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As we were going to press with this newsletter, we heard that second year Communications Sciences and Disorders graduate student Kelsey Patton died this morning in a car accident on her way to school. Please join me sending strength and support to her classmates, faculty, family, and friends.

Greetings from Provost Usher

Dear Colleagues,

As you can see from the full newsletter, the semester is in full swing and we have a wide range of activities for you and your students. Thank you for all your contributions to making the semester start so well, and to offering so many events on campus that really showcase our academic excellence!

Behind the scenes, we (Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate, and other divisions) are working on projects to streamline services and hopefully help you spend more time concentrating on your teaching and research. I think of these as “catalyst” activities – they may require more time, energy, or frustration in the short term, but the long-term benefits are worth it. Some of these projects include:

- Updates to the curriculum approval process, and relatedly, updates to the catalog as we merge the undergraduate and graduate catalogs

- Designing options for aligning the 7ish-week terms (sometimes called “part-of-term”) and semesters in the academic calendar
- Updating the details about the Dean search committee membership to help us successfully recruit new Deans
- Designing and updating the Academic Affairs and College websites
- Finalizing the Tartan Transfer agreement with 9 community colleges (signing event coming soon)
- Continuing the process to support REAL, including smoother transfer options, and a campus conversation about updates.

Please keep an eye on this space – many updates and opportunities for input will be coming soon!

Enjoy the first days of fall! As always, I am grateful to be working with you and watching you create a thriving community on campus and beyond.

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Women’s and Gender Studies

October is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To shed light on this critical issue, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program is pleased to host a talk by Dr. Wendy Eckenrod-Green (Professor, School of Teacher Education and Leadership). Her presentation will focus on the acute challenges victims face when attempting to leave their abusers.

Presentation Title: *Intimate Partner Violence and Break ups: Brutality, Badgering, and Burials.*

Presenter: *Dr. Wendy Eckenrod-Green*

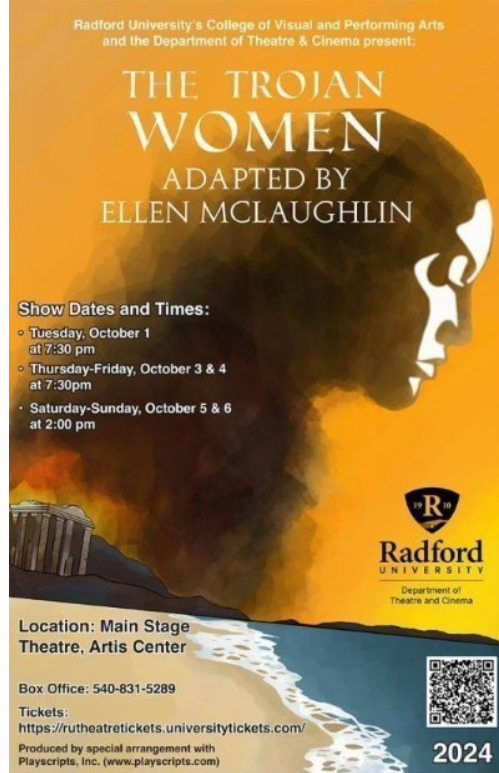
Time: *October 2nd (Wednesday), 5:00pm - 6:30pm*

Location: *Andrew W. Ross Student Art Gallery, McConnell Library*



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College of Visual and
Performing Arts



The main stage in the proscenium theater will soon see its first production as *The Trojan Women* comes to Radford University. Playwright Ellen McLaughlin has created a gripping revision in her version of Euripides' universal work, a stinging indictment of the senselessness of war focusing on those left behind—the women and children.

The play will open on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Artis Center. It will also play Thursday, October 3 and Friday October 4 at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday October 5 and Sunday October 6 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for all Theatre and Cinema performances are available online, by calling 540-871-5289, or during the week of the show, at the Theatre and Cinema Box Office, 252 Artis Center.

Get tickets for the play

On Sunday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m., jazz artist and five time Grammy nominee, Chuck Owen will perform with his sextet, ReSurgence. The concert takes place in Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center. It is free and open to the public. Please join us for this exciting musical experience.



Please join us for "**Dialogue Across Differences: An Evening with Frank Bruni**" on October 23 at 7 p.m. in the Artis Center Main Stage, followed by a reception in the lobby. Bruni is a New York Times Columnist and author of *The Age of Grievance*, which explores why Americans are so politically polarized and what we can do about it.

Please join us for the **October Common Grounds** event on October 8 from 4-5 p.m. in the McConnell Information Literacy Classroom B (3rd floor). These monthly facilitated conversations about issues that matter are open to all students, faculty and staff. October's topic is **artificial intelligence**, and we'll explore questions such as "should I use AI to do my homework?" and "should RU have an AI policy?". Delicious baked goods and coffee will be served.



**HIGHLANDERS
RISE TOGETHER**

Food For Thought: Share your thoughts and meet some students!

Faculty, staff, and students across campus are engaging in the Realizing Inclusive Student Excellence (RISE) Community Action Teams to help build community within each of our academic colleges. Our flagship program-Food For Thought-provides free food and encourages conversation within our academic communities. **Faculty-Please stop by during your college event to help students find their place within their academic homes!**

Monday 10-12 CVPA- Artis Center main lobby

Tuesday 9-11 CEHD-Peters Hall main entrance

Wednesday 11:30-1 pm DCOBE-Kyle Hall 1st floor

Wednesday 9:30-11:30 WCHHS-Waldron Hall patio

Thursday 10-11:45 CHBS-Hemphill Hall 1st floor lobby

Friday 10-12 ACSAT-Reed Hall atrium



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4-VA Course Redesign and Experiential Learning

Radford is now part of 4VA (a Virginia higher education collaboration) and eligible for a new inter-institution grant initiative. This is a great opportunity for faculty to collaborate across member institutions on some innovative pedagogy.

[See Details and Submit Proposals](#)

Career & Talent Development

Center for Career & Talent Development Open House-September 27 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

During Friends & Family Weekend, drop in at the Center for Career & Talent Development's Open House event anytime between 4:00-5:00 pm, in Russell Hall, 3rd floor and meet with our new team to see what services we offer. At 4:30 p.m., the Director, Lee Svete will give opening remarks.

Advancement Opportunities

Friday, October 4

10 am

University Updates and Celebrations

President Danilowicz and Radford Athletics

Bondurant Auditorium

Noon

Alumni Volunteer Leadership Business Lunch and Awards

Kyle Hall

Room 340

Space is limited - RSVP required

Saturday, October 5

2 - 4:30 pm

Alumni and Friends Village

Campaign Celebration for the Community

Moffett Lawn

Band, food truck, kids zone, cash bar, etc.

[See additional activities and register for special events here](#)

Office of Graduate Affairs

Highlander Research Blitz Competition: On April 2, 2025, the Office of Graduate Affairs, in collaboration with OURS, will host the inaugural Highlander Research Blitz Competition. This event is open to both graduate and undergraduate students from Radford University's main campus, RUC, RHEC, and SVHEC. Participants will have three minutes to present their original mentored research or creative projects using a single PowerPoint slide. The goal is to effectively communicate the significance of their work to a general audience. Radford and Radford University Carilion students interested in competing should submit their applications online by February 19, 2025.

[Submit your application](#)

Enhanced Communication and Development: We are working to improve our processes in collaboration with Enrollment Management and Strategic Communications. Look out for our weekly videos, which we send to program coordinators for updates and information.

Program Development Opportunities: Our next two workshops are "Reading in Graduate School" on September 24 and "What is Culturally Responsive Teaching and Why is it Important?" on September 25.

[Professional Development Opportunities](#)

Outstanding Student Award Nominations: Nominations for the Outstanding Student Award will be opening soon and are due by January 2025. The nomination form will be available on our website shortly.

[Office of Graduate Affairs](#)



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University Libraries

Civic Lab: Censorship

Tuesday, September 24, noon – 2 pm

McConnell Library - Reading Room

Stop by a pop-up Civic Lab on Voting. Whiteboards to share your thoughts will be up Monday through Thursday, as well as informational materials. Folks will be at the table on Tuesday afternoon to hear what you have to say: are there cases in which you think censorship is acceptable? If so, when and why? When is censorship unacceptable?

Sponsored by RadfordU Libraries and the Citizen Leader Program, in honor of Banned Books Week.

Meet Your University Librarian: Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, September 25, 3 – 5 pm

McConnell Library - McConnell Lounge

Stop in and enjoy some cold treats and say hello to our new University Librarian, Professor Jennifer Resor-Whicker! Welcome her to her new role overseeing both McConnell and RUC Libraries, a culmination of her 14+ year career as a Highlander. She'll be collaborating with student leaders, administration, faculty, and staff from across our University.

Pickle Palooza

Thursday, September 26, noon - 1 pm

RUC Library, Roanoke

We may have accidentally picked way more than a pack, so please join the RUC Library for lunch and a positively preposterous plethora of pickles. You could even win your own emotional support pickle. And who doesn't need one of those?

Artis College of Science & Technology

Save the Date for RARE Fest 2024

The RARE Fest will be held on September 26, 2024 from 4 to 6 p.m.

[Learn more about RARE Fest](#)

Waldron College of Health & Human Services



Friday, November 1, 2024

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Tentative Schedule

- **8:30-9:00 am**
Sign-in and breakfast
- **9:00-9:20 am**
Welcome
- **9:30-9:50 am**
Discipline-specific pre-brief
- **10:00-11:30 am**
Interprofessional breakout groups
- **11:40-12:00 pm**
Discipline-specific de-brief

Fall 2024 Interprofessional Case Study Event

About the Event

The 2024 Waldron Interprofessional Case Study event will bring together students from various health and human services disciplines to foster collaboration and enhance interprofessional communication. Participants will work in small groups to tackle a fictional yet realistic scenario, discussing the roles and responsibilities of each profession involved in the care of a complex patient case. The event promotes critical skills such as teamwork, empathy, and cultural competence, with the goal of preparing students to work effectively in interdisciplinary teams to improve patient outcomes. This bi-annual activity is an integral part of Waldron College's commitment to interprofessional education and helps students understand how their diverse skill sets contribute to comprehensive, patient-centered care.

Want to participate? Contact Dr. Laura Jacobsen, Interim Associate Dean for Interprofessional Education, Waldron College of Health and Human Services

Email: Ljacobsen@radford.edu

Save the Date!

The Annual PA Day is taking place on 10/4 in Roanoke.

Elmwood Park Art Walk: PA Day Health Fair will offer the following:

- Screenings (blood pressure, diabetic foot checks, education about resources available in the community for low-cost healthcare)
- Those attending will get a dry bag with some essential items
- Oral health tent - worked with Carilion Dental Clinic to get donations (toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc) to give away
- Public Health offerings - nutrition education, chair yoga
- Council of Community Services wants to set up a tent to do Hepatitis and HIV screening
- Kroger may be interested in setting up a tent to provide immunizations

This has been advertised throughout the community and the students hope to have contact with 200 community members.

Congratulations!

The PA Student Association was awarded a grant by the nccPA Health Foundation for their RU National Physician Assistant Day Community Health Fair (\$2500).

Other upcoming events...

- Highlander House: American Red Cross Blood Drive
- First Friday's - The students are volunteering at the event and they will provide a donation to a non-profit organization. Someone from the Mayor's office will provide a PA Day Proclamation at the event.
- Preceptor Appreciation - The students are putting goodies together to take to some of the PA preceptors who do a lot for our program.

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