

A Message to Students From President Linwood H. Rose

Dear JMU Student:

Welcome to the beginning of the new academic year at James Madison University. I hope that this year will include a multitude of experiences that will help you develop academically, and prepare you to be an active and engaged citizen of the world.

As a student, strive to broaden your intellectual horizons and to build a strong foundation of knowledge and skills. At JMU, you have virtually unlimited educational opportunities to achieve this goal. You must, of course, meet established degree requirements, which are designed to give you a base of knowledge and help you develop critical thinking, reasoning, and communication skills. As you plan your course of study, I encourage you to take advantage of the wide range of learning experiences that are available, so that you can make the most of your academic experience.

Your collegiate years are also a time for personal growth and enrichment, for making life-forming decisions and creating life-long friendships. I challenge you to make the most of your undergraduate experience by being an active member of our campus community. Take advantage of the abundant extracurricular offerings that exist on the JMU campus and in the surrounding communities. Make an effort to meet new people, join a student organization, participate in a sport, attend a play or lecture, or volunteer your time to a service organization. Being involved will enrich your JMU experience and help you learn more about yourself.

Remember that along your academic journey, there are countless resources available to you, which are intended to help you have a fulfilling undergraduate experience. All of us at JMU are delighted that you are here, and we wish you a successful and fulfilling year.

Sincerely,

Linwood H. Rose
President