



REPORT OF THE W&M STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE SEPTEMBER 2024

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February is a very important month to us here at William & Mary, and students are overjoyed to be returned from a restful Winter Break. Since the last report in November, we had a very successful Yule Log ceremony and enjoyed Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination festivities. Much of this report describes events and programs that will be launching later this month and throughout the month of March. As always, we are extremely grateful to share our perspectives as students with the Board and the Office of the President.

Welcoming Students (Back) To Campus!

Coming off of a very successful Spring Orientation and First Week of Classes, we are excited to get right into business! Starting promptly in late January, we welcomed back our students with the second year of offering free skating at the Colonial Williamsburg Ice Arena. We will be offering three weekends of skating, finishing right after our Charter Day celebrations. With the unexpected snowfall in Williamsburg, we look forward to seeing students enjoy the end of the winter season and participate in all that Colonial Williamsburg has to offer.

Happy Birthday, William & Mary

We all know that February at William & Mary brings one of our largest events, Charter Day. The Student Assembly is hoping to include as many avenues for student involvement as possible with this year's ceremony and accompanying festivities. We will be planning our annual Green & Gold Bash on February 7th, complete with a Royal Court voted on by students across campus.

As William & Mary enters its 332nd year, we as representatives will be reflecting on the future of our University and the ways that we can gather as a student population in recognition of all that William & Mary has given us. During this time of Charter Day remembrance, we will further dedicate ourselves to student feedback and the importance of acknowledging William & Mary's history. It is our plan to gather student feedback on what students would like to see out of future Charter Day events and how they uniquely enjoy celebrating William & Mary.

Students on the Road to Richmond

Another one of our favorite events takes place in February, Road to Richmond! Student Assembly works with the Office of the President and the Office of Government & External Affairs to take a group of passionate students to Virginia's capital. Students will get a chance to speak to representatives from the Virginia General Assembly and the Governor's Office, as well as recent William & Mary alumni working in Richmond. This event is vital to student representation in our government, and we look forward to getting as many interested students involved as we can.

Celebrations Galore!

March and February are very festive months for the students at William & Mary, for within those months we plan multiple events celebrating our underrepresented student groups. We are currently planning continuations of our annual Sankofa Gala and Art & Hatsuye Ball, among other evening events. April brings our William & Mary Pride Week and accompanying events.

In addition, Our Student Experience Department is planning a celebration of our Student Arts Community and the opening of our newly renovated Muscarelle Museum of Art. We are currently undergoing planning for our annual Spring Concert, co-sponsored with Alma Mater Productions. The Spring Semester brings us many events that allow for the campus community to come together, and we are incredibly thankful for these opportunities to celebrate our students and their interests, skills, and backgrounds.

Advocacy & Transparency

In typical Student Assembly fashion, our Representatives and Cabinet Secretaries are working on a host of other projects to assist our students as much as possible. Our Health & Safety Department is continuing work towards pedestrian safety infrastructure and public health education programs. Our Data and Finance Departments are working on retrieving student feedback about a variety of on-campus initiatives and events. The Executive Team is currently in the process of creating a series of videos explaining the function of the Student Assembly and our connection to the Board of Visitors. On the whole, the current administration is attempting to increase transparency of our decision-making process, mainly through our Department of Outreach.