The College of Arts and Sciences congratulates Jon Pineda, Assistant Professor of English, on receiving a 2016 Library of Virginia Award for his poetry collection, *Little Anodynes*.

Although it long ago allocated the funds for the expansion of Jepson Science Center, the state has just approved dispersal of those funds. Final drawings will begin very soon with expectations for a groundbreaking in the late spring. The expansion will increase space by about 50% and include renovation of about 40% of the space in Jepson itself.

The Mary Washington Healthcare Foundation has approved $1.4 million to provide start-up costs and scholarships for a MSN program that focuses on the education of Family Nurse Practitioners. A consultant, paid by a separate grant from MWH, in collaboration with our Nursing Director, the Associate Provost and the Dean have been preparing a proposal that will go to the Curriculum Committee. The goal for a start date is January 2019.