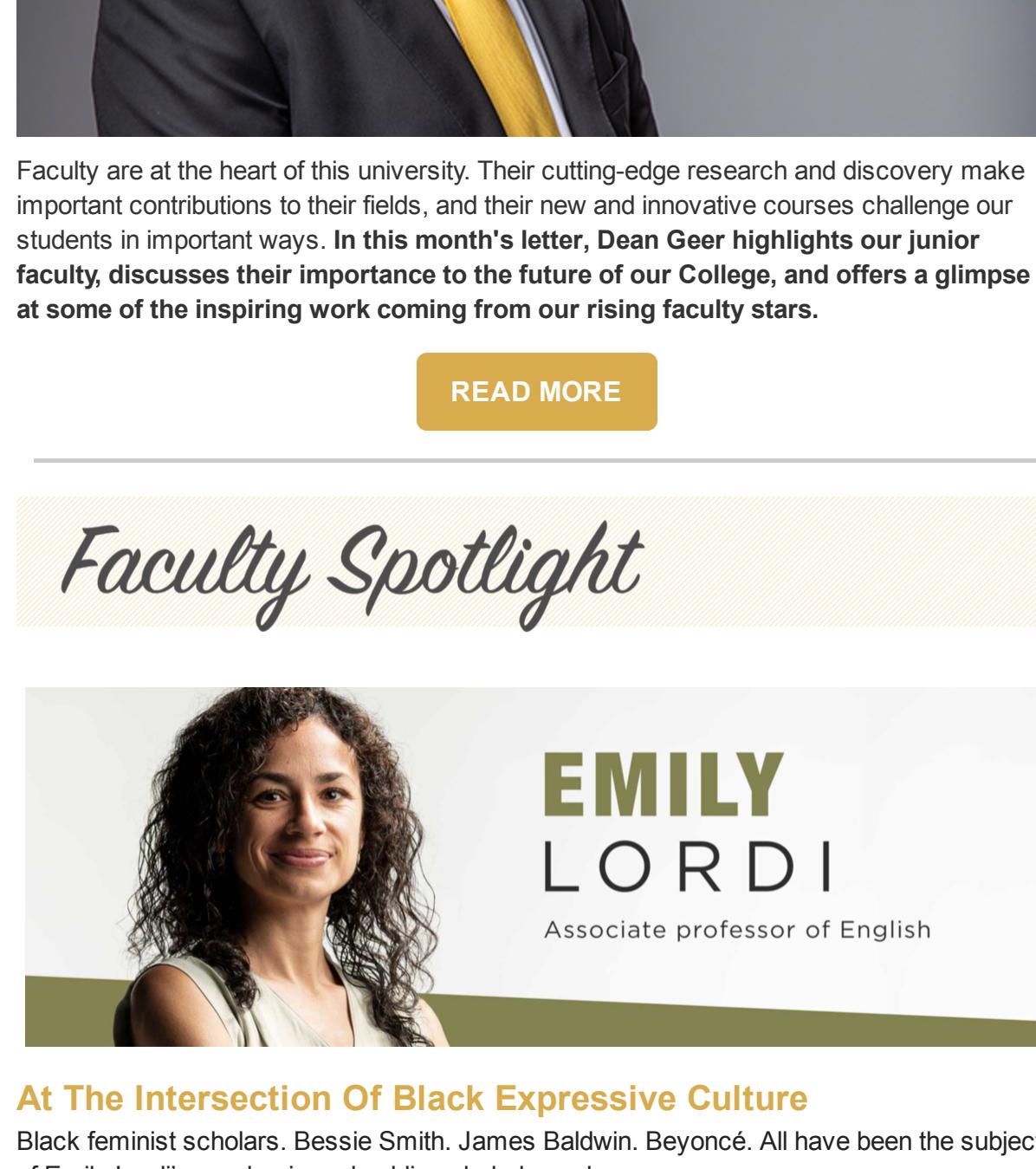




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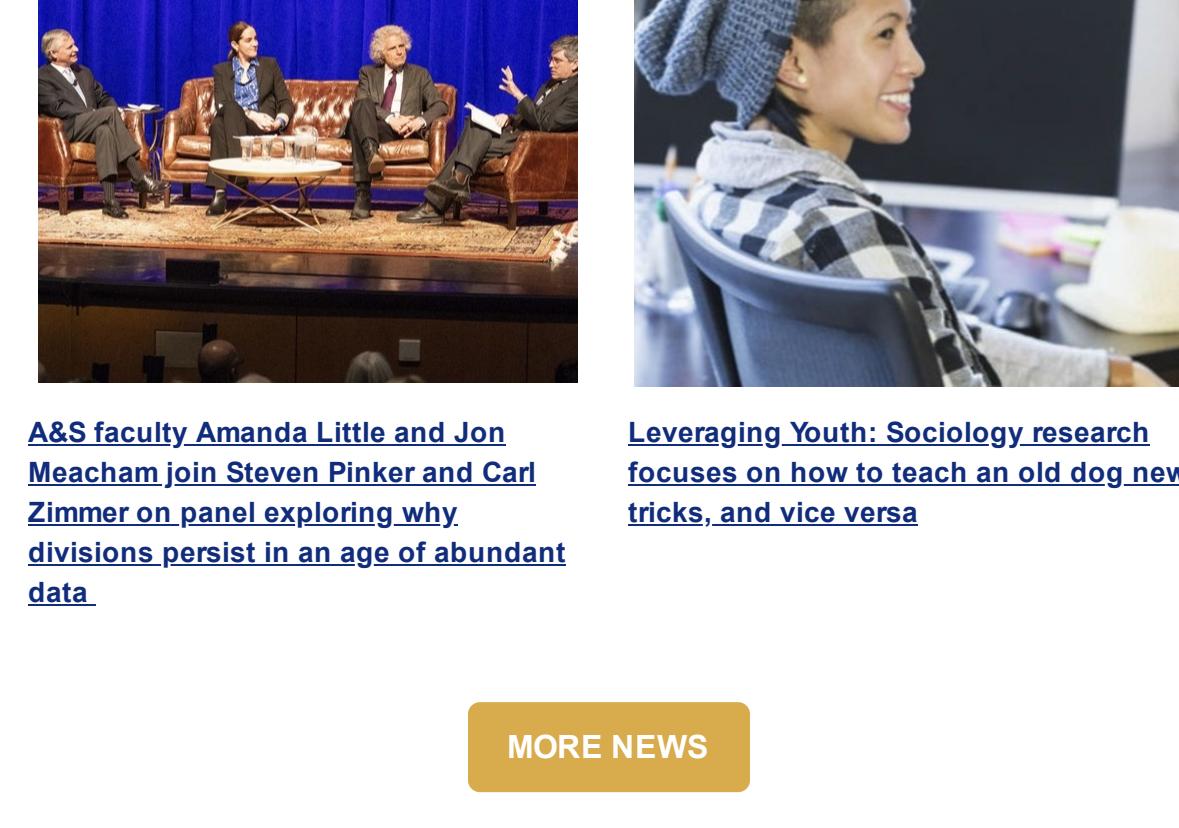
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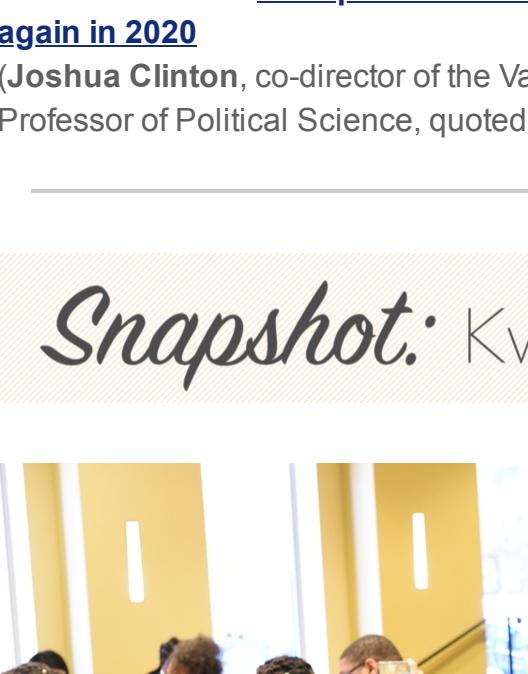


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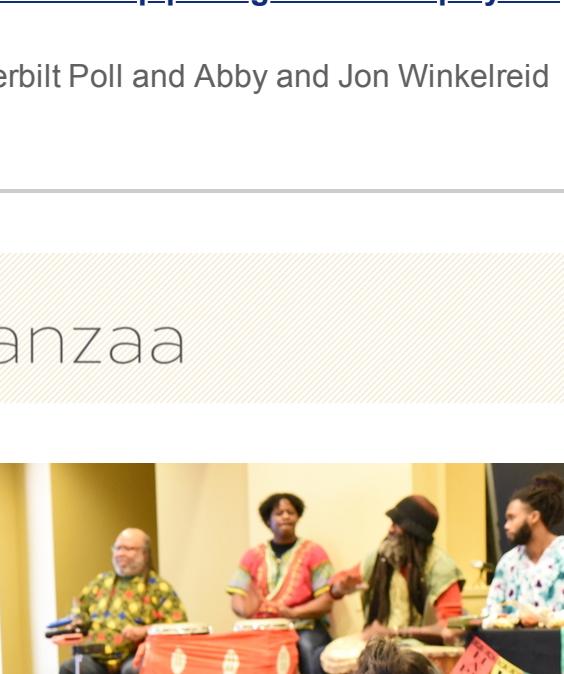
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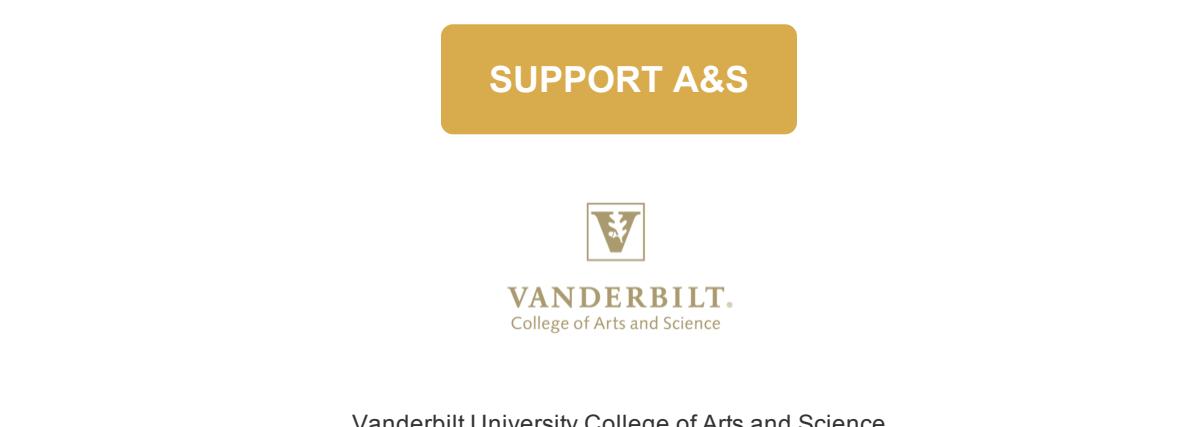
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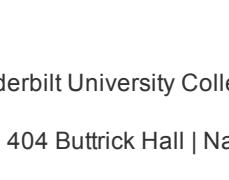
Snapshots: Kwanzaa



The Black Cultural Center hosted a celebration of the African American and Pan-African holiday Kwanzaa, which celebrates family, community, and culture. Guests were treated to live music, food, fellowship, and a presentation on the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

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