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William & Mary's Business School to launch alumni network to enhance connections between alumni of color across the world

WILLIAMSBURG, VA – With William & Mary’s commitment to diversity and inclusion initiatives and a culmination of planning spanning more than a year, the Raymond A. Mason School of Business at William & Mary announced today the launch of the Mason Alumni of Color Network (Mason AoCN). "One of the great values of being a member of the William & Mary alumni community is the opportunity to connect and foster relationships with successful alumni all over the world. The creation of focused opportunities for our alumni of color to connect and share experiences is just one of the ways we can continue to facilitate opportunities for networking, engagement in current issues affecting business and society, and career advancement among underrepresented populations," said Carlane Pittman-Hampton, network sponsor and co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business at William & Mary.

“I am very pleased that the Mason Alumni of Color Network is moving forward at this time, and I commend and thank the launch team. The Mason AoCN’s mission will be to generate, enhance, and maintain a vibrant network for students and alumni of color so that truly meaningful and sustained relationships can develop, leading to substantive opportunities for connection and professional development among network members,” stated Larry Pulley, Dean of the Raymond A. Mason School of Business.

Mason alumni Montique Warren, MBA ’14, Enrique Sanchez-Rivera, MBA ’07, Stephanie Appiah, JD/MBA ’14, and Adrienne Streater, MBA ’14, will serve as Mason AoCN leadership. Planned activities and events include speakers on topics of relevance, a book club to facilitate social connections with each other as well as current Mason School of Business students, mentoring opportunities, and other events to inspire unity throughout the community.

The Network's first event is scheduled for July 16th and will feature Ken Harvey, former NFL Pro-Bowl linebacker and author, speaking on the topic of persistence in the face of adversity. The event will be virtual and is open to the public. To register, visit https://events.wm.edu/event/view/alumni/117958.

For more information on the Mason AoCN and how to be involved, visit https://mason.wm.edu/alumni/aocn/index.php.

About the Raymond A. Mason School of Business: William & Mary's business school is rebuilding the global economy by training the next generation of revolutionary business leaders. It offers undergraduate and graduate instruction, including full-time, part-time evening, executive and online MBA degree programs and one-year master's programs in accounting, business analytics, and marketing. The school develops successful business leaders by providing world-class instruction and unparalleled opportunities for mentorship and experiential learning.

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