Important Dates:

- September 17; Noon - 1:00 pm
  "A Global Perspective on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion" presented by Kristyn Allred
  Register to attend here.

- September 18
  Class of 2021 Friday Class

- September 24 - 26
  National Black MBA Conference (NO CLASS)

- October 1
  Notice of Candidacy Forms
  Due for January, May, and August 2021 Graduates

- October 8
  Session A Classes End

- October 12
  Session B Classes Begin

- November 6
  Class of 2021 Friday Class for all M/T/W/R and M/W classes

- November 20
  Class of 2021 Friday Class for all M/T/W/R and T/R classes

Announcements

- Reminder!
The MBA Orientation Handbook has been posted to your Class of 2022 Orientation Blackboard.

- Are you planning to finish your degree requirements next year?
  If you are planning to graduate from the MBA Program during the in January, May, or August of 2021, your Notice of Candidacy form MUST be completed in Banner Self-Service by October 1, 2020 in order to ensure that your degree is conferred on-time. If you receive an error message when completing the form in Banner, please email MBA.Program@mason.wm.edu.

- “A Global Perspective on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion” - September 17 @ Noon
  On September 17th at 12:00 pm, Kristyn Allred will be presenting her research entitled “A Global Perspective on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion”. Kristyn recently spent time in the UK and the Middle East where she interviewed 117 people from over 30 countries. She will share her insights on what works and what gets in the way of making our communities and organizations more diverse, equitable, and inclusive. Please join us as we discuss global issues of diversity and explore the role of historic conflict in interpersonal dynamics.

  This event is the first in a series entitled "Diversity & Inclusion Perspectives.” The aim is to promote dialog and an awareness of the broader diversity issues. Each keynote event will be followed approximately one week later by small group discussions that explore the topic at a deeper level.

  Register here to join.

- Virtual Humana-Mays Case Competition
  This competition is jointly hosted by Humana and Texas A&M’s Mays Business School. For more information, please go to https://mays.tamu.edu/humana-tamu-analytics/.

COVID-19 Updates

COVID-19 prevalence testing, by which random samples of students, faculty, staff and contractors are chosen periodically to take COVID-19 tests, has begun. This will enable the university to rapidly assess potential community spread. You find more information on W&M's COVID-19 Response website.
Reserving Team Rooms
Students have the ability to reserve team rooms on the First Floor and Lower Level of Miller Hall. Please keep in mind that the team rooms now only accommodate 3 people with social distancing.

For instructions on how to reserve a team room, please visit myMBA and click on ‘Facilities.’

COVID-19 Building Updates
Miller Hall has special policies in place for the Fall 2020 semester.

- Masks must be worn at all times on campus.
- Use the hand sanitizer that can be found in various locations in the building as well as in your “Healthy Together” kit.
- No guests are allowed in the building.
- No eating in the classroom. Drinking is permitted with a straw.
- Social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times.
- The COVID pledge must be adhered to while in the building.
- Please do not move or add chairs to rooms. They have been appropriately spaced to comply with the required 6ft of distance between students.

Podcast Spotlight: Five Strategies to Avoid COVID Burnout with Dr. Kelly Crace

It’s been six months since COVID-19 began to change life dramatically in the U.S. and across the world. And as we move into the fall, that change continues, and the amount of uncertainty seems to be growing. Along with it comes ambiguity, disruption, and other elements human beings generally dislike. All of those factors lead to what our guest today calls “chronic too-muchness.” For many people today, just “hanging in there” is a real challenge. But there are ways to not only hang tough, but to avoid burnout, and to even flourish during the pandemic. Dr. Kelly Crace is a licensed psychologist. He’s Associate Vice President for Health and Wellness at William & Mary. He’s the co-author of Authentic Excellence: Flourishing and Resilience in a Relentless World. He joins us today to discuss five mindful strategies you can adopt to avoid burnout and thrive during the pandemic.

Did you know that listening to two Leadership & Business podcasts are equivalent to one speaker credit. After listening to the podcasts, you simply e-mail FlexMBA.Program@mason.wm.edu with the names of the podcasts you listened to in order for your speaker credit to be applied.