There is only one William & Mary, and many people who helped shape the stories that defined the year are included in this review! The inspiring 2011 Commencement remarks by Joe Plumeri ’66, D.P.S. ’11, the important neurodegenerative research by Associate Professor of Chemistry Lisa Landino, the selection of Nathaniel Baako ’11 as the male CAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and the announcement of former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates ’65, L.H.D. ’98 as the College’s next chancellor were a few of the highlights of the year.

Enjoy other news from the year, presented chronologically in each section from August 2010 to September 2011.
National rankings highlight strengths, overall market power

In the latest undergraduate rankings in *U.S. News & World Report*, released in September 2011, the College was listed in a tie for 33rd overall among all universities and sixth among all public schools. William & Mary was eighth in the magazine’s listing of the Best Colleges for Undergraduate Teaching.

In *U.S. News*, the College ranked among the nation’s leading universities despite coming in 97th for financial resources — the lowest financial ranking of any of the top 50 national universities. Last year the College ranked 85th for financial resources on the same listing. The faculty resources rank also dropped, from 47th a year ago to 55th in this year’s report. In the magazine’s ranking by high school counselors, William & Mary tied for 26th place, up from a tie for 30th last year. The College also moved up one spot — to being tied for 41st — in the category of best undergraduate business programs. And in *U.S. News*’ ranking of graduate and professional programs released last spring, William & Mary had a strong showing as well: the Law School ranked 27th, up one spot from last year and tied with Boston College and Iowa, and the School of Education ranked 41st — tied with the University of Illinois, Chicago.

The *U.S. News* listing follows multiple other high rankings in national publications, for categories ranging from general academics to service, campus beauty, and return on investment.

In August 2011, *Forbes* ranked William & Mary the second best state-supported school in the nation. The magazine ranked the College 48th overall (among public and private institutions combined) and fifth among all publics, including military institutions.

Also in *Forbes*, the College was the 20th-ranked research university, and the business school’s full-time MBA program was 41st in the country, up from 49th a year ago, among the magazine’s best-ranked business schools in terms of investment return.

William & Mary’s other recognitions in 2011 included:
- 12th in the Professors Get High Marks category by *Princeton Review*’s annual college guidebook
- Fifth overall and eighth for campus beauty by *The Best Colleges*’ online listings posted in August 2011
- 24th for campus activism, 19th for developing future politicians, 25th among most beautiful campuses, and 19th for return on investment by *Newsweek*’s The Daily Beast, in rankings released
- 24th overall and eighth for service by the *Washington Monthly*
- Named a 2012 Military Friendly School, being listed on *G.I. Jobs*’ list of the “top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members and veterans as students”
OCTOBER 2010

School of Business Entrepreneurship Center

William & Mary’s Mason School of Business officially launched the Alan B. Miller Entrepreneurship Center on Oct. 29. From its academic programming and certificate programs to special training, consulting and roundtables, the new center enables the school to engage a far more expansive community at every level of the entrepreneurial cycle. According to Dean Lawrence B. Pulley ’74, the intention is for the center to become a “hub of programs and initiatives that will help drive growth and innovation.”

The Center is named for Alan B. Miller ’58, an entrepreneur who founded Universal Health Services in King of Prussia, Pa., in 1978, and built it from a six-employee venture to a Fortune-500 company.

DECEMBER 2010

No place like home for the holidays

Neither rain nor cold could keep hundreds of students from gathering in front of the Wren Building to celebrate the holidays in true Tribe fashion — with the annual Yule Log Ceremony, a tradition since 1934.

While the log has gotten considerably smaller through the years, the basic idea remains the same: cast your holly sprig into the fire, and in doing so, cast away your worries and concerns from the year before.

Also adding to the holiday spirit at the College were two seniors who worked closely with the Office of Creative Services to produce an original, electronic holiday greeting. Rachel Follis ’11 created a rendition of the Wren Building while Rebecca Phillips ’11 performed a featured solo of “There’s No Place Like Home for the Holidays.” The greeting was sent to the College community on behalf of President Taylor Reveley.

DECEMBER 2010

Graduation rates among nation’s best

The College has maintained one of the best graduation rates in the nation, according to a report released in December 2010 by The Chronicle of Higher Education. The analysis, which examined six years of federal data ending in 2008 for nearly 1,400 institutions, showed that William & Mary has maintained the second-highest graduation rate in the country among public research institutions, ranging between 89 percent and 91 percent.

According to the Chronicle, the rate measures how many full-time, first-time students who enroll in the fall complete degrees within six years. The rates do not include data on students who transfer — either in or out of the institution — and then complete a degree.
DECEMBER 2010

“\textit{It Gets Better” Project offers encouragement}"

Kim Green ’13 was hanging out in the Center for Student Diversity when she noticed post after post on Facebook about young gay people across the country who had taken their own lives as a result of bullying. Feeling numb by the onslaught of deaths, she walked into Assistant Director Margie Cook’s office and asked what could be done.

As a result of that conversation, Green was inspired to lead dozens of students, faculty and staff to participate in the It Gets Better Project, a worldwide effort to encourage “LGBTQ” (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning) youth about the future.

The project began in September 2010 when syndicated columnist Dan Savage created a YouTube video with his partner in an effort to “inspire hope for young people facing harassment,” according to the project’s website. Since that first video was posted, more than 10,000 videos have been submitted — by politicians, celebrities and everyday citizens.

Green said she’s amazed by the positive response the William & Mary video — which had more than 12,000 views as of this September — has received from the College community.

FEBRUARY 2011

\textit{Pantless Griffin? We’ve got an app for that.}

The College’s newly developed, free “Dress the Griffin” mobile application allows users to dress an image of the College’s mascot in a variety of outfits, from a football uniform to top hat and tails — 100 individual items and 15 themed ensembles in all, including sound effects. Available for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android devices, users can save and share their images via outlets such as Facebook and Twitter. Many of the Griffin’s outfits are also available for viewing by anyone on Flickr.

FEBRUARY 2011

\textit{Charter Day defined by increased attendance, new traditions}

Entrepreneurship is part of what makes America great and is critical to the continued success of the country, Congressman Eric Cantor J.D. ’88, LL.D. ’11 said at the 2011 Charter Day Ceremony. The first alumnus to serve as U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader, Cantor spoke to a crowd of more than 2,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members who gathered for the annual ceremony.

For the first time, the event was held on a Friday afternoon and in William & Mary Hall. Previously held on Saturday mornings, usually in Phi Beta Kappa Hall, the new day and venue allowed more people to attend the event, which marks the day the College received its Royal Charter. In 2010, the school began revamping the celebration, emphasizing it as a birthday celebration for the College in an effort to encourage more student participation.

The Gentlemen of the College perform during the 2011 Charter Day Ceremony.
VIMS’ Eastern Shore Lab: A planned and unplanned makeover

The campus of William & Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science’s (VIMS’s) Eastern Shore Laboratory (ESL), located in the seaside village of Wachapreague, underwent major changes in 2010 — some planned and some not. An early-morning fire on Nov. 18, 2010, destroyed the facility’s main research building, Seaside Hall. In addition to equipment, a shellfish collection and preserved specimens of fish and invertebrates were lost, along with an irreplaceable collection of pressed algae containing specimens from the 1960s. There was no one inside the building when the fire broke out and no injuries were reported. Construction of a replacement facility — covered by insurance — was set to begin this fall, with completion slated for fall 2012.

Directly opposite the site of the fire is the ESL’s new Seawater Laboratory, a state-of-the-art, 8,000-square-foot building with running seawater for research on coastal marine ecology and aquaculture. Occupancy of the building was scheduled for October 2011 and a dedication ceremony is planned for June 2012.

Both the new Seawater Lab and the rebuilt Seaside Hall are elevated several feet above the ground — a long-term planning strategy for sea-level rise and storm resiliency.

Report highlights efficiencies

The College continued to run a highly efficient and effective operation despite limited resources, and launched additional projects to encourage even more innovation in business processes, according to the Business Process Innovation Project report released to the Board of Visitors. The report, available at www.wm.edu/innovation, highlights the university’s effective use of resources and cites steps taken to deal with recent budget cuts.

The review was designed to record and communicate internal efficiency gains that had already been made, share ideas across campus, develop and implement plans for even more efficient business processes and new revenue initiatives, and initiate university-wide projects to complement and enhance organizational-level plans. Vice President for Strategic Initiatives James R. Golden led the first phase of the effort; the next phase, focusing on processes related to academic programs, will be led by Provost Michael R. Halleran.

Jeffrey B. Trammell ’73 elected rector

The Board of Visitors unanimously elected Jeffrey B. Trammell ’73 as the College’s rector. As such, he chairs the Board. Trammell is president and founder of Trammell and Company, an external communications and public affairs consulting firm in Washington, D.C. He succeeds Henry C. Wolf ’64, J.D. ’66, who stepped down from the Board of Visitors last summer following his second term — including two years as rector.

Charles A. Banks, III (Honorary Alumnus ’05) was elected vice rector and succeeds John W. Gerdelman ’75, who completed his second term on the Board. Dennis H. Liberson ’78 succeeds Janet M. Brashear ’82 as secretary.
April 2011

Site for new fraternity housing announced

New fraternity housing for William & Mary will be located along Ukrop Way across from William & Mary Hall, campus officials announced this past spring. The site selection followed a feasibility study conducted in fall 2010 by Kansas-based Treanor Architects and Moseley Architects of Virginia. The firms worked closely with students and other members of the campus community.

The project includes 81,600 square feet across 12 buildings, half located north and half south of Yates Drive. With an estimated cost of $26 million, which will be funded principally through room fees, the facilities are expected to open in fall 2013.

May 2011

A bigger and better Small Hall

After 50 years of service, the William Small Physical Laboratory, as it’s formally known, has undergone a well-earned overhaul. The renovation/expansion created 22,000 square feet of lab space in a new wing and renovated 68,000 square feet of existing space in the old Small Hall. In addition to being more physics-friendly, Small Hall has many new features. There’s a Faraday cage, which shields against external electromagnetic radiation, as well as a clean room and a high bay, designed for constructing very large particle detectors for use at national facilities such as the Jefferson Lab and Fermilab.

Most of the physicists moved into their renovated offices shortly after Commencement, though some researchers began moving into the new wing a year ago.

The $28 million renovation — all done with state funds — also included updated and expanded physics teaching labs, which Professor Keith Griffioen says will help the department “teach the art of experimenting more effectively.”

May 2011

Plumeri to Class of 2011:
Take risks and anything is possible

The Class of 2011 received an unusual piece of advice from their Commencement speaker, Joseph J. Plumeri II ’66, D.P.S. ’11: “Go play in traffic” — meaning, “Take some risks, whether they be personal risks or risks that you feel are needed to get your dreams to be fulfilled.” Chairman and chief executive officer of Willis Group Holdings, Plumeri spoke to a packed William & Mary Hall during the May 15 ceremony, in which nearly 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students received their degrees. Plumeri; Marian Wright Edelman D.P.S. ’11, president of the Children’s Defense Fund; and C-SPAN President Brian Lamb L.H.D. ’11 all received honorary degrees during the ceremony.

Commencement speaker Joe Plumeri ’66, D.P.S. ’11
State provides funding for Tucker Hall renovation

The renovations to Tucker Hall will begin in 2012, thanks to some last-minute funding allocated in the Commonwealth of Virginia’s capital budget. Part of a group of construction projects at state universities across Virginia that received funding, the Tucker project received $11 million. The renovation had been on hold for two years due to a lack of funding and is now slated for completion in spring 2013.

Tucker Hall, also known as the “Old Library,” sits at the north side of the Sunken Garden near the Wren Building. It opened in 1909 as the College’s first free-standing library and was expanded with additions in 1923 and 1928. When Swem Library opened in 1966, the building became home to the Law School and was named Marshall-Wythe Hall in 1968. When the Law School moved to South Henry Street in 1980, the Department of English moved into the building. It was then renamed Tucker Hall in honor of St. George Tucker, who served as the second law professor at William & Mary and studied under George Wythe. The building’s last renovation was in 1980.

Design work is expected to be completed by late 2011 or early 2012. Construction will take 12–14 months.

Gov. Bob McDonnell announced in July the appointments of Thomas R. Frantz ’70, J.D. ’73, M.L.T. ’81; Leigh A. Pence ’00; Peter A. Snyder ’94; and Todd A. Stottlemyer ’85 to four-year terms on the College’s Board of Visitors as of July 1, 2011. The new members replace John W. Gerdelman ’75, Kathy Y. Hornsby ’79, Anita O. Poston J.D. ’74, and Henry C. Wolf ’64, J.D. ’66.

A resident of Virginia Beach, Va., Frantz earned a bachelor’s degree in economics, a master’s degree in law and taxation, and a law degree from William & Mary. He is currently chief executive officer of Williams Mullen, an international law firm. Pence, formerly Leigh Anne Smith, received her bachelor’s in accounting from the Mason School of Business. A resident of Great Falls, Va., she owns Shape & Play, a fitness and exercise business that caters to parents of young children. Snyder, who received his bachelor’s degree in government, founded New Media Strategies in 1999—an industry pioneer in social media marketing and online intelligence headquartered in Arlington, Va. Stottlemyer, of Herndon, Va., graduated with a bachelor’s degree in government, earned his law degree from Georgetown University, and went on to a successful career in the technology sector (currently serving as chief executive officer of Acentia).
Brafferton project unearths foundations of College’s history

An archaeological dig this summer at the Brafferton building in the Historic Campus uncovered artifacts experts believe point to the school’s early history. The dig is a collaboration involving the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the College’s Department of Anthropology and descendants of the American Indian boys who once resided in the building.

Students and staff who participated in a 10-week field school have located a quartzite biface (or projectile point), pieces of knapped or worked glass, and a stone finial all believed to date to the late 18th century. According to Mark Kostro M.A.’03, a Colonial Williamsburg archaeologist and doctoral candidate in anthropology at the College who directed the field school, the knapped glass pieces were most important. The pieces represent a form of recycling by the American Indians — who evidently used the usual manufacturing process to shape stone tools, but different materials, to fashion a tool of some kind.

The Brafferton was built in 1723 with funds from the estate of Robert Boyle, a famous English scientist, and was designed to house what was known as the College’s Indian School. At the time of the American Revolution, the College lost the income from the Boyle estate, and the School was discontinued.

Today, the Brafferton houses the offices and staffs of the president and provost of the university and is situated just steps away from the College’s historic Wren Building and President’s House — the other two buildings of the Historic Campus.

Planned construction on the Brafferton’s heating, cooling and water systems has provided an opportunity for archaeologists to look into the ground around the building’s foundation, an area not previously archaeologically surveyed.

Fundraising for the construction project continues. To date, $2.25 million in gifts and pledges has been secured for the $4.5-million project.
**July 2011**

**School of Education receives LEED Gold certification**

The School of Education’s new building, which opened in 2010, received LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The LEED green building certification system offers an opportunity for builders and building owners to measure the sustainability efforts included in the design, operation and maintenance of newly constructed or renovated buildings.

William & Mary’s School of Education achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use, and a variety of other sustainable strategies. The School’s building is the College’s third to receive LEED Gold certification, joining Alan B. Miller Hall (home of the Mason School of Business) and the Sherman and Gloria H. Cohen Career Center. Several other buildings, including the Jamestown Dorms, have received some level of LEED certification.

**August 2011**

**Tribe Square takes shape**

The College community will soon have several new late-night dining options near campus. The Crust, Pita Pit, Subway Café and MOOYAH all signed leases to open restaurants in the nearly completed Tribe Square.

A new, mixed-use building located on Richmond Road that includes four retail spaces on the first floor and apartment-style student residences on the second and third floors. The 14-apartment, 56-bed facility was completely filled when students returned in August.

Both The Crust, which opened this fall, and Pita Pit face Richmond Road and have large outdoor cafés for al fresco dining on their own private terraces. As part of the lease agreements, the eateries will remain open until at least 1 a.m. Subway Café will open in November. The Pita Pit and MOOYAH will open early next semester.

**August 2011**

**Irene’s fury comes to campus**

At the beginning of the academic year, William & Mary experienced two natural disasters in the same week. A rare 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck the East Coast Aug. 23. Though the quake was felt on campus, it did not cause any injuries, utility interruptions or significant damage.

A few days later, Hurricane Irene approached the area. Before, during and in the aftermath of the storm, the campus community pulled together — with faculty, staff, students and community members offering assistance to one another, especially students unable to leave the area following a mandatory evacuation of residence halls.

William & Mary experienced some minor flooding and the loss of several large trees, but the campus did not sustain any major damage from the storm, thanks in part to diligent preparation by the College’s Emergency Management Team and others, including staff from William & Mary Police, Information Technology, Facilities Management and Dining Services.
**SEPTEMBER 2011**

**Gates to succeed O’Connor as chancellor**

The College announced that former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates ’65, L.H.D. ’98 will serve as its next chancellor. Gates, who is the first defense secretary in U.S. history to serve under presidents from both political parties, retired in June. He succeeds retired U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, who completes her term as William & Mary’s 23rd chancellor next year.

Gates, who majored in history and holds an honorary doctorate from the College, is the first alumnus in the modern era to serve as chancellor, a post dating to the College’s founding in 1693 and typically held for seven years. Gates has served in numerous capacities in the U.S. Executive Branch in more than 45 years of public service including his time as director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) from 1991 to 1993. From 2002 to 2006, he was president of Texas A&M University.

The appointment made national news, even garnering a statement from President Barack Obama.

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**SEPTEMBER 2011**

**BOV approves six-year plan**

Support for employee salaries and increases in need-based financial aid are among the top priorities outlined in a six-year plan adopted in September by the Board of Visitors. The plan, part of a new process that began this past summer following the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011 (TJ21), identifies other critical needs and priorities, including support for enrollment increases, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) research, the marine science minor (newly added in 2010), and continued investments in information technology and campus security. Pursuant to the new legislation, all Virginia public universities are submitting six-year plans to the state.

William & Mary and other state universities won’t formally adopt operating budgets, including setting tuition or other costs, until this spring semester when state funding levels are known for the 2012–2014 biennium. The College is already addressing some of the TJ21 goals, including a modest increase in the total number (but not percentage) of in-state undergraduates over the next four years. The adopted plan calls for approximately $11 million in incremental funding for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. In 2013, nearly half of the revenue ($4.9 million) would go toward salary increases for faculty and staff who haven’t seen base-pay raises since November 2007. The plan calls for annual salary increases for faculty (5 percent) and staff (4 percent) over the next two fiscal years. The College’s faculty salaries now rank in the 7th percentile among peer institutions. The plan also calls for approximately $1.8 million in new annual funding for undergraduate financial aid and $500,000 for graduate financial aid.

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Former United States Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates ’65, L.H.D. ’98 was the keynote speaker during the 2007 Commencement ceremony in William & Mary Hall.
**A year for diversity**

Diversity is one of William & Mary’s core values, and the varied ethnic and cultural backgrounds of the College’s students, faculty and staff were celebrated with events and programs throughout the year.

During Black History Month (February), the Center for Student Diversity and the Department of Music hosted the annual Tidewater Gospel Festival, while student organizations and other departments on campus hosted events such as a talent showcase, a law panel on desegregation and several documentary showings.

In April, the second annual “I am W&M” campaign celebrated the unique identities that make up the College’s population, expanding the traditional definition of “diversity” and offering cultural showcases as well as a panel discussion on mental health issues.

To commemorate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month (May), students joined with faculty and staff to host events that included an exhibit in Swem Library and a master class with performance artist Kristina Wong.

Two prestigious diversity-related conferences came to Williamsburg for the first time this past year. In February, students and faculty from across the state met with Virginia Indian tribal representatives at the School of Education for the Virginia Indian Nations Summit on Higher Education. That same month, the College, in partnership with the Future of Minority Studies Project, hosted a national colloquium on minority studies titled, “Subjugated Histories, Decolonizing Practices,” which drew scholars and activists alike.

The William & Mary community also had an opportunity to discuss and learn about the religious beliefs of the campus population during Religious Diversity Week in November 2010. The week culminated in the College’s first-ever interfaith dialogue and dinner. In the spring, World music, Sufi rock superstars Junoon performed live in concert to a sold out crowd.

Information about the Lemon Project, which explores the College’s past history with slavery and race relations, can be found on page 25.

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**SEPTEMBER 2011**

**Ambler tells new students to “savor the moment” during delayed Convocation**

Hurricane Irene delayed opening Convocation for a week but didn’t dampen the spirits of the College’s new students as they kicked off the 2011–2012 academic year with the traditional walk through the Wren Building on Sept. 2. Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler ’88, Ph.D. ’06 served as Convocation speaker, filling in for U.S. District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith ’71, J.D. ’79, originally scheduled to keynote the event until it was postponed. Smith will instead speak at next year’s Convocation.

During the ceremony, President Taylor Reveley presented the annual President’s Awards for Service to the Community to one faculty/staff member and one student, as is custom. This year’s recipients were Rich Thompson, associate director of operations at the Sadler Center, for his work with the Committee on Sustainability, Pedal the Parkway and the Historic Triangle Bicycle Advisory Committee; and Cassie Powell ’12 for her work with the William & Mary Campus Kitchen and Buddy Art.
A day (and night) in the Brafferton

Five students staged a sit-in about workers’ wages at the Brafferton last spring, camping out in President Taylor Reveley’s office for nearly 16 hours before the planned disruption came to an end about 1 a.m., when the students were cited by campus police for trespassing. The students were part of a group from the Living Wage Coalition who met with the president earlier in the morning for nearly two hours discussing workers’ wages. The meeting was one in a series between the president and the student group to discuss concerns about pay for housekeeping staff. Following the meeting, the students remained in the president’s office to stage a protest.

Following the students’ departure, Reveley issued a statement about the incident. “It is often admirable to care intensely about matters of policy and to be a strong advocate for a particular point of view,” he said. “It is not admirable, however, to insist that your point of view is the only reasonable one and that, until you get your way, you will disrupt the work of the university. Occupying other people’s offices until you get your way is, of course, incompatible with the way we live together at William & Mary. This tears the fabric and cannot be accepted.”

Student Assembly president talks debt ceiling with national media

Members of the Tribe family may have seen a familiar face in the national press this summer. Student Assembly President Kaveh Sadeghian ’12 was interviewed on July 21 on CNN Newsroom about the impact of the U.S. debt ceiling crisis on the country’s next generation. He was also quoted in an article posted on the Washington Post website.

Sadeghian was part of a student-led initiative — Do We Have a Deal Yet? — formed by more than 100 student-body presidents from across the country who met in the nation’s capital this past summer. The student presidents told reporters they had one question for leaders in Washington, as signified by the initiative’s name. They sent that question — and request for a deal to raise the federal debt ceiling and reduce long-term budget deficits — in a letter to President Barack Obama and Congressional leaders. Congress eventually reached a deal just before the August deadline.
Aug. 19 was move-in day at the nation’s second-oldest college, and one of William & Mary’s most accomplished entering cohort groups to date began classes Aug. 24. The undergraduate class came from an applicant pool of more than 12,800, a record number for the seventh year in a row.

The College welcomed a record number of international students in 2011, in terms of both entering freshmen and overall enrollment. This year’s incoming freshmen include 28 percent students of color, 10 percent first-generation college students and 8 percent legacies. Seventy-nine percent finished in the top 10 percent of their class. The SAT middle-50th percentile of the Class of 2015 is 1240–1450; 165 scored a perfect 800 on one or more SAT sections, six earned perfect scores on both the critical reading and math portions, and one scored a perfect 2400 on all three sections.

As of move-in day, 250 of this year’s entering students were undergraduate transfers — 113 coming from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), including 42 through the College’s guaranteed-admission program with VCCS.

In regard to William & Mary’s graduate and professional schools, the Law School’s newest class has the highest credentials the school has seen in terms of median undergraduate grade point average (3.73) and LSAT (165, 92nd percentile). The class includes 10 Eagle Scouts, six missionaries and five students with military service. In Arts & Sciences, 94 percent of entering graduate students conducted research as undergraduates. At the School of Education, graduate applications increased 18 percent. The Mason School of Business’s 107 new M.B.A. candidates, meanwhile, each boast an average of 57 months of work experience.
Making headlines: W&M experts called upon by national media outlets

From August 2010 through September 2011, William & Mary faculty were cited or featured nearly 300 times by national media. Articles run by the Associated Press and in the New York Times, USA Today, and Washington Post — just to name a few — and coverage by ABC News and MSNBC all featured faculty members.

Two faculty members were regulars in the national press throughout the year. Government Professor George Grayson J.D. ’76, an expert on Mexico, was quoted more than 50 times in prominent national outlets and was featured in three back-to-back Wall Street Journal articles. Visiting Government and Public Policy Professor Lawrence Wilkerson was also featured dozens of times, including an appearance on MSNBC’s Ed Show immediately after President Barack Obama announced the death of Osama bin Laden.

Other faculty featured during the 2010–2011 academic year included: Biology Professor Dan Cristol, on the mass red-winged blackbird dieoffs in the Midwest (the Associated Press, USA Today and ABC News’ Nightline); History Professor Carol Sheriff, regarding a media frenzy following her finding of an error in her fourth-grade daughter’s history book (Washington Post, MSNBC’s Countdown with Keith Olbermann and the Associated Press); Assistant Professor of Psychology Cheryl Dickter (the Associated Press), for her research on brain waves and stereotyping; Assistant Professor of Government Rani Mullen, about India’s village-level democracy (New York Times); economics professors Bob Archibald and David Feldman, about their new book Why Does College Cost So Much? (CNBC, New York Times book chat column, and Newsweek); Anthropology Professor Barbara King, on human–animal relationships (CBS’s Sunday Morning and the New York Post); History Professor Scott Nelson (on the History Channel’s series “How the States got Their Shapes”); business professors Julie Agnew ’91 and Lisa Szykman, on 401(k) plans (Washington Post); Assistant Professor of Marketing Nicole Votolato Montgomery, on advertisements’ effects on memory (U.S. News & World Report online); Law Professor Allison Orr Larsen ’99, whose law review article “Perpetual Dissents,” was highlighted in the New York Times; Law Professor Linda Malone, who was featured on NPR discussing WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange’s fight against extradition to Sweden; and Education Professor Jeremy Stoddard, for his research on how the 9/11 attacks have been incorporated into secondary-school instruction (Washington Post and other papers).

In addition, CNN, C-SPAN and Politico all covered Law Professor Bill Van Alstyne’s testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee to extend the FBI director’s term. And more than 75 media outlets worldwide, including National Geographic and U.S. News & World Report, covered research on the ecological effects of increased jellyfish numbers conducted by recent Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) graduate Rob Condon Ph.D. ’08 and VIMS professors Deborah Steinberg and Deborah Bronk.
There has never been any doubt that Emeritus Professor of History Abdul-Karim Rafeq has had an extraordinary impact on the study of Syria’s 16th- to 19th-century social history, not only through the volume of his work but in his trailblazing use of Islamic court records.

As of 2010, the world’s appreciation of Rafeq’s 40-plus years of labor is available in a Festschrift titled *Syria and Bilad al-Sham Under Ottoman Rule: Essays in Honour of Abdul-Karim Rafeq*, published by Brill Publishers. Featuring work by nearly 30 scholars from around the globe, the Festschrift was presented to Rafeq last November by the Syrian Studies Association. Included in the volume is a bibliography — 12 pages long — of Rafeq’s prolific published work through June 2009.

Last December, a concert featuring original compositions by Associate Professor of Music Sophia Serghi was held at famed Carnegie Hall. Featuring her playing partners of the past 15 years, the FLUX String Quartet, Serghi titled her concert “Dunes, Emotions, Dialogues: Remembrance of Things Past, Breathless Punk” and dedicated it to the memory of her late mentor, Columbia University Professor Jonathan Kramer. The event was cosponsored by the College and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of the Government of Cyprus, where Serghi holds dual citizenship.
New library dean, vice provost appointed; A&S dean search commences

The spring semester saw several developments in the College’s administration: Carrie Cooper was named the new dean of university libraries in March; in April, a new vice provost for international affairs was announced — Stephen Hanson — who will also direct the Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies; and earlier in the semester, Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences Carl Strikwerda announced he would depart his post to become the 14th president of Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania starting in July.

Physics Professor Gene Tracy was appointed interim dean of Arts & Sciences for 2011–2012 while a search is underway for Strikwerda’s successor. The former dean had served in the position since 2004. Tracy came to William & Mary in 1984 as a physics instructor and has taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses. An experienced educator, administrator and researcher, he has held several positions, including director of Graduate Center Programs, interim dean of research and graduate studies, and Faculty Assembly president (an elected post).

Cooper took the helm of university libraries on Aug. 1, 2011. The new dean has served for the past 13 years in library leadership at Eastern Kentucky University, including the past five years as dean. She succeeds Connie McCarthy, who retired in July 2010; and Interim Dean Bea Hardy, the Marian and Alan McLeod Director of the Special Collections Research Center, who led the libraries during the search process.

As the new vice provost for international affairs, Hanson will work to promote the strengthening and expansion of international programs; serve as an advocate for all international programs and initiatives; and collaborate with faculty, students and other constituencies in both sustaining existing international initiatives and building new ones. He replaces Ronald St. Ongé, the Marriam and Alan McLeod Director of the Special Collections Research Center, who led the libraries during the search process.

During 2011, Ferguson Professor of Mathematics Chi-Kwong Li has served as a Fulbright Fellow in Hong Kong, where he is helping universities transition from a three-year to four-year curriculum. His fellowship is part of the Fulbright Hong Kong General Education Project (FHKGEP), which is, in turn, part of the larger Hong Kong General Education Initiative (HKGEI). The three-year curriculum that has been the norm in Hong Kong higher education is a relic of British colonialism and, according to the HKGEI website, no longer meets students’ needs.

Math professor receives Fulbright Fellowship

Chi-Kwong Li

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New library dean, vice provost appointed; A&S dean search commences

April 2011

CIO named Investor of the Year

Brian Hiestand, chief investment officer for The College of William & Mary Foundation, was named Institutional Investor’s Small Endowment Manager of the Year for 2011. The award recognizes U.S. institutional investors whose innovative strategies and fiduciary savvy resulted in impressive returns in the past year. Hiestand joined the Foundation in 2005 as its first chief investment officer. He oversees all investment management functions for the College’s consolidated endowment, including asset allocation and manager selection and review.

Brian Hiestand

STEPHEN SALPUKAS
Mike Blum M.A. ’96, an academic technologist at the College, was the recipient of the 2011 Charles and Virginia Duke Award. Established in 1997, the award is presented annually to a staff member for his or her outstanding service and dedication to the College. Awardees receive $5,000 as well as recognition at Commencement.

Blum, who earned his master’s in English from the College and has a son who is a student here, has served since 2001 as a technology liaison. He is responsible for nearly any device powered by electricity used by faculty members, from printers to word processors. Throughout the last decade, Blum has helped members of the campus community integrate tablet PCs, Wiki pages, websites and even Google Maps into their classes. He has become the go-to person for questions about Blackboard.

Geology Professor Heather Macdonald was named a finalist for Baylor University’s Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching. She is one of three finalists for the honor, which will be announced in spring 2012 and carries a $250,000 individual prize as well as a $25,000 prize for the winner’s home department. The Cherry Award winner will teach in residence at Baylor during the 2012–2013 academic year.

Each of the three finalists received a $15,000 prize and was invited to present a lecture series at Baylor this fall. Macdonald, who has been at the College since 1983, also planned to present a Cherry Award Lecture at William & Mary. In addition, the home departments of all finalists received $10,000 for teaching resources.

Susan Verdi Webster will never forget the fourth month of 2011. The professor of art history and American studies at William & Mary, Webster was awarded a 2011 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship in Fine Arts Research early in April. Before the month was out, she learned she was also a recipient of a National Humanities Center Fellowship.

Webster’s Guggenheim is one of just two awards given in 2011 for fine arts research. Likewise, her accolade from the National Humanities Center is one of two awards in the area of art history research.

Webster’s father, the late Grady L. Webster, also received a Guggenheim Fellowship in plant sciences in 1964 while teaching at Purdue University. According to the Guggenheim Foundation, only two other father/daughter tandems have been so recognized.

A leading scholar in the art and architecture of colonial Latin America, Susan Webster focuses primarily on the indigenous architects, builders and artists who constructed colonial Quito, Ecuador. She has been a Fulbright Fellow twice and has authored two books.

Webster is the sixth William & Mary professor of receive the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship. Former recipients are Professors Sean Keilen (English, 2008); Nikos Chrisochoides (computer science, 2007); Barbara King (anthropology, 2002); Talbot Taylor (English, 1994); and James Axtell (history, 1981).
Faculty honored with third round of Plumeri Awards

A polar oceanographer who’s helped make the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) a leader in this field, a chemist whose research has implications for ailments like Alzheimer’s disease, and a physicist whose research led to a namesake theoretical model were among the 20 exceptional professors who received Plumeri Awards for Faculty Excellence last spring.

The awards, now in their third year, are given in recognition of faculty members’ exemplary achievements in teaching, research and service. The awards — 20 per year for 10 years starting in 2008 — carry a $10,000 award for each recipient (to be used for research, summer salaries or other stipends associated with scholarly endeavor) and are made possible by a significant commitment made by Joe Plumeri ’66, D.P.S. ’11 in 2008.

The 2011 Plumeri Awards recipients were: Peter Alces (law), Arnab Basu (economics), Deborah Bronk (marine science), Christopher Carone (physics), Rachel DiNitto (modern languages and literatures), Pamela Eddy (education), Michael Green (law), John Griffin (biology), Christopher Howard (government), Rex Kincaid (mathematics), Lisa Landino (chemistry), Christopher MacGowan (English), Scott Nelson (history), John Oakley (classical studies), Gul Ozyegin (sociology and women’s studies), John Poutsma (chemistry), Marc Sher (physics), Walker Smith, Jr. (marine science), Sarah Stafford (economics and public policy) and Timothy Zick (law).

Celebrating employees

Hundreds of employees gathered for the College’s annual Employee Appreciation Day in June. Prior to the event, employees celebrating milestone work anniversaries at the College were honored in a ceremony in the Wren Building; these individuals included Juanita Achols (Facilities Management) and Geri Ellis (Information Technology) for 40 years of service and Betsy Croswell (Enrollment) for 45 years of service.
Faculty at the center of STEM initiative

Faculty and staff are at the center of a growing movement to enhance K–12 instruction in science, technology, engineering and math — or STEM — classrooms. Among the College’s ongoing STEM efforts is the STEM Education Alliance at the School of Education. Funded by the National Defense Education Program (NDEP), the Alliance works to interest middle-school students in STEM careers. It provides training to both teachers and professional engineers and scientists, who are paired to later serve as co-teachers in the classroom. The Alliance also provides instructional materials, professional development opportunities, school-counselor training and summer academies for students. Staff members from the Alliance annually visit classrooms to see the program in action.

Anne Charity Hudley — an associate professor of education, English and linguistics — is also doing work in local STEM classrooms, with a focus on language. She is co-investigator on a three-year grant awarded in 2011 by the National Science Foundation to study how cultural and social language patterns affect learning and student assessment in STEM classrooms. She and co-investigator Christine Mallinson, from the University of Maryland, will work with 60 K–12 educators in Baltimore, Hampton Roads and Richmond, assessing their knowledge of and responses to language variation, particularly among African-American students.

Exhibition included Muscarelle’s first Rembrandt, other new acquisitions

The Muscarelle Museum of Art at the College opened a new exhibition last November to showcase 80 of the 600 new pieces it has acquired in the past five years — making it the largest display of its own collections at one time. The exhibition, titled “Dürer, Rembrandt, Picasso, Hockney and More New Acquisitions 2005–2010,” included an etching by Rembrandt — the Museum’s first acquired piece by the famed Dutch artist.

The 600 new acquisitions are courtesy of gifts from numerous foundations and individuals, including alumni, and bring the Museum’s collection size to 4,500 paintings, drawings, prints and photographs. Besides the Rembrandt piece, other recent acquisitions include 195 works on paper by German expressionist Hans Grohs; 55 Japanese woodblock prints; 153 works from The Andy Warhol Foundation of Visual Arts; and works by Albrecht Dürer, Pablo Picasso, Käthe Kollwitz, Georges Rouault, Samuel F.B. Morse, Ludovico Cigoli and David Hockney.
Theatre presents full season

William & Mary’s 2010–2011 academic year was an exciting one for theatre patrons. In fall 2010, the Department of Theatre, Speech and Dance began a new performance series, “Around the Edges,” intended to engage the campus and local communities in discussion about social, ethical and political themes. That same semester, the department presented Oklahoma! — Rodgers and Hammerstein’s classic cowboy opera.

In January, the Sinfonicron Light Opera Company, a 46-year-old student organization, brought Gilbert & Sullivan’s Patience to the stage. Eighty students were involved in the production that was preceded by an intense two-week preparation period starting the first week of the new year.

Later in spring semester, students set about learning how to stage fight in preparation for a production of The Rover. David “Pops” Doersch, instructor of stage combat, walked the young actors through the carefully choreographed dance that is stage combat, as he has done for the past 10 years.

W&M part of national trend for foreign language studies

There are more students enrolled in foreign language courses than in any other Arts & Sciences department at the College — evidence that William & Mary is part of a nationwide trend in higher education. According to a report released by the Modern Language Association (MLA), enrollments in languages other than English at U.S. colleges and universities have grown in the past decade.

Nationwide, Arabic registered the largest percentage of growth since 2006, with course enrollments growing by 46 percent. Chinese and Japanese enrollments also increased significantly, up 18 percent and 10 percent, respectively. William & Mary has experienced enrollment increases in these languages as well. Departmental data show that since 2005, enrollments in introductory Chinese increased by 27 percent and Arabic by 25 percent. Overall, the College’s Department of Modern Languages and Literatures has seen an 8 percent increase in lower-level courses, translating to an additional 155 students in the classroom.
Braiding the strands of cultures

Two areas of study have been braided together at the College to create a unique academic program encompassing the languages and cultures practiced by more than half the world’s population. The new Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Program, which launched this fall, is a multidisciplinary, degree-seeking program that integrates two existing majors: East Asian Studies and Middle Eastern Studies.

The new offering is the culmination of three years of meetings and brainstorming involving more than 35 faculty members across 11 departments and programs, as well as student input. The re-examination of Asian studies at the College was supported by a grant awarded to the Asian Studies faculty by the Freeman Foundation.

Students can choose a track in East Asia or the Middle East, and will study the history, politics, religion, literature, fine and media arts, performing arts, expressive and ritual culture, and major languages of the region. Minors can also be picked up in one of four core areas: East Asian Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, South Asian Studies, and Comparative and Diaspora Studies (the last two being new options). Current freshman- and sophomore-status students, along with future incoming freshmen, are eligible for the new program.

Algae biofuel initiative motors on

The algae biofuel initiative advanced along several fronts this past year, from the design and construction of a semi-automated harvester to the deployment of new growth platforms in several states. The initiative, a collaboration involving William & Mary and Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) scientists as well as industrial and academic partners, seeks to develop ways to harvest excess algae from waterways and then use the algae as feedstock for biofuel.

The group uses a series of modules that provide surfaces in the water to allow algae to attach to them and grow. Last summer the researchers installed a 40-foot-long system in the freshwater Lake Matoaka and a second system in the salty York River. The Matoaka experiment is proving more challenging, in part because the algae does not attach to the screen strongly and often sloughs off before harvest.

The collaborative has deployed smaller systems to sample algae collection under varying aquatic conditions. This past August, the group delivered a battery of four systems to be deployed into a discharge channel at the Crane Power Plant in Baltimore, part of a collaboration with Blackrock Energy of Williamsburg and Constellation Energy. As summer ended, the group was making plans to deploy a semi-automated harvester — designed and built with assistance from the Submarine Technology Development Department of Newport News Shipbuilding. The device will remove some of the manual labor involved in the harvesting process.
MAY 2011

W&M joins Virginia Nanoelectronics Center

Vanadium dioxide (VO$_2$) is a chemical composition with intriguing properties, including an ability to switch from an insulator to a conductor at moderate temperatures. Thermographic coating for windows is one current application for the material. Now, Ale Lukaszew, professor of physics and applied science, is leading a study on VO$_2$ and other materials that has interesting applications for nanoelectronics. The research group is part of a new industry/academia/government collaboration called the Virginia Nanoelectronics Center (ViNC), which is based at the University of Virginia and is also a partnership with Old Dominion University. The William & Mary team is based in a lab in Small Hall and includes four physicists: Assistant Professor Irina Novikova, Visiting Assistant Professor Eugeniy Mikhailov, Assistant Professor Seth Aubin and Professor Bill Cooke.

JUNE 2011

VIMS study looks at disease resistance among Bay oysters

Development of disease resistance among Chesapeake Bay oysters calls for a shift in oyster-restoration strategies within the Bay and its tributaries, according to researchers at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). The scientists' newly released study, conducted by professors Ryan Carnegie and Eugene Burreson, was the feature article in the Marine Ecology Progress Series, a leading journal in its field.

Research on disease resistance among Bay oysters began at VIMS in 1960 with the “Spring Imports” project. The latest study shows increased prevalence of MSX disease among the native eastern oyster Crassostrea virginica; MSX first appeared in the Bay in 1959 and is caused by the single-celled parasite Haplosporidium nelsoni. The disease, combined with overharvesting, declines in water quality and a second parasitic oyster disease known as Dermo, pushed the Bay’s oyster population to 1 percent of historical levels.

Oyster disease research at VIMS has been supported in part for nearly 30 years by the A. Marshall Acuff Sr. Memorial Endowment at the VIMS Foundation.

AidData: Mapping the world’s aid contributions

William & Mary’s international development research program, AidData, helped design and populate an interactive map for the African Development Bank (AfDB) that depicts the precise locations of the Bank’s ongoing projects in Cameroon, Morocco and Tanzania. The map, which follows on work the group did for the World Bank the summer prior, was unveiled in spring 2011 at the AfDB’s Annual Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal. The resource offers insight into whether aid is going to the correct places and the extent of its impact. A collaborative initiative involving William & Mary, Development Gateway, and Brigham Young University, AidData provides products and services that promote the dissemination, analysis and understanding of development finance information. For the AfDB map, AidData researchers partnered with Esri, a geographic information systems (GIS) software provider, to create dynamic maps for the Web and cell phones.
New Confucius Institute expands global reach

The newly established Confucius Institute at William & Mary will work to promote Chinese language and culture at the College. The program, a collaborative initiative in partnership with Beijing Normal University and the Office of Chinese Language Council International (or “Hanban,” for short), will offer Chinese language and culture courses, provide teacher training and support study abroad.

More than 300 Confucius Institutes have been opened worldwide since 2004, with Hanban, a Beijing-based agency, overseeing them. Regionally, William & Mary joins George Mason University, the University of Maryland and North Carolina State University in housing Confucius Institutes.

A Confucius Institute opening ceremony is slated for early 2012. For information on collaborations with other Chinese universities, see page 31.

Lemon Project gains momentum, recognition

The Lemon Project — which explores the College’s past history with slavery and race relations since the Civil War — continued to progress this past year. Launched in 2009 the project was named Community Organization of the Year this past April by the William & Mary chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Titled after a slave owned by William & Mary in the 18th century, the project’s developments during 2010–2011 included:

- In December, English Professor Terry Meyers published an article in the journal *Anglican and Episcopal History* that details his ongoing research of the Bray School. Meyers, who cochairs the Lemon Project Committee, has uncovered what he believes is the building occupied by the Bray School. The school was established by an 18th-century London philanthropy effort dedicated to the religious education of free and enslaved blacks in the British colonies. Funded by the Associates of Dr. Bray, the Bray School existed in Williamsburg from 1760 to 1774.

- During the spring semester, the Lemon Project sponsored or organized several events, including a spring symposium in March that was covered in an online CNN story. The event explored the College’s relationship with the local African-American community since the time of slavery.

- In April, John Boyd, president of the National Black Farmers Association, was welcomed to campus by the Lemon Project Committee for a public lecture. In addition, the exhibit “The World of Henry Billups” — curated by students as the final project for a class on Jim Crow taught by Lemon Project Coordinator Jody Allen — opened at Swem Library. Allen has taught the Lemon Project class for the past two springs.
ATHLETICS

A record-setting year for Tribe Athletics

Thanks to Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) championships by the football, men’s cross country, men’s soccer and women’s tennis teams, William & Mary became the first CAA school to exceed 100 conference titles. Since 1983–1984, the Tribe has won 102 CAA titles.

Head Football Coach Jimmye Laycock ’70 led his team to its second straight National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) playoff appearance. Twelve players were named All-CAA, matching the College’s all-time high.

Men’s soccer won its seventh CAA crown, led by Nathaniel Baako ’11, who was named a second-team All-American and the male CAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year. In men’s cross country highlights, education graduate student Chas Gillespie was named CAA Athlete of the Year at the end of the fall 2010 season; redshirt-freshman Josh Hardin ’13 was named Rookie of the Year; and Head Coach Stephen Walsh added the CAA Coach of the Year plaque.

In other men’s team news, golfer Jeremy Wells ’13 was named second-team All-CAA; Tribe tennis duo Sebastien Vidal ’11 and Jamie Whiteford ’13 qualified for the NCAA Doubles Championship; and the men’s gymnastics team finished 15-8-1, second in the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships and 13th in the nation — just missing the 12-team invitation list to the NCAA Championships.

On the women’s side, Teenie Beck ’11 earned her fifth USA Gymnastics All-American award with a bronze-medal showing on the balance beam.

Women’s soccer achieved its NCAA-record 29th consecutive winning season, going 10-7-2 for the season and ranking as high as No. 14 in the country. In addition to the Tribe’s CAA team title, tennis players Anik Cepeda ’13 and Hope Johnson ’14 qualified for the NCAA Doubles Championship.

In other women’s athletics news, golfer Emily Gimpel ’14 was named second-team All-CAA, and lacrosse team member Grace Golden ’11 was chosen CAA Player of the Year and became just the third player in league history to earn first-team all-conference honors four times.

For women’s and men’s swimming, respectively, Emily Burns ’11 and Kyle McVeigh ’13 were named honorable mention mid-major All-Americans by CollegeSwimming.com.

William & Mary Football won its last regular-season game November 20, 2010, beating the Richmond Spiders and securing both the Capital Cup and the CAA Championship.
The William & Mary experience

Tribe soccer star Baako ’11 named CAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Men’s soccer player Nathaniel Baako ’11, of Accra, Ghana, was selected as the male CAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2011. Baako, who graduated in May with a finance degree, was also named the 2010 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Men’s Scholar All-America National Player of the Year. He is a four-time recipient of the CAA Commissioner’s Academic Award.

On the field, Baako earned second-team All-America accolades from the NSCAA and Soccer America. A three-time first-team All-CAA midfielder, Baako scored four goals and added a team-high six assists to help lead William & Mary to its first CAA men’s soccer title since 2000. The Tribe finished the season ranked ninth in the nation and advanced to the third round of the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Championship.

Besides Baako, other William & Mary winners of the CAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year award include former basketball star Adam Hess ’04, cross-country/track-and-field star Keith Bechtol ’07 and soccer player Ryan Odevest ’08.

Some highlights:

• The Croquet Club made the final four in the Golf Croquet division of the U.S. Croquet Association College National Championship at Merion Cricket Club in Haverford, Pa.

• Cycling Club member Greg Grosicki ’11 finished 24th overall in the 2011 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships (Division II), in Madison, Wis.

• The Equestrian Club finished fifth in the region out of 16 teams. Club members Heather Nuckles ’11, Alice Shaughnessy ’13, Heidi Siegmund ’12, Molly Weisblatt ’11, Chelsea Estancona ’11, Emily Burns ’11 and Jess Benson ’14 qualified for regional competition, and both Siegmund and Nuckles also qualified for Zone 4 competition at Bridgewater College.

• The Fencing Club won the Virginia Cup at Sweetbriar College and finished 14th at the USA College Fencing Club Championship.

• The Gymnastics Club sent seven athletes to the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastic Clubs National Championships.

• The Ice Hockey Club won the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference (BRHC) Championship in February. Several club members earned honors, including Matt Levey ’13 (first line All-BRHC forward) and Jason Cassels ’11 (second line All-BRHC defense). John Kelly ’13 and Peyton Rose ’11 were named American Colleague Hockey Association Academic All-Americans. 

• The Tennis Club finished third in the Copper Bracket at the 2011 U.S. Tennis Association National Campus Championship in Cary, N.C.

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JULY 2011

A great year for club sports

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Tribe gets ever greener — again

The College’s sustainability effort is making other universities green with envy.

William & Mary received a B+ overall grade on the 2011 College Sustainability Report Card, improving on last year’s B grade, and continuing the upward trajectory in sustainability efforts and achievements. The results were released in October 2010 by the Sustainable Endowments Institute (SEI). Of the 11 Virginia schools that participated in the survey, only two had an overall ranking equal to or higher than the College’s.

The campus community launched a number of new sustainability efforts last year, including a re-invigorated carpooling program and better bus and bike route information via Google Transit. Student eco-ambassadors shepherded spring sustainability projects that included the collection of used tennis balls, athletic shoes, old computers, textbooks, CDs, DVDs and construction materials for recycling or reuse.

Also in the spring, William & Mary became the country’s first university to launch an in-house carbon offset program. Carbon offset programs offer individuals and institutions ways to contribute money toward carbon-reducing projects that counterbalance, or offset, their personal carbon-producing lifestyle activities (e.g., taking an airplane flight) that contribute to excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Money from these contributions will be used for a variety of energy-efficient projects around campus, like increasing insulation, replacing incandescent lights with more efficient LEDs, installing motion sensors for lights in hallways and restrooms, and installing variable speed fan drives on cooling plants.

Tennis, anyone?: Eco-Ambassador Will Ozbun ’13 is collecting worn-out tennis balls to ship to an Arkansas company that either re-pressurizes them or donates them for other uses.

Students continue to make a difference across the globe

William & Mary students continue to make a difference throughout their communities and the world. According to a survey, the College’s students logged more than 333,000 service hours during the 2010–2011 academic year.

Before even moving into their dorms, incoming freshmen and new transfer students have the opportunity to participate in a pre-orientation program called 7 Generations, introduced by the Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship (OCES) in fall 2010. The service-trip program offers students a chance to study and work on social justice issues as well as get an early start on getting to know other students before classes began.

Also at the beginning of the academic year, the annual SHOW (Students Helping Out Williamsburg) Day has been held the day before fall classes begin for five straight years. The event, which involved 200 new students in August 2011, allows students to participate in service projects throughout the Williamsburg area.

Many students continue to spend their academic breaks serving in places as close as Richmond and as far as Bangladesh. The OCES awarded six students Community Engagement Grants for winter break for the first time in 2010–2011. Those applying created their own service projects, which were usually in conjunction with an existing service or nonprofit agency.

In recognition of William & Mary’s service efforts, in September 2010, the College was listed among the Most Service-Minded Schools by Newsweek and the Kaplan College Guide. In 2011, Break Away, a nonprofit organization that helps colleges promote alternative break programs, included William & Mary on its top-10 list of schools with: the most alternative break trips, the most participants in such trips and the highest percentage of participants. In addition, when announcing its 2011 National Alternative Break Awards in June, Break Away named William & Mary’s Branch Out initiative the program of the year.

In May, for the second consecutive year, the College was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction, and, in August, William & Mary was selected to participate in the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.
**SEPTEMBER 2010**

**Law School hosts 23rd annual Supreme Court Preview**

Distinguished scholars, journalists, advocates and judges from around the nation journeyed to Williamsburg for the 23rd annual Supreme Court Preview, sponsored by the Law School’s Institute of Bill of Rights Law, on Sept. 24–25, 2010. According to Institute Director Neal Devins, professor of law and government, participants included two federal court of appeals judges, three former solicitor generals, and top Supreme Court journalists. Students were also more involved than in the past, with seven different student groups cosponsoring breakout lunches with the panelists.

One of the main purposes of the Preview is to provide students with an opportunity to meet the lawyers who argue before the Court and the journalists who cover the Court. The 2011 Preview was Sept. 23–24.

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**FEBRUARY 2011**

**Pilgrimage brings together Hollywood stars, academics**

An academic colloquium is not usually where one would expect to see Hollywood stars, but the Camino de Santiago is said to have caused greater miracles to happen.

The 1,000-year-old Spanish pilgrimage is the setting for The Way, a new film written and directed by Emilio Estevez and starring his father, Martin Sheen. Thanks to the efforts of Professor of Hispanic Studies George Greenia, the two Hollywood stars screened their film on Feb. 18 at Georgetown University. The event kicked off the Workshop on Pilgrimage Studies, co-hosted by the College and Georgetown’s Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

Scholars from a wide range of disciplines and 30 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada attended the two-day workshop. The group is working to create an international, interdisciplinary consortium to teach pilgrimage studies in Santiago de Compostela starting in the summer of 2012.

With the assistance of *Washington Post* film critic Ann Hornaday, Greenia was connected to Estevez and able to secure the actors’ agreement to the screening. It was attended by more than 350 people, including William & Mary faculty and students as well as the Spanish ambassador to the United States, the duchess of Palma de Mallorca, her consort and their son.

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Pilgrimage event brings together Hollywood father/son duo, Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez, with Professor of Hispanic Studies George Greenia.
William & Mary marked the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with a series of events, including the ringing of the Wren bell at the four times the passenger planes crashed; planting of American flags in the Sunken Garden by the Young Democrats and College Republicans; the Queens’ Guard standing post near a memorial wreath and a flag from Ground Zero; a “ruck march” through campus led by the ROTC program; writing on luminaries about what people would never forget about 9/11; and a remembrance ceremony in the Wren Building, during which the Wren bell rang seven times in memory of the seven William & Mary family members who lost their lives that day: Alysia C. Burton Basmajian ’00, James L. Connor ’85, Michael H. Edwards ’90, Mark G. Ludvigsen ’91, Christopher W. Murphy M.B.A. ’98, James B. Reilly ’98 and Gregory J. Trost ’97.

Also on the anniversary, a candlelight ceremony was held in honor of 1st Lt. Todd Weaver ’08, who was killed in action in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in September 2010. During the 9/11 anniversary, after the ROTC march, Weaver’s family unveiled a replica of a plaque made in Weaver’s memory.


**SEPTMBER 2011**

**Campus marks 9/11 anniversary**

William & Mary attracts many visitors to the Historic Triangle each year. In recognition of that fact, a task force has been examining the College’s role in local tourism during the past year.

Cochaired by Director of Economic Development Leonard Sledge and Director of Auxiliary Services Carolyn Davis, the task force included staff and faculty from departments across campus as well as representatives from the City of Williamsburg, Colonial Williamsburg and the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance.

The task force developed seven tourism-related goals for the College:

- Define who William & Mary tourists and visitors are and what the College wants to happen during their visits
- Define the desired on-campus tourism experience
- Create official campus welcome centers to improve the overall tourist and visitor experience on campus
- Direct tourists and visitors to desired locations, and generate revenue through ticket sales for events, attractions and activities both on and off campus
- Increase tourism-related revenue to William & Mary
- Link William & Mary to broader regional tourism marketing
- Develop William & Mary tourism metrics

Now functioning as an advisory committee, the group is in the process of working toward those goals with the help of regional partners and individuals across campus.
Community responds to Japan’s tragedy

When an earthquake and tsunami struck Japan in March 2011, the campus community responded immediately with the Japan Recovery Initiative, launched four days after the catastrophe to support those impacted by the events. The initiative was led by faculty within the East Asian Studies program, staff from the Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship and students campus-wide, including two student groups — the Japanese Cultural Association and Vietnamese Student Organization.

In addition to forming this activist group — which now involves more than 40 faculty, staff and students — a special one-credit course, After the Quake: Japan Responds, was offered this fall. Students enrolled in the course will be able to study the tragic events that shattered the Tohoku region of Japan, and the ways Japan responded to these events and other disasters throughout its history. The course examines the latest events from a literary, anthropological and historical perspective.

Links to China and its universities blossom

Significant collaborations with Chinese universities developed throughout the 2010–2011 academic year.

In December, the College entered into a “sister university” arrangement with the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC), a relationship that promises to generate mutually beneficial educational and research initiatives. A ceremony to sign the memorandum of understanding was held in the College’s Wren Building and included President Taylor Reveley and UESTC Vice President of International Affairs Wang Houjun.

Six months later, William & Mary hosted 21 students and 18 faculty members from UESTC. The participants enjoyed classes, lectures and discussions; toured the campus and local community; and shared information about their lives, culture and education with the College’s faculty and students.

Also this year, the Law School’s Property Rights Project announced it would host its eighth annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference on international turf for the first time — in Beijing, China, October 2011, at Tsinghua University.

Further connecting the College to China, in August 2011 a team of physicists began the Daya Bay Reactor Neutrino Experiment. Daya Bay in southern China is the site of a large nuclear power plant. The experiment is a multinational collaboration to advance understanding of ubiquitous, yet mysterious, particles known as neutrinos. William & Mary Professor of Physics Robert McKeown, the deputy director for science at the Jefferson Lab, is leading the team that is attempting to measure an elusive value related to neutrino behavior. Wei Wang, a research scientist at the College, is on-site in Daya Bay overseeing the installation and calibration of the detector equipment. For information about the new Confucius Institute at William & Mary, see page 25.
College raises scholarship funds to remember Lt. Todd Weaver ’08

The William & Mary community suffered a devastating emotional blow in September 2010 when Army 1st Lt. Todd Weaver ’08 died in action in Afghanistan. The lieutenant, 26, was well known on campus as an exceptional student and a star cadet while in ROTC. Immediately, the campus community rallied in support of the Weaver family, which includes Todd’s wife and young daughter.

Last November, the Veterans Society of William & Mary hosted a tree dedication ceremony near the Wren Kitchen in honor of Weaver — planting an American beech tree alongside a commemorative plaque.

After the Weaver family announced plans to raise $50,000 for a Todd Weaver Memorial Fund, which would be used to support a current government or international relations student’s study abroad, the Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC) leaped into action. Selling wristbands — emblazoned with the slogan “One Tribe. One Family.” — the SAAC raised approximately $35,000 for the Weaver Fund.

Alumni receive high-profile appointments

A number of William & Mary alumni received high-profile appointments during summer 2011. In June, Carolyn “Biddy” Martin ’73 was named the next president of Amherst College. Martin, who earned an undergraduate degree in English from William & Mary, became Amherst’s 19th president and its first female president. Martin had served as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison since 2008 and previously served as provost of Cornell University.

Also in June, G. Paul Nardo ’88 was elected by the Virginia House of Delegates as clerk of the House of Delegates and keeper of the rolls of the Commonwealth. Nardo, who majored in government, is serving as the 21st clerk of the House. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as chief of staff to Speaker of the House William J. Howell.

In July, the General Assembly elected former Board of Visitors member Elizabeth A. McClanahan ’81 to the Virginia Supreme Court. McClanahan, who majored in government and sociology, previously served as Virginia’s chief deputy attorney general before being elected to the Virginia Court of Appeals in 2003.
**JANUARY 2011**

**Linda Lavin joins Theater Hall of Fame**

Renowned actress Linda Lavin ’59, D.A. ‘09 was inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame during a ceremony in New York City’s Gershwin Theatre.

A native of Portland, Maine, Lavin was a theatre major at William & Mary. After graduating, she headed to New York and started her career as a singer in clubs and off-Broadway shows.

Lavin has performed in a wide range of Broadway productions, including dramas, musicals and comedies. She is most famous for her role as single-mother Alice Hyatt on the successful television comedy *Alice*, which ran for nine years on CBS (1976–1985). She sang the theme song on the show and won two Best Actress Golden Globe Awards for her performance.

At her alma mater, Lavin was recognized with the Alumni Medallion in 1984 and an honorary degree at the College’s 2009 Commencement ceremony.

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**OCTOBER 2010**

**$1.1 million gift to create Civil Liberties Project**

A $1.1 million gift from Timothy P. Dunn ’83 and his wife, Ellen R. Stofan ’83, established the H. Stewart Dunn, Jr. Civil Liberties Project at William & Mary last fall.

The project — an interdisciplinary effort that will involve faculty from both Arts & Sciences and the Law School — is designed to help students develop a deeper understanding of the civil liberties afforded by the U.S. Constitution and to encourage them to become civically engaged in supporting and defending those liberties.

Dunn is a member of the College’s Board of Visitors and director of strategic planning at the Piedmont Environmental Council of Virginia. Stofan, a trustee of The College of William & Mary Foundation, is a planetary geologist with Proxemy Research in Maryland. The project honors Dunn’s father, H. Stewart Dunn, Jr., a former member of the national board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union and a partner with the law firm Ivins, Phillips & Barker in Washington, D.C.

The Dunn Civil Liberties Project provides support for undergraduate and law student research, as well as summer internships and postgraduate fellowships with organizations that support or protect civil liberties. The initiative also supports guest lecturers and collaborative teaching on civil liberties between the Law School and the undergraduate programs.

**MAY 2011**

**Inaugural Run for the Dream races a spectacular success**

William & Mary and several of its alumni played prominent roles in the rousing success of the first-ever Run for the Dream weekend of races May 21–22.

Former track star Sonja Friend-Uhl ’93 finished second in the masters class 8-kilometer race on May 21, while Jason Schoener ’07 finished second in the men’s half-marathon the following day. Both races started in front of Phi Beta Kappa Hall, wound through campus and Colonial Williamsburg, and finished inside Zable Stadium.

More than 4,200 competitors participated in the 5K walk, the 8K race and the half-marathon. Thousands more accompanied participants, filling hotel rooms and restaurants, and enjoying the post-race beer, barbecue and music held both days in the Sunken Garden. Kelly Cannon ’05 directed the event.

Proceeds from the race benefited two programs: Wounded Warriors, dedicated to assisting and advocating for members of the armed forces who were severely wounded or became ill during service, as well as their families; and An Achievable Dream, a nationally recognized K–12 school in Newport News supporting socially disadvantaged students.