

Some enchanted evening

Black tie Homecoming Gala celebrates Madison involvement

The JMU Alumni Association's 2004 Homecoming Gala celebrated service and achievement and applauded alumni who have continued to be involved in Madison. The association recognized alumni chapters and presented four achievement and service awards. The awards presented during that special night in October are the Ronald E. Carrier Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, Inez Graybeal Roop Distinguished Service Award, James Madison Distinguished Faculty Award and the James Madison Distinguished Service Award.



Voice professor **In Dal Choi** turned the gala into *Some Enchanted Evening* as he substituted that song and an aria from the *Marriage of Figaro* as his acceptance serenade for the James Madison Distinguished Faculty Award. The baritone received the award for his 27 years of teaching, mentoring and outstanding achievement. He has performed in operas and concerts around the world, including appearances at the Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center.



“What jumps out at a newcomer to JMU is one particular aspect above all others — the Madison culture of friendships, of relationships,” said **Joanne Carr**, at her first gala since becoming senior vice president for university advancement. “An established network of committed people like you will form the nucleus for new growth.”

During his remarks, alumni association president **Jim Katzman ('89)**, here with his wife, Marcy, recognized the Metro Washington Alumni Chapter as the Chapter of the Year; the Black Alumni Chapter as the Most Improved Chapter; and Doug Krohn of the Richmond Chapter as Chapter Leader of the Year. Katzman noted that the strength of the association depends upon alumni involvement and encouraged more alumni to step forward and serve JMU.



Constancy and change



JMU President **Linwood H. Rose** and alumni association president **Jim Katzman ('89)** team up to present **Elizabeth Keane Martin ('85)** with the Inez Graybeal Roop Distinguished Service Award. In her acceptance remarks, Martin chronicled the dramatic growth of JMU but paused to make a special point. “The thing that hasn't changed is the spirit and the energy and the love that we have for this university, and we owe that to the students who will be here 20 years from now. I challenge you all to give back in the way you best can — to keep this JMU our JMU.” Since graduating, she has been president of the Richmond Alumni Chapter, a member of the alumni association and president of its board of directors. She also served on Rose's Centennial Commission.

Hanging the moon



“The wonderful thing about Elizabeth is that she has never forgotten JMU,” says integrated science and technology professor **Jim Barnes**, here with the Ronald E. Carrier Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Gauldin has returned to campus to lecture and mentor Barnes’ students, establish an endowed fund for students in JMU’s NASA space study program and help strengthen ties between Madison and NASA.



President Rose and his wife, Judith, greet **Inez Roop** (’35), inspiration for the evening’s alumni service award. Husband, Ralph, speaks with **Judy Shreckhise Strickler** (’60), another alumna with a long record of service to JMU.



“We were just doing what we loved. And all of a sudden what you thought was a mundane life turns out to be *this*,” says alumna **Elizabeth Wilson Gauldin** (’50) during her acceptance remarks for the Ronald E. Carrier Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. The JMU Alumni Association presented the award to Gauldin in recognition of her NASA career and contributions to the Apollo, Skylab and Shuttle programs. Her achievements include helping to rescue the Apollo 13 astronauts after their spacecraft was damaged in flight and also helping to devise a mission-saving repair to the Skylab heatshield. “When I was a student here, there were 13 boys. We looked at them as though they were from Mars. Maybe that’s where I got my first space experience,” she quipped before turning serious again. “I can’t believe it and want to thank all of you. I love you; I love this place; and I love what’s happened to me. Thank you.”

Christina Beck Updike (’73), who has made an art of making a difference, gets a proud paternal hug from Paul E. Beck. She received the alumni association’s James Madison Distinguished Service Award for helping to transform how art history is presented in the classroom and for her extensive volunteer service to Madison. As visual resources curator in JMU’s School of Art and Art History, Updike helped develop the Web-based Madison Digital Image Database, replacing the old slide-and-slide-projector system.



Two alumni share a presidential moment. Past alumni association president **Jeff Smith** (’90) is ready to offer advice and support for **Elaine Hinsdale** (’85), who will take the association reins in July.