



College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Teach, Connect, Transform



Greetings!

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) is proud of its graduates. We enjoy celebrating the victories, milestones, and achievements of every class—and this year was no exception. The Class of 2021 persisted during a year of unique challenges, remaining connected to their education while navigating the unexpected. We are proud of the dedication and commitment of our incredible graduates.

As a CHSS alum, graduation is a reminder of the journey that helped shape your path. You may have been led in an unexpected direction and you may still be working toward your goals, but the experience of being part of CHSS forever bonds you to your fellow alumni. This bond is rich in Mason tradition and our commitment to providing an accessible education, steeped in innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, which celebrates the diversity that makes us stronger.

Graduation is a special time because we are able to celebrate our students and their accomplishments and also because it offers the opportunity to reflect on the amazing generosity, thoughtfulness, and compassion of our alumni, friends, and supporters. The success of our graduates is a victory for our entire CHSS community. Our newest alumni begin their journeys with experiences and memories that will shape their contributions to our communities because of your support.

We are grateful for your commitment to the college. We hope you will continue your support today with a gift to the CHSS Scholarship fund, which serves the next generation of leaders who have just started their Mason journey.



Cedric Price

Hometown: Rahway, New Jersey

Major: Integrative Studies, Concentration in Liberal Arts for the Teaching Profession

Did you participate in any clubs or student activities?

I was a member of Student Government where I served as the Speaker of the 40th Student Senate; a member of the NAACP, GMU Chapter where I served as the Education Chair; and I also launched a student organization at Mason in the spring of 2019, Educators Rising Collegiate, which is one of my greatest accomplishments while at Mason.

What about the Mason or CHSS community that attracted you to study here?

Mason was a school that stood out from all my choices. The campus was beautiful, the diversity was rich, there were a handful of opportunities for me to be engaged in my academics and beyond, and the sense of community that I felt was amazing. CHSS is also amazing! The learning that occurs within CHSS is very valuable. The discussions, readings, experiential learning, and instructors make the Mason experience amazing.

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Patricia (Trish) Mikell

Hometown: Fairfax, VA
Major: History

Life after Mason, what is next for you?:

After graduating from Mason in May I moved to Raleigh, North Carolina to attend graduate school at NC State. By going to graduate school for Higher Education Administration, I hope to make future college students experiences in their institutions as positive as mine was at Mason as a CHSS student.

Did you conduct any research while in college?:

Mason and CHSS made such an impact on my life and my undergrad experience that I knew I wanted to pursue a career in the college setting so that I could have a positive impact on students as well. I love the inclusive culture in CHSS (and at Mason), and my experiences with the CHSS ambassadors program helped me feel connected to the University and my peers.

As a CHSS student, I got to explore my academic interests in a (virtual) study abroad program, an independent study, and as a research assistant for Dr. Peter N. Stearns.



Jerico Buenaventura

Hometown: Pago Pago, American Samoa
Major: Psychology

Life after Mason, what is next for you?:

A Mason opportunity that stood out to me was a position with MasonLIFE, a post-secondary program for students with disabilities. Without that, I would not know where to start my career. I am applying for a registered behavioral technician position to promote inclusion and to help families with disabilities with their social skills.

What will you miss most about Mason or CHSS?

What I would miss about CHSS or Mason in general are the way people connect and the diversity of the campus. Back at my island, there weren't a lot of cultures present except for Filipinos and Samoans, but here at Mason, it opened up my eyes to the many cultures that I never thought existed.



Sarah Proctor

Hometown: Vienna, Virginia
Major: Communication

Life after Mason, what is next for you?:

Working as an outreach and education specialist.

Did you have an internship? If so, did it prepare you for your next step?

I worked two internships my senior year as a marketing and communication coordinator. I was able to apply my knowledge and skills by drafting press releases, conducting research, creating content and outreach for various projects. These experiences, along with my education and a personal passion, prepared me for the job I started in February.



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