

# PATRIOT SUCCESS

How Mason can help support institutional efforts to improve student retention and degree completion

## 4 WAYS MASON CAN HELP

### 1. Promote The Patriot Success Survey to undergraduate students in the fall

- Students can take the Patriot Success survey from Monday, September 25 through Friday, October 6.
- This survey helps the Patriot Success team to identify students who may be at risk for leaving the institution, or facing challenges within the Mason community.
- Students can win great prizes, including class t-shirts.
- Students can complete the survey by following the link they'll receive in their Mason email address.

### 2. Watch for trends with your students

- If you see a student facing academic or social challenges, report it!
- Our Patriot Success Team is working to eliminate barriers to student success and we need extra eyes and ears all across campus.
- Let us know how we can help connect students to their success networks. Email us at [success@gmu.edu](mailto:success@gmu.edu).

### 3. Make referrals when you think a student has a need

- Whether you're a professor, on-campus employer, or mentor, you may see student who would benefit from a referral.
- If so, send us a note, and we'll get in touch with the student.
- Email [success@gmu.edu](mailto:success@gmu.edu) with the student's name, G number (if you have it), and the issue at hand.

### 4. Log a note if you believe it would be important to the student's success network

- Interested in simply adding a note to a student's profile? Feel you have information that would be important to a student's success network?
- Email [success@gmu.edu](mailto:success@gmu.edu) with the student's name, G number (if you have it), and the note.
- We look to include positive accolades as well as areas of challenge.

### WHAT IS PATRIOT SUCCESS?

Patriot Success is a campus-wide initiative to identify, develop, implement, and assess student-level interventions that will increase engagement, retention, and timely degree completion among George Mason University undergraduate students.

### Want to learn more?

[Patriotsuccess.gmu.edu](http://Patriotsuccess.gmu.edu)  
[success@gmu.edu](mailto:success@gmu.edu)



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## KEY POINTS IN A STUDENT'S PATRIOT SUCCESS TIMELINE

### SEPTEMBER

- Promote the Patriot Success-Beacon survey to students. We can provide posters and postcards for your office or unit!
- Have your students connected with the Mason Community? Ask them how life is as a Mason Patriot. Make a referral if you see something you think could be assisted by someone on campus.

### OCTOBER

- Check with your students to see if they took the survey. Ask them about their results!
- Need help reading a student's report? Check out the guide to results at [patriotsuccess.gmu.edu](https://patriotsuccess.gmu.edu)
- Ask your students how they are doing with their midterms.
- Make a referral if you see something you think could be assisted by someone on campus.

### NOVEMBER

- Ensure that your students have registered for their spring classes and have seen an academic advisor.

### DECEMBER

- Make sure your students intend to return in the spring. If not, ask them why. If it seems like a reason that someone at Mason could help them avoid, make a referral.

### JANUARY

- Check to see how new freshmen and transfer students are transitioning to the Mason Community?

### FEBRUARY

- Students are preparing for March midterms. Ask them how they feel about those upcoming tests?

### MARCH

- Spring Break can often be the time a student decides to transfer or hears they've been admitted at another university. If a student lets you know this info, share it with us through a note at [success@gmu.edu](mailto:success@gmu.edu).

### APRIL

- Fall registration is in full swing. Ensure that your students have registered for their fall classes and have seen an academic advisor.

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- Make sure your students intend to return in the fall. If not, ask them why. If it seems like a reason that someone at Mason could help them avoid, make a referral.

### JUNE

- Did you make some referrals or notes this year?
- Do you have a role on campus where you regularly interact with students and you're interested in being a more formal part of the Patriot Success initiative?
- Reach out to us and see how you can help at [success@gmu.edu](mailto:success@gmu.edu).

## PATRIOT SUCCESS ADVOCATE

By being a Patriot Success Advocate, you can contribute to Mason's goal of raising the six-year graduation rate to 78% by 2023, and producing 100,000 career-ready graduates by 2024 by assisting our team in identifying and intervening with students to promote engagement, retention, and timely-degree completion.

Contact us at [success@gmu.edu](mailto:success@gmu.edu) to make referrals or to receive more information about any of these topics.