

Mason LIFE Program Yearbook

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2009-2010



George Mason University

Class Ranks

Freshmen



Back (left to right): Allissa, Brittany, Katie, Max H., Austin, Max W.

Front (left to right): Sarah, Michael, Adrian

Sophomores



Back (left to right): Luke, Tommy, Christopher, Garrett, Darryl

Front (left to right): Jessica, Kat, Maggie

Juniors



Back (left to right): Gregory, Caitlin, Clare, Kia

Front (left to right): Tony, Jenny

Seniors



Erin and Ryan

Administrators



Dr. Heidi Graff



Mrs. Karen Ingram



Mrs. Kudirat Lawal



Ms. Jennifer Labbe



Ms. Alexandra Bender

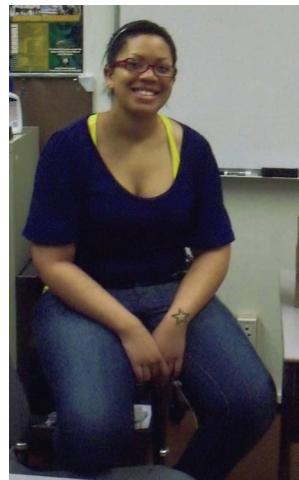
Instructors



Ms. Fish



Mr. Brown



Ms. Demery



Mr. Maniscalco



Ms. Scott and Ms. Searle



Ms. Tesfaldet, Mr. Raut, and Ms. Ahmed

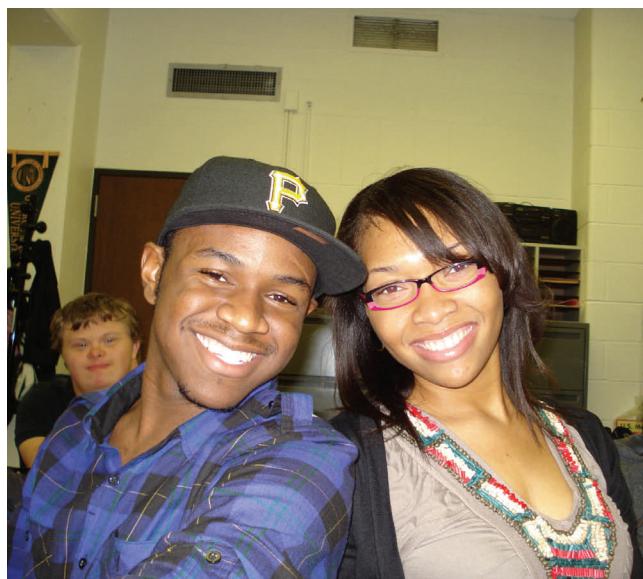


Ms. Horn, Ms. Trump, and Mr. Perrow

Residential Advisers



Rebecca and Toi-Kai



D'Leon and Tiffany



Danielle



Gabe



Alonso



Academic Program

There are four parts to the Mason LIFE Academic Program:

In the Classroom: During the week, Mason LIFE students attend between three and four classes each day. The type of core classes students take are primarily Math, Writing, and Literature. They also attend elective classes like Geography and Meteorology.

Community Access: Community Access is when all of the Mason LIFE students go out in the community using the CUE Bus. Students learn how to use the bus by themselves and how to use maps. Some of the places students went to this year are Noodles and Company, Pot Belly, Staples, and Giant.

Employment: Mason LIFE freshmen and sophomores stay in the classroom and learn the basics of employment, like how to have job interviews, fill out resumes, and dress properly. Juniors and seniors volunteer to work at different job sites on-campus and off-campus, such as the Aquatic and Fitness Center, GMU Mail Services, and TJ Maxx.

Field Trip: To follow up with our Meteorology course, meteorologist Brian van de Graaff gave Mason LIFE students a tour of the ABC 7 News Studio (WJLA).

In the Classroom—Fall



Kat and Caitlin waiting for class to start.



Clare typing up a recipe for Independent Living.



Austin, Katie, Clare, and Caitlin during Independent Living.



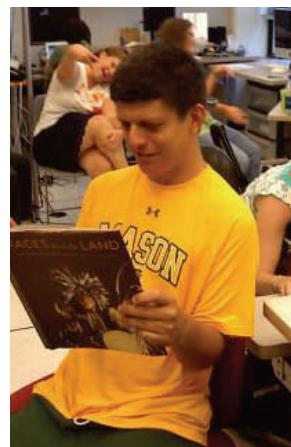
Christie acting out a character in Literature.



Erin taking notes during Current Events.



Brittany stirring the Rice Krispie Treats.



Max W. reading a book during break.



Clare and Caitlin stirring soup in Independent Living.



Greg, Darryl, Ms. Ahmed, and Jessica looking at the newspaper during Current Events.



Adrian, Sarah, Brittany, and Tommy working on the computers.



Greg, Adrian, Max H., and Allissa showing off their Rice Krispie Treats.

In the Classroom—Fall



Sarah, Chris, Michael, and Max H. eating their soup in Independent Living.



Tony and Maggie working together on the computers.



Ryan typing up his cartoon in Featured Writing.



Jessica and Brittany reading together in Literature.



Austin arguing his side of the case during the debate in Current Events.



Garrett using his protractor to complete his Geometry worksheet.

In the Classroom—Spring



Adrian demonstrating the Eagle Claw grip on Austin in Self-Defense class.



Christie, Max H., and Jessica presenting a project in Literature class.



Adrian and Catlin working on a letter in Featured Writing class.



Max W. demonstrating the Knee Kick on Vivian in Self-Defense class.



Erin and Adrian working on a quiz in Mathematics & Personal Finances.



Katie and Brittany feeling piano vibrations in Music Composers class.



Austin and Max H. working on a worksheet in Politics of the World class.



Mr. Raut demonstrating proper drilling in Home Maintenance class.



Laura, Brittany, and Adrian studying a map in Community Access class.

In the Classroom—Spring



Erin, Luke, Max W., and Austin pretending to play instruments in Music Composers class.



Erin playing the electric piano in Music Composers class.



Gregory practices drilling in Home Maintenance class.



Mr. Raut and Austin examining the drill in Home Maintenance class.



Sarah practices stapling in Home Maintenance class.



Tony working on an assignment on the computer.

Community Access—Fall



Maggie and Clare bagging groceries for Independent Living.



Tommy, Ryan, Andy, Tony, and Christie eating at Wendy's.



Adrian, Gregory, Luke, Tony, Chris, and Austin waiting for the CUE Bus.



Tommy, Clare, Max W., Sarah and Maggie completing worksheets in the conference room at Fairfax City's Library.



Ms. Demery, Laura, Garrett, Katie, Jenny, Christie, Jessica, and Mr. Brown waiting for the CUE Bus at the bus stop.



Gregory riding the CUE Bus.



LIFE students and instructors boarding the CUE Bus.



Tony and Ryan on the CUE Bus.



Mr. Wood from GMU-TV showing off a video camera.

Community Access—Fall



Laura getting change from the cashier at Shoppers.



Clare and Tommy looking at magazines at Fairfax City Library.



Tommy, Max W., Ryan, Sarah, Maggie, and Clare outside of Fairfax City Regional Library.



Ms. Fish, Ms. Demery, Mr. Brown, Jessica, Christie, Katie, Brittany, and Jenny finishing lunch at McDonald's.



The cashier helping Jenny swipe her credit card at Shoppers.



Max W. and Maggie practicing how to read a map together.



Ryan, Tommy, Darryl, and Mr. Miscalco showing off their Burger King crowns.

Community Access—Spring



Chris, Mr. Perrow, Ms. Tesfaldet, Katie, and Erin on their way down to the Metro.



Caitlin and Christie riding the CUE Bus to lunch.



Ms. Tesfaldet, Laura, Maggie, and Ms. Ahmed at Wendy's.



Arjun showing Mason LIFE students how to read the Metro map.



Ms Demery, Tommy, Caitlin, Ms. Tesfaldet, Kia, and Tony finishing lunch at the Boston Mall Food Court.



A group of Mason LIFE students in front of the Vienna Metro Station.

Community Access—Spring



Sarah buying her Metro ticket.



Arjun, Allissa, Tommy, Sarah, Jessica, and Kia waiting for the Metro at the Ballston stop.



Andy, Greg, and Christie waiting at the CUE Bus stop.



Laura, Mr. Perrow, Ryan, Allissa, and Gregory hanging out at the Ballston Mall Food Court.



Tony, Garrett, Maggie, Katie, Tommy, and Caitlin waiting to take the CUE Bus back to GMU after a trip to lunch and Walgreens.



Ryan, Jenny, Mr. Raut, and Max W. looking at and talking about the CUE Bus map.

Community Access

Cherry Blossoms Trip



Maggie, Tony, Gregory, Caitlin, and Tommy picnicking under a tree.



Clare with the Thomas Jefferson Memorial in the background.



Two group shots in front of the cherry blossoms.



A group shot in front of the Tulip Library with the Washington Monument in the background.



A group shot with the statue of Thomas Jefferson.

Community Access

Cherry Blossoms Trip



Brittany, Clare, Erin, and Christie on the bus, going to the Vienna Metro.



Greg on the bridge.



Sarah, Kia, and Katie in front of the cherry blossoms.



Ms. Searle and Tony exploring the Tulip Library.



Tony, Jenny, and Maggie riding the shuttle bus to the Metro.



A group shot in front of the cherry blossoms.

Employment



Jenny working at Sodexo.



Tony playing with a little boy at the Child Development Center.



Gregory filing papers at the Kellar Library.



Kia and Maggie at the Commerce Building.

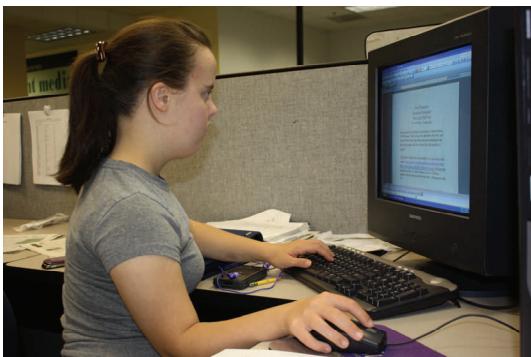


Ryan sorting mail with Ms. Bender at GMU Mail Services.



Caitlin working at the front desk computer at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Employment



Erin typing articles for The Broadside at Student Union I.



Tony and the little kids playing duck-duck-goose at the Child Development Center.



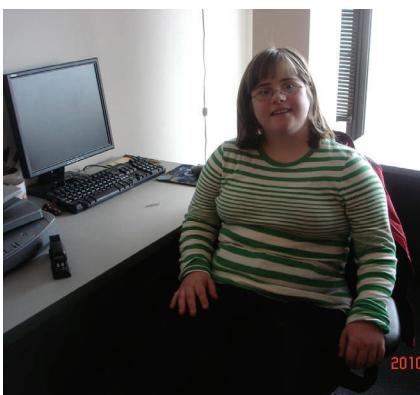
Gregory organizing notebooks at the library into separate piles.



Tony leaving work at the Child Development Center.



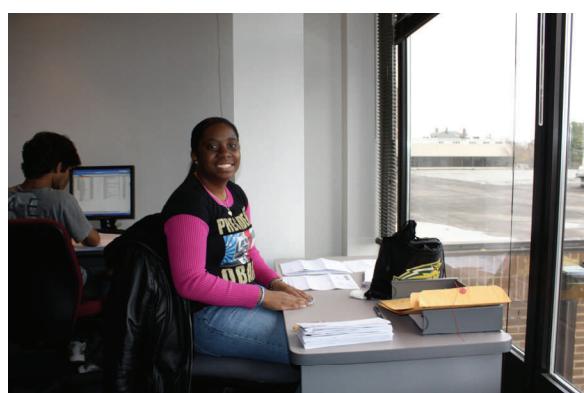
Erin reading The Broadside newspaper on a chair at Student Union I.



Maggie posing in the office at the Commerce Building.



Jenny filling out papers for jobs at an office in the Johnson Center.



Kia waiting to sort the mail into the correct piles in an office at the Commerce Building.

Field Trip

Tour of ABC 7 News Studio



The Mason LIFE group in front of the building.



Darryl with Mr. van de Graaff, his Best Buddy.



Mr. van de Graaff telling the students all about the studio.



Mr. Raut, Luke, and Tommy sitting at the anchor table.



The Mason LIFE students rehearsing their "Good Morning Greeting" that was recorded for and aired on WJLA.



Field Trip

Tour of ABC 7 News Studio



Mr. van de Graff and Maggie demonstrating how the green screen works.



Darryl watching his peers on the screen as they practice giving weather reports.



Laura practices giving a weather report in front of the green screen.



Christie and Tommy in the lobby.



Mr. van de Graaff explaining the use of the teleprompter.



Luke, Tony, Mr. Raut, Kat, Sarah, and Chris behind the ABC 7 News anchor desk.



Internship Program

Some of the Mason LIFE alumni participate in the internship program. The program helps them locate and evaluate permanent work placements. Some of the places alumni worked at this year are Audi of America in Herndon; Inova Fair Oaks Hospital and Sunrise Senior Living in Fairfax; The World Bank in D.C.; and the JC Multimedia Library, Mail Services, and the Aquatic and Fitness Center at GMU.

Internship Program



Arjun sending an e-mail while working at Audi of America.



Laura working at her desk at The World Bank.



Vivian scanning a customer's card to let him into the Aquatic and Fitness Center.



Vivian at GMU Mail Services with Mr. Bowman.



Christie hanging clothes in TJ Maxx.

Internship Program



Arjun by his desk at Audi.



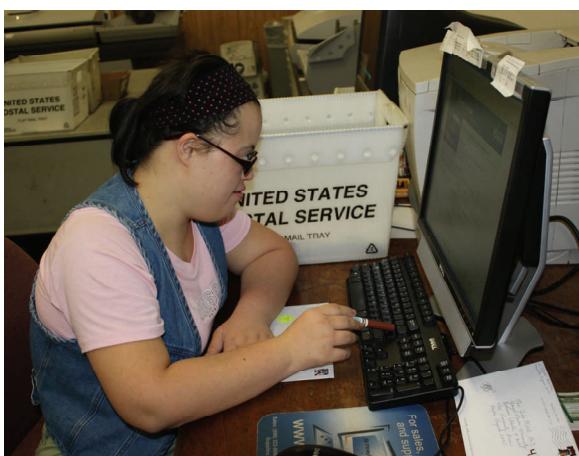
Christie playing dominoes with a resident at Sunrise Senior Living.



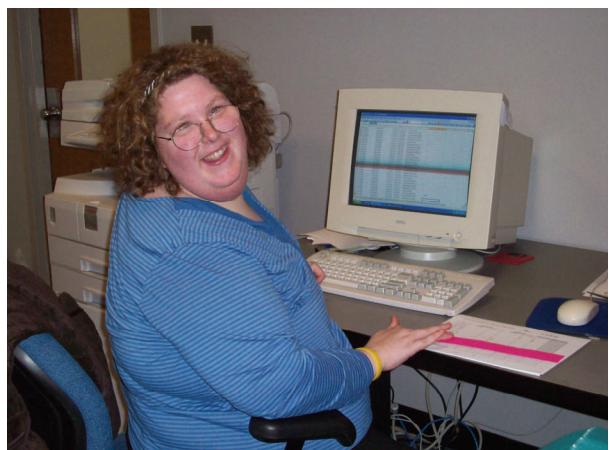
Vivian doing paperwork at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital.



Laura celebrating her birthday with her co-workers at The World Bank.



Laura doing computer work.



Christie working in the JC Multimedia Library.



Residential Program

Ten of the Mason LIFE students lived on-campus this year. All of the students lived in Liberty Square with their classmates and Mason LIFE R.A.'s. The students learned to do things like taking the trash out, doing the dishes, and cleaning the bathroom. They also participated in activities together like going to the mall, playing in the snow, watching TV and movies, and playing video games.

Residential Hall—Fall



Jenny , D-Leon, Tony, Tommy, Caitlin, and Jessica standing in front of the “Berlin Wall.”



Jessica, June, Tommy, Caitlin, Tony, Jenny, and D-Leon in front of the George Mason statue.



Jessica, Clare, Tommy, and Jenny on the way to the movies at Fairfax Corner.



Jenny, Erin, Jessica, and Tony coming back from the grocery store.



Jessica, D-Leon, Tommy, Tony, Jenny, and Caitlin during Witch Watch.



Tony, Caitlin, and Jenny eating pizza after Witch Watch.

Residential Hall—Fall



Caitlin, Tommy, and Tony at Fairfax Corner to see a movie.



Gabe and Clare doing work on their laptops.



Tony and Caitlin playing X-Box in the common area.



Jenny doing her homework in her dorm room.



Tony, Rebecca, Erin, Jenny, and Jessica eating breakfast at McDonald's.



Don, Gregory, and Jenny watching TV in the boy's common area.

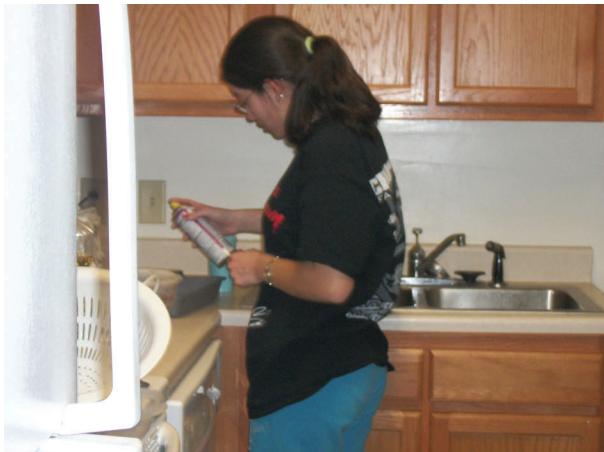
Residential Hall—Spring



Tommy and Caitlin in the girl's common area doing homework.



Greg in his room watching a video on the computer.



Caitlin cooking dinner in her kitchen.



Jessica and Rebecca eating together at Southside.



Tony, Tommy, and Caitlin surfing the Internet in the boys' common area.

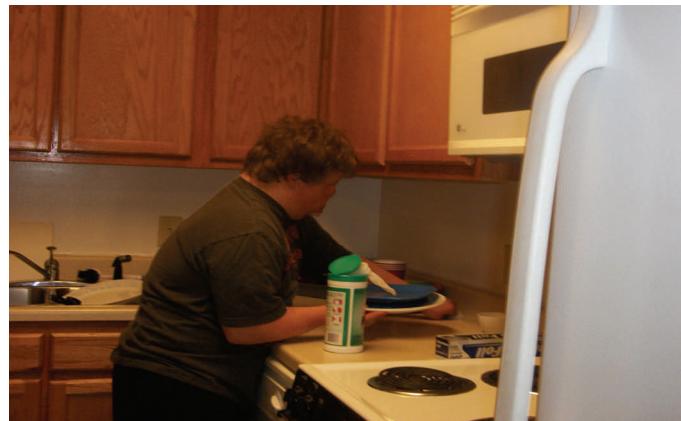


Clare, Gabe, and Tommy being goofy in the common area of the boys' room.

Residential Hall—Spring



Rebecca, Caitlin, Jessica, and Gabe out in the courtyard playing in the snow.



Greg cooking his dinner in his room.



Tommy putting away his groceries in the boys' kitchen.



Tony and Tommy waiting to watch the Capitals game on TV.



Tony and Gabe in the common area of the boys' room, just hanging out.



Clare after making a snow angel out in the courtyard.



Special Olympics

There are three Mason LIFE Program Special Olympics Teams. Each team plays soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter, and track and field in the spring. Students practice on Wednesdays and play games on some weekends. Tournaments are held at the end of each season. Mason LIFE teams are coached by Coach Leo, Coach Don, and Coach Joyce.

Special Olympics Soccer



Gregory taking a nap after playing in his game.



Jenny dribbling the ball down the field.



Ms. Bender and Kat at GMU Men's Soccer Halftime Exhibition.



Tony, Gregory, and Tommy watching the girls' team play.



Christie celebrating after her team scored a goal.



Caitlin kicking the ball back into play.



Gregory shooting a goal during the pre-game warm-ups.



Ryan, Caitlin, Suzanne, Lauren, and Erin hanging out at the hotel for State Games.



Mason LIFE players at the Special Olympics Soccer Opening Ceremony for State Games.

Special Olympics Soccer



Coach Leo hanging out before the game starts.



Jenny and Lauren at the dance at Marshall High School.



Michael warming up before the game.



Vivi and Adrian cheering at the State Games.



Tommy, Ryan, and Zack having fun at the PVI dance.



Christy and Jessica celebrating after the game



Greg, Tony, Luke, and Darryl celebrating winning the gold at Under the Lights.



Christie, Coach Leo, and Erin at State Games.



Max W. shooting the ball towards the goal.



Lauren and Vivi after their team's wins.



Arjun getting ready for the games.

Special Olympics Basketball



Vinny dribbling the basketball towards the hoop.



All of the teams outside in the Five Guys parking lot on the way to State Games.



Tony passing the ball in to Max H.



The Special Olympics Opening Ceremony at State Games.



Chris and Darryl guarding the other team.



Kia trying to shoot but the other player is guarding her.



The Men's Gold Rush team after winning the Silver Medal.

Special Olympics Basketball



Coach Leo coaching the Special Olympics teams during halftime at the Patriot Center.



Vinny holding the ball from the other team's defense.



Caitlin and Vivi getting ready for a game at Hoops Magic.



Tommy passing the ball to Jerry.



Coach Leo talking with the team during half time.



Caitlin dribbling the ball toward the basket.



Arjun passing the ball to Erin.



Darryl playing defense against the other player.



Jenny dribbling the ball down the court.



Adrian and Garrett blocking the opponent.

Special Olympics Track & Field



Ryan, Max W., Kia, and Zack running the 100-yard dash.



Tony and Tommy after the relay race.



Luke, Garrett, and Darryl waiting for the next event.



Kia, Jessica, and Adrian throwing the softball.

Special Olympics Track & Field



Maggie, Max W., and Vivi getting ready for the relay races.



Jessica, Max W., Maggie, and Jenny cheering the other teams on during their break.

Darryl and Arjun running in the relay races.



Chris celebrating a win in the relay race.



Vinny and Christie throwing the soft-ball.





Best Buddies Program

In the Best Buddies Program, students with disabilities and without disabilities get together, form friendships, and have fun. Each Mason LIFE student who signs up for the program gets matched with a GMU student who also signs up. This year, students in the Best Buddies Program participated in Spread the Word to End the Word and the Spring Dance. Students in Best Buddies also get to know each other through activities like over lunch or at the movies.

Best Buddies—Fall



Tommy, his brother Jack, and Caitlin at Life is Sweet.



Austin and his buddy talking in Thompson 216.



Michael and his Best Buddy, Andrew.



Jenny at the Life is Sweet event.



Mr. Ahmed helping Jessica with paperwork for Best Buddies.



Luke and a Buddy at the pumpkin painting event before Halloween.



Best Buddies—Fall

Mark Wylie - Guest Speaker



Chris working out with Mark.



Luke on the bike with his Best Buddy, Christina.



Maggie and Jessica on the bikes with Ms. Tori.



Greg working out with his Best Buddy.



Mason LIFE students and other Best Buddies at the RAC Center with the guest speaker.



Michael and Mark playing ball at the RAC Center with other Best Buddies.

Best Buddies—Spring

Spring Dance



Tony and his Best Buddy, Scott, at the dance.



Mrs. Lawal on the dance floor.



Adrian and his Best Buddy, Ally, letting loose.



Greg and his Best Buddy having fun together.



Darryl and Mr. Perrow making moves together.



Luke and his Best Buddy, Christina.



Erin and Jenny together at the dance.



Jessica and Vivi enjoying each others' company.



Tommy and his Best Buddy, Katie, catching up at the dance.

Best Buddies—Spring

Spring Dance



Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Lawal having a great time at the dance.



Mrs. Ahmed and her brother getting low with a Buddy.



Greg and Tony looking cool at the dance.



Allissa and Dr. Graff dancing and laughing together.



Tommy and Caitlin having fun.



Adrian dancing.



Clare requesting a song from the DJ.



Katie and Sarah eating together with Erin's Best Buddy, Amber.



Max H., Austin, and Mr. Raut enjoying themselves on the dance floor.

Best Buddies—Spring

Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign



A group picture with the banner that people signed who pledged to not use to r-word.



Darryl standing at our kiosk.



Ms. Fish signing her name for the campaign.



Max W. and Mr. Raut asking someone in the JC to not use the r-word.



Jenny spreading the word to end the word.



Tony practicing what to say with two of the helpers.

Best Buddies—Spring

Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign



Dr. Graff signing her name to the banner.



Arjun, Caitlin, Ryan and Erin spreading the word to end the word with Johan de Nyssen, the CEO of Audi.



Luke asking someone in the JC to not use the r-word.



Jenny and Tommy Lee, the Diversity Chair who helped Mason LIFE with the campaign.



Mason LIFE students working on the campaign.



Ms. Tesfaldet and her friend pledging to not use the r-word.



After-School Programs

Mason LIFE students can participate in three after-school programs:

Grace Art: Many Mason LIFE students and alumni are involved in Grace Art. Grace Art teaches the students about different artists and styles. Grace Art is led by Mrs. Hemphill and Mrs. DiPlacido.

Art Stream: Many Mason LIFE students are also involved in Art Stream. Art Stream is an organization that has drama programs for individuals with disabilities. This year, the students have learned about acting. Ms. Paige and Ms. Leanne lead the class.

Book Club: Book Club is a partnership of GMU's Honor College and the Mason LIFE Program. In the fall semester, the students read Hoot by Carl Hiaasen. In the spring semester, the students read Holes by Louis Sachar. Ms. Lee is the LIFE Program instructor at Book Club.

Art Stream



Vivi and Jenny practicing the mirror.



Greg and Jenny playing workers.



Miss Page, an Art Stream teacher.



Gregory and Ms. Leanne playing a game with the group in a circle.



Arjun and Vivi both practicing the magic soft technique.



Mr. Perrow and Kia playing secret letter.



Kia and Sarah performing the mirror technique.



Gregory doing the magic soft motion.

Grace Art



Luke holding his painting of the night sky.



Laura Lee holding her painting of sun, dust, houses, and trees.



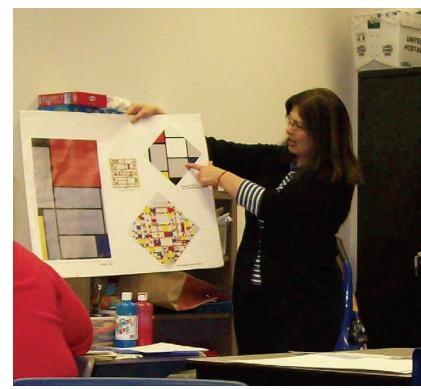
Christie cutting the paper for the dome.



Gregory painting with his paintbrush and water.



Jenny drawing with a pencil and blue marker.



Mrs. Hemphill teaching about shapes.



Arjun cutting the paper and gluing on the paper dome.



Christie and Jenny painting with water colors.



Mrs. DiPlacido helping Laura glue shapes on the paper.

Book Club



Sarah, Adrian, and Christie listening to the instructors.



Adrian and Alex discussing at the book club.



Chris and Austin talking about the book.



Darryl listening to others talk about the book.



Ms. Lee, Mr. David, and Adrian listening to a discussion about the book.



Kia and Christie sharing their thoughts about the book.



Max H., Sarah, and Chris enjoying the discussions.



Darryl, Mr. David, and Max H. focusing on what the speaker has to say.



Social LIFE

The Mason LIFE students also find time to be with their friends socially. During lunch, the students eat on campus and talk to their friends. Some of them also go to the game room together. After school and on the weekends, the students also hang out with their friends. They sometimes go to a movie, go out to eat, go to a party, play sports, or do homework together.

Social LIFE—Fall



Clare and Allissa eating lunch in the JC.



Max H., Darryl, and Garrett sitting outside, just hanging out.



Darryl, Maggie, and Tony playing a game in the game room.



Brittany, Katie, and Sarah walking to lunch.



Jessica and Maggie hanging out before class.

Social—Fall



Garrett and Max W. hanging out at lunch in the JC.



Caitlin, Jenny, and Tony sitting in the grass, talking.



Allissa, Katie, Max W., Max H., Austin, and Brittany eating lunch in the JC.



Michael and Garrett hanging out before class.



Ryan and Max W. sitting outside after lunch..



Gregory and Luke hanging out in the JC during lunch.

Social LIFE—Spring



Ryan and Vivi dancing at Allissa's birthday party.



Arjun, Erin, Katie, and Darryl doing the Macarena at Allissa's party.



Austin doing the limbo at Allissa's party.



Luke handing out cupcakes for his birthday.



Kia and Brittany having lunch in the JC.



DJ Captain Buddy and Vivi playing music Allissa's birthday.



Tommy and Caitlin talking in the hallway between classes.



Allissa and Clare at a party.



Katie and Kat at lunch.

Social LIFE—Spring



Austin with a hula-hoop spinning on his arm.



Jenny and Ryan hanging out at the JC.



Caitlin and Tommy pose with the panda at a sorority basketball game.



Christie eating a cupcake to help celebrate Luke's birthday.



DJ Captain Buddy and Jenny dancing at Allissa's party.



Brittany, Max H., and Sarah eating lunch in the JC.



Visitors

The Mason LIFE Program has had a lot of visitors this year:

Congressman Gregg Harper: Congressman Harper is a congressman in Mississippi. He talked to the Mason LIFE students about his job and what is going on with the issue of health care and disability rights.

Detective Kim Taylor: Detective Taylor investigates crime on GMU's campus. He warned the Mason LIFE students about crime. He taught us how to stay safe and to pay attention to our surroundings.

Christian Ingram and Jake: Christian and Jake are EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians). They told the Mason LIFE students about their experiences of being an EMT.

Brian van de Graaff: Brian van de Graaff is a weather forecaster. He taught us about his job and the importance of weather.

Congressman Gerry Connolly: Congressman Connolly is a congressman in Virginia. While he talked to the Mason LIFE students, he was presented the AbilityOne Congressional Champion Award.

Visitors



Christian demonstrating EMT procedures.



Detective Taylor teaching safety to LIFE students.



Clare, Erin, Caitlin, and Congressman Harper visiting the girls' dorms.



Christie, Vivian, and Mr. van de Graaff in front of the weather truck.



Mason LIFE students learning about weather from Mr. van de Graaff.



Detective Taylor answering questions about safety.

Visitors



Christian and Jake with Michael after talking to Mason LIFE students about being an EMT.



Mr. van de Graaff showing off the Weather Reader.



Congressman Harper talking to Mason LIFE students about health care.



Christian, Allissa, and Jake.



Christian and Jake demonstrating an EMT technique



Congressman Harper answering LIFE students' questions.

Visitors



Posing with the AbilityOne award.



Congressman Connolly, Kat, and Katie conversing.



Congressman Connolly, Darryl, and President Merten.



Congressman Connolly receiving his award.



Vivi hugging Congressman Connolly while they talk with Mrs. Alonso.



Congressman Connolly talking to Austin.



Bob Chamberlin, President and CEO of NISH, and Rex Parr, President and CEO of Didlake, presented Congressman Connolly with the AbilityOne Congressional Champion Award.



GMU Activities

The Mason LIFE Program has participated in many GMU activities this year:

Happy Heart Walk: The Happy Heart Walk is a walk around campus for heart disease. The Mason LIFE Program was invited to walk with President Merten's wife, Sally L. Merten.

Family Night: In the fall, GMU held Family Weekend. During this time, the Mason LIFE students and their families were invited to come to Thompson to meet each other and watch a photo show.

Spring Pep Rally: Spring Pep Rally is a Homecoming event for the GMU men's and women's basketball teams. The Mason LIFE Program joined the event in the JC.

Happy Heart Walk



Greg and Patriot.



Allissa giving a high-five to Patriot.



Darryl receives the Happy Heart Award on behalf of the Mason LIFE Program.



Ryan, Tommy, Max W., Maggie, Katie, and Austin with Patriot.



Erin, Luke, and Tony with Patriot.



Ms Scott, Ryan, and Tony in the closet while on a tour of the new faculty



The Happy Heart Walk leader and Patriot explaining the direction of the walk to the group.



Allissa, Andy, Jessica, Kia, and Michael finishing up the last leg of the Walk.



Austin, Max H., Adrian, and Max W. still smiling after the Walk.

Family Night



Tony and his brother at family night.



Sarah, her mom, and Chris talking.



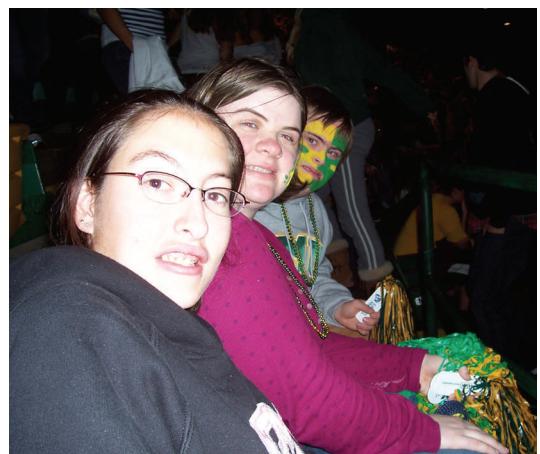
Mason LIFE families getting to know each other.



Tony's mom and brother watching the Mason LIFE Photo Show.



Jenny, Jessica, Adrian, Tony, and Caitlin getting dinner before going to the GMU basketball game.

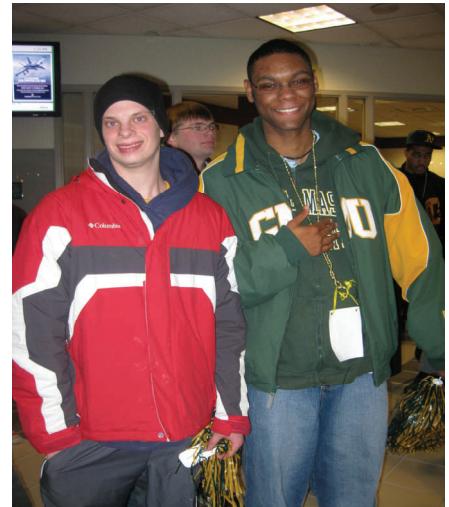


Caitlin, Sarah, and Adrian cheering at the game.

GMU Spring Pep-Rally



Katie, Tommy, Caitlin, Sarah, and Ryan supporting GMU.



Max H. and Darryl showing their school spirit.



Tony and Allissa dancing along to the music.



Allissa, Katie, Adrian, and Kat socializing.



Tommy, Ryan ,Chris, and Jenny cheering on GMU.



Brittany, Mr. Raut, Kia, Maggie, Jessica, and Erin having fun.

Yes I Can! Award

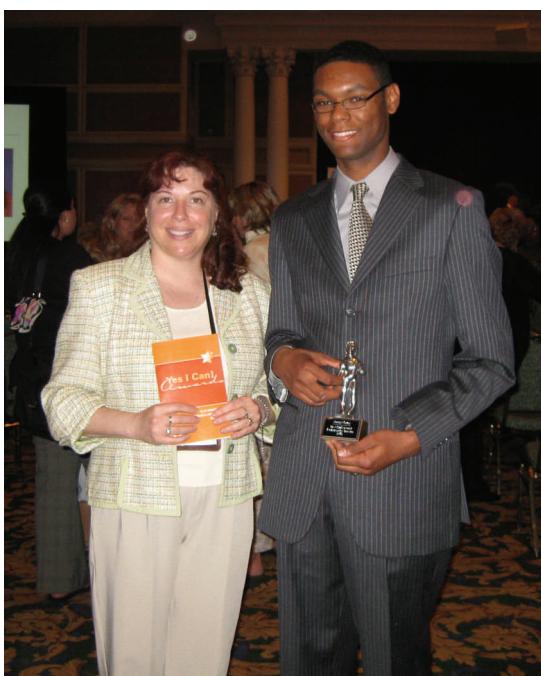
This spring, the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) honored Darryl for his outstanding achievement in community service.



Darryl being presented the *Yes I Can!* Award.



Darryl and Ms. Labbe at the ceremony.



Darryl and Dr. Graff at Nashville, Tennessee's Gaylord Hotel, where Darryl was presented the award.



Darryl and his uncle posing with the *Yes I Can!* Award.

Autographs

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