Letter from the Dean:
The phrase "Go Highlanders" took on new meaning for us on campus as almost all of our Highlanders returned to their residences after spring break. In compliance with social distancing norms, all spring Radford courses migrated to online formats so that students could continue their studies from home. Our faculty, staff, and students worked hard to adapt to teaching, working, and learning online, but the transition brought new challenges to our community. We particularly missed the opportunities to gather and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors, but we look forward to seeing them back on campus when it is safe and healthy for us to gather again. Until then, Go Highlanders . . . but come back when you can.

—Matthew J. Smith, Ph.D.
Faculty Reflections

Earlier this spring the Dean’s office had announced the intention for us to gather for a series of valedictories, or farewell addresses, in order to honor our retiring faculty and learn from their experiences. In shifting to remote working, though, gathering was no longer feasible. Thankfully, several of our honorees agreed to communicate their thoughts in writing.

Each reflection along with photographs that span their teaching careers can be found at the following URL:
https://www.radford.edu/content/chbs/home/about/Faculty-Reflections.html
Congratulations to the following students on being awarded the honor of Dean’s Scholar 2019–2020 for each of their departments.

Samantha Granzetto representing Communication
Colleen Elizabeth McNickle representing Media Studies
Alexis N. Beard representing Sociology
Kate Sundie representing Interdisciplinary Studies
Danielle S. Walls representing History
Kathleen Matthews representing Social Science
Karrah Nicole Davidson representing English
Matthew Hester representing Foreign Languages and Literatures
Dylan Bobbitt representing Philosophy and Religious Studies
Kit Reynolds representing Criminal Justice
Hunter Mundy representing Political Science
Mariah A. Campbell representing Psychology

We look forward to celebrating with you in person this coming December!
“The Pandemic Professors” podcast.

Pandemic Professors is a podcast on belonging and connection in the midst of the Coronavirus, hosted by Dr. West Bowers and Dr. Stirling Barfield. The podcast brings together the community of the New River Valley, Virginia, for conversations, comedy, and comfort.

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