

President's Council Newsletter

December 2012

Dear President's Council members,

Given your many investments in JMU, I wanted to reach out to you at the end of our first semester together to summarize some of the highlights.

You should have recently received your **special issue of *Madison* magazine** devoted to the "Why Madison?" Presidential Listening Tour. In it, I discuss the importance of Madison as the [new model of the engaged university](#). I invite you, if you haven't already, to take a moment to [submit your own opinions and insights](#) about why Madison matters.



In addition to information you received in the special report, I want to review several specific items that I believe are among the [most noteworthy](#):

1. New Board of Visitors members
2. More on the "Why Madison?" Listening Tour - a special message for President's Council members
3. Madison Future Commission
4. Accomplishments of this semester
5. Looking forward to next semester



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On a personal note, my entire family appreciates the warm and gracious welcome and hospitality of JMU and the community. We've been getting to know people both on and off campus and your reputation for friendliness is well earned. As we are in the season for giving thanks, please know that **I am deeply grateful** both for your warm and gracious welcome and for your commitment to the university.



With gratitude,
Jon Alger
President



Upcoming Events

- Dec. 20 - [D.C. JMU Alumni Holiday Social](#)
- Jan. 23 - [Virginia Beach Why Madison? Event](#)
- Feb. 11 - [D.C. Why Madison? Event](#)
- Feb. 12 - [Baltimore Why Madison? Event](#)
- Feb. 26 - [Charlottesville Why Madison? Event](#)

Submit Your Why Madison? Answer

Help lead the way to the future. [Submit your opinions and insights](#) about why Madison matters.

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