

9/27/24 Academic Affairs Highlights

Dear Colleagues,

Taking a look at the accomplishments of your peers provides a bright spot at the end of this rainy week. Thanks for all that you are doing to support your colleagues and students.

- If you were in D.C. last week, you could have heard [Dr. Shah Hanifi](#), Professor of History, give a talk at the [Library of Congress](#). The lecture, “Mapping in the Islamic Tradition,” featured his presentation “Surveying the Surveyors: Modern Maps of Afghanistan, and Their Critics.”
- The wide-ranging teaching and research interests of faculty and their students are on display in the latest issue of [CISE Magazine](#). Thanks to Lynn Radocha, CISE Director of Marketing and Communications, for her work in creating this collection.
- Professor of Geochemistry and JMU Mineral Museum Collections Curator [Dr. Liz Johnson](#) and several of her undergraduate Geology & Environmental Science students were featured in “[Through the ‘Scope: The Year in Micromounting: 2023 Was a Year of Questions](#)” in [Rocks & Minerals](#). The piece covered the 2023 annual [Atlantic Micromounters' Conference](#), hosted by JMU’s [Mineral Museum](#).
- Assistant Professor in the College of Education [Dr. Ben Riden](#) and co-author Dr. Andrew Marketz of Ball State University recently published [The Essentials of Special Education Research](#) with [Rowan and Littlefield](#). In the book, they “demonstrate how a special education teacher can combat common classroom problems by locating and reading relevant research to gain information and implement best practices based on scientific evidence.”

Please continue submitting achievements for yourself or your colleagues by emailing provost@jmu.edu so that we can recognize more of your successes. I hope you have a very pleasant weekend as we celebrate Family Weekend on campus.

Sincerely,

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