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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

In these pages are highlights from the schools across Grounds for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, March through June, 2019. This brief compendium encapsulates an exciting and momentous time at the University, during which we won the NCAA men's basketball championship, graduated the class of 2019, and President Ryan finalized the 2030 Plan for the University's future. For me, it marks the beginning of my time as UVA's Provost, my "dream job."

Mine was not the only leadership change at the University this quarter; both Nursing and Batten announced new deans. In April, [Pam Cipriano](#) agreed to take over upon Dorrie Fontaine's retirement, and in May, [Ian Solomon](#) accepted the position at Batten. Not long after the quarter closed, the University announced that Carl Zeithaml would be serving his final year as dean, and Ian Baucom started a one-semester research leave from A&S, with [Brie Gertler](#) taking over until December. This kind of change is at once healthy, unsettling, and opportunistic, and I look forward to seeing what new ideas emerge collectively from the deans as we begin our meetings together this fall.

I was lucky to overlap with Tom Katsouleas in his last few months, and I acknowledge my debt to him, not least for his graciousness and kindness in our time together. Tom took on more systematic reporting to the Board, with the quarterly report being one example. Reporting to the Board is an area I plan to refine and expand, both through in-person opportunities with the deans and through other data-driven reporting that will be accessible and meaningful. To that end, while this installment represents my first quarterly report to you, it is also my last. I invite your ideas on new ways to showcase the achievements of our highly capable deans and the teams of outstanding faculty they oversee in their schools.

I am excited to begin this journey at the University, with countless opportunities to realize and many new stories to tell.

Sincerely,



M. Elizabeth Magill
Executive Vice President & Provost

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Notable Events

The University of Virginia, the School of Architecture, and the Thomas Jefferson Foundation welcomed this year's **Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medalists in Architecture**, Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa, to Grounds on April 12. Sejima and Nishizawa are partners in the Tokyo-based architecture firm, SANAA, founded in 1995. <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/news/kazuyo-sejima-ryue-nishizawa-2019-thomas-jefferson-medalists-in-architecture>

The School of Architecture held **Landscape Perspectives: Equity In + By Design**, on April 15, 2019. This event, supported by the Benjamin C. Howland endowment, included presentations and a panel discussion by leaders in the field of landscape architecture and advocacy. The event focused on inclusivity and action in landscape architecture, academia, and the built environment by bringing to the forefront those who are actively addressing socio-economic inequality both in the profession and on the ground. <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/events/landscape-perspectives-equity-in-by-design>

Two UVA School of Architecture research projects were featured in the second ACCelerate: ACC Smithsonian Creativity and Innovation Festival, held on April 5-7, 2019, at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. The event celebrates innovations in science, engineering, art and design and includes work from 15 schools and universities. The event attracted over 60,000 visitors over the course of three days. UVA presented three projects at the event, two from the School of Architecture: "ARCTIC PORTALS - White Out" and "KINESTHETIC MONTAGE Hong Kong." <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/news/two-school-of-architecture-research-projects-to-be-featured-at-the-2019-accelerate-festival>

Enrollment

For 2019-2020 the School of Architecture welcomes 107 new graduate students. Representing a diverse student population, approximately 53% of incoming graduate students are foreign nationals from eight countries: China, India, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Taiwan, Turkey and Venezuela.

Faculty Recruitment

Brian Davis is joining the faculty at the School of Architecture as an Associate Professor in the Landscape Architecture Department. In 2019 he will be in Rome at the American Academy as a Rome Prize recipient in Landscape Architecture. He was previously an Assistant Professor at Cornell University and has practiced landscape architecture in Buenos Aires and New York City. Brian received his Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Virginia and his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from North Carolina State University. <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/news/uva-school-of-architecture-announces-new-faculty-hire-in-landscape-architecture-brian-davis>

Community Engagement

Mapping, an exhibition project supported by the Jefferson Trust, was recently installed in the West Oval Room of the Rotunda and will be on display until January 2020. *Mapping* documents the President's Commission on Slavery, in a collaborative, cross-disciplinary, student-led project locating African American history at the University of Virginia. *Mapping* was designed and fabricated at the School of Architecture by students from the Schools of Architecture and Engineering. <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/news/mapping-project-locates-african-american-history-at-uva>

Faculty Honors & Accomplishments

Assistant Professor Elgin Cleckley was recently recognized as the recipient of the Armstead Robinson Recognition Award for Faculty. This honor recognizes outstanding faculty who have contributed to diversity, equity and inclusion and have had a positive impact on the Black experience at the University. <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/news/elgin-cleckley-receives-armstead-robinson-faculty-award>

Professor Pankaj Vir Gupta and his partner Christine Mueller were selected for this year's AD100 list. Their practice, vir.mueller, is recognized as one of 100 of the most influential architects and interior designers on the subcontinent and has been widely published and awarded – in North America, in Europe, and in India. <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/news/virmueller-architects-make-the-ad100-list>

Student Honors & Accomplishments

Work by Ziqing Ye (MLA '19) and Shurui Zhang (MArch + MLA, '20) placed as one of 12 finalists out of over 1000 entries in this year's Global Schindler Award - an international design competition for students of architecture, landscape architecture, urban design and planning. This year's competition was sited in Mumbai, India, and titled "Leapfrogging Development: Urban Transformation in Mumbai." <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/news/uva-graduate-students-are-finalists-in-global-schindler-design-competition>

Madelyn Hoagland-Hanson, MLA candidate, has recently been awarded the LAF Honor Scholarship in memory of Joe Lalli, FASLA. This scholarship of \$20,000 is one of 11 student awards given each year by the Landscape Architecture Foundation in order to help diversify the pool of talent and increase academic opportunities for a new generation of designers. <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/news/mla-candidate-madelyn-hoagland-hanson-receives-lafs-joe-lalli-honor-scholarship>

Alumni

UVA School of Architecture alumna Mabel O. Wilson (BS Arch '85) was recently named a winner of the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Letters architecture award for her work exploring the African diaspora. Mabel is a professor at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at Columbia University. <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/alumni/impact/alumna-mabel-o-wilson-receives-american-academy-of-arts-letters-architecture-award>

COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

School-Specific: Democracy Initiative – Mellon Grant Awarded

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded \$2.95 million to support the Democracy Initiative, an interdisciplinary teaching, research and engagement effort announced last year to bring together a diverse range of scholars, government leaders and practitioners to study and advance the prospects of democracy around the world.

Funds from the five-year Mellon grant will support the Initiative’s rotating series of “democracy labs,” including the Religion, Race & Democracy Lab (RRD) and the Corruption Laboratory on Ethics, Accountability and the Rule of Law (CLEAR).

Research

For the fourth quarter of the 2018-19 fiscal year, A&S researchers had 76 awards, worth \$11.4 million in direct funding and \$3.23 million in indirect funding.

Notable awards include:

- Thomas Mark (Mathematics), \$1.7 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) training grant
- Charles Sackett (Physics), \$1.56 million from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) for the “Bragg Interferometer Gyroscope in a Time-Orbiting Potential”
- Jessica Connelly (Psychology), \$693,000 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for “Mechanisms of Maternal Brain Changes with Birth Interventions”
- Joseph Allen (Psychology), \$640,000 from the NIH for “Social Relationship Qualities as Predictors of Health & Aging from Adolescence through Early Midlife”

Student Honors & Accomplishments

Seventeen University of Virginia scholars are pursuing their work on foreign shores with the help of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program this year – a record number for UVA, which recently was cited among the top producers of Fulbright recipients in the nation. All of these recipients are College graduates, or earned part of their education through the College.

College graduates Yahya Abou-Ghazala and Robby Keough teamed up to earn an Emmy for their coverage of the March for Our Lives rally at UVA following the fatal shootings of 17 students and staff members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. As they prepared for graduation this spring, they learned that their 1-minute, 52-second video from that day had earned them the first Student Emmy Award given to UVA students.

Faculty Honors & Accomplishments

Edmund “Butch” Brodie (Biology, Mountain Lake Biological Station) has been elected President of the American Society of Naturalists. The ASN, formed in 1883, is the oldest scientific society dedicated to the study of ecology, evolution, and behavior. Brodie’s term begins in 2021.

Marlene Daut (Woodson Institute, American Studies) and Matthew Hedstrom (Religious Studies, American Studies) were named 2019 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) fellows. Daut will use the grant to complete her book entitled, *Awakening the Ashes: An Intellectual History of Haiti*; and Hedstrom will use it to complete his book, *The Religion of Humanity: Spiritual Cosmopolitanism, Politics, and the United Nations*. The fellowship program supports six to twelve months of full-time research and writing with awards ranging from \$40,000 to \$70,000, depending on the scholar’s career stage.

Kelsey Johnson (Astronomy, Echols Scholars) has been elected president of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the oldest major astronomy organization in North America. Past presidents include luminaries such as Edwin Hubble and Frank Drake.

Notable Events

In May, the Presidential Ideas Festival, hosted by UVA’s Miller Center and the College’s Democracy Initiative, spanned three days and included nearly 100 speakers, including former President Bill Clinton as well as influential policymakers, White House veterans and UVA faculty members. They gathered in the spirit of what UVA President Jim Ryan called “the original, animating purpose of UVA – to serve, and in particular, to serve democracy.”

FRANK BATTEN SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC POLICY

School Specific: New Dean

The University of Virginia announced in May the appointment of Ian H. Solomon as the next dean of the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, effective Sept. 1. Solomon, currently CEO of SolomonGlobal LLC, is an educator, policymaker, diplomat and businessman with more than 20 years of experience in more than 40 countries.

School Specific: New Partnership

The Batten School announced a new partnership with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) to provide emerging Latinx leaders with access to a new model of public policy education explicitly committed to teaching leadership and generating new knowledge to solve the world's most difficult public policy challenges.

Notable Events

CARE USA President and CEO and University of Virginia alumna Michelle Nunn was the keynote speaker during the Batten School's 2019 Academic Regalia Ceremony on Saturday, May 18, at James Monroe's Highland. Nunn, who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UVA with a bachelor's in history and a minor in religious studies, addressed Batten's Class of 2019 during the ceremony, which marked the tenth anniversary of the Batten School's first graduating class.

As part of the Batten School and UVA Center for Politics National Symposium Series on Democracy, Margaret Brennan, Host of CBS Face the Nation and UVA alum, joined UVA Center for Politics Director Larry J. Sabato for a discussion on the role of the media, its relationship to the presidency, congress and other institutes of democracy.

The Batten School and UVA's Democracy Initiative hosted Dr. Arthur Brooks for a presentation and discussion on his new book "Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt." Brooks is president of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) in Washington, DC.

The Virginia Policy Review at the Batten School hosted the seventh annual National Journal Conference, bringing together policy students and top graduate policy journal staff from schools across the country to hear from speakers, engage in policy discussions, and network with other Master of Public Policy and Master of Public Administration students.

Advancement

The Batten School announced the launch of the Batten Benefactors Society, an annual leadership giving program designed to recognize the School's most generous donors and inspire others to contribute. Growing quickly, the Batten Benefactors Society has already attracted new members—all united in their desire to support the School and further the study of leadership and public policy.

Faculty Honors & Accomplishments

Five Batten faculty members were honored among the 2019 recipients of UVA's new Public Service Awards program, landing spots in two of the three award categories. The new Public Service Awards program was created this year to commend faculty for their contributions to student learning, the advancement of scholarship and creative activity, and the University's own public mission.

As part of the Miller Center and UVA's Democracy Initiative PrezFest, Batten professor David Leblang moderated a discussion examining the role of the president in relation to 21st century challenges of climate, migration, and national security. The panelists included Rosa Brooks, Georgetown professor of law; Deborah Lawrence, UVA professor of environmental sciences; and Todd Sechser, Batten professor of politics and public policy.

Student Honors & Accomplishments

Three Batten students were among the six UVA students selected for this year's Governor's Fellows program, the largest contingent from a single school in the state.

Austin Widner (BA '19) was one of the many Batten grads who received an award at graduation, taking home the University's new leadership award. Widner was recognized during the University's Valedictory Exercises following opening remarks from Batten student Wittney E. Skigen (MPP '20).

Batten student Kiara Rogers (BA '19) was among UVA's first full class of Blue Ridge Scholars to walk the Lawn in May. Rogers was also an Echols Scholar; a University Achievement Award Scholar; a Meriwether Lewis Institute for Citizen Leadership Fellow; a counselor for the University Judiciary Committee; a senior peer adviser for the Office of African American Affairs' Peer Adviser Program; vice president for administration of the Black Voices Gospel Choir; a member of the Office of the Dean of Students Advisory Board for First-Generation and Low-Income Students; and a member of the Executive Vice President & Provost search committee.

CURRY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

School-Specific: Academic Programs

[Curry School Launches Three Undergraduate Teacher Education Majors](#)

In a major restructuring of its Teacher Education program for the first time since the 1980s, the Curry School is launching three new majors that will decrease the time to degree for students and may decrease the teacher shortage in Virginia.

[Curry School Launches Instructional Design & Technology Certificate](#)

The online graduate Instructional Design & Technology Certificate is designed for educators and practitioners seeking to expand their skills in instructional technology to become more effective and innovative integrators of technology into the learning experience.

[Curry School Graduates First Master of Science in Athletic Training Cohort](#)

When UVA announced its first athletic training program in 1975, it wasn't just a first for the university – it was one of the very first post-professional athletic training programs in the country. This year, the program continues its trailblazing legacy as it graduates its first class of students in the revised professional athletic training master's program.

Research

The Curry School received 31 grant awards totaling \$10.1 million in total costs this quarter.

[Prof. Williams Co-Authors 'National Academies' Report on The Promise of Adolescence](#)

The report finds that adolescence is a time of major brain development for humans, offering opportunities that are as yet untapped.

[UVA Researchers Play Key Role in Two States' Efforts to Expand Quality Early Childhood Education](#)

Virginia and Louisiana landed nearly \$18M in federal grants to enhance their early childhood education initiatives. Curry School researchers are participants in both projects.

Notable Events

[President Ryan Runs 26 Miles for 26 Teachers](#)

In April UVA President Jim Ryan ran his ninth Boston Marathon, this time in support of UVA's Curry School of Education and Human Development.

[Curry School Supports TomTom Youth Conference Where Student Ingenuity is Unleashed](#)

The daylong event – also co-sponsored by ReinventED Lab, a nonprofit founded by Curry School alumnus Keaton Wadzinski – was filled with presentations featuring young people and elevating their ideas and experiences.

Faculty Honors & Accomplishments

[Two Teams of Curry Researchers Honored with Newest UVA Award](#)

The new Provost Awards for Collaborative Excellence in Public Service were awarded to two teams of Curry School researchers. The Policy Partnerships award was given to Daphna Bassok, Ben Castleman, Jim Wyckoff and Luke Miller. The Improving Early Childhood Education in Virginia award was given to Jason Downer, Anita McGinty, Kathy Neesen, Jessica Whittaker, and Amanda Williford.

Student Honors & Accomplishments

- Stephan Bodkin –American College of Sports Medicine Travel Award
- Alexandra DeJong – American College of Sports Medicine Travel Award
- Nicole Gilbertson – First Place Abstract – American College of Sports Medicine
- Rachel Koldenhaven – Outstanding PhD poster – National Athletic Trainers Association
- Holly Carrington – Cognitive Science Major working in the Kinesiology Exercise and Sports Injury Laboratory won the undergraduate research award at the National Athletic Trainers Association

Diversity

[Disability as Diversity](#)

2019 Ridley Lecturer Anjali Forber-Pratt shared parts of her story as a wheelchair user, two-time Paralympian and an adopted woman of color.

Global

[Tim Shriver Kicked-Off International Conference on Adapted Physical Activity at UVA](#)

In June, the University of Virginia hosted the International Symposium on Adapted Physical Activity, the first time since 1991 the conference has been hosted in the United States.

Alumni

Three Kinesiology alumni were recognized with awards this quarter: Andrew Columbo-Dougovito was the recipient of the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity Young Professional Award; Nathan Weltman was the recipient of the Merel Harmel, MD Outstanding Resident Award by the Johns Hopkins University Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care; and Esther Nolton was awarded Outstanding Doctoral Student Oral Research Presentation at the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Advancement/Major Gifts

The Curry School Foundation raised \$296,000 during the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019. This included \$159,000 of unrestricted gifts and a \$24,000 realized bequest.

DARDEN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Enrollment

Graduation Class of 2019: Darden's alumni ranks grew by nearly 450 new graduates on May 19: 319 full-time MBAs, 122 Executive MBAs and six Ph.D. students. The full-time cohort included the highest percentage of female graduates ever, and the first graduates of the dual MBA/Master of Science in Data Science.

Full-Time MBA Class of 2021: Applications to two-year MBA programs of Top 20 business schools in the U.S. — which draw heavily on global applicant pools — are mostly down, due to a variety of factors, including ongoing uncertainty about the U.S. visa policy, perceptions regarding the political climate and a proliferation of new formats for the delivery of business education. Applications to Darden's full-time MBA Class of 2021 are down 5 percent — considerably less than at some peer schools — yet the quality of applicants is as high as ever, and we look forward to welcoming a very strong Class of 2021 in August.

Full-Time MBA Application for Class of 2022: The application went live in June, and the School announced several new tools for admitted students to transition them successfully to Darden. The new tools include MBA-level math courses, reduced-price English language programs and innovations from Darden's Career Development Center intended to jumpstart a student's career journey.

Alumni

As of July, 92% of students in the full-time MBA class had accepted job offers. International students saw a significant increase in employment acceptance, up to 89% this year compared to 82% by three months after graduation last year. Consulting remains the top draw for Darden students, with 36% currently entering the field, followed by financial services (26%) and technology (18%).

School-Specific: New Programs

Darden Executive Education launched new comprehensive development programs for high-potential leaders: *Innovative Management in the Digital Age*, a six-month program for experienced managers, and *Management Essentials for Developing Leaders*, for new or recently promoted managers, which will be delivered in October at UVA Darden DC Metro.

Darden welcomed 20 new venture teams to the 20th annual i.Lab Incubator program, a 10-week summer accelerator program supporting founders from the University of Virginia and local communities.

Darden Executive Education launched a new online course on collaboration and influence with Professor Bobby Parmar, whose expertise helps managers and executives better handle ambiguity in their decision-making.

Facilities

In June, the Board of Visitors approved the schematic design of the new Inn at Darden for further development and construction, along with the demolition of a majority of the existing Inn at Darden and Sponsors Hall. Construction of project is expected to begin in Spring 2020. A \$20 million fund for the construction of the new inn and conference center for lifelong learning was established with a gift from Frank M. Sands Sr. (MBA '63).

Rankings

According to new student satisfaction ratings from *Bloomberg Businessweek*, Darden students rated the full-time MBA with a perfect 100 score in response to the prompt, “My Instructors Were Inspiring and Supportive.”

Faculty Honors & Accomplishments

Professor Ed Freeman received an honorary doctorate from Germany’s Leuphana University of Lüneberg for developing the foundations for stakeholder theory.

Faculty Recruitment

Since 2015, Darden, under Dean Beardsley’s leadership, has appointed 31 faculty to full-time roles, including record numbers of women and international passport holders. The School has an additional eight searches underway.

Advancement

First \$100M-plus fundraising year in UVA Darden history: For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, Darden announced an all-time record in philanthropy from \$102.9 million in new commitments and \$20.1 million in matching funds from UVA’s Bicentennial Scholars Fund and Bicentennial Professors Fund, for a total of \$123 million in total philanthropic impact.

Frank M. Sands, Sr. (MBA '63), founder of Sands Capital Management, made a gift to Darden of \$68 million that will transform the School through a new institute for lifelong learning, unprecedented faculty support and world-class facilities in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the Washington, D.C., area. Combined with University matching funds, Sands’ gift delivers \$82 million of impact.

Notable Events

UVA 2005 alumnus Alexis Ohanian, co-founder of Reddit and the venture capital firm Initialized Capital, spoke at Darden on April 17 for *The New York Times* ‘Get With the Times’ event, livestreamed at college campuses across the U.S.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Notable Events

On May 1, UVA Engineering Dean Craig H. Benson and NAE member hosted a NAE regional meeting and symposium—a series created by UVA Engineering Computer Science Professor and former President of the National Academy of Engineering Bill Wulf—focused on cyber-physical systems, which has become a nationally recognized strength area for UVA since the opening of the Link Lab in 2018. Distinguished guests from across the country visited UVA Engineering to hear from such speakers as Vint Cerf, Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist for Google and Internet Hall of Fame Pioneer, and to see demonstrations from UVA Engineering faculty.

Research

The Center for Applied Biomechanics has earned [international media attention](#) for a new study published in *Traffic Injury Prevention* showing that advances in auto safety have benefited men more than women. The study was led by the center's principle scientist, Jason Forman, and mechanical engineering Ph.D. student Carolyn Roberts.

Millions of people in America care for family and friends with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, with too little attention paid to caregivers' health and well-being. [Link Lab researchers](#) Jack Stankovic and Hongning Wang, both computer science professors, in collaboration with colleagues at Ohio State University and the University of Tennessee, are leveraging cyber-physical systems and machine learning to detect caregivers' stress and share interventions via smartphones.

As UVA works to contribute economic development [opportunities to Southwest Virginia](#), Bryan Berger, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, is part of a four-member, pan-University team of Appalachian Prosperity Project fellows working to show how the region's unique natural resources could be developed into viable agricultural industries.

While the nation continues to grapple with the implications of the Flint, Mich., lead poisoning caused by corroded water pipes, and other communities face billions of dollars in infrastructure needs, researchers led by Materials Science & Engineering Chair John Scully have [developed a new method](#) for quickly assessing the progression of lead corrosion in drinking water, rather than relying on old methods of water sampling over time.

Diversity

The University of Virginia School of Engineering is among the first in the country to earn a bronze award from the American Society for Engineering Education's [Diversity Recognition Program](#).

ASEE's program recognizes engineering schools "that make significant, measurable progress in increasing the diversity, inclusion, and degree attainment outcomes of their programs." Effective interventions to improve achievement include UVA's Summer Bridge program, preparing rising first-year students from underrepresented groups for success as UVA engineers. UVA also is one of 10 U.S. engineering schools participating in the A. James Clark Scholars Program to provide academic and financial opportunities for outstanding students from diverse backgrounds. UVA Engineering's second cohort of Clark Scholars is preparing to start its first semester at the University. As a result of its many efforts, UVA is a top choice among public schools in the country for women earning undergraduate engineering degrees, and is well above average for women earning graduate degrees. UVA also ranks among the top 10 U.S. public universities for its percentage of women earning bachelor's degrees in computer science. In addition, UVA has the top undergraduate graduation rate in the country among engineering schools surveyed by ASEE, including the graduation rate for students from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in engineering.

Student Honors & Accomplishments

For the second consecutive year, a team of University of Virginia computer science and mechanical engineering students won the championship at the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, held April 25 in Orlando, Florida. UVA's Cyber Defense Team prevailed over finalist teams from nine other universities in the prestigious competition sponsored by Raytheon, a company specializing in defense, civil government and cybersecurity. [Read more here.](#)

UVA Engineering continues to be a leader in technology entrepreneurship, finishing in first place for the third consecutive year in the ACC InVenture competition, the top entrepreneurship competition for ACC schools. UVA Engineering's team, Minimally Invasive Spinal Technology, or MIST, took the prize for its innovative technologies to improve treatment for childhood scoliosis. The team pitched its idea to a panel of judges during a televised competition in Raleigh, N.C., on April 17. Viewers also chose MIST for the People's Choice Award. In addition, the second-annual Pike Engineering Entrepreneurship Fellows Program, funded by a generous donation from the Pike family, ended on April 22. Brother and sister team Tim and Molly Shields, students in the College of Arts and Sciences, won the \$50,000 top prize for their idea for a new game called Uball, a basketball game for grass fields and beaches. A team called CHIEF, which hopes to manufacture outdoor gear, won the people's choice award for \$10,000. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

SCHOOL OF LAW

Rankings

When It Comes to Landing Elite Jobs, UVA Law Is No. 1

UVA Law graduates in the Class of 2018 are No. 1 among law schools in landing federal clerkships and jobs at large firms.

Faculty Recruitment

Education Scholar Kimberly Robinson To Join UVA Law Faculty

Professor Kimberly J. Robinson, an acclaimed scholar and speaker on civil rights and education, will join the Law School faculty this fall.

School Specific: Supreme Court hears Law Clinic Case

Justices Take Clinic Case Testing 19th-Century Copyright Doctrine

The Supreme Court agreed to hear a UVA Law clinic case that could have broad implications in the field of copyright law.

Global

Clinic Students' Research on Migrants Aids UN Meeting in Geneva

Students with the International Human Rights Clinic traveled to Geneva to present their research at sessions of a U.N. committee on migrants.

Clinic Students on Colombia Trip Study Legal Remedies for Air Pollution

Students with the International Human Rights Clinic visited Colombia to research legal remedies for the nation's air pollution crisis.

Faculty Honors & Accomplishments

Professor Aditya Bamzai Confirmed to Oversight Board

The U.S. Senate confirmed Professor Aditya Bamzai for a position on the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, an independent, bipartisan agency composed of five members appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. It was established by Congress at the recommendation of the 9/11 Commission, and is charged with ensuring that the federal government's national security efforts are "balanced with the need to protect privacy and civil liberties."

National Academies Report Chaired by Professor Richard Bonnie Released

A UVA-led National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine report chaired by Professor Richard Bonnie has found that adolescence, like infancy, is a critical period of development.

Research

Professor G. Edward White's Final 'Law in American History' Volume Focuses on Modernist Era

Professor G. Edward White's third and final installment in his "Law in American History" series focuses on rapid changes in the 20th century.

In New Book, Professor Michael Livermore Delves Into Data's Possibilities

Professor Michael Livermore has collaborated on a new book, "*Law as Data: Computation, Text, and the Future of Legal Analysis*," that examines how computer-based tools are being used to analyze dense legal information.

Alumni

U.S. Judge Carlton Reeves '89 Named Jefferson Medal in Law Recipient

U.S. Judge Carlton W. Reeves was named the 2019 recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Law. Reeves has served on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi since 2010. In his speech marking his receipt of the award, he appealed for the defense of the judiciary.

Alumnus Named Chancellor of University of Alabama System

Longtime trustee Finis "Fess" St. John IV '82 was named chancellor of the 70,000-student University of Alabama System, serving as chief executive officer of Alabama's largest higher education enterprise.

Alumnus Confirmed as U.S. District Court Judge

Daniel Domenico '00, a former Colorado solicitor general, was confirmed as U.S. District judge to the District of Colorado

Alumna Sworn In on South Dakota Supreme Court

Patricia DeVaney '93, a former state judge, was sworn in as a justice on the South Dakota Supreme Court.

Alumna Will Clerk for Supreme Court Justice Alito

Jessica Wagner '15 has been chosen by Justice Samuel Alito to clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court next term.

Alumnus Named Bristow Fellow

Daniel Richardson '18 has been chosen to serve as one of five Bristow Fellows in the Office of the Solicitor General in the U.S. Department of Justice.

Alumnus To Clerk for International Court of Justice

McCoy Pitt '13 will clerk for Judge Yuji Iwasawa S.J.D. '97 at the International Court of Justice in the upcoming year.

LIBRARY

Research

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded \$110,000 to the University of Virginia in support of the Book Traces project. The Book Traces project aims to discover historically significant, uniquely marked and modified books in the circulating collections of academic libraries. The goal is to preserve unique volumes and illuminate former cultures of reading and book use, and to change the conversation about shared print by demonstrating the scholarly value of well-worn copies. The grant will support a one-year effort to scale the project to a larger consortium of libraries and involve more librarians and faculty in its development.

Advancement

The Library recently received a number of major gifts and commitments from alumni and friends. Highlights include:

- A \$500,000 commitment from James ('87) & Rebecca ('85) From. The Froms are both graduates of the Engineering School.
- \$500,000 from Caroline Brandt to establish an endowment to support the McGehee Miniature Book Collection in the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library. The McGehee collection was gifted to the Library years earlier by Mrs. Brandt—containing more than 15,000 volumes, it represents a lifetime's worth of curating and collecting. The fund will allow the Library to create a new position, the McGehee Rare Book Librarian.
- A \$100,000 gift from Jane J. Davis (Nursing '55) in honor of her late husband Martin R. Davis, who worked in the Library for nearly 40 years. A group study room in the renovated Alderman will be named for Mr. Davis.
- A pledge of \$100,000 in unrestricted funds from BOV member Robert (COL '89, Darden '08, and Parent '23) and Elizabeth Blue (Grad Arts & Sciences '07 and Parent '23).

Library Specific: Employee Honored

Tyler Magill of the University of Virginia Library has been awarded the [American Library Association's](#) (ALA) 2019 Paul Howard Award for Courage for [his actions on the night of August 11, 2017](#) in response to white supremacists marching at the University on the eve of the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville.

[The Paul Howard Award](#), last given in 2017 to the Kansas City (Missouri) Public Library, is a bi-annual award given since 1995 to a librarian, library board, library group, or an individual who has exhibited unusual courage for the benefit of library programs or services.

In the nomination for the award, Magill’s colleagues expressed their admiration for him, noting that his actions “both on the night of the 11th and during the weekend demonstrated his willingness and ability to face adversity and danger with resolve . . . the (UVA) Library believes he symbolizes the spirit that the Paul Howard Award for Courage represents.”

Magill was presented the award during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC from June 20–25, 2019. With the award comes a citation of achievement and \$1,000, which Magill plans to donate to the [Charlottesville Community Resilience Fund](#), which “raises and distributes funds to meet the needs of people who face undue hardships imposed upon them due to structural oppression.”

Facilities

Alderman Library will be closing for renovation beginning in May 2020, and the Library is preparing for the 2019-20 academic year, which will be a transitional period where preparations will be made to minimize the duration of the closure. Alderman is expected to reopen by the spring of 2023.

In addition, construction and development company [Skanska](#) has been awarded the construction management contract for the Alderman Renovation project. Skanska has extensive experience with library and higher education building projects, and they are currently managing the UVA hospital expansion. HBRA, the architect for the project, and University staff will now begin working with Skanska on construction documents and developing a construction project schedule.

New interior renderings of Alderman Library have been completed by creative agency Neoscape, and [can be viewed on the Library’s news page](#).

MCINTIRE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

Rankings

In June 2019, *The Economist* ranked McIntire's M.S. in Commerce as the top U.S.-based master's in management program and sixth worldwide. The program achieved the #1 rating for range of and access to overseas study programs among all 40 programs evaluated. Other high marks include worldwide ratings of #2 for education experience, #2 for career services, and #4 for salary.

Advancement

Surpassing its goal for an incredible 18th consecutive year, the McIntire School set a new Annual Fund record in 2018-2019. With support from more than 3,000 donors, this year's Annual Fund exceeded last year's total of \$4.3 million to reach \$4.5 million, a 6% increase.

During [McIntire's 2019 Giving to Hoos Day campaign](#), 396 donors demonstrated their commitment to the Commerce School by donating \$303,491, a total that surpassed the generosity of previous years.

Alumni

On June 4, 2019, [PurPics](#), a company run by Aneesh Dhawan (A&S '21) and Victor Layne (McIntire '20), announced the completion [of a \\$750,000 investment](#) led by Felton Group LLC, the family office of McIntire alum Jaffray Woodruff (McIntire '91).

New Commerce School graduate Kate McGinn (McIntire '19) is one of 21 UVA alumni and graduate students who have received Fulbright Scholarships offering research, study, and teaching opportunities in more than 140 countries. This represents the largest cohort of Fulbright recipients from the University in one year.

School-Specific: "Dean Z" Stepping Down

On June 10, 2019, the University announced that F.S. Cornell Professor of Free Enterprise Carl P. Zeithaml will step down from his position as Dean at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year after more than two decades of leadership and service at the School.

Research

McIntire Marketing Professor Irina Kozlenkova recently explored the importance of marketing during the earliest phase of a customer's relationship with a firm in "[Multichannel Customer Onboarding](#)," part of the Marketing Science Institute Working Paper Series. In the paper co-

written by the [2019 MSI Young Scholar Derick Davis](#), the authors examine those crucial first moments of customer communication and provide evidence about how the efforts made during that brief period create the foundation for relationships that provide positive, long-lasting financial effects for the firm.

Faculty Honors & Accomplishments

McIntire Management Professors [Kieran O'Connor](#) and [David Lehman](#), with Stanford Graduate School of Business Professor Glenn R. Carroll, explored how consumers value the authenticity of an organization in a recent *Harvard Business Review* article.

For his contributions made with the “Financial Crisis Team,” Finance Professor [David C. Smith](#) received a 2019 Collaborative Excellence in Public Service Award from UVA’s Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost.

An article co-authored by Marketing [David Mick](#), “[Mindfulness: Its Transformative Potential for Consumer, Societal, and Environmental Well-Being](#),” has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 Thomas C. Kinnear Award for outstanding article in *Journal of Public Policy and Marketing*. The prestigious award, an initiative of the JPPM editorial review board and the publisher, as well as the American Marketing Association, honors the article that makes the most significant contribution to the understanding of marketing and public policy issues during the most recent three-year period.

Notable Events

[Coding for Kids](#), a two-day program created for fifth graders at Charlottesville’s Walker Upper Elementary School, gave McIntire students the opportunity to develop their mentoring skills, while helping to develop the youngsters’ STEM skills through a circuit of solar system-based, NASA-themed challenges.

Student Honors & Accomplishments

Echols Scholar [Tyler Walker](#) (McIntire ’19) received the prestigious 2019-2020 Lenox-Conyngham Scholarship. Walker will attend Cambridge University’s Trinity College next academic year, building his independent research skills while pursuing an M.Phil. in Economics.

McIntire congratulates the team of Yuri Choi (McIntire ’20), Marika Gutzman (A&S ’20), Emily Yuhas (A&S ’20), and Sarah Zhou (Engineering ’21), who won Bain & Company’s Third Annual Women’s Case Competition April 26, 2019.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Faculty Honors & Accomplishments

Edward Egelman, PhD, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in May, 2019. He has attracted national and international headlines for discoveries such as how urinary tract infections take hold and how an almost indestructible virus survives and thrives in nearly boiling acid. <https://uvaconnect.com/egelman-elected-to-prestigious-national-academy-of-sciences/>

For working to make transplants more accessible for Virginians and develop a cure for diabetes, University of Virginia Health System surgeon Jose Oberholzer, MD, has received a 2019 Meritorious Service Award from the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association. <https://newsroom.uvahealth.com/2019/06/24/uvas-jose-oberholzer-earns-healthcare-service-award/>

Public Service

Since 2007, UVA and UVA-Wise have collaborated on a university-community-industry partnership known as the Appalachian Prosperity Project, or APP. Its mission is to advance health, education and economic prosperity in southwest Virginia. Focused efforts in telemedicine, public health, research, education and entrepreneurship apply the strengths and capabilities of UVA and UVA-Wise to the challenges of the region for maximum impact. SOM faculty were large contributors to the second session of the “Profiles in Partnership” symposium in April, exploring a broad array of health challenges and solutions, including treatment and continuum care around four priority areas in the region: black lung, opioid addiction, cancer and HIV/hepatitis C.

Research

Melanie Rutkowski, PhD, of UVA’s Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Cancer Biology, found that disrupting the microbiome of mice caused hormone receptor-positive breast cancer to become more aggressive. Altering the microbiome, the collection of microorganisms that live in the gut and elsewhere, had dramatic effects in the body, priming the cancer to spread. <https://newsroom.uvahealth.com/2019/06/10/unhealthy-gut-promotes-spread-of-breast-cancer-study-finds/>

A new discovery about dangerous *C. difficile* diarrhea has identified a new way that the bacteria – and possibly others like it – cause severe disease. *C. diff* is the most common hospital-acquired infection and estimated to result in 453,000 cases per year, with 29,300 associated deaths. The new finding from the School of Medicine explains why certain patients are highly susceptible to *C. diff* infections, provides doctors with a way to predict disease severity and points to a new way to treat the often-deadly condition. <https://newsroom.uvahealth.com/2019/04/22/revealed-the-secret-superpower-that-makes-c-difficile-so-deadly/>

A new discovery from the University of Virginia School of Medicine reveals how sugars could be used to make almost indestructible cloth and other materials. Edward H. Egelman, PhD, of UVA's Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, and his collaborators have [published their findings](https://newsroom.uvahealth.com/2019/06/27/found-a-sweet-way-to-make-things-almost-indestructible/) in the journal Nature Microbiology. <https://newsroom.uvahealth.com/2019/06/27/found-a-sweet-way-to-make-things-almost-indestructible/>

A groundbreaking research collaboration at the [School of Medicine](#) that is shedding light on everything from cancer to diabetes to cardiovascular disease has received \$12.5 million from the National Institutes of Health. The grant funding from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute will support the next five years of research for an initiative that is unusual both in its focus and its approach. Rather than studying a particular disease, the initiative seeks to understand how cells communicate via “pannexin channels” in their membranes. By discovering exactly how that communication occurs, the researchers aim to manipulate the channels to better treat a host of today's greatest health threats.

<https://newsroom.uvahealth.com/2019/05/23/12-5-million-grant-funds-ambitious-health-research-collaboration/>

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Notable Events

The Health System Leader's Symposium – held May 28, part of UVA's Be Wise program – addressed occupational stress in healthcare and included more than 500 participants. The presentation was designed and led by nursing professor Richard Westphal and Margaret Plew-Ogan, MD.

An April 6 event offered tribute to UVA's "Hidden Nurses," graduates of the 1950s-era Licensed Practical Nursing program created by UVA Nursing and Burley High School, (during segregation, the high school for Charlottesville's black students.) The event gathered two dozen living LPN graduates, now in their 80s and 90s, along with more than 100 family members and loved ones. LPN graduates received recognition, an official apology from Dean Fontaine, immediate induction into UVA's Alumni Association, thanks to President Ryan. The project was featured in the *Daily Progress*, on WVTF/NPR, CBS19, and NBC29.

Advancement/Major Gifts

More than \$1M has been raised in honor of Dean Fontaine to date, monies that will support the Fontaine Fund for Compassionate Care, the creation of the Fontaine Resiliency Garden, and annual fund contributions.

Philip T. (LAW '74) and Becky (NURS '73) Ruegger committed \$1M through their estate which will establish the Rebecca H. and Philip T. Ruegger Nursing Fund to conduct research as part of the Compassionate Care Initiative.

The Lottie Pugh Colley Class of 1944 Scholarship was established through an estate gift from brothers Robert T. Colley, A. Gordon Colley III, and John Scott Colley in honor of their late mother and will fund merit scholarships for students.

In FY 2019, the annual fund raised \$473,258 in unrestricted support for the School.

School-Specific: Interim Dean Named

[Pamela F. Cipriano was appointed interim dean](#) to the school in April, 2019, effective Aug. 1. Cipriano's 40-plus-year career includes nine years as the chief clinical officer/chief nursing officer in the UVA Health System, and two terms as the president of the American Nurses Association.

Research

Assistant prof. Virginia LeBaron received, with engineering colleagues, a \$144K American Cancer Society grant to advance technology for cancer patients experiencing pain, and the loved ones who care for them.

UVA's Global Infectious Disease Institute awarded prof. Emma Mitchell and Becca Dillingham

\$100K to develop a pilot to increase access to cervical cancer prevention through innovative technology in rural Nicaragua.

Clinical professor Carol Manning and colleagues from Engineering began a study funded by the Administration for Community Living to support caregivers of patients with Lewy body dementia.

School-Specific: Academic Programs

After significant course redesign, curricular enhancements and completion of the transition to a hybrid, executive-style format, the fall 2019 cohort of the RN to BSN program has tripled in size.

The Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program had a second year of growth, with more than 20 students accepted into the MSN program and several in the post-master's certificate program.

Faculty & Staff Honors and Accomplishments

The School has two new Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing: Associate professor and MSN/DNP program director Clareen Wiencek, and Compassionate Care Initiative director Tim Cunningham. The two will be inducted at a ceremony this October in Washington, D.C.

Dean Dorrie Fontaine was honored with the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses' Pioneering Spirit Award for 2019 in Washington, D.C., and also received the DAISY Faculty Award from the Daisy Foundation May 18.

Associate dean for research Anna Maria Siega-Riz was named dean of the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at UMass Amherst.

Student Honors & Accomplishments

Rising 3rd year student Kathryn Partlow was one of four students chosen to receive the Hannah Graham Memorial Award to study Rwandan women's experience of chronic pain after an abdominal hysterectomy.

Rising 4th year student Natasha Colman was chosen as a 2019 Governor's Fellow.

The Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry awarded two Nurse Practitioner History Research Scholar Awards for 2019, to public health historian Kim Curry and pediatric NP Carolyn Torre. The duo will gather oral histories of nurse policymakers who made practice legally possible for NPs across the U.S.

Diversity (IDEA)

Inclusion, Diversity & Excellence Achievement (IDEA) founder and associate dean Susan Kools worked with colleagues across Grounds to organize the EOA-focused "Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Institute," hosted by the American Association of Colleges and Universities at Villanova.

Kools continues to work with 2018 Institute Participants and is recruiting 20 additional via a grant.