

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM MARCH 2023



SPRING TRAVEL

Our team has loved getting to see you and your students on the road this spring.

As you plan your events for this and future seasons, we hope you will include JMU.

Invitations can be sent to admissionstravel@jmu.edu.

We look forward to connecting soon!

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UNDERSTANDING OUR DECISIONS

Regular Decision admission decisions have been released! After careful time and consideration, we have read and published decisions for our nearly **37,000** first-year applicants. We had an incredibly strong applicant pool and are very excited for the Class of 2027.

Students can view their application status and admission decision in their [MyMadison account](#). If your students have any issues logging into their MyMadison account, please have them contact our IT Help Desk at (540) 568-3555.

Quick Guide to Understanding Decisions:

Admitted: Congratulations to your student on their admission to JMU! More information will follow about the next steps, including our mailed congratulatory packet and emails with information on attending our admitted students day, [CHOICES](#). Preliminary financial aid award packages are expected to be released at the end of March for students admitted in the Regular Decision applicant pool.

Waitlisted: Some of our first-year applicants have been offered a position on our waitlist. While students have until May 1st to accept their waitlist offer, we encourage them to accept a spot on the waitlist sooner in case we are able to make offers prior to May 1st. Accepting a waitlist offer does not commit students to accepting a future offer of admission.

At this time, no additional materials are required or allowed to be submitted by applicants. Please note that your regional admissions counselor may reach out to you directly for individual student updates. Answers to many frequently asked waitlist questions can be found [here](#).

Denied: There are students we were unable to admit for the fall. This decision results from the competitiveness of our applicant pool and is not intended to reflect negatively on individual students. We know the decision is hard to receive, but the door is not permanently closed to these students as we would be more than happy to help them explore our transfer admission process.

If any student has questions about their official admissions decision, we highly encourage them to fill out the [Decision Inquiry Form](#). Their Admissions Counselor will promptly reply with information on why the applicant received the decision that they did.

The Office of Admissions does not physically mail a decision report to each high school. If you would like a digital version of this report, please complete this [form](#).



ADMITTED STUDENT PROGRAMMING

We were so excited to host over four thousand admitted students and guests for our CHOICES admitted student open house in February. We still have two more CHOICES dates coming up: March 31 and April 14. Please encourage your admitted students to join us for this fun-filled day.

If your students are unable to attend those dates or if they are interested in learning more about JMU before making their final college decision, we have two other great opportunities you can also share with them. Registration is available on our [website](#).

Duke for a Day:

If your students are looking for a smaller, laid-back visit to campus, Duke for a Day is for them!

The student schedule will include the following:

- An information session about next steps for admitted students
- Q&A with current JMU students
- A guided activity around campus with a Student Ambassador
- Lunch at one of our top-rated dining halls (registered students will receive one meal voucher)
- A mock lecture with a JMU professor
- Time to visit student support offices to get questions answered

JMU 101 Virtual Webinar Series:

JMU 101 is an online webinar series that breaks down topics most important to admitted students. Sessions are conducted by various departments across campus and will include staff and current students who are excited to help you get to know more about JMU.

Each webinar will last one hour, which includes plenty of time for questions and answers. Topics include:

- All Are Welcome: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at JMU
- Financial Aid
- Health and Wellness
- Life at JMU
- Student Success
- Student Transition & Next Steps
- Study Abroad



ADMITTED STUDENT NEXT STEPS

Decision made, deposit paid

Is your student ready to commit to JMU? Admitted students have until the deposit deadline of **May 1st** and ALL first-year students are guaranteed housing on campus. Selection slots for choosing first-year residence halls are determined by when students pay their JMU enrollment deposit, so students are encouraged to pay their deposit as soon as their decision is made.

If your students have financial need or are unable to pay the \$400 deposit, have them reach out to their [regional counselor](#). We will work with students to secure a partial or full deposit waiver.

Instructions on paying the admission deposit can be found [here](#).



Defer Admission - Gap Year Policy

If you have students that have expressed a desire to defer their admission, please refer them to our [Gap Year Policy](#) website for details and submission instructions. A deposit by May 1st is required to be eligible for a gap year.

The deadline to submit a gap year request is June 15.

Decide not to attend JMU?

Please encourage students who have made the decision not to accept our offer of admission to fill out the [application withdrawal form](#). This will notify us of their intent to enroll elsewhere and stop all communication from our office and our campus partners.

NEW @ JMU

Reddix Center for First Generation Students

There isn't a better "full circle" moment for a university than cheering on alumni through their successes and then watching them make the choice to invest in the future of its students.

Dr. Angela Reddix ('90) and her husband, Carl Reddix ('88), both graduated from James Madison University's College of Business and have recently made a significant and impactful investment in the university.

They have committed \$1.1 million to support first-generation students at JMU. The gift names the Reddix Center for First Generation Students and also establishes the Reddix Centennial Scholarship Endowment.

"We are delighted to leave a powerful mark on a university that has left such a powerful mark on our lives," said Angela and Carl Reddix. "May this center be a representation that regardless of where you start, we can all reach impossible dreams."

"This gift is an incredible investment in JMU and will benefit countless students for years to come," said JMU President Jonathan R. Alger. "We are honored that JMU is the recipient of this form of generosity from inspiring and innovative alumni. We have been very intentional to cultivate a supportive and inclusive community for first-generation students throughout their educational journey at JMU, and this gift is perfectly aligned with that initiative."



You can read more [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS: VISITING COUNSELOR DAY

Wednesday, March 29th, 10 AM - 2:30 PM

Join us on Wednesday, March 29th, for our **Visiting Counselor Day**! The program runs from 10 am to 2:30 pm and includes the opportunity to meet admissions representatives, learn what's new at JMU, participate in a mock admissions committee experience, enjoy lunch at one of our dining halls, tour campus, and get your questions answered. Registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Check out our updated [counselor website](#), including the [downloadable resources section](#). This is a great place to find additional information on various academic programs, our admissions process, and other topics of interest.

We invite you and your students to follow us on Instagram [@JMUadmissions](#), too. If you have not already, please consider joining our counselor [mailing list](#) to stay up to date on all things JMU!

HAVE WE MISSED ANYTHING?

Do you have ideas for new content, questions, or concerns?

Please let us know!

We are always looking for ways to improve and to provide the most current and helpful information possible.

Your opinions and ideas are valuable to us.

Although we moved to our current home in Holland Yates Hall in 2017, we've noticed that some people still use our old mailing address. Please make sure to update your records to:

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