriot

Jordan Bivings, Mason Class of 2014

Hometown: Baltimore, Maryland

Studies: Conflict Analysis and Resolutions with concentration in community conflict; minor-immigration studies

Hi! My name is Jordan Bivings and I am currently a senior at George Mason University, majoring in Conflict Analysis and Resolution with a concentration in community conflict and a minor in immigration studies. I chose Mason because of the location, diversity, and the opportunity to explore the innovative and entrepreneurial programs.



Like many students coming out of high school, I was unsure what I wanted to study. During my freshman year, I had the opportunity to participate in the

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Abroad program. With this opportunity, I interned with a community law center and studied British life and culture.

Mason Travels the Nation!

A map of the United States showing the 50 states and the District of Columbia, each assigned a unique color. The map includes insets for Alaska, Hawaii, and a globe showing the United States' position in the Western Hemisphere. The states are labeled with their names, and the District of Columbia is labeled as 'Washington, D.C.'.

States and Territories shown:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.)
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

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The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment (**WYSE**).

We always see a busy travel season, but the opportunity to meet students face to face continues to be one of our favorite parts of working in admissions. Be sure to use our **Counselor Map** search tool to view the travel schedule for your homestate and get in touch with the Admissions Counselor who reads for your high school.

Follow us on **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and **Facebook** to see where we're traveling next!



We look forward to working with you and your students this year and welcoming a new freshman class to Mason!

Sincerely,

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