

W&M Staff Liaison Report

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As we move into 2025 and the start of the Spring semester, we do so celebrating wonderful accomplishments and looking forward to more this year.

The leadership of Staff Assembly and PPFA continue diligently working with University Human Resources to allot the remaining Development Support Fund (DSF) balance. We greatly appreciate the continued support of the Board of Visitors to the Development Support Fund for employees. The fund has provided over \$35,000 in funding to 35 classified, operational, and professional and professional faculty employees since the start of the academic year. The team has met monthly to streamline the application and review processes, review applications, and update institutional knowledge documentation for future DSF teams. This collaborative effort has been very successful, and we anticipate the funds, \$50,000 in total, will be fully distributed by the end of April at the latest.

With the momentum of our extremely successful Fall Food Drive that concluded in November, we are looking forward to our Spring Food Drive this semester. This is a new effort to continue the spirit of giving on the W&M campus and provide to those in need in our community. Food For All's Campus Food Exchange, our on-campus food bank, will once again be the focus of this drive. Staff across campus are energized and feel very positive about the collaborative impact we had in the fall on our W&M community and look forward to assisting again this spring.

Workday continues to be a popular topic amongst staff on campus. Recognizing the heavy lift still being carried by many offices on campus to make Workday more than just functional, both assemblies have invited or already hosted members from the Workday Implementation Team to present and answer questions from staff. Many staff have been

eager to learn more about Workday and look forward to working within it. We appreciate the time and effort that has been put in by all involved in this undertaking and continue to encourage patience and grace to all as it rolls out this year.