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We're all incredibly proud of Vanderbilt's top ranking among the nation's higher education institutions, but we can't just sit back and expect that success to continue. **In this month's letter, Dean Geer explains some of the innovative ways the College is working to stay competitive, cutting-edge, and top-ranked.**

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Student Spotlight



Allison Booher:

The opportunities Allison Booher found in the College of Arts and Science are helping her shape a dream career that combines her relentless ambition to be a doctor with her deep interest in Latin America. Allison describes the journey that she never imagined possible.

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In the Media



[Art professor's empathy project awarded NEA funding.](#)



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[Vanderbilt science hub helps set a standard for microbiome research, education.](#)



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The Conversation: [200 years of exploring Antarctica - the world's coldest, most forbidding, and most peaceful continent](#)

(Daniel Morgan, associate dean and principal senior lecturer in Earth and Environmental Sciences, authored)

Vox: [A political scientist explains why a war with Iran wouldn't necessarily help Trump in 2020](#)

(Cindy Kam, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Political Science, quoted)

The Christian Science Monitor: [Behind Latin America's protests, a fading faith in democracy](#)

(Elizabeth Zechmeister, Cornelius Vanderbilt Professor of Political Science and LAPOP director, quoted)

Politico: [How will history books remember the 2010s?](#)

(Sarah Igo, Andrew Jackson Professor of American History, quoted)

Technology.org: [Discovery in ferroelectric material reveals unique property, promising application potential](#)

(Sokrates Pantelides, University Distinguished Professor of Physics and Engineering, quoted)

Winsight Grocery Business: [Fancy food show gets a taste of climate change](#)

(Amanda Little, Writer-in-Residence in English, quoted)

Snapshot



FIRST SNOW

A light snowfall gave us an especially captivating scene outside of Buttrick Hall. It wasn't enough to build any snowmen, but we certainly enjoyed the first snow of the year! Wish you could've seen it? Watch our [video!](#)

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