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Dear Colleagues,

I'm pleased to highlight more of your accomplishments as we move through the semester. Sharing your stories will, I hope, allow you to learn about your colleagues and possibly find new connections for your own research and teaching.

- Congratulations to Health Sciences <u>Assistant Professor Dr. Sojib Zaman</u>, who was named to <u>Stanford/Elsevier's Top 2% Scientist</u> rankings for the third consecutive year. The list provides a standardized way to recognize scientists who have made a significant impact on their respective fields. One factor considered by Stanford/Elsevier is how often one's papers are cited by other scientists. Papers that Zaman has authored have been cited 12,900 times **this year**. He has authored, co-authored or edited over 100 peer-reviewed papers, with more than 65,000 career citations.
- <u>Dr. Michael Broderick</u>, Associate Professor of Communication Studies, performed spoken-word poetry and co-produced a full-length LP titled *Biplane*. You can now stream it on <u>Bandcamp</u>. The brainchild of Michael and co-producer Miles Down, *Biplane* brings together 30+ artists and musicians from across the country. *Biplane* will also be published as an experimental digital media project in a special issue of the performance studies journal <u>Liminalities</u> in late November.
- Dr. Bayo Ogundipe, Professor and department head of Engineering, was recently lauded for a project using his research to provide active, hands-on mentoring for students. As the recipient of a <u>Course & Program Grant</u> from <u>VentureWell</u>, part of the <u>Engineering</u> <u>for One Planet</u> endeavor, Bayo's work with former JMU Engineering Associate Professor Justin Henriques, <u>challenged the traditional teaching model for Engineering</u> <u>students</u>.
- Professor of Architectural Design and Associate Director of the School of Art, Design and Art History Jori Erdman's collaborative and innovative architectural projects are thriving. She received a <u>Virginia Sea Grant</u> in collaboration with <u>Dr. Patrice Ludwig</u>, Associate Professor of Biology and Interim Assistant Vice President for Research & Innovation, for research and preparation of a collaborative project on coastal resilience via an interdisciplinary course exploring design solutions.

Please continue to send in items for yourself or your colleagues by emailing provost@jmu.edu. I am happy to showcase the innovative teaching and research happening throughout the division.

Sincerely,

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