

JMU Graduate Community News

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November 4, 2019



PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD ANNUAL THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION! This event is for currently enrolled master's and doctoral students who are nearing the end of their thesis or dissertation project. Participants gain valuable experience sharing the core message of their project with a general audience in just 3 minutes. The top presenters will receive cash prizes and the chance to compete at the annual Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS). **Registration Deadline: Jan. 10, 2020.**

Competition Date: January 24, 6:00 pm. Preparation workshops will be held Nov. 13, and Dec. 5 in Madison Hall. Awards: 1st Place - \$750, 2nd Place - \$500, 3rd Place - \$250. [More Information](#) [Watch Video](#)

THE GSA INVITES ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS to join them for their monthly general meeting on **Monday, Nov. 4 at 6 pm**, in the Graduate Student Professional Development Center (The Grad Lounge), Madison Hall, room 4000.

JOIN THE GSA EXECUTIVE BOARD. The Graduate Student Association Social Chair position is now open and applications are being accepted [here](#). For questions contact gsa@jmu.edu.

IN NEED OF FOOD FOR YOUR PANTRY, LUNCH OR DINNER? The GSA, in conjunction with Campus Kitchen, reminds you that food is delivered to The Grad Lounge each Tuesday and Thursday. JMU's Campus Kitchen recovers food and connects it to people who need it. Please take advantage of this great partnership and stop by for some food! Both perishables and non-perishables are available. "Like" [JMU's GSA on Facebook](#) to get updates on deliveries.

NOMINATE A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION. Who is a woman of distinction? She is a woman who inspires us through her dedication and innovation; her exemplary leadership and mentoring; her commitment to enhancing gender equity and inclusion. A woman who possesses passion for the people and places making up her everyday life, who breathes life and energy into our community. Is there a woman like this in your life? Then nominate her for the 2019 Woman of Distinction Award! There are four nomination categories for the award: Instructional Faculty, A&P Faculty, Staff, and Students. **Submission deadline: February 3, at 9:00 am.** [More information](#)

PARTNERS IN PARENTING, a new monthly speaker series, developed by the Department of Psychology, provides education and connections for parents, focusing on a different theme each month. This group will meet the second Sunday of each month throughout the academic year, 6-7 pm. The first meeting, “Mindfulness in Family Life”, is **Sunday, Nov. 10 at 6 pm**, in the Student Success Center, room 4044. For email updates please contact Natalie Kerr at kerrna@jmu.edu.

SEA GRANT VIRGINIA GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM This is a regional event for graduate and undergraduate students, professionals, and university partners which seeks to spark scientific and professional imaginations, highlight cutting-edge graduate research, and expand professional networking channels. February 27-28, 2020 in Richmond, Virginia. **Registration Deadline – Jan. 31, 2020**. Save \$75 if you register by November 14. Fellowships, Internships and Research Funding are also available through Virginia Sea Grant. [More Information](#)

DO YOU HAVE THE RESOURCES TO THRIVE? The THRIVE program is here to help ALL students find the support they need to be feel included, happy, and successful in graduate school. If you are seeking like-minded peers or mentors, THRIVE is here to help. THRIVE is located on the fourth floor of Madison Hall, right next to the Graduate Student Lounge, in room 4079. Stop by our office, email us (thrive@jmu.edu), or call 568-7274 or 568-5718.

NEED A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OR A JOB? There are currently 2 Graduate Assistantships, 31 Student Positions and 10 wage positions posted on JMU Joblink. Most positions are open to full-time graduate students from all programs who have appropriate experiences and interest. Additional positions are likely to be posted next week. [More Information](#)

BROWSE JMU’S MANY DINING OPTIONS, including the new D-Hall facility. [More Information](#)

Upcoming Events

MADISON VISION SERIES (IN COLLABORATION WITH DEMOCRACY IN PERIL) Hosts **Rosemarie Zagari**, a preeminent early American scholar. She will discuss the impact of women in the founding of America. **Monday, November 4, 6 – 7 pm in Wilson Hall**. [More Information](#)

MAKE THANKSGIVING GIFTS AND MORE, with JMU X-Labs Pop-up workshop, **Nov. 4, 5, and 8**. Check out all of the events throughout the year. [More Information and Registration](#)

FURIOUS FLOWER POETRY CENTER HOSTS scholar, **Dr. McKinley Melton**, “To Tether Words to Righteousness”: Black Poetry and a 21st Century Politics of Resistance. Thursday, **November 7, 4-5 pm**, Festival Conference and Student Center Highlands Room. [More Information](#)

THE FORBES CENTER PRESENTS:

- **Faust**, featuring the JMU Opera Theater, music by Charles Gounod, Friday-Sunday , **November 8-10**
- **Wiley and the Hairy Man** by Susan Zeder, A Studio Theater production Monday-Saturday, **November 11-16**
- **Taj Express, The Bollywood Musical Revue**, Tuesday-Wednesday, **November 12-13**
- **The Fall Student Dance Concert**, Earlynn J. Miller Dance Theatre, Thursday-Saturday, **November 14-16**
- **The JMU Brass Band**, Friday, **November 15, Aquila Theatre**
- **1984** by George Orwell, Sunday, **November 17**.

[More Information about Forbes Center Performances.](#)

[ADDITIONAL CAMPUS EVENTS](#)

Downtown Calendar

BATTLE IN THE 'BURG LIP SYNC. Any Given Child Shenandoah Valley celebrates FIVE YEARS of Lip Sync Battles. The best performers with the most votes will move on to Lip Sync Battle Championships on December 4. All proceeds go to support arts education for students in Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County Schools in the Shenandoah Valley. Wednesday, **November 6, 7 pm** [More Information](#)

BEER AND CHEESE PAIRING at **Friendly Fermenter**. \$15 per person includes cheese and 4 tasters of TFF beer. Limited to 30 seats. Tickets can be purchased at TFF, or see their [Facebook Event Page](#). Thursday, **November 7, 6-8 pm**.

GIRL'S NIGHT YOGA SOCIAL Participate in a yoga social event to support Team Mandy of Dancing with the Stars of the Burg. All proceeds benefit the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Child's Day Care Center. Everyone is welcome to enjoy an evening of yoga, meditation, relaxation, and wine. Friday, **November 8, 6-9 pm**, Blue Stone Vineyard, Meeting House Banquet Hall. \$10 cover charge. [More Information](#)

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at the White Lavender Farm and Purple Wolf Vineyard. Sip on a glass of wine and inhale, relax, inhale! The lavender gift shop will have special gift basket offerings perfect for holiday shopping lists. 2644 Cross Keys Rd. **November 9 – 11**. [More Information](#)

[MORE HARRISONBURG AREA EVENTS](#)

Graduate School Dates & Deadlines

Comprehensive Assessment Results & Scholarly Document Submissions Due for Dec. 2019 Graduation Candidates	11/15/19
Thanksgiving Break (No Classes Meet)	11/25-11/29/19
Deadline for Students to Submit Coursework to Faculty for Removal of Incomplete Grades form Spring & Summer 2019	12/2/19
Classes End Semester/2 nd Block 1 st Block	12/6/19 10/11/19
Final Exams Semester/2 nd Block 1 st Block	12/7/19-12/13/19 Last Class Meeting
Course Completion Deadline	12/13/19
The Graduate School December Commencement Ceremony – Convocation Center	12/13/19 at 7pm

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.

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!

Essential Links:

- [Graduate School Website](#)
- [Graduate Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)
- [Financial Aid Policies](#)
- [THRIVE Diversity Support Program](#)

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

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Initial Enrollment (Unable to Begin Program)	Sheree Will (willsa@jmu.edu)
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We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to grad@jmu.edu.

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