

Pathways to Success

Mentoring Program Newsletter

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Where Are They Now?

Special Feature on JMU Alumni



Sutherland, '93

Immanuel Ramon Sutherland is a 1993 graduate of James Madison University. While attending JMU he was a Finance major and participated in various student organizations including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Black Student Alliance (BSA), the Contemporary Gospel

Singers (CGS), Students for Minority Outreach (SMO) and Brothers of New Direction (BOND).

Currently he is the Senior Specialist for Contributions & Employee Programs at Philip Morris USA in Richmond, Virginia. In this position he executes Philip Morris' volunteer program and oversees the Matching Gifts and Dollars for Donors program. These responsibilities involve approving grants to benefit non-profit organizations that Philip Morris employees volunteer with and serving as the chief administrator of the corporate employee matching gifts contributions.

Words of Advice: "Personal accountability is key for success at JMU which will transfer into the work place. There are

elements out of our control that affect us, but ultimately you are responsible for how successful you will be in college. Socially, make attempts to be inclusive and to be included in as many of your endeavors as possible. Don't ever limit yourself by only involving your self in activities or opportunities that prove you are "keeping it real."

REMEMBER:

Stay in contact with your mentors or mentees. You contribute to the success of the mentoring relationship!

FREE FOOD & FUN

Black Alumni Chapter's Tailgate

When: Today
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Lot C4
Cost: FREE!!!

Networking Opportunities!!!

Network with our featured alumni by contacting them via e-mail. They want to hear from you!

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Winn, '90 & '93

Lisa Winn is the Executive Director of The Carver Promise in Richmond, Virginia. Her main job responsibilities include supervising personnel, grant writing and fundraising for the organization.

In 1990 Lisa earned her

undergraduate degree in Spanish and Russian and a master's degree in College Student Personnel Administration in 1993. Throughout her collegiate experience she participated in the Contemporary Gospel Singers, Students for Minority Outreach, Women of Color, the University Programming Board (UPB), and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Graduate school was a great move for Lisa because she was not able to find a job that she was interested in after graduation. "I did not have to pay for graduate school because the program at JMU provided an assistantship for two years in

exchange for tuition and fees. I worked with some grant programs in graduate school, so that experience prepared me for my current position."

Words of Advice: Follow your passion! Major in something that you won't mind doing for a season. You can always change career paths. Most people do. You are never restricted to one line of work. Pursue your hobbies and side interests. I have been almost as successful with my singing career, as I have been with my 9-5 career. In fact my singing has taken me around the world.