

Monday Matters: Enjoy your break!

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Dear Colleagues:

The last year has seen a lot of change at ODU. It was about this time last year that we learned of our pending new R1 status. We have the plans for the merger with EVMS, the proposed new school of data science, and the launch of ODUGlobal to name just a few developments. The increase in graduate stipends was a welcome investment in our students and research programs. The new strategic plan has been approved by the Board of Visitors and will be published in the new year.

Thank you for all your hard work over the past year. I know there have been many challenges, from getting your research back on track to teaching students “post” pandemic. Administratively there has been a lot of change as well. I am very grateful to our staff who work so hard every day to support the teaching and research mission of the university.

I hope everyone has a very relaxing and peaceful holiday break.

Happy Holidays!

Gail

Upcoming Events:

- Science Friday: PSB 1100, 4 pm
 - Jan 20, 2023: Yet Nguyen (Math & Stat) and Trandon Bender (Chem & Biochem)
 - February 17, 2023: Rip Hale (OES) and Eric Yando (Biology)
 - March 17, 2023: Jian Wu (Computer Science) and Abby Braitman (Psychology)
- Townhall Discussion on Workload: Jan. 26, 12:30 – 1:30, location and zoom link TBA
- EVMS integration forum: Jan. 30, 2 – 3 pm; Big Blue Room at Chartway Arena

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