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The continued success of A&S during the pandemic has required the sustained and collaborative work of all members of our community. In this month's letter, Dean Geer offers his gratitude to the tireless efforts of the often unsung heroes: A&S staff.

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Academic Spotlight



ADJUSTED SPACES | Science labs during COVID-19

In Part II of our series on learning and teaching during the pandemic, we explore how science and research has been adjusted in our classrooms and laboratories. From chemistry labs to the tunnels that run underneath Vanderbilt, A&S students and faculty are finding opportunities to advance our research and understanding of the world around us.

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(John Koch, senior lecturer of communication studies and director of debate, quoted)

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(Larisa DeSantis, associate professor of earth and environmental sciences, quoted)

[NBC News: Trump not the first president to be infected in a pandemic, Woodrow Wilson was in the same spot a century ago](#)

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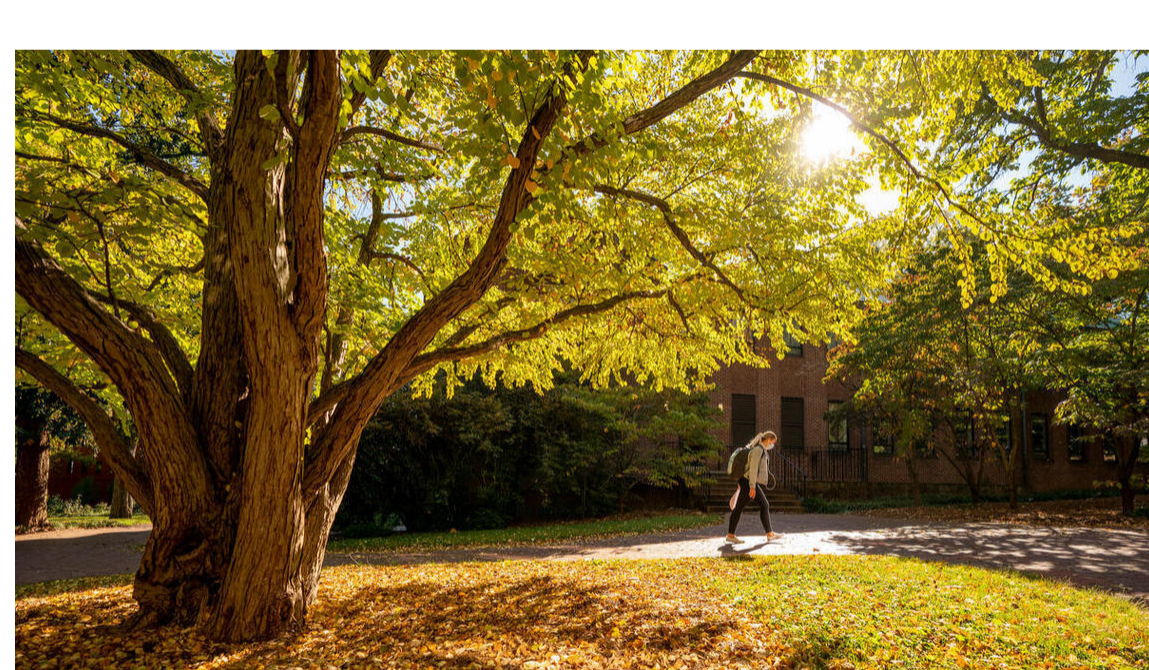
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