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Dear students,

Every once in a while we should reflect on the past and take a look into the future. This could concern the exam you took last week or maybe your entire study. For the Faculty of Science it's the past and the upcoming five years. Every five years the Faculty of Science writes the Faculty Strategic Plan to guide us in the future. In the new Strategic Plan the goal is to strengthen the connection between our fundamental science and society as a whole. As the student council we also have a say in the direction of the document. We ensure that the policies have the best interests of students at heart. We're even suggesting some policy directions ourselves. If you have any suggestions in this regard please feel free to shoot us a message!

Instead of looking forward, the student council looks back: after a fruitful year of discussing policies and working on new initiatives it is time for us to pass the baton to a new council. We hope you'll enjoy your monthly updates by them as much as you did ours. While we're toiling through the Faculty Strategic Plan in our last weeks we want to wish you the best of luck on your final courses and theses. Make sure to relax and enjoy yourself during the summer, it's well deserved this hard year.

For the last time and with the best wishes for next year,

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## John van Boxel elected Lecturer of the Year

Lecturer of Biology John van Boxel has been named Faculty of Science Lecturer of the Year. Van Boxel received the most votes within the Faculty of Science and was thus elected Faculty Lecturer of the Year by students and employees of our faculty.

At 'UvA's Hour of Education on [date] rector magnificus Karen Maex announced the honour: 'According to his students, Van Boxel is

a passionate teacher who knows a lot about his field of meteorology and climate. Even during the corona era, he was able to convey his knowledge to his students in a very enthusiastic way. In addition, according to the voters, he also incorporates a lot of humor and interaction into his lessons to ensure that every student understands the material. His stories resonate with students. Their view of clouds has changed forever.'



John van Boxel: Lecturer of the Year

Follow this link to read more about this news.



## Professional Skills for Master's students

Are you currently busy with your Master's and would you like to acquire, apart from specialised knowledge and competencies, more general professional skills that can help you in your future career?

The Faculty of Science is offering a new learning trajectory 'Professional Skills' consisting of 1.5 ECTS courses that focus on the development of academic, professional and personal competencies that can help you in the job market.

Read more about this trajectory:



## How did COVID-19 affect education at our Faculty?

Diversity Talks, the Student Impact Center and Women in the Faculty commissioned a survey among our students to get insights about the effects of COVID-19 on the education at our Faculty.

How have students experienced online education in recent months? Have existing inequalities increased as a result of the lockdown period or have new inequalities arisen? The research showed

that student and study success are not equally achievable for all students. There is also an impression that things are not going well with the mental health of students. For example, students reported experiencing loneliness, a lack of connection and less motivation. The results of this survey can be of value in shaping the vision of the university of the future.

Read more:



## Long live maths!

This summer, the Korteweg-de Vries Institute for Mathematics is introducing a fun maths scavenger hunt on the outside area of Science Park! Are you able to find out what the meaning of 'calfabbing' is with the help of interactive games?

Go to the online maths scavenger hunt:

