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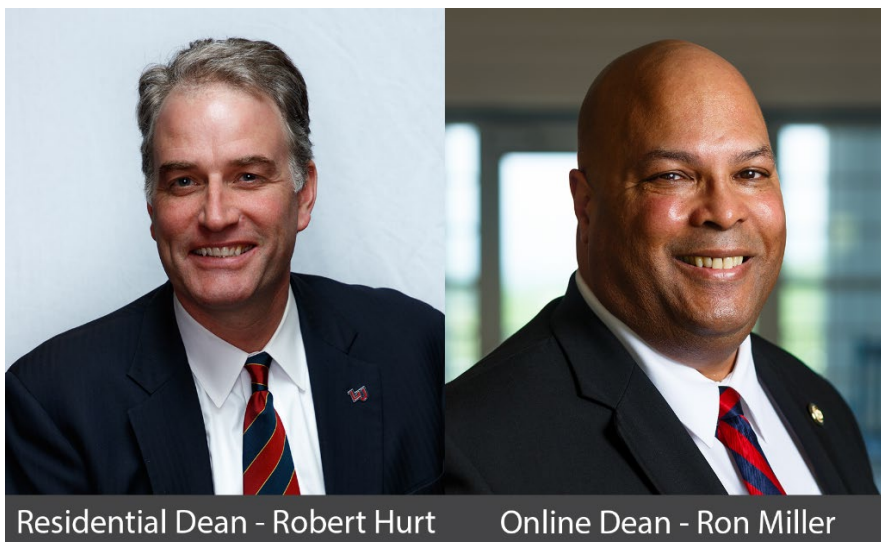
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Welcome from the Deans



Residential Dean - Robert Hurt

Online Dean - Ron Miller

Greetings from Liberty University's Helms School of Government!

As the residential and online deans of the Helms School, we are pleased to announce the launch of a periodical newsletter that we hope will be of interest to you. The purpose of this newsletter will be to give a brief overview of the news made by our Helms students, faculty, and alumni at the end of each semester.

As you know, the Helms School is proud to be a part of the lives of close to 9500 current students and over 250 professors at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The relationships that we make while in school are so important and invariably lead to worthwhile benefits ranging from early career opportunities to lifelong friendships.

With that in mind, we hope that this new platform will offer another opportunity for our students, faculty, and alumni – both residential and online -- to get to know one another a little better.

And as we seek to better engage with our entire Helms family, please do your part and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

We hope that you will enjoy this inaugural issue of our newsletter. We are grateful to all of those students and staff who have contributed over the course of the semester in building the content – with a special thanks to Titus Pettman.

As deans, we love highlighting the successes of our Helms students, faculty, and alumni, so please share this newsletter with anyone you know who may be interested in learning more about Liberty University -- and be on the lookout for the spring edition!

Helms School of Government and Center for Law & Government Guests

The Helms School of Government was blessed with the opportunity to host several fantastic guest speakers throughout the fall. Our students had the opportunity to learn from these leaders in the field about their experiences. Washington Times Opinion Editor Charlie Hurt shared his career path toward journalism and gave advice to the students. Tim Goeglein, a former Special Assistant to President George Bush, came to share his insights about the possibility of American Renewal. Other guests, such as Ohio Congressman Warren Davidson, also shared important insights about their time in government. We look forward to continuing to host speakers in years to come.



Former Congressman Bob Goodlatte visits and discusses presidential impeachment

On Wednesday, November 20th, the Helms School of Government and the Liberty University School of Law hosted a conversation with former Congressman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia's Sixth District to discuss the current impeachment inquiry in the context of the history of impeachment in the United States.

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Washington Symposium



In October, Liberty University students joined with Hampton University students for the second Washington Symposium in Washington D.C. The event took place at the Library of Congress where they heard from Brian Colas, deputy chief of staff for Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR), Rep. Elaine Luria (D-VA), Fox News host Shannon Bream, and Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) and then the entire group received a private tour of the U.S. Capitol.

READ MORE on our [Facebook page](#) and to [watch a video](#) of the trip.

Helms Students Present to Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)



Front: (L to R) Rose Dotson, Helen Villalobos, Mary Catherine Morris
Back: (L to R) Professor Waddell, Daniel Lundstedt, Joshua Christiansen, Elijah Gatto, Shaddi Spencer

Last November Professor Waddell and his Advanced Analytics class had the opportunity to provide an open-source intelligence briefing to members of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). This briefing was part of the final assignment in the Advanced Intelligence Analytics class where students have the opportunity to gather and analyze open-source intelligence as proposed by the DIA.

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Featured Faculty



Pictured (L-R) - Dean Miller, Mrs. Metallo, Dr. Metallo, and Dean Hurt

During our annual department Christmas dinner, the Helms School of Government took the opportunity to thank Dr. Thomas Metallo, our senior International Relations professor, for his 15 years of service to Liberty University.

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Club Highlights

The [Prelaw Society](#) hosted an internship panel that helped their membership learn about different opportunities available to them. The internships included a courthouse internship, an insurance agency internship, and an internship with Alliance Defending Freedom through the Washington Fellowship. They spoke about the application process, interviewing skills, and the daily tasks that each internship entailed.

The [Criminal Justice Club](#) hosted their annual “Superhero Safety Day” where they partnered with the Virginia State Police to showcase services available to the community at large. Their guests were from the Virginia State Police, local police departments, and local fire departments.



Former U.S. Ambassador to The United Nations, Nikki Haley With Alexander Hamilton Society Students

In November, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, spoke at Liberty University’s Convocation where she discussed her new book "With All Due Respect," and talked about learning to confront issues with grit and grace. After Convocation students from the [Alexander Hamilton Society](#) Chapter at Liberty University attended a meet and greet with the former U.S. Ambassador.

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Student Spotlight



Rebekah Pryor (second from left) with General James Mattis

Helms School student Rebekah Pryor, an International Relations major, was selected to attend the Reagan National Defense Forum at the Reagan Presidential Library. There she not only was able to hear from, but also network with Secretaries of Defense, Directors of CIA, Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commanders, and industry executives.

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