Dear all,

For discussion, but also plenty of time for socializing and catching up with colleagues from the celebration on Friday, December 6, 2-4pm in Levitt Hall. There will be some reporting and time for a Q&A with ample time for snacking, socializing and celebrating the holiday season to thank everyone for their good work and for everybody’s patience and support as we navigate everything with a reduced number of staff.

Let me conclude by inviting you all, faculty and staff, to join us for an end-of-the-semester event to this calendar yourself—please do so to spread the news about all the things we do in A&S!

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From OffCampus:

The Washington University Summer Engineering Fellowship (WUSEF) is open to undergraduate students in engineering, computer science and materials science. Potential applications include underrepresented minority students, students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and those who are otherwise disadvantaged. The Washington University Summer Engineering Fellowship (WUSEF) program is designed to increase the number of minority students pursuing engineering degrees and to prepare them for success in engineering careers.

For more information, please visit https://chroniclevitae.com/news/2271-5-ways-to-welcome-women-to-computer-science?

The deadline for applications is December 1, 2019. Successful candidates for this program will be selected and notified by February 1.

Time Sheets over Thanksgiving

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, biweekly time sheets will need to be submitted early. Please submit time sheets for the 11/11-11/24 pay period by 10:00am on Wednesday, November 20, directed by Erin Horst, Performing Arts Hall; evening performances

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A&S Important Dates

December 2: University closed for holiday break after 4:30pm

December 1: Travel grants, call #3 due

November 27-29: University closed for Thanksgiving (including all day on Wednesday due to November 27 being a Wednesday, not a Thursday)

November 26: Thanksgiving Day

November 25: Veterans Day

November 18: Fall Break (no classes)

November 19: Last day to drop/add without a grade penalty

November 21: Final evaluation period is Dec. 9-13 (Mon.-Fri.)

November 22: Last day of fall term classes

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1. Reports and graphical data outputs will be made available in the survey report area.
2. Reports will be divided into categories based on location and role. The reports will be updated regularly, as data is collected.
3. Links will be made available for external use.
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5. You can review your survey responses to make any changes you wish.