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Hello Colleagues,

Are you also looking forward to the eclipse next week? I am, especially after reading this interview with planetarium director [Geary Albright](#). If the event piques your interest, the [planetarium](#) offers terrific opportunities to learn more about astronomy. Their programming, like [Science Sunday for Girls](#), will be focused on the eclipse this weekend. While it is still light out, I'm delighted to share more stories of faculty success.

- Communications Studies Associate Professor [Tobias Reynolds-Tylus](#) recently published an interesting article in the [Journal of Health Communication](#). In "[Can happiness and sadness overcome organ donation barriers following exposure to radio ads?](#)," the co-authors examined two narrative strategies for mitigating existing barriers to organ donation by eliciting feelings of happiness or sadness.
- The [Daily News Record](#) recently featured [Abby Massey](#), Assistant Professor in the Physician Assistant program. The JMU alum discusses why training the next generation of the healthcare workforce is important.
- Progress on the JMU Lab School for Innovation and Career Exploration is moving quickly! Read more about the [development of the project](#) from College of Education Dean [Mark L'Esperance](#) and Associate Dean [Bryan Zugelder](#), including the selection of school's [first executive director](#).

I'd love to hear more from faculty and staff with questions or comments. You can email provost@jmu.edu or submit a question anonymously through the [Ask the Provost](#) option online. Be sure to have your viewing glasses ready for next week!

Sincerely,
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