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A yearly review of student achievement and noteworthy events.

The 2004–05 academic year was another successful one for George Mason University—a year of growth, notable events, and student achievement. Here are some highlights.

The Mason Student...

Try to pinpoint the “typical” Mason student and you will instead find yourself looking at a kaleidoscope of individuals of every age group, nationality, interest, and background. Although their backgrounds differ, however, Mason students increasingly share common qualities that reflect the nature of their university—an entrepreneurial spirit and an eagerness to become successful members of a global society. Because of their hard work, ambition, and successes, Mason students are bringing great credit to themselves and the university, as well as great benefit to the region, the nation, and the world.

Following are just a few examples of students who make Mason distinct.

-  Last summer, anthropology student Landon Yarrington was credited with one of the largest archaeological finds to date in historic Jamestown, Virginia: a wine cellar with 10 intact bottles dating back 320 years. According to officials at Jamestown Rediscovery, in the 10 years that archaeologists have been excavating there, they have found only two intact ceramic vessels in the half million artifacts recovered so far. **1**
-  Senior nursing student Margaret O’Hern spent two weeks in South Africa with a group of lactation consultants visiting hospitals, clinics, and an orphanage. O’Hern explored maternal-child care and addressed the complex issues of the HIV epidemic, specifically its implications for breastfeeding.
-  Government and international politics major Tommy Moore and marketing major Brandon Labman started their own company, ROCS (Responsible Outgoing College Students) Inc., a temp agency that helps put their fellow Patriots to work. The students now have more than 35 companies working with them. They recently received a student entrepreneur award, which recognizes outstanding undergraduate student entrepreneurs who are simultaneously juggling course work and cash flows—and succeeding at both.
-  Marty Engle, a student in the Bachelor of Individualized Studies Program, founded the Engle Group, a successful woman-owned company headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. Since its founding in 1984, the Engle Group has provided worldwide IT solutions supporting a wide range of government and corporate clients, including organizations in the judicial, legislative, and executive branches of the federal government, as well as high-profile international organizations.
-  Information technology major Christopher Auer hosted the Young Entrepreneurs Summit at George Mason in October, partnering with George Mason’s School of Management and the Entrepreneur Center at the Northern Virginia Technology Council. The summit inspired the audience with such speakers as 19-year-old Ryan Allis, author of *Zero to One Million*, who started his company when he was 17.
-  Computer science students Alan Baldwin and Brian Hrolenok, along with mathematics student Daniel Pryor, traveled to Shanghai, China, to compete at the world finals of the

