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Dear Alumnus/a,

U.S. News & World Report ranks the **Schar School of Policy and Government #3 for best graduate program concentrations in Homeland/National Security and Emergency Management**. This ranking speaks to the un-matched quality and rigor of the Schar School's master's in international security (the fastest growing among the School's professional degree programs)!



In case you have not heard the news, former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe has been appointed as a Schar School Distinguished Visiting Professor.

Over the past few years, numerous alumni volunteers have played a critical role in fostering the Schar School Alumni Chapter's growth and development. On behalf of the Alumni Chapter, I am extremely thankful for their efforts, including their donations of time and talent on our numerous sub-committees. We offer more opportunities for alumni involvement, ranging in duration and level of commitment. We rely heavily on our volunteers to ensure our success, and we hope that you will consider taking part! We invite you to lend your support in creative, personally meaningful ways that will inspire and shape the future of the Schar School. Please contact ScharAlumni@gmu.edu for information on how to get more involved.

We need your help identifying outstanding alumni from your class year or your professional network who you believe should be recognized for their accomplishments and achievements. **Please nominate a graduate for the 2018 Annual Alumni Awards Gala**. All alumni are eligible for recognition. There is no limit to the number of nominations; however, nominations should be submitted by Friday, April 13, 2018. All 2018 awards will be presented at the Annual Alumni Awards Gala "Lost in Lies: Fact Finding in the Social Media Era" on May 10, 2018 featuring Dan Moldea. Your involvement in the nominations process is invaluable to the Alumni Chapter.

The latest issue of the newly rebranded Schar School of Policy and Government Magazine, '**The Pulse**' (a triannual publication sharing news and events at the Schar School) is now available. Featuring new and noteworthy happenings at the Schar School for alumni, friends, and supporters. Missed an issue? You can find past publication at the link above.



The Schar School Launches New Hayden Center

Developed Event Examined Global Attack on Health and Youth
October 3, 2017 was another significant day for Schar School. On that day, the Michael Hayden Center for Intelligence, Policy and International Security was launched. The event featured the first in a series of lectures by the Center's first director, Professor Michael V. Hayden. The event was held in the Schar School Lecture Hall and was attended by a large number of students and faculty members. For more information, see page 2.



Lastly, **April 5th marks George Mason University's 2nd annual Giving Day.** Please consider helping our dedicated students make a powerful impact on the world through your gift to the **Schar School Alumni Scholarship Endowment.** For every dollar given to this scholarship, the Schar School will receive a one-to-one match, up to \$500K!

As always, I ask for your ideas and suggestions to help continue and grow the Schar School Alumni network!

All the best,
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Faculty Updates and News

Wesley Clark, Michael Hayden Discuss the U.S.-Russia 'Cold War 2.0'

Distinguished Visiting Professor **Michael V. Hayden**, retired Army general, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe and 2004 presidential candidate Wesley Clark discussed heated U.S.-Russia relations during the second "Policy Corner" event hosted by Schar School's **Michael V. Hayden Center for Intelligence, Policy and International Security.** [Learn more.](#)

Did Rep. Barbara Comstock's reelection bid just get a lot harder?

Dean **Mark J. Rozell** analyzes Barbara Comstock's reelection bid. [Learn more.](#)

Fat Leonard's crimes on the high seas

Professor **Janine Wedel**, author of the book "Shadow Elite", talks about the rise of government contractors. [Learn more.](#)

Alumni and Students News and Updates

Schar School biodefense alum leads NEIC lab

Biodefense MS alum Francisco Cruz '15 was recently named the Chief of the EPA's **National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) Laboratory Branch!** The branch's primary responsibility is conducting forensics analysis on environmental samples related to criminal and civil cases.

Organization Development master's student finds her passion

Jacquelyn Ingros, ODKM student, overcame multiple obstacles to earn her undergraduate degree. Now she advocates for postgraduate education. [Learn more.](#)

Snow day in Fairfax County? Mason public administration alumnus makes the call

Some days Jeffrey Platenberg '85 BA PUAD is a hero to hundreds of thousands of children. Those are the days he makes the call to delay the start or close Fairfax County's schools for inclement weather. [Learn more.](#)

Want to be featured here?

Share your news and updates with us at <https://schar.gmu.edu/engage/alumni/stay-connected>.

Upcoming Events

Apr
19

Schar School Alumni DC Happy Hour 5:30 - 8 p.m. • Hawthorne's Rooftop-Sky Bar

You and a guest are invited to join the Schar Alumni Chapter for an evening of connecting with fellow Schar School alumni and students! Drink specials, raffle prizes, and free hors d'oeuvres provided.

[Register Now](#)

May
10

Schar School Alumni Awards Gala featuring Dan. E. Moldea

6 p.m. • Founders Hall Multipurpose Room

"Lost in Lies: Fact Finding in the Social Media Era," featuring journalist Dan E. Moleda, a specialist in organized crime and political corruption and best-selling author. Open bar, three-course dinner, business attire.

[Learn more and register now.](#)

May
14

Professor Mark Addelson's Retirement Celebration

Time TBA • Schar School, Room 602

Save the date! More details to follow.

Sept
7

Annual Roast of the Faculty - Professor Bob Deitz

6 p.m. • Founders Hall Multipurpose Room

You and a guest are invited to join the Schar School Alumni Chapter and Dean Mark Rozell for an evening of connecting with fellow Schar School alumni and students! Join us as alumni and friends "roast" Professor Bob Deitz! Open Bar, Three-Course Dinner, Business Attire! [Register now](#)

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Sept
16

Schar School Alumni 5K/10K Fun Walk/Run

8 a.m. • Lake Accotink Park, Springfield, VA

Join great friends for a good cause: Schar School alumni participating with America's Adopt-a-Soldier for their fun walk/run! Wear your Mason gear and join us at the starting line under the green and gold balloons. Coffee, water, fruit, doughnuts, and more! Packet pickup starts at 8 a.m., race begins at 10 a.m. [RSVP.](#)

Sept
27

Best of Lecture featuring Professor Jack Goldstone 6 p.m. • Schar School, Room 602

Lecture topic: Are We Ready for the Future?: Why Population Changes are Changing Everything in the Economy, Politics, and Security." Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. [RSVP](#)

Email Us

Do you have some questions, comments, or news you want to share with us? Drop us a line at ScharAlumni@gmu.edu!

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