The College of Humanities and Social Sciences has introduced a new graduate program in Digital Technology Credential. The program will provide students with the knowledge and skills to design and develop innovative technology solutions. Effective Fall 2020, the MSW in Social Work will be offered through the College of Health and Human Services. The program will focus on social justice and human rights, and will be taught using courses designed by faculty. The program will be led by Dr. Milagros (Millie) Rivera, the Registrar and Academic Affairs.

In June, Mason and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) announced a new collaboration to prepare students for the workforce. The agreement will provide students who complete NOVA's Digital Technology Credential with seamless transition to Mason's new Digital Technology program. The program will be designed to meet the needs of the tech industry and the economy of Northern Virginia and the D.C. area. Earlier this week, Ardine Williams, vice president of people operations and Amazon HQ2 workforce, met with Mason leaders to discuss the partnership.

The Dogwood Network, an initiative to bring together businesses and universities, was launched at Mason this week. The network aims to foster innovation and economic growth. The development of graduate students, discussed best practices, and Graduate Student Life, participants shared the resources, tools, and support available to students. The event will feature opening remarks by Provost S. David Wu, who will give a financial overview and share updates for these goals. Q&A will be held after the presentation.

As a part of the Student Experience Redesign at Mason, the Provost's office has outlined specific areas of focus for the academic year. These goals include creating the website Mason Ready for the university community. If your are at-risk youth enrolled in education programs. If you are interested in seeing a larger, coordinated Mason presence throughout the region, please contact Alissa Karton at kmerten@gmu.edu. For details on the Innovations in Teaching and Learning Conference, email dfarris@gmu.edu. The Provost's annual goals outline specific areas of focus for the academic year.