

JMU Graduate Community News

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“GLOBAL” GRADUATE STUDENT GROUP RECOGNIZED. On October 27, members of GLOBAL, a new student organization that will support international graduate students, met with President Alger to introduce themselves and discuss the international graduate student experience at JMU. GLOBAL has been recognized as an official student organization. The group seeks to elevate diversity, equity and inclusion from an international perspective.

APPLY FOR A GSA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT. Every semester the GSA provides funding for professional development opportunities that are not funded from other university sources. Funds may be used to attend workshops where you will not be presenting, to cover fees to join professional societies, and for any other creative learning opportunities not covered by university/departmental funding. Application deadline is **Friday, November 19 at 11:59 pm.** [More information and application.](#)

JMU’S ANNUAL THREE-MINUTE-THESIS (3MT) COMPETITION will be held **Friday, January 21, 2022.** Gain experience presenting your thesis in 3 minutes or less. Winners of the 3MT will be awarded: \$750 – First Place, \$500 – Second Place, \$250 – Third Place. This is an opportunity to practice your presentation skills and share your research in a fun and lively format. **Workshops** are available **November 9, 17, and 19 and December 3** to help prepare participants for the competition. [Register for a workshop.](#) Registration for the 3MT competition will open soon. [More information](#)

NOMINATE A FACULTY MEMBER FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE ADVISING. The **Provost Awards for Excellence** are presented each year to faculty and staff who have made extraordinary contributions to the university in a variety of areas. Nominations are now being accepted for the Excellence in Graduate Academic Advising award until **December 3, 2021.** [More information and nomination form.](#)

UTILIZE JMU’S LIBRARY RESOURCES TODAY. Do you need help finding information? Stuck on your research? [Chat or leave a message for a librarian.](#) Look over JMU’s library resources [here.](#) Did you know there is a designated librarian for each subject? [Learn more about your designated librarian,](#) an expert at finding sources specific to your program or a class you're taking! These librarians maintain webpages

that can help you find the resources needed for [research in your discipline](#). JMU Libraries also offers thousands of [streaming videos](#).

JOIN THE LIBRARY'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD. Do you like sharing your ideas and opinions? JMU Libraries wants to hear them! Minimal time commitment, lots of snacks. (We are looking for graduate students to join our Student Advisory Board! Email libraries@jmu.edu or visit the Libraries website to [learn more](#).)

GET HELP CREATING YOUR RESUME, PREPARING FOR INTERVIEWS, SEARCHING FOR A JOB OR INTERNSHIP. For career assistance graduate students are encouraged to contact Alyssa Hawley, JMU Career Advisor at adamsar@jmu.edu. Make an appointment through [handshake](#) or check out everything our Career Center offers at jmu.edu/career.

MADISON CARES is a centralized program for students, parents and community members to consult when you have a concern about the social, emotional, academic or mental-health of a JMU student. A Care Referral can be submitted [here](#). MADISON CARES will respond and address concerns by providing outreach, resources and direct support. More information can be found [here](#).

LAUNCH OF "THE PANTRY AT JMU" APP! This app will allow students to place grocery orders for food and basic hygiene items at the JMU Pantry. Students can view all inventory, reserve items, choose a date/time to pick-up items at The Pantry or curbside. Orders can be placed anonymously. Read more and get direct links at [The Pantry website](#).

NEED A QUIET SPACE TO STUDY, CONDUCT RESEARCH OR WRITE? The Graduate Student Professional Development Center (Grad Lounge) is a space dedicated solely to graduate students. This large room is located on the 4th floor of Madison Hall. Madison Hall is open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm daily and graduate students may request evening and weekend access by submitting a form to the Graduate School office. Forms are available in the Grad Lounge and in the Graduate School office (4th floor of Madison Hall, suite 4050). Fill out this [form](#) for access. Please allow 2 business days for processing. You will receive an email confirmation when access is granted.

MADISON MAGAZINE. This Fall issue celebrates JMU women who are leading the charge – on the field, in the classroom, in their communities and around the world. [Read Madison Magazine](#)

JMU X-LABS is a cutting-edge lab designed to teach innovation with intention and nurture a culture of creativity among our student body, with an interdisciplinary space for all majors and programs. X-LABS provides open lab hours for JMU students, faculty and staff to utilize the equipment with help from on-hand staff. They also offer Pop-Up LABS, fun non-credit workshops. Create and bring home a finished project. See [JMU X-LABS hours and Pop-Up Lab schedule](#).

THRIVE is a Graduate-School-supported student organization that serves graduate students as they work toward their higher-level degrees. THRIVE seeks to build an inclusive graduate student community, define and support affinity groups and create networking among our graduate students. Their current Affinity Groups include individuals who identify as: African American/Black, International Students, LGBTQ+, Hispanic American, Asian American. Participate or become a leader for one of THRIVE's affinity groups. Contact thrive@jmu.edu.

MULTILINGUAL STUDENT SERVICES can connect students with one-on-one support. They offer tutoring, thesis services and faculty consultations. They help students start, work on, or review assignments. Available to students from all disciplines and at all academic levels. Seek answers to questions about JMU's academic culture, share concerns, and discuss your ideas. [More Information](#). Contact [Kristen Shrewsbury](#) with questions.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS. Seven positions are currently posted at [JMU Joblink](#).

COVID-19. To protect our community, JMU has [vaccination requirements](#), [vaccine-status-reporting requirements](#), and [mask-wearing expectations](#). Please help us keep our community safe. [More information](#)

Upcoming Events

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM – BENEFITS OF A PLANT-BASED DIET

Free to participants. [Registration required](#). **November 8, 12:00 – 1:00 pm** via Zoom. Presented by Jeremy Akers, PhD, RDN. Email morrisonbrucecenter@jmu.edu or call 540-568-4348 with questions.

CAN WE SAVE THE CHESAPEAKE BAY? The restoration of the Bay is the biggest experiment in cooperative federalism in the country, driven by the biggest total maximum daily load (TMDL) ever issued under the Clean Water Act. Our panel, all participants in the restoration, will discuss the pollution problems, the collaborative response, the challenges and how they are being addressed. Come join us for a discussion on **November 8, 3:00-4:30 pm**. [Must RSVP here](#).

FORBES CENTER PERFORMANCES are in person and taking place throughout this academic year.

- **Fall Student Dance Concert – Thurs.–Sat., November 11-13.**
- **Don Giovanni – Featuring the JMU Opera Theater, Fri.–Sun., November 12 -14.**

More information and performance schedules can be found at jmuforbescenter.com.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL BODY MEETING will be **Thursday, November 11 at 5:00 pm** in the Graduate Student Lounge – 4th floor of Madison Hall. Alyssa Hawley from JMU Career Center will conduct an interview/resume workshop specifically tailored for graduate students.

IMAGING WOMEN IN SPACE, an exhibit from The New York Hall of Science (NYSCI), showcases the achievements of America's pioneering female astronauts and highlights the historic fascination with space women in movies, television, advertising, fashion design and toys. One-half of the 38-image exhibit will be displayed in the 2nd floor hallway of the Engineering/Geoscience building (ISAT) and half will be exhibited in ICI in Rook Hall 208. Both will be available **September 30 – December 10, 2021**.

[More information](#)

12TH ANNUAL AFRICAN, AFRICAN AMERICAN, AND DIASPORA STUDIES AAAD

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE will be hosted virtually by JMU. Information and updates for the conference can be found on our [website](#). **February 16-19, 2022**.

[More On-campus Events](#)

Harrisonburg Area:

WMRA BOOKS AND BREWS will host Joel Salatin from POLYFACE FARMS, discussing his book, Polyface Micro: Success with Livestock on a Homestead Scale at **Pale Fire Brewing Co. Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm**. Also come to see live musical talent on **Friday evenings at Pale Fire**. [More information](#)

HARRISONBURG FARMERS MARKET every **Tuesday & Saturday, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm** at the Turner Pavilion, 228 South Liberty Street, Harrisonburg, VA [More Information](#)

WINTER WONDERFEST DOWNTOWN HARRISONBURG. The winter holidays are right around the corner and Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance is excited to be working with Friendly City Merchants to make Winter Wonderfest bigger and better than ever! Follow us on [Facebook](#).

Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

The Student Handbook. It is the responsibility of every student to know and follow the policies outlined in the JMU Student Handbook along with federal, state, and local laws. [Student Handbook](#)

Graduate Policies. You are responsible to read and follow the graduate policies set forth in the [Graduate Catalog](#). Important information regarding degree progress, including rules for successful progression and continuous enrollment are also on the [Graduate School website](#).

Approval of a Thesis or Dissertation Committee. Students who are completing these sorts of projects must submit a signed approval form to The Graduate School by the second week of the semester in which the student first registers for thesis or dissertation credits. [Approval form](#)

Monitor your Dukes E-Mail account! Official information is sent to each student's official [Dukes e-mail account](#). Check your @dukes.jmu.edu e-mail account on a regular basis.

Monitor MyMadison! The *Student Center* in [MyMadison](#) is where you will find advising information, register for classes, and where you can view "To Do Items" that will keep you on track towards graduation. Use the Student Center to update your mailing address and cell phone number. It is **your responsibility** to maintain accurate contact information. Check your account regularly. Don't miss important information!

Updated 2021-2022 JMU Student Accountability Process and Standards of Conduct Handbook. The updated version of the Handbook is available exclusively at www.jmu.edu/handbook.

Essential Links:

- [Graduate School Website](#)
- [Graduate Catalog with Graduate Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)

Have Questions? Please contact the following person if you have questions regarding:

Thesis/Dissertations	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Assistantships/Scholarships	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Graduation/Commencement/Transfer of Credit	Kathryn Brown (wendelkt@jmu.edu)
Continuous Enrollment (Current Students)	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Initial Enrollment (Unable to Begin Program)	Sheree Will (willsa@jmu.edu)
General Questions	Pamela Bell (grad@jmu.edu)

We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to grad@jmu.edu.

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