

**Welcome to the eighth issue of our new Surplus Property newsletter!**

**We hope you'll learn about JMU Surplus Property and how we can help your department save money through reutilization.**

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## The True Surplus Success Story

by Jen Steele

I volunteered for the Undergraduate and College of Business commencements this year and discovered our “true” Surplus success story. It’s our student interns! I had the honor of meeting the parents of Eric Dromazos, our longest tenured Surplus Property Warehouse Specialist, after the College of Business ceremony on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Eric had worked in Surplus Property from March 2012 through January 2015 and majored in Computer Information Systems and Business Analytics. His parents had worried early on about Eric balancing classwork and a job, but they learned about our commitment to students: classwork ALWAYS comes first. Whenever our student interns need time off from work because of a class project or exam, we always grant their requests. Eric’s father also remarked that this was his first job working in a professional environment, which will help Eric as he embarks on his new career. When Eric had to resign his position due to his final semester workload, he stated in his resignation letter that our guidance not only helped him grow as a professional, but also as a better person. He thanked our team “for making my college experience truly special”.

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Eric Dromazos, former Warehouse Specialist, with Jen Steele after the COB Commencement May 8, 2015.

Photo courtesy of Jim Dromazos.



## The True Surplus Success Story con't

My wonderful experience at the commencements made me think about the student employees we have had in Surplus Property. When I came to this department almost ten years ago, we had a young man from Croatia, Igor Coric, in the Warehouse Specialist position. He shared his tragic experiences from the Croatian War of Independence through artwork as a Graphic Arts major, but somehow kept his sense of humor and shared this with us! We worked with Ibrahim Lamay, a student from Nigeria working his first job in the United States. He loved playing soccer and could never seem to eat enough carbs during the day (even when eating a whole loaf of bread)! Then there was our first female employee, Kendall Capps, who majored in Hospitality and Tourism Management. She was one of the strongest and hard-working students we had in the position! Tom Syre, a former Marine, worked as Warehouse Specialist for almost two years. During his time at JMU, Tom became an avid runner through a PE class he took. He ran with Liz Heavner from International Accounting, who kept up with his travels after he left JMU. He now works at Dynamic Aviation in Bridgewater! We even had a student athlete work during a summer in Surplus Property: Jalissa Taylor from the Women's basketball team! What a range of backgrounds we've had in our Surplus student employees!! This entire experience made me realize that this is why I am here at JMU: to guide the students and help them make the most of their college experience! I am so glad I volunteered to help with commencement this year, because of the connection I made with Eric's parents. I know I will keep volunteering in the future!

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## Partnering with the Harrisonburg Community

JMU Surplus Property partnered with the Daily News-Record and Wal-Mart to pick up wood pallets for the large amount of dorm furniture that started arriving after graduation. Mark Colopy with Surplus Property is shown getting pallets.



## JMU Surplus Property Selling Directly on GovDeals

As noted in the prior newsletter, JMU Surplus Property sells surplus items to the public on GovDeals.com. In the past, we have had our items listed on GovDeals by the Commonwealth of Virginia (State Surplus). JMU Surplus Property has its own account now with GovDeals, so you will see items listed for sale by “James Madison University Surplus Property, VA”. Payments are now made through the GovDeals website where you can pay by all major credit cards and PayPal. This will help make our surplus sales more efficient and increase our revenues! Take a look at what we have for sale today! Just do a location search on GovDeals.com and search by the zip code 22802.

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## JMU Surplus Supporting Youth & the Community



JMU Surplus Property is working with the VA Department of Juvenile Justice (Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Office of the 26th District Court Service Unit) and has donated surplus bikes for a program for at-risk youth. The (L)earn-a-Bike program was launched in May through Harrisonburg Gift & Thrift, and local bicycle enthusiasts are teaching practical skills and providing positive role models for local youth. Each participant learns the basics of bike repair and maintenance while refurbishing an abandoned bike, earning the right to own the bike upon completion of the course. JMU Surplus Property plans to continue to donate unclaimed bikes throughout the year. Jen Steele attended an open house on June 12 to see the work space, hear the program updates, and share the vision.





## JMU Surplus Property New Intern

Surplus Property would like to welcome new student intern Bryce Wilson to the department. (Bryce is shown on the left picking up surplus items from the Breeze in May). Bryce will be working with Mark and Fixed Assets Coordinators in each department as needed when he returns in late August. During the summer, our Fixed Assets intern, Adam Hissong, is assisting Mark with the many surplus receipts from campus and Open Warehouse on Wednesdays. Adam is shown on the right working at his desk in Massanutten Hall.



## Surplus Property Issues Continued

**\*Please Note:** When JMU departments send barcode items to Surplus that are on departmental inventories, an EICR form is required. It is required to send a completed EICR to Surplus Property before the item is transferred. Also, please communicate to the FM-Moving Crew what the active ID item is and what it looks like when they pick it up.

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appointment.**