


Monday Matters: Graduate Student Appreciation Week, Monarch Food Pantry

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 2 attachments (4 MB)

2023 GRAD Week Flyer Final.pdf; Monarch Pantry - Usage by Major - Info Handout.pdf;

Dear Colleagues:

Robert Wojtowicz reminded us that this is Graduate Student Appreciation Week. A series of events have been planned on campus and online. More information may be found in the attachment to this message and at this registration link: <https://express.adobe.com/page/5x7JtaCVS2UNX/>.

One way we can support our graduate students is by supporting the **Monarch Food Pantry**. I learned recently that 42% of the Pantry usage in Fall 2022 was from the College of Sciences, far more than any other college. I also learned that **55% of the Pantry users are graduate students**, which is why this is related to graduate student appreciation week. There are many ways you can support the Pantry, including ordering items from the Amazon wishlist, making a monetary donation, donating items, or sponsoring a shelf. Please see the attached information. Finally, I would like to remind you that we need judges for the **Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair** on April 15. We need judges in a wide variety of science and engineering categories to carry out interviews and score projects during the fair. **Please consider volunteering to be a judge**. We need approximately 90 judges.

Additional information:

- In 2023 the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair will be held in person.
- The fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM EST. Most judging will take place between 8 AM and 12 PM on Saturday morning.
- Register to be a judge at [Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair \(zfaairs.com\)](https://zfaairs.com)
- Go to "**CREATE ACCOUNT**" and choose "**JUDGE**". Once you create your account, you will receive an email with your username and password, which will allow you to log back into the fair website and fill out a simple registration form.
- Judges will be expected to attend one judge training. There will be two virtual training options: Thursday, April 6th 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM or Wednesday, April 12th 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabriel Franke in the Dean's Office.

Best Regards,
Gail

PS: If you have events you would like to be listed here in future weeks please let me know.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

- COACHE survey – Please complete this survey as soon as possible if you have not already. This survey was sent only to full time faculty past their first year.
- COSURP proposals due April 4
- COS Data Science Bootcamp Registration due April 7
- Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair, April 15 8 am – 3 pm
- College of Sciences Awards ceremony, Tues April 25 at 3pm in MGB 102
- Kaplan Orchid Conservatory display house closing to visitors May 26

