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New Beginnings!



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Creating A New Day

A note from our Senior VP

Dr. Mark Warner



Greetings.

I walked out of my house this morning and saw the azaleas starting to bloom. I looked over at our birdhouses and saw a pair of bluebirds flitting in and out of a house, looking for a place to start a family. On Port Republic Road I passed some newborn calves. All of these were signs of new beginnings.

Just like nature, our campus is rich with new beginnings. This whole notion reminds me of one of my favorite quotes, by J.B. Priestly:

“I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning.”

Every day on our wonderful campus, we have the opportunity to create that new day, to enrich the lives of our colleagues and our students. We can become the “magic” that makes a difference in one person’s life, that makes their Madison experience a transformational experience, and in turn, we add meaning to our own lives as well.

Today, we each need to ask, “How is the Madison Experience going to be different because of my presence?” Oh, I know it **will** be different, and together we can be part of creating something pretty incredible.

New beginnings? Yes, new opportunities to positively transform lives!

Thanks for being the difference.

Mark

Staff Updates

New Staff

Career and Academic Planning

Chad Gensel joined CAP in January as an academic and career advisor as well as liaison to the College of Business. He came to us from Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC.

Bonnie Ham also joined CAP in March serving as the executive assistant. She came to CAP from the Prospect Research Department at JMU.

University Recreation

Hilary Bride accepted a position as Assistant Director for Operations at University Recreation. Hilary is a double duke, earning her bachelor's degree in Sports Medicine in 2005, and her master's degree in Adult Learning/Human Resource Development in 2007. Her new duties will include supervision of the day to day operations of UREC and University Park, coordination of our student professional training and development program and the leadership of our team of exceptional student managers, the operations supervisors.

Institutional Research

Brian Charette accepted a position as Associate Vice President for University Planning and Analysis.

Judicial Affairs

Kristin Johnson accepted a position as the Front Desk Administrative Assistant.

Merrie McFadden also joined Judicial Affairs as Administrative Assistant for Programs & Technology.

Counseling and Student Development Center

Sylvia Hanna, one of the current Pre-Doctoral Interns, will be re-joining CSDC in August as a Staff Psychologist.

Patricia Crocker, a current Post-Doctoral Resident, will also be re-joining CSDC for the 2012-13 school year as a Part-Time Staff Psychologist. The CSDC is thrilled to have them continue working with the team!

Center for Multicultural Student Services

LaNita Weisenberger joined the CMSS staff in 2011. Previously, she spent six years as a Student Affairs Professional at the University of Mary Washington (UMW) in Fredericksburg, VA. In her new role, LaNita will supervise the Multicultural Attaché Program as well as coordinate experiential learning trips, leadership conferences, CMSS's annual co-sponsored Alternative Spring Break trip, and other programming.

Staff Farewells

Karen Connors, Full-Time Hall Director for Shenandoah Hall, has been accepted into the Higher Education doctoral program at the University of Virginia. Karen will be leaving JMU in August to begin working on her Ed.D. During her time at JMU Karen has been a vital member of the ORL Team and a driving force behind the House of Privilege program.

Brenda Zane, Fiscal Manger of the CSDC, will be retiring after 28 years of service at JMU. While we are excited for her as she embarks on this new chapter in her life, her presence in the Center since 1998 has been invaluable and we will miss her terribly!

Janice Garrison, Assistant Director of Administrative Services for the University Health Center will be retiring at the end of the school year; however, she will be returning to work as the SAUP Budget Manager.

~ On behalf of the whole JMU community we wish you all the best and thank you for your service to JMU. ~
Good luck in your future endeavors!

Department Updates

Institutional Research

OIR was the first department to move into Montpelier Hall, at the end of November, 2011. They are located on the second floor. Phone numbers and MSC are unchanged.

University Unions

The Dux Center and CMSS received an IDEA Grant. The funds are being used to offer a DISC Workshop Series to a Diverse Group of students. This personal development program is designed to help students identify personality blends and effectively communicate with others from diverse backgrounds using the DISC Personality Profile Ultimate Discovery System.

Awards and Recognitions

Office of Residence Life

On January 11, 2012, The U.S. Green Building Council officially recognized Wayland Hall as having achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) PLATINUM status. Wayland is the first renovated residence hall in the *country* to receive this award, the highest honor possible from the U.S. Green Building Council, and just the fourth residence hall in the nation to be certified platinum. LEED buildings are designed to lower operating costs, reduce landfill waste and conserve energy. For Wayland this means a projected 39% reduction in energy use, over a million gallons of water saved each year and a smaller carbon footprint overall. The hall also takes advantage of a ground-source heat pump and well field to make heating and cooling the building more efficient and a 10,000-gallon water tank to collect rainwater for use in heating and toilets. There are also sensors on the windows so when a student wants fresh air the HVAC for their room automatically shuts off. Now that's one smart (and sustainable) building! Currently the building is saving even more energy than projected. We will share actual results once we have them for the quarter. ORL is proud to have Wayland Hall as a housing option for JMU residents!

University Recreation

Steve Bobbitt received the National Service Award for his dedication and leadership as Chair of the National School of Recreation Sports Management at the 2012 National Intramural-Recreation Sports Association Conference.

University Health Center

Ann Simmons will be awarded the American College Health Association Ollie B. Moten Award for Outstanding Service to One's Institution. This award will be presented at the Annual ACHA conference at the end of May in Chicago, IL.

2012 Woman of Distinction Award Recipients:

Katherine O'Connell (Student), **Jini Cook** (Staff), **Jane Hubbell** (A & P Faculty), and **Dr. Judith A. Flohr** (Faculty)

2012 Diversity Enhancement Award

Marsha Mays-Bernard, Chris Campbell, B.J. Daniel, Peter De Michele, Walt Ghant, Brian Keilson, Tenea Lowery, Michael McCleve, Greg Meyer, Tenea Lowery, Dawn Miller, Amy Sirocky-Meck, Matt Trybus, and **Carolyn Wallace** received this award for their work on the development and implementation of the Multicultural Competence Workshop Series. Congratulations SAUP Diversity Council!

Dolley Leadership Award

Shari Scofield was recognized at the Dolley Leadership Awards as the recipient of the Bluestone Award for Outstanding Advising. This was for her work as the volunteer advisor to the relatively new organization, Turning In. There were 10 nominations for this award, and a selection committee of students and staff selected Shari.

Orientation

Sarah Sunde, Jerusha Gerstner, Matt Swain, and the Transfer Summer Springboard won the NASPA Excellence Grand Gold award for Implementation Fidelity & Outcomes Assessment for Transfer Orientation. They attended the NASPA Awards Ceremony in Phoenix, AZ, March 11 – 14 and also presented a poster session on the program and assessment results. *(pictured below)*

University Unions

The PanHellenic Council was awarded the Kappa Delta Confidence U grant. The funds were used primarily for the Role Model Fashion show in the annual Be Beautiful Campaign. The Be Beautiful Campaign promotes inner beauty!



Jerusha Gerstner, Sarah Sunde, and Matt Swain at the NASPA Awards Ceremony in Phoenix, AZ

Park Place

Construction Update

Construction will be complete this June on JMU's newest outdoor recreation facility, University Park, which is expected to open Summer 2012. The recreation facilities will provide the JMU community with outdoor recreation spaces to meet a diverse set of needs. This environment will expand programming opportunities, support learning, promote wellness and create a sense of community among students, faculty and staff. Accessed by Devon Lane, University Park will serve as the students' "backyard," accommodating up to 4,000 participants when fully utilized. University Park will include opportunities for drop-in recreation, structured intramural sports and sport club programs, as well as a team and leadership development program.



The Gatehouse will include an equipment checkout area, an administrative office, restrooms, dressing rooms and a meeting room. An open event lawn will be utilized primarily for informal recreation but may also be scheduled for special events. Court areas will include four tennis courts, two sand volleyball courts and two basketball courts. A multipurpose synthetic turf, measuring 400' x 620', will be available to serve three different purposes: four flag football fields, three soccer fields, or two softball fields at any one time. A pavilion will offer students an area for picnics and cookouts, and may also double as a performance venue. Trails will be available for running, walking and jogging. A nine-hole disc golf course will eventually be included on the site. High and low rope courses will eventually be available through group programs and academic coursework to enhance team and leadership development.



Personal Updates

Office of Residence Life

Karen Sampson's son, Andrew, has been accepted to the Music Education program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and will begin attending UNC-G in the fall. Andrew is currently a Senior at Turner Ashby High School, is an accomplished musician and an award winning actor who has performed in State and Regional theater competitions. Congratulations to Andrew (and his Mom)!

University Health Center

Diane Smith, University Health Center, graduates from JMU on May 4th with a Master's of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.) in Adult Education/Human Resource Development.

University Unions

Carrie Grogan is now a charter skater for the Rocktown Rollers, skating under the derby name "Cleveland Roxy". Folks can see what it's all about during home bouts in June and August.



Debbie Kauffman's son, Specialist David graduated from Army Intelligence School in San Angelo, Texas on March 20, 2012. He is a Cryptological Linguist and will be stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland. The family is excited to have him back on the east coast and only 3 hours from home!

Institutional Research

Frank Doherty's son, Joseph, a 2003 JMU graduate, earned a Ph.D. in molecular biology from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. Joe will complete his MD in May 2013.

Community Outreach

Career and Academic Planning

De'Shay Turner and **Laura Williams** participated as leaders in Alternative Spring Break trips.

University Unions

Dawn Womack (Dux Center) has been appointed Treasurer for the Harrisonburg Education Foundation (HEF). HEF is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich the educational experience for all students in Harrisonburg City Schools.

University Health Center

Ann Simmons, participated in an Alternative Spring Break trip, accompanying Safe Rides to the New England Center for Homeless Veterans Shelter in Boston, MA.

Kathy Whitten, participated in an Alternative Spring Break trip, accompanying RISE to the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Mississippi

Becky Schaeffer, participated in an Alternative Spring Break trip to the East Coast Migrant Worker Head Start program in Ft. Meade, FL

University Recreation

Rick Orebaugh, UREC Maintenance Manager, has been filming as a journalist in Kathleen Kennedy and Steven Spielberg's upcoming movie "Lincoln".

Introducing...



Brian Charette is the division's new Associate Vice President for University Planning and Analysis, succeeding Nick Langridge who moved on to become Interim Vice President for University Advancement. Brian's official start date is May 1. We asked him to introduce himself.

"I am a planning geek, the type who gets tingles when mission, vision, values, goals, and objectives all come together with powerful results (tingles, I tell ya). I even spend my free time helping some organizations outside of JMU with strategic planning. So, yes, I am weird.

But that means I was also thrilled when I learned that this position might be a possibility for me. And when I was chosen, I was thrilled to be joining SAUP, gratified to be working with such a great team, and very excited about the prospects for a job that eats, sleeps, and breathes planning. I know what a blessing it is to be a part of the JMU community and to be joining your team. I don't take this chance for granted.

I joined JMU toward the end of 1999 as part of the Human Resources team and have spent these last 12 or so years as part of the Division of Administration and Finance, working with a group of people whom I greatly admire and respect. I will miss day-to-day contact with these fine

folks. I'm really proud of them.

My energies in this new position will first be devoted to:

- Being a supportive part of the University Planning and Analysis team, including the Office of Institutional Research.
- Ensuring that the university's planning process is creative, relevant, and powerful – not just tolerated, but valued by the university community broadly.

While other responsibilities will keep me busy – budget, divisional program reviews, teaching, etc. – these are my most important areas of service.

Of course, since we are smack dab in the middle of our SACSCOC reaccreditation process, I will need to hit the ground running and join the team that has already been devoting countless hours to the effort. That will be my first biggest challenge – finding a way to actually be a helpful part of that process rather than bog it down while I navigate the learning curve. The patience that has already been extended to me has been simply remarkable. From now through April, 2013. I know that much of the university will be primarily focused on the SACSCOC process. Once this reaccreditation is complete, I will be part of the team that keeps us engaged with SACSCOC.

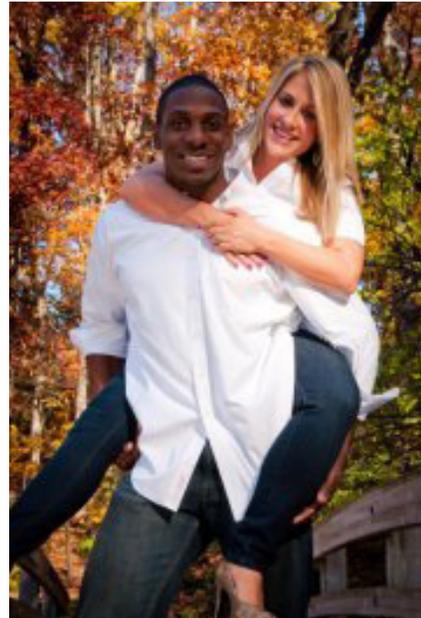
Finally, it's important to me that I grow to understand and fit well with the SAUP culture, which has a strong reputation campus-wide for its collaborative spirit and commitment to excellence overall and student success specifically. You are justifiably proud of all you have accomplished. I have admired you from afar and can't wait to join you."

Wedding Announcements

On June 30, 2012 **Raymond Brown**, CMSS graduate assistant, will be getting married to **Sarah Bauserman**.

Raymond was born in the Washington, D.C./Maryland area and came to JMU originally on a scholarship with the JMU Football team. He will complete his M.S. Ed. in Adult Ed/ Human Resource Development in May.

Sarah grew up in the small town of Woodstock, Virginia. In 2009 she graduated from James Madison University with a Master's degree in Elementary Education and currently works as a fourth grade teacher in her childhood elementary school, W.W. Robinson Elementary.



Marcus Anderson, a first year CSPA graduate assistant in CMSS, will be sharing nuptials with the lovely **Tempest Jones** on May 19, 2012.

Marcus was born in West Hollywood, Florida and graduated from Bridgewater College with a B.A. in Political Science and History. He will complete his M.S. Ed. in College Student Personnel Administration in May of 2013.

Tempest grew up in Richmond, Virginia. In 2010 she graduated from Mary Baldwin College with a B.S. in Social Work and currently works as a Social Worker for Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County.



Future Dukes



Barbie (UHC) and TJ Painter welcomed Makayla Jade Painter, January 25th, 2012. She was 8lbs. 12 oz, 18 inches.



Guy (UREC) and Karen deBrun welcomed Wyatt Andrew deBrun into the world on February 28, 2012! He weighed 9lbs. and was 21 inches long.



Gail May (Madison Unions Administrative Office) announces the one year birthday of her grandduke, Madison Ann Hite. Madison was born two months prematurely and spent a month at UVA Hospital. She's the family's little miracle.



Proud parents Ilene (CSDC) and Drew (University Unions) Magee welcomed their son, Drew Michael Magee, weighing 7 lbs. and 12 oz., on March 9, 2012.



Tisha McCoy-Ntiamoah and husband, Sam, are excited to announce the arrival of their daughter, Nia Leilani Ama Ntiamoah. She was born Saturday, April 14th at 3:37pm weighing in at 6lbs 9.6oz, and 18 in. long. Mom, Dad and Nia are home and doing well.



Proud parents Neal Rittenhouse (CSDC) and Melanie Hickman Rittenhouse welcomed their son, Grayson Henry Rittenhouse on December 23rd, 2011, weighing 7lbs. and 8 oz.



Kristin Gibson (UREC) and Kevin (Alumni Relations) welcomed Brady Chase Gibson into the world on January 12, 2012! He weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and was 20 inches long.

Other Updates...

Office of Judicial Affairs

Associate Director **Wendy Young** and Graduate Assistant **Megan Schneider** visited the Student Conduct and Community Standards office at Drexel University as part of the Colonial Academic Alliance Student Affairs Visiting Professionals Program.

Coordinator **Chris Ehrhart** and Assistant Director **Greg Meyer** conducted two full-day pre-conference workshops at the 5th International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education in Cleveland, Ohio. The presentations included "Introduction to Restorative Justice" and "Applying Restorative Justice in a Higher Education Setting."

Orientation

Our staff presented the following conference sessions:

NASPA: "Why Everyone Should Assess Program Implementation", Matt Swain, Sarah Sunde, and Jerusha Gerstner

ACPA: "Enhancing a Transfer Orientation Program Through Assessment", Sarah Sunde, Makayla Grays, and Matt Swain

"Engaging Stakeholders in Program Assessment: The Power of Implementation Fidelity", Matt Swain and Sarah Sunde

Career and Academic Planning

Sarah Orem and **Heather Patterson** presented "Blogging for Dummies: Advising Blogs as an Educational Platform" and "Advising as Teaching – What's your pedagogy?" at the NACADA Region 2 Conference.

Shelly Laurenzo presented her master's thesis at ACPA titled "Muslim American Students and Religious Identity."

Nina Stensby-Hurst and **Tracy Hakala** published an activity chapter in the National Career Development Association's publication. The chapter was entitled "Experiential Activities for Teaching Career Counseling Classes and for Facilitating Career Groups."

University Unions

Dave Barnes is serving as current President of the Association of College Unions International (ACUI).



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