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**George Mason University to host Open Mic Night**

The Office of Student Media gives a platform to students who have had their first amendment rights restricted.

**Fairfax, Virginia – April 15th , 2021** – George Mason University, in partnership with the Office of Student Media, will be hosting an Open Mic Night in Sub I, Patriot’s Lounge, in the Fairfax Campus on April 23rd.

As part of #MasonSpeaks week, Mason Patriots will come together to share their stories of being silenced or oppressed by not having the freedom to speak. A variety of mediums will be displayed, including songs, slam poetry, and more.

This celebration of creativity and the first amendment will be enlightening for all who attend, and will give students the chance to learn about their right to free speech. There will also be an opportunity to post first amendment stories using sticky notes. Any member of the Mason community is permitted to sign-up or attend, which can be done here ([Dummy Link](#)).

Refreshments, including pizza and drinks, will also be available. For more information about this event or #MasonSpeaks, or the Office of Student Media, please visit <https://studentmedia.gmu.edu/>, or stop by The Hub, suite 1201.

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**George Mason University to Promote Free Speech with #MasonSpeaks**

The week of content will give students the chance to learn more about the Office of Student Media

**Fairfax, Virginia** – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – George Mason University, in partnership with the Office of Student Media, is proud to announce #MasonSpeaks Week to promote first amendment rights for students.

Beginning the week of April 19th, Mason Patriots and faculty will be invited to join the Office of Student Media at a location just outside Fenwick Library. There, they will be given the ability to speak out about times in their lives where they felt like their speech was being oppressed.

These stories will then be written down onto a post-it note, and added to a wall of other notes. Students will be invited to share their posts on social media, by using #MasonSpeaks and #PostItTherapy.

All this excitement leads up to Friday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm, when George Mason will be hosting its first Open Mic Night, in Sub 1. There, Mason Patriots and staff will have the ability to formally share their stories of being silenced or oppressed by not having the freedom to speak, through music, slam poetry, and other mediums.

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