



A Message from Paul



As the summer fades into fall, students have returned to campus and the admission recruitment season is going into high gear. We have now entered the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic and are still managing the everyday challenges accompanying it. Yet, the Enrollment Management Division remains committed to introducing and acclimating students to the incredible resources of Emory! I continue to value the high-quality service you all provide to our enrolled and prospective students and their families, and I wish you and your families good health and safety throughout this academic year and admission cycle. And now to this issue of the Enrollment Management Quarterly...

In order to make this newsletter happen, we need your input! We want the accomplishments and initiatives we feature in each issue to come from you.

I continue to invite you to reach out to Melissa with news items, ideas, and suggestions.

UNIVERSITY UPDATES



Meet Emory's Class of 2026

Drawn from the most diverse applicant pool in Emory's history, members of the Class of 2026 bring creativity, passion and a unique sense of purpose to the university community.

[Read more about Emory's newest students in the Emory News Center](#)



What is the Emory Student Flourishing Initiative?

Emory's Student Flourishing Initiative will help students thrive by launching these pilot programs:

- **New Pathways Center** that integrates career services with other forms of mentorship and support.
- **Academic access** to classes in all Emory schools and programs.
- **First-year experiences and orientation enhancements** that develop connections and build community.
- **Curricular and co-curricular improvements** that prepare students for postgraduate success.
- **Purpose coaching and faculty engagement** to inspire curiosity and daring.

[Learn more about the initiative on the provost website](#)

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome Aboard!

Michelle Li (Oxford)

Michelle joined the Enrollment Service Dept as a data analyst on August 1st. She came to the US 6 years ago and received a Master's degree program in computing from Marquette University (Milwaukee, Wisconsin). Previously, she spent a lot of time studying hands-on data analysis projects. Through that experience, she found herself passionate about using data to find trends and insights. Although new to higher education, she has enjoyed working on the Oxford campus. Having moved to Atlanta in May and would love it if you have any restaurants, trails, and parks that you'd like to recommend.

Eddy Cabrera, Jr. 22C (Admission)

Eddy joined Admissions in August as Admission Advisor. His primary role is student recruitment and selection as a counseling team member.

Grace Butler (Financial Aid)

Grace Butler joined the Financial Aid college advising team with 18 years of financial aid experience, most recently from Georgia State University, Dunwoody Campus; where she worked as a Student Financial Management Counselor. Grace has a bachelor in Management from the University of Phoenix, and an MBA from Southern New Hampshire University. Grace has worked with several different systems including PeopleSoft and is ready to learn Emory's way! Grace has such a kind spirit, with great calming energy, and is just a breath of fresh air.

Jessica Ortiz Torres (Registrar)

Jessica joined the Academic Support Services team in the Office of the University Registrar on July 11, 2022. As Assistant Registrar, she will oversee the University Course Atlas, Testing & Evaluation, and the online course evaluation tool (EvaluationKIT). Jessica has an extensive career in academic services and student advising from her previous posts at St. John's University, George Washington University, American University, and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Saleem Usmani (Registrar)

Saleem joined the Data Management Services team on July 1st as our newest Data Analyst. His primary responsibilities include fulfilling student records data requests, supporting internal and external reporting activities, and expanding upon our toolset for managing data quality and publishing official datasets. Saleem brings 20 years of experience working in data management and reporting, a great deal of which was spent supporting development and alumni affairs for Georgia Institute of Technology.

Other Staff Notes



Welcome Baby Naomi!

Giles Eady (Admission) and his wife (Aundrea) welcomed a daughter, Naomi Grace on July 29th. Mom and baby are doing well. And dad has not yet figured out how he'll ever say no to her!

Timothy Fields (Admission) will have his second book entitled "[The Black Family's Guide to College Admissions: A Conversation about Education, Parenting, and Race](#)" released on September 6th. He and co-author Shereem Herndon-Brown discuss specific concerns for Black families not often addressed by school counselors or other resources. They highlight how the current social justice movement amplifies the distinct dynamics that exist between Historically Black Colleges and Universities and predominantly white institutions and which college choices may be best for Black students.

Sherice Dowling (Financial Aid) accepted a new position in the Office of the Provost, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis. She will be working with VP Paul Byrnes on managing financial processes for the office of the provost.

Yvette Moore (Registrar) has completed her MPH from the Rollins School of Public Health this summer. Congratulations, Yvette!

Kait Tracy (Registrar) welcomed newborn baby Simon Jeffrey Tracy on Saturday, July 30th at 4:55am! He was born 6lbs 13 oz and 19" tall. Mom, dad, and baby are all healthy and home, and are so excited to introduce big sister Rose.

Brandy Hughes (Enrollment) has accepted a new position in the Office of the Provost - Director, Academic Infrastructure. She will be working on office policies and procedures and strategic campus projects alongside Susan Bonifield, Senior Vice Provost for Strategic Financial and Resource Planning, and Melissa Daly, Chief of Staff to the Provost.

FINAL NOTES

Mark Your Calendar!



**September 19
@7pm**

Soccer star to speak at the Carter Town Hall [register now to watch the livestream](#)



October 10-11
Emory Fall break



**October 14
@12pm**

Carlos Museum Cooke Noontime concert "Pictures at an Exhibition"



[View the Emory holiday schedule](#)

Additional University Newsletters

[Emory Votes Initiative Newsletter](#)

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