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Collaboration

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Support

Achievement

Teaching

These are the goals and values that CISAT strives to espouse.

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Vinculum, meaning a bond or tie, is derived from the Latin *vincire*. This represents the many connections among our programs, faculty, and students.

April, 2003

Message from the Associate Dean

It's hard to believe that graduation is just several weeks away and I know that many of us are feeling the pressure the associated deadlines pose for us. In the midst of that I want to celebrate the many accomplishments of the year. Lets celebrate our colleagues who have been honored this year both at JMU, regionally, and nationally. I'm aware that naming names can be dangerous because of potentially missing someone. However, let's celebrate the national recognitions given to Virginia Andreoli Mathie, Arnie Kahn, Jane Halonen, Brenda Ryals and Jack Presbury.

Let's celebrate our collective accomplishments as a college. Think about the many professional conferences and workshops we've hosted, the creative alternative spring break programs we've offered, the birth of CISAT International we've witnessed, the major grants we've been awarded, and the many classes and students we've taught. I applaud

each of you!! I always enjoy talking about our college and our programs because there are so many excellent activities taking place.

I had the privilege recently to participate in several activities that demonstrated the excellence of both students and faculty. There were other activities I was not able to attend. However, I want to applaud all of the outstanding students in our programs for their accomplishments. I know that their accomplishments are, in significant ways, the result of the excellent faculty that have been mentoring and teaching them throughout their careers at JMU.

I was impressed at the Kinesiology and Recreation Studies honors banquet with the accomplishments of the students who were being honored and by the obvious esteem they have for the faculty. Original poetry read by one of the student honorees portrayed a depth of understanding and the ability to convey

that understanding in a very meaningful and profound manner. Senior nursing students' research project posters were on display as part of the nursing scholarship symposium, and the quality of their work and achievements were obvious. Professionals attending from the area stated that they were impressed by the sophistication of both the posters and the student formal presentations. ISAT senior project presentations and posters reflected significant work; the sessions were well attended and provided a rich opportunity for other students to learn from them. We truly have student accomplishments that we can be proud of and celebrate.

And so, as we enter the busyness of the semester's close, let's celebrate the accomplishments of the year and bask in the glow of a job well done!

Vida Huber, CISAT Associate Dean



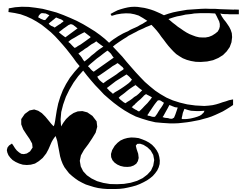
CSD's Brenda Ryals Wins Achievement Award



Brenda Ryals, PhD, recipient of the Research Achievement Award, has dedicated her career to keeping science in audiology, and has demonstrated this commitment with her truly innovative and impressive research contributions. Dr. Ryals' work on hair cell regeneration and bird inner ear anatomy has led to groundbreaking scientific discoveries. Her original and revolutionary contributions to inner ear biology have had continuous NIH support. Her work has been published in *Science* as well as other highly prestigious journals.

She has contributed to the peer review process by serving on the Deafness Research Foundation and NIH Study Sections, editorial boards and convention program committees for The Academy, American Auditory Society, Association for Research in Otolaryngology, and ASHA. She has served as President of the American Auditory Society and currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Academy. To date, Dr. Ryals has 35 refereed publications, eight book chapters, and multiple national and international professional presentations.

Through all of this scientific endeavor she has taught at the Medical College of Virginia, worked at the Veterans Administration, and currently holds the title of Professor at James Madison University. She was the recipient of the Madison Scholar Award from James Madison University and the Louis DiCarlo Award for Outstanding Clinical Achievement. Ryals' research has not only been prolific and original; it has truly redirected the way her fellow scientists think about the inner ear.



RETIRING FACULTY



As another academic year winds down, we want to pay tribute to faculty for their length and breadth of service. On March 19 at the annual James Madison Day ceremony, faculty retiring at the end of this academic year were recognized.

Dr. Nicholas W. Bankson, Professor of Speech Pathology and Head, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Dr. Clinton W. Bennett, Professor of Speech Pathology

Dr. Maynard D. Filter, Professor of Speech Pathology

Dr. Challace J. McMillin, Professor of Kinesiology

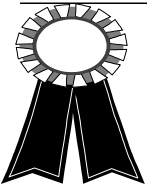
Dr. Richard M. Roberds, Professor of Integrated Science and Technology

Dr. Bijan Saadatmand, Director, International Student and Faculty Services and Professor of Psychology

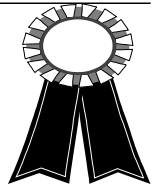
Dr. Jack A. Taylor, Associate Professor of Integrated Science and Technology

Dr. H. Richard Travis, Professor of Health Sciences

Dr. Joel Vedelli, Professor of Kinesiology



Madison Milestones



On April 2, the 31st annual Employee Service Awards and Brunch honored those faculty and staff who have completed five, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service to JMU.

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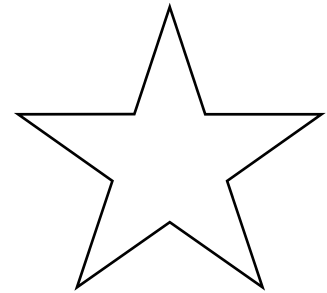
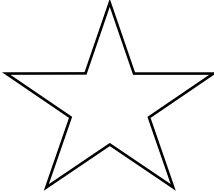
*Ed McKee
Psychology*

25

*Glen Gustafson
ISAT*

20

*John Gentile, ISAT
Sue Rippy, Psychology*



15

*Herb Amato, Health Sciences
Jane Crockett, Psychology
Lu Foster, Health Sciences
Vida Huber, CISAT*

Ramon Mata-Toledo, Computer Science

10

*Geoffrey Egekwa, ISAT
Barbara Gabriel, ISAT
David Lawrence, ISAT
Julie Love, CISAT
Jacqueline Williams, Kines & Rec*

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*Cindy Allen, Commonwealth Info. Security
Tony Chen, ISAT
Carolyn Firkin, Mine Action Info. Center
Mary Handley, ISAT
Linda Hulton, Nursing
Sharon Maiewski, Health Sciences
Margaret Slattery, Kines & Rec.
Kevin Apple, Psychology*

*Lynda Capaccio, ISAT
Rory DePaolis, CSD
Lawrence Ham, Kines & Rec.
Paul Henriksen, ISAT
Jeff Kushner, ISAT
Michael Saunders, Kines & Rec.
Tammy Wagner, Health Sciences
Jane Halonen, Psychology*

First Ph.D. Graduates of JMU Clinical Ph.D. Program in Audiology

Our first three graduates with a clinical Ph.D. in Audiology are: Rhonda Snorrason, Amber Gardner and Ashley McNaught Wampler. Each of these students has completed four years of graduate coursework, including a 10 month full-time clinical residency.



Amber Gardner is completing her residency at the University of Virginia Medical Center. Amber completed her doctoral dissertation work under the guidance of Dr. Roger Ruth.

Ashley Wampler is completing her residency at Eastern Virginia Medical Center. Ashley will be employed at EVMS after graduation as a clinical audiologist. Ashley completed her doctoral dissertation work under the guidance of Dr. Roger Ruth.



Rhonda Snorrason is completing her residency at the University of Michigan Medical Center and will be employed there as a clinical audiologist and research associate after graduation this May. Rhonda completed her dissertation work under the guidance of Dr. Dan Halling.



We wish all three of them the very best in their personal and professional life!



Social Work News



Alternative Spring Break Trips
Professor Cindy Hunter - El Salvador
Senior Dominic Alexander - Jamaica



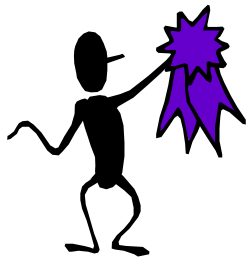
Dr. Karen Ford and Social Work majors will go to Holland in May for a course, "Social Work: The European Experience". Dr. Ford is also working on a community-based project completing a Needs Assessment for the Salvation Army.

Elderhostel Coordinator, Gerri Rigney, is working with the James Madison Center on a June 1-6 Elderhostel Session. Students along with Dr. Marilyn Wakefield are involved in a course entitled, "Positive Aging Elderhostel".

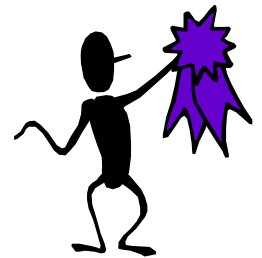


Regina Holley, a senior Social Work major, was nominated and selected as the 2003 National Association of Social Workers (NASW-VA) - Virginia Chapter of Bachelor of Social Work Student of the Year. She was presented the award at the NASW-VA Annual Conference in Roanoke on March 9, 2003.

Congratulations Regina!



Provost Award for Excellence in International Education



The Office of Academic Affairs announced the first annual Provost Award for Excellence in International Education on March 21, 2003. The \$500 award is designed to recognize those faculty and professional staff who have made a commitment to international education at JMU, through research, study abroad, service learning, curriculum design, work with international students, and other relevant activities. The award was based on the following criteria: creativity and "reach" of international activities, commitment to international education, the impact such activities have on the University community, and the degree of collaboration within and outside of the University. Congratulations to **Mary Kimsey - ISAT, Bijan Saadatmand - Psychology, Rich Harris- Psychology, and David Owusu-Ansah - History** on receiving this award.



Psychology's Jack Presbury Wins Publication Award

Psychology's Jack Presbury has received a Publication Award from the Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (ACES), which is a division of the American Counseling Association (ACA). Each year, a counselor educator from somewhere in the United States is given this award as recognition of his or her efforts in the area of publication. Jack Presbury has published books, book chapters, articles, and has given presentations at state, regional and national conferences.

When asked about his award, Presbury said, "What you must know is that I did not deserve this award alone. I always collaborate with other faculty members at JMU on my publications and presentations. Others who should be named are: Dr. Lennie Echterling, Dr. Ed McKee, Dr. Joe Marchal, Dr. Eric Cowan, Dr. Renee Staton, Dr. Bill Evans, and your dean: Dr. Jerry Benson. These are all people with whom I have published. I consider this an honor for our entire Counseling Psychology program here at JMU. It is clearly one of the best of its kind in the country."

Malta Visit May 2003

This May two faculty members venture to Malta to explore the opportunities for a Health and Human Services Cross-Disciplinary Course to be offered in the summer of 2004. Judith Rocchiccioli, Department of Nursing, and Cynthia O'Donoghue, Department of Communications Sciences and Disorders, will gather information from the Maltese Ministry of Health on potential Health Services Projects in which James Madison University students may participate. Preliminary discussions with Dr. Sandra Buttigieg, Director of Maltese Institute of Health Care indicate that there are many collaborative endeavors that would be beneficial to both the Maltese and the James Madison University students in Health and Human Services.

Coming Attractions & Department Highlights

May 2
Last Day of Classes

May 5-9
Final Exams

May 8
College Faculty Meeting

May 10
Graduation



June 11-13, 16 & 17
Transfer Orientation

June 18-26
Valley Ridge Regional
Governor's School

June 30, July 1 & 2, 7 & 8,
10 & 11, 14 - 17
Freshman Orientation

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

JULY

- 1– Cynthia O’Donoghue, CSD
Beverly Robertson, HDC
- 2– Julie Love, Dean’s Office
- 3– Danielle Torisky, Health Sciences
Maggie Buse, MAIC
- 4– Vi Sherman, CSD
Vicki Martin, Nursing
- 6– Polly Cushman, ISAT
- 10– Mark Starnes, Lab Operations
- 14– Jane Halonen, Psychology
- 16– Fasha Strange, ISAT
Glen Gustafson, ISAT
Emily Akerson, Nursing
Charles Lockett, Psychology
Susan Nicholas, Health Sciences
- 17– Lenny Echterling, Psychology
- 18– Linda Sobel, Nursing
Brett Tjaden, Computer Science
Elizabeth Simmons, HDC
- 19– Mohamed Eltoweissy, Computer
Science
- 20– Rory DePaolis, CSD
Anthony Paolitto, Psychology
- 21– Lawrence Ham, Kines & Rec.
- 22– Mike Norton, Computer Science
- 25– Judith Flohr, Kines & Rec.
Peter Calvert, TSEC
- 31– Toni Grainer, Health Sciences

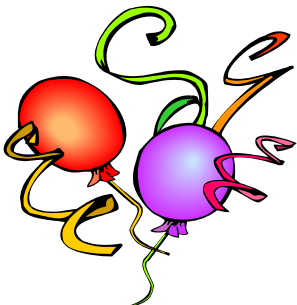


AUGUST

- 1– Diane Schwalbach, CSD
- 6– James Wilson, ISAT
- 7– W.C. Sheets, Lab Operations
Kristie Mowbray, Nursing
- 8– Joshua Hammett, Health Sciences
Jeffrey Andre, Psychology
JoAnne Brewster, Psychology
- 9– Ginger Griffin, HDC
- 10– Sara Runyan, CSD
Bijan Saadatmand, Psychology
- 18– Libby Sellers, Health Sciences
Diane Jones, HDC
- 21– Steve Frysinger, ISAT
Herb Amato, Health Sciences
Timothy Schulte, HDC
- 22– Chris Fox, Computer Science
- 25– Julia Couto, ISAT
- 26– David McGraw, ISAT
Jim West, TSEC
- 28– Ming Ivory, ISAT
- 29– Wayne Teel, ISAT
- 30– Jerry Benson, Dean’s Office
Gregg Henriques, Psychology
- 31– Ramon Mata-Toledo, Computer
Science

SEPTEMBER

- 1– Sam Redwine, Jr., Computer
Science
- 2– Roger Ruth, CSD
Cathy Jerome, Psychology
Sheena Rogers, Psychology
- 3– Carole Ritchie, Computer Science
- 4– Judith Rocchiccioli, Nursing
- 11– Kimberlee Hartzler-Weakley,
Office of Children & Youth
- 14– Cynthia Hunter, Social Work
John Singer, Kines & Rec.
- 15– Tony Bopp, Health Sciences
- 17– Ron Kander, ISAT
Jane Hubbell, Office of Children &
Youth
- 20– Marissa Crown, Blue Ridge
AHEC-JMU
- 21– Maria Papadakis, ISAT
- 22– Christine Letsky-Anderson,
Madison Medialab
- 23– Daniel Kane, Computer Science
Sandra Miramontes, Blue Ridge
AHEC-JMU
- 25– Debbie Sutton, Health Sciences
- 27– Abdulrahman Hijazi, Computer
Science
Janice Preston, Nursing
- 28– Eric Cowan, Psychology
Kira Cunningham, Shenandoah Valley
Migrant
- 29– Geoff Egekwu, ISAT
- 30– Gretta Evick, ISAT
Jack Gentile, ISAT
Karla Stoltzfus, Blue Ridge AHEC-
JMU



Olmstead Fellowship

The Olmstead Foundation traditionally grants scholarships to Graduate students from ROTC and service academies to study overseas. However, this year, the Foundation also gave money to 14 undergraduate students from the US to go overseas this summer to broaden multicultural horizons. Terry Rodzevik has been chosen for one of the 14 Olmstead Fellowships for this summer. The opportunity was open to all ROTC students who had exhibited leadership skills and also had a GPA above a 3.0. The students had to submit two letters of recommendation from both military and academic departments, write an essay, and be seen as a good representative for our country. Terry says, "I am very pleased and honored to have been selected for this fellowship". She wrote an essay titled, "Perfecting Interpersonal Skills Through Personal Courage". The essay highlighted her ideas of going overseas as an experience that would increase her ability to communicate effectively with anyone she may encounter throughout her career. "By being forced outside of my own comfort zone, I will have to use personal courage and extend myself to communicate with people I encounter and create a common understanding", Terry says. In the military, this is essential to accomplish any mission. This summer Terry will be visiting Greece, Turkey, and Rome. She will link up with a university and study "Epic Heroism" with students from these areas. Terry says, "I am a little nervous because of current world conditions. However, I think that it will put me in a place of diversity that I may have to encounter later down the road and seeing it now will only help me to be better prepared as an Army officer later".

Congratulations Terry and Good Luck!!!!



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The Office of the Dean of
CISAT wishes everyone
a happy and safe
summer!

