Three Centennial Scholars at JMU are ACHS graduates

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Amelia County High School (ACHS) has three Centennial Scholars at James Madison University in Harrisonburg. Ashley Mitchell (second from left), ACHS Class of 2005, and Shelby Arnette (left) and Bubba Jackson (right), both from the ACHS Class of 2006, are attending the university on a full scholarship. The goal of the Centennial Scholars Program is to select students from various backgrounds who will diversify the student population of JMU. The students selected are academically strong students who may have financial needs, who may be first generation college students, or who may have other obstacles and challenges standing in their way of a college education. Participants in the program commit to academic excellence by maintaining a 3.0 grade point average, attend cultural events and attend workshops on study skills, resume writing and career planning. Another requirement of the Centennial Scholars is that they perform community service. “Everyday I interact with students whose unique personalities will shape and change the future – it is a wonderful opportunity,” said Diane Strawbridge (second from right), director of the Centennial Scholars Program.

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