CEREMONY PROGRAM DECEMBER 18, 2021

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY.

COMMENCEMENT

The Second Convocation of the One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Commencement
PHOTOGRAPHY
Each graduate will have photos taken by JMU’s official photographers, and Grad Images at the ceremony. Graduates will be emailed the photography website link, which will include the proofs and information about ordering prints. Graduates and guests may take photographs during the ceremony from their seats but are prohibited to take photos in the aisles or block the sight lines of other guests for long periods of time.

FLOWER SALES & TEAM STORE
Our vendor, Commencement Group, is offering floral bouquets and gifts for sale and the Team Store will be open for guests and graduates to purchase JMU memorabilia – Class of 2021 T-shirts, diploma frames, alumni gear and much more.

WEBCAST
The December Commencement Ceremony will be broadcast live, online at www.jmu.edu. The link will also be available for viewing several weeks after Commencement at www.jmu.edu/commencement.

CONCESSIONS
Concessions will be available prior to and during commencement. There are two locations for concession stands in Atlantic Union Bank Center. Cash and credit are accepted.

DIPLOMAS
Diplomas are not distributed at the graduation ceremony, rather they are mailed by the Office of the Registrar approximately eight weeks after graduates complete their final class and fulfill all program and financial requirements. For questions regarding diplomas, please email the Office of the Registrar at graduation@jmu.edu or call (540) 568-6281.

DISABILITY SERVICES
James Madison University welcomes all graduates and guests to participate in our commencement ceremonies and is committed to universal access.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING
Handicap accessible parking is available on all four levels of the Ballard Parking Deck for vehicles with a qualifying hangtag or license plate. Once first floor handicap parking is filled, patrons will proceed subsequent levels for the next available accessible parking spot. Elevator access is available from each floor of the parking deck, adjacent to the handicap accessible parking spaces.

ACCESSIBLE SEATING: We are pleased to offer accessible seating for guests, including those with limited mobility. Please ask a volunteer or usher to direct you to the appropriate seating when you arrive. Due to the large number attending and limited space, seating is available for the person who needs the accessible seating and one accompanying guest or attendant.

CAPTIONING
We are providing captioning during the event on a large video screen near the stage. In addition, the live-stream that will be posted on the commencement homepage during the event will include closed captioning for at home viewers.

FIRST AID and MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
For assistance in any first aid emergency situation, please contact a Public Safety officer, any event staff member or JMU Athletics staff.

LOST AND FOUND is located at the Public Safety Office in Anthony Seeger Hall, 821 S. Main Street. Phone is (540) 568-6912. If something is found in the arena, it will be taken there.

JMU GRAD APP
is now available for download in the Apple and Google Play Stores. We’re the official APP for all JMU Commencement Ceremonies. Everything from frequently asked questions, shuttle information, and interactive maps—download now to have everything at your fingertips.

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A Message from the President of JMU

Welcome to the December Commencement of James Madison University.

Congratulations to each of our graduates – you have worked hard and persevered to get to this moment, and together we celebrate your achievement. Well done!

This is also a day of celebration for those who have contributed to your success. You have had support along your journey from many people including your family, friends, classmates and the dedicated faculty and staff who have mentored and guided you along the way. Make sure you take the time to thank them for all they have done to help you reach this important milestone in your lives.

Our university mission statement affirms our commitment to preparing graduates to be educated and enlightened citizens who lead productive and meaningful lives. In addition to the expertise you gained in the classroom, it is our expectation that your education has prepared you to be a thoughtful, active, and informed contributor to society. I encourage you to continue to explore new ideas and stay open to a wide variety of perspectives. Make a commitment to lifelong learning, and keep your love of knowledge alive.

Today you join the ranks of over 148,000 alumni of James Madison University. You are in distinguished company, and you will forever be a Duke. Please stay in contact with the university and keep your connection to Madison alive. Maintain relationships with faculty, read Madison Magazine, and keep up to date by visiting the website or following the official JMU social media channels. And when it is safe to do so, I hope you will return to campus for university events.

Congratulations again on your graduation. I wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Jonathan R. Alger
The official seal of James Madison University is based upon the baronial 13th-century coat of arms of the Madison family. The shape of the shield signifies its historic periods and the symbols are original. The mantling and insignia are black upon a silver shield with two black chevrons, each charged with a golden star. The torch in the crest position signifies enlightenment, and the motto, "Knowledge is Liberty," is derived from quotations by James Madison.

“Learned Institutions ought to be favorite objects with every free people. They throw that light over the public mind which is the best security against crafty and dangerous encroachments on the public liberty.”

—James Madison
in a letter to William T. Barry, 4 Aug. 1822, DLC: Madison Papers

James Madison University is the only university named for James Madison, the Father of the U.S. Constitution and fourth president of the United States. In many ways the connection to Mr. Madison’s legacy is much deeper than the name only. As we celebrate commencement, it is important for us to bring Mr. Madison to life for our university community. Acknowledging Madison is not intended as a history lesson. We believe that understanding Madison and his achievements is understanding liberty and its foundations. If each graduate can leave this university with that awareness crowning their outstanding JMU education, then liberty can be multiplied wherever they may go. James Madison University will proudly send nearly 4,500 agents of liberty and social harmony to the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the world.
James Madison University was founded on March 14, 1908, when Virginia Gov. Claude A. Swanson signed the legislation creating the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Harrisonburg. Early in the 20th century, the General Assembly, responding to a growing interest in public higher education in Virginia, authorized the establishment of a new normal school for the education of women teachers. ("Normal" schools were so named because they were supposed to set the standard — or "norm" — for excellence.)

The idea of a new college was highly attractive to communities throughout the commonwealth. There was widespread competition in the state with 28 cities and towns making a case to be the site for the new school. State Sen. George B. Keezell and Del. P.B.F. Good of Rockingham County led the efforts for Harrisonburg in the State Senate and House of Delegates. The school began classes on Sept. 30, 1909, with an enrollment of 150 students and 15 faculty members in two buildings on a 50-acre campus. Today’s James Madison University has over 22,000 students, more than 3,000 faculty and staff, and a 785-acre campus with more than 130 buildings.
JMU BOARD and ADMINISTRATION

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Bethany Nowviskie
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TOGETHER WE’VE ACHIEVED

2017-2018

• 100 JMU Students presented STEM activities at the USA Science and Engineering Festival
• 45 Student Volunteers served 727 hrs. at the Arboretum
• UHC created a new physical space for the LGBTQ program in the Student Success Center
• JMU ranked #5 in the US for best campus food

2018-2019

• Faculty and students from the School of Accounting prepared over 400 tax returns for low-income individuals as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program
• D-Hall opened for students
• Men’s Soccer, Swimming and Diving; Women’s Tennis, Lacrosse, Basketball and Softball were CAA Champions
• Wilson Hall reopens for classes
• Two Friends, and T-Pain perform a concert for JMU students
James Madison University has once again been identified as a top producer of Fulbright scholars by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for master’s-level institutions. For the second consecutive year, three scholars from JMU were awarded Fulbright grants for 2017-18.

Peace Corps announced that James Madison University ranked No. 20 among large schools on the agency’s list of top volunteer-producing colleges and universities in 2019. There are 42 JMU alumni currently volunteering in countries around the world. Since the Peace Corps’ founding in 1961, more than 530 alumni from James Madison University have served abroad as volunteers.

"Take me to your eater!"
Starship food delivery robots descend on the campus to deliver food to dorms and offices.

College of Business Learning Complex boasts more than 200,000 square feet of new and renovated space. Highlights include the expanded Gaglioti Capital Markets Lab; the Major Innovation, Collaboration, Creativity and Entrepreneurship Lab; a professional sales suite; distinctive first-floor atrium and fourth-floor oculus with sweeping 360-degree views of campus; state-of-the-art collaborative learning spaces and study rooms throughout; and much more. The building is LEED certified and elevates JMU’s business education facilities to be on par with the finest business schools in the nation.
The Graduation Ceremony

PRESIDING .................................................................................................................. Dr. Heather J. Coltman
Provost and Senior VP for Academic Affairs

PRELUDE MUSIC ........................................................................................................ Performed by Mr. Jefferson’s Bones
Jay Crone, Nathaniel Lee, Robert Mott and Kyle Remnant

PROCESSIONAL
Pomp and Circumstance .............................................................................................. Sir Edward Elgar
The Star Spangled Banner ........................................................................................... Francis Scott Key, Performed by Dr. Sheena Ramirez ('21DMA)

GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS .................................................................. Mr. Jonathan R. Alger
President of James Madison University

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ............................................................................... Dr. Sheary Darcus Johnson ('70, '74M)

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT BY FACULTY ............................................................. Dr. Val Larsen
Speaker, Faculty Senate

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES
Confering of Degrees ................................................................................................... President Alger
The Graduate School .................................................................................................... Dr. Linda Thomas, Dean
College of Arts and Letters ....................................................................................... Dr. Robert D. Aguirre, Dean
College of Business ..................................................................................................... Dr. Michael E. Busing, Dean
College of Education, University Studies and Professional and Continuing Education ........................................... Dr. Mark L’Esperance, Dean
Dr. Linda Thomas, Dean
College of Health and Behavioral Studies ................................................................... Dr. Sharon E. Lovell, Dean
College of Integrated Science and Engineering ........................................................ Dr. Robert A. Kolvoord, Dean
College of Science and Mathematics ......................................................................... Dr. Samantha Prins, Interim Dean
College of Visual and Performing Arts ....................................................................... Dr. Rubén Graciani, Dean

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES ......................................................... Dr. Jeanne M. Martino-McAllister
Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Health Sciences

CONCLUDING REMARKS ...................................................................................... Dr. Coltman

JMU Alma Mater ......................................................................................................... Dr. James R. Riley, Performed by Dr. Ramirez

RECESSIONAL
Faculty Marshal ............................................................................................................ Dr. Steven R. Harper
Associate Professor, Engineering

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JMU Alma Mater
Madison, James Madison, we’ll be forever true.
Our loyalty will always be to JMU.
While friends remain within our hearts
and knowledge guides our way,
James Madison will lead us on to conquer each new day.
– DR. JAMES R. RILEY
The first Black graduate of Madison College (now James Madison University), Sheary Darcus Johnson (‘70, ’74M) grew up in Harrisonburg when public schools were still segregated. She was a student at Lucy F. Simms School, the city’s African American school, but in support of her desire to go to college, Johnson’s father, Pastor Henry Darcus Sr., met with the Harrisonburg School Board to request that she be enrolled. In 1964, Johnson was one of several Black students to enroll in and desegregate Harrisonburg High School, and she attended classes in the building now known as JMU’s Memorial Hall. Two years later, in 1966, Johnson enrolled at Madison College, where she received her B.A. in library science (1970). After graduation, Johnson became the librarian at Waterman Elementary School in Harrisonburg. She then earned her M.S. in elementary education from Madison College (1974) and her Ed.D. with a focus in instructional technology from the University of Virginia (1988).

Johnson joined the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University in the College of Education, where she taught library science and supervised student teachers before pursuing full-time ministry work. In this capacity, Johnson administered Victory Academy of Early Learning in Richmond. She also founded Better People, Inc., a nonprofit providing youth and adults the tools to become productive citizens, and The Ministry Connection, a nonprofit providing mentoring and training for women in ministry. Johnson has authored two books, Steps to Empowerment and Why I Didn’t Say YES: Understanding the Dynamics of the Body, Soul, and Spirit.
The Graduate School of James Madison University was established in 1954. The image of Mr. Madison’s Temple exemplifies his intelligence, his love of the classics, natural beauty and the useful and practical ways of men. The civic architecture, reminiscent of the ancient republic of Rome, was chosen by James Madison to symbolize his vision for the new American republic. Madison’s quote that “Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives” is at the heart of graduate education.

The JMU Graduate School has a rich history of offering high-quality programs to serve its student body. Classes were first offered in cooperation with the University of Virginia in 1951. Our initial courses offered specialized teacher education programs, and the JMU Graduate School was established in 1954, when the State Board of Education authorized the university to offer programs leading to the Master of Science in Education degree. Our offerings gradually expanded to 48 degree programs, many with multiple concentrations, and nine graduate certificate programs. JMU launched its first doctoral program in 2002; we now offer eight doctoral programs. Graduate programs are offered in each of the seven academic colleges within the university.
College of Arts and Letters

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Kristen Taylor Blackburn, M.A.
Abigail Leigh Gainsforth, M.A.
Lillian Alden Gates, M.A.
Nora Ann McCuen, M.A.
Alyssa Kelsey McMullan, M.A.
Marisa Elizabeth Michak, M.A.
Morgan Frances Raymond, M.A.
Kathleen Lauren Van Deusen, M.A.
Katherine Grace Weems, M.A.
Liam Gallagher Young, M.A.

Business Administration – Information Security

Laura Elizabeth Bloomfield, M.B.A.
William James Douglas, M.B.A.
Tracey Austin Guyan, M.B.A.
Savana Claire Koteita, M.B.A.
Olivia Rachael Marcey, M.B.A.
Samuel James Martin, M.B.A.
Katherine Yerin Masten, M.B.A.
Robert William Rixmann, M.B.A.
Darby Leigh Roltsch, M.B.A.
Jonathan Daniel Thomas, M.B.A.
Bryan Christopher Tolbert, M.B.A.
Isaac Drew Wall, M.B.A.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – INNOVATION

Maya Claire Epelbaum, M.B.A.
Rebekah Lee Hull, M.B.A.
Mike Joseph Lingenfeld, M.B.A.
Samuel Harsh Wilson, M.B.A.

SPORT AND RECREATION LEADERSHIP

Franklin Scott Bracey, M.S.
Seth Lewis Douget, M.S.

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Sevij Iskandarova, Ph.D.
Adam Edward Lindberg, Ph.D.
Kyle Leman McCarrell, Ph.D.
Andrew Dean Miller, Ph.D.

College of Education

ADULT EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Mark Ellis Meredith, M.S.Ed.
Lindsey Marchelle Richards, M.S.Ed.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Anne A. Allen, M.A.T.
James William Baisler, M.A.T.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Andrew Paul Capps, M.Ed.
Anna Southern Carlton, M.Ed.
Jennifer Robin Cooper, M.Ed.
Shannon Nichole Eshleman, M.Ed.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Alexander Russel Clark, M.A.T.
Liam Michael Mullen, M.A.T.
Ala M. Stone, M.A.T.

SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR EDUCATORS

Claudia Mendez Baird, M.Ed.
Shea Kathleen Crispell, M.Ed.
Rita Catherine Ewald, M.Ed.
Maria Noel Garvey, M.Ed.
Mariela Guzman Rodriguez, M.Ed.
Jakob Ryan Ingersoll, M.Ed.
Kode Elliot McNeille, M.Ed.
Carly Beth Reiser, M.Ed.
Georgina Maria Street, M.Ed.
Caitlyn Virginia Wolf, M.Ed.
Soraya Yaran, M.Ed.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP

Morgan Rae Bullis, M.Ed.
Anne R. Griggs, M.Ed.

College of Health and Behavioral Studies

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS – DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Daniel James Romera, Ph.D.

COUNSELING AND SUPERVISION

Matthew Vernon Bukowski, Ph.D.

COUNSELOR EDUCATION – COLLEGE STUDENT PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Kristi Leanne Lewis, M.Ed.

KINESIOLOGY: NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Jason Jeremiah Fee, M.S.

NURSING – DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Lauren Elise Childers, D.N.P.
Jennifer Gallagher Jones, D.N.P.
Melissa Drummond Ring, D.N.P.
Micaela M. Ross, D.N.P.
Connie Van Boah, D.N.P.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Nicole Tiffini Ashby, M.O.T.
Taylor Leann Blenden, M.O.T.
Madeline Kathleen Brothers, M.O.T.
Olivia Faith Daniels, M.O.T.
Alyssa Lynn Donahue, M.O.T.
Cole Griffin Flora, M.O.T.
Ansley Grey Foster, M.O.T.
Danielle Morgan Greer, M.O.T.
Shannon Lee Hagerty, M.O.T.
Hannah Lee Henry, M.O.T.
Elizabeth Anne Hoehner, M.O.T.
Azjah Bryana Land, M.O.T.
Carl Ryan Lucas, M.O.T.
Barbara Ellen McGee, M.O.T.
Rachel Marshall Melvin, M.O.T.
Jessica Lauren Mitchell, M.O.T.
Patrick Calan Pillow, M.O.T.
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Jessica Marie Rogers, M.O.T.
Megan Elizabeth Sadler, M.O.T.
Joshua Tyler Schwenig II, M.O.T.
Sophia Elise Lederman Stone, M.O.T.
Britney Paige Terry, M.O.T.
Brianna Alexandra Vig, M.O.T.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Jeff Abraham, M.P.A.S.
Molly Marie Anadale, M.P.A.S.
Darryl Courtney Bines Jr, M.P.A.S.
Tané Marie Boykins, M.P.A.S.
Shen Cao, M.P.A.S.
Mackenzie Dorote Comstock, M.P.A.S.
Jessica Kent Erim, M.P.A.S.

MUSIC - DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

KaiPo Lan, D.M.A.
Sheena Ramirez, D.M.A.
James Kellogg Richardson, D.M.A.
Gianne Ge Zhu, D.M.A.

MUSIC - MASTER OF MUSIC

Melissa Bushong Harmes, M.M.
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Harry Douglas Gray, M.P.A.S.
Susannah Rose Jackson, M.P.A.S.
Robert Christopher Kime, M.P.A.S.
Gina Nicole Legaulupi, M.P.A.S.
Meredith Rose Mahon, M.P.A.S.
Meghan Gail Mathis, M.P.A.S.
Cara Ann McKee, M.P.A.S.
Miranda Anne Myers-Burton, M.P.A.S.
Michelle Hoang Mai Nguyen, M.P.A.S.
Alexander Gary Patton, M.P.A.S.
Mark Smith Peterson, M.P.A.S.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELOR EDUCATION - CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Mari Peyton Shane Kouchinsky, M.A./Ed.S.

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Arayana Amira Harris, M.A.
Stephanie N. Harris, M.A.
Jordan Allegra Otto, M.A.
Alison Taylor Palmer, M.A.

College of Science and Mathematics

Deanna Ettore, M.Ed.
Kyle Steven McCarley, M.Ed.
Alicia Maryann Smith, M.Ed.
Natalie Taylor, M.Ed.
Samantha Wald, M.Ed.
Joseph Anthony Zirpolo, M.Ed.

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Taylor Jeanne Branaugh, M.A.
Hannah Ainsley Delmonte, M.A.
Robyn Jean Devendorf, M.A.
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Mason Rhea Folk, M.A.
Tyler Joseph Frink, M.A.
Zakirah Bint Ishmael Fulani, M.A.
Arayana Amira Harris, M.A.
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Daniel James Romero, Ph.D.
Objective Detection of Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potentials
Dissertation Director: Erin G. Piker, Ph.D.

**COUNSELING AND SUPERVISION**

Matthew Vernon Bukowski, Ph.D.
Nature and Its Place in Counselor Education: A Qualitative Study of Expert Views
Dissertation Director: Michele K. Kielty, Ph.D.

**STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP STUDIES**

Sevinj Iskandarova, Ph.D.
Systems Leadership on Seamless and Transparent National-Level Transfer Credit System: A mixed methods study
Dissertation Director: Margaret F. Sloan, Ph.D.

Adam Edward Lindberg, Ph.D.
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Assessing Moral Distress and Substance Use among Nurses in the Time of COVID-19 to Improve Patient Safety
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Jennifer Gallagher Jones, D.N.P.
COVID-19 in a Secure Behavioral Rehabilitation Setting: A Program Evaluation
DNP Project Team Chair: Maria G. deValpine, Ph.D.

Melissa Drummond Ring, D.N.P.
Infusing Evidence-Based Practice in the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority Nursing Culture
DNP Project Team Chair: Jeannie S. Corey, D.N.P.

Micaela M. Ross, D.N.P.
An Evidence-Based Project: Exploring Nurse Manager Communication Competencies and Skill Development
DNP Project Team Chair: Jeannie S. Corey, D.N.P.

Connie Van Baah, D.N.P.
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KaiPo Lan, D.M.A.
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Sheena Ramirez, D.M.A.
Words, Music, Memory: An Exploration of Four Soprano Song Cycles by Lori Laitman Based on Poetry from Victims of the Holocaust
Document Director: Kevin J. McMillan, M.M.

James Kellogg Richardson, D.M.A.
Document Director: Kevin J. McMillan, M.M.

Gianne Ge Zhu, D.M.A.
Exploring Unpredictability in Augusta Read Thomas Six Piano Etudes and Traces
Document Director: Eric K. Ruple, D.M.A.

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Melissa Ellen Creasey, B.S.
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Shanika DeShay Dove, B.A.
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Jasmine Rose Landor, B.S.
Tori Madison Leichnam, B.S.
Caroline Rose Lindsay, B.A.
Katelyn Rebecca Liskey, B.A.
Kaylin Faith Monner, B.S.
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SOCIAL WORK

Elena Arabia-Meyer, B.S.W.
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COLLEGE OF INTEGRATED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The Mobius strip is the symbol of the College of Integrated Science and Engineering. Its single side signifies how a variety of perspectives, both technical and non-technical, come together to help solve complicated problems. The superimposed globe represents the many scales at which we work—from local to global—and the pixelation of the continents highlight the importance of computing to the college. The colors of the flag symbolize the college’s focus on sustainability.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**
- Noah Medhat Abdou, B.S.
- Michelle Ann Aber, B.S.
- Mohammed Abdallah Nasser Al-Harazi, B.S.
- Jared Abdul Bhatti, B.S.
- Jacob Scott Campbell, B.S.
- Gianna Francesca Casolara, B.S.
- Nicholas Tiger Cheung, B.S.
- Alexander Paul Henderson, B.S.
- David Lee Kim, B.S.
- Chelsea Lynne Le Sage, B.S.
- Ryan Arthur Linsley, B.S.
- Matthew Brian McCreary, B.S.
- Maxwell Brewster McDaniel, B.S.
- Marc Henry Monk, B.S.
- Alexandre Joseph Montminy, B.S.
- Bungiu Ruben Norales, B.S.
- Unyoung Ellen Park, B.S.
- Martin Alejandro Quezada, B.S.
- Sean William Raasio, B.S.
- Tao Ren, B.S.
- Elijah Samuel Ricka, B.S.

**ENGINEERING**
- Huy Cao Nguyen, B.S.

**GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCE**
- Jeremy Paul Alexander, B.S.
- Olga Natalia Amador, B.S.
- David Michael Farber, B.S.
- Parkerson Bruner Hague, B.S.
- Travis John Harrison, B.S.
- Jessica Fay Johns, B.S.
- Jacob Kenneth Moore, B.S.
- Colin Patrick Moyer, B.S.
- Jyles Isabella Rupprecht, B.S.
- Donald Charles Vossler III, B.S.
- Jack Aulden Ward, B.S.
- Amber Riya Yem, B.S.

**INTEGRATED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**
- Anthony David Arrigo, B.S.
- Nicholas Silmon Campbell, B.S.
- Anthony Donato Dicanio, B.S.
- Ethan Michael Frye, B.S.

**INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS**
- Britta Rose Goodrich Rollins, B.S.
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Developed in 2018, our logo reflects the collaborative nature across the natural and physical sciences. The colors are drawn from the visible electromagnetic spectrum and represent the science and mathematics disciplines in our college, and the shape mirrors the dynamic, rapid pace of the discovery and progress that happens here. New ideas are sparked where the segments of the “wave” of innovation meet.

BIOLOGY

Sydney Elizabeth Alexander, B.S.
Emmalyn Shea Barlow, B.S.
Ian Wayne Baskins, B.S.
Grace Beichter, B.S.
Jacob Alexander Bott, B.S.
Christianna Rene Brooks, B.S.
Amy Lynette Brown, B.S.
Savannah Louise Campbell, B.S.
Reid Robert Christensen, B.S.
Dharmi Kalpesh Desai, B.S.
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Olivia Saige Falls, B.S.
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MaryEllen Lynn Henson, B.S.
Hannah Valencia Hildenbrand, B.S.
Zachary Kyle Hudgins, B.S.
Krystle Anne Jones, B.S.
Miranda Elise Landmann, B.S.
Justin Jaeyoung Lee, B.S.
Deanna Ashleigh Miller, B.S.
Mackenzie Ann Moore, B.S.
Jenna LeAnn Randall, B.S.

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Samantha Isabel Busch, B.S.

BIOTECHNOLOGY

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Cheyenne Collins-Miller, B.S.
Christos Nicholas Dimitriou, B.S.
Anthony Triet Dinh, B.S.

MATHEMATICS

Yanyun Mao, B.S.
Alice Marie Robertson, B.S.
Gavin Jarrett Tomchick, B.S.
Sarah Christine Vetrano, B.S.

PHYSICS

Scott Thomas Bender, B.S.
Camden Michael Kay, B.S.
Michael Minos Morrison, B.S.

STATISTICS

Roberto Daniel Casillas Jr., B.S.

CHEMISTRY

Jessica Marie Garth, B.S.
Abigail Maree Lambert, B.S.
Caroline Jordan Shifflett, B.S.
David James Siddeley, B.S.
Mason Alden Taylor, B.S.

EARTH SCIENCE

Cody Alexander Haydn, B.A.
The College of Visual and Performing Arts flag features a graphic formed from the letters ARTS representing the intertwined nature of the visual and performing arts. The color purple—symbolizing creativity, wisdom and innovation—also anchors the college within the proud JMU traditions of excellence. Silver, a precious metal that reflects visions of the world, is also chromatically the balance point between black and white, reminding us that the creative arts give voice to many perspectives.
Graduating with Honors

**SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

Victoria Marie Cerniglia
Reid Robert Christensen
Megan Ann Enright
Sandra E. Gilchrist
Haley Elizabeth Hunt
Sydney Taylor Inger
Lynn J. Kirk
Madison Chandler Masters
Lauren Elizabeth McCusker
Michael Brett Medlin
Anna Roye Nimmo
Matt Ryan Phillipi
Megan Elizabeth Smith
Kendall Regan Waters

Jenni Michelle Hammack
Travis John Harrison
Catherine Mae Hepler
Marlon Marlon Hernandez Melendez
Camden Michael Kay
Miranda Elise Landmann
Chelsea Lynne Le Sage
Emily Ann Lugin
Hayley Pearl Lupton
Emma Joy Matthis
Madison Ann McCann
Mandi Janae McCrea
Emma Lovernna McGovern
Andrew Thomas Meyers
Rachel Anne Milo
Clark Logan Moeller
Jorge Juan Nieto Cano
Huy Cao Nguyen
Jerrelle Viada Ocampo
Kiara Olatunde
Cameron Marie Piper
Heather Renee Pochet
William Peter Reynolds
Hunter Matthew Shaw
Kate Paige Suratt
Krisztian Szboszlay
Addie Mackenzie Taylor
Julia Taylor Wobensmith
Cherie Isabelle Zehner
Olivia R. Ziegler

**MAGNA CUM LAUDE**

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Nicholas William Barnes
Caroline Elizabeth Bell
Marina Grace Bien
Charlotte Linnea Brauchli
Danielle Marie Cantrell
Janelle Jordan Carter
Erin Grace Cassidy
Adam Mariana Chutuape
Summer Rose Conley
Hannah Marie Couling
Alexandra Lilia Dauchess
Grace Georgia Deker
Morgan Elizabeth Dodson
Hannah Noell Elliott
Savannah Nicole Ellison
Andrew Francis Fialk
Marisa Natsumi Fujimoto
Veronica Isabel Giron
Claire Michelle Goldhush
Meredith Elise Gramstad
Alexander William Hale

Naomi Elizabeth Alger
Olga Natalia Amador
Layne Cameron Balderson
Eri Alexandra Bartal
Sierra Leigh Bass
Halley Nicole Benson
Catherine Cheve Bonta
Phoebe Zheng-Siyu Brueger
Samatha Isabel Busch
Victoria Hailey Carney
Gianna Francesca Casalara
Nicholas Tiger Cheung
Lauren Nicole Clem
Evan Jacob Clough
Devany Aeyrn Corvera Andia
Abigail Nicole Craig
Nancy Carolina Cruz Portillo
Hannah Grace Cubbage
Gabriella Maria Darling
Sara Rose Davis
Emily Kate Downing
Corinne Madison Downum
Rachael Catherine Drislane
Olivia Duke
Maddie Eger
Katie Lillian Fish

**CUM LAUDE**

Bethany Lane Scribner
Taylor Lynn Seaman
Sarah Lynn Shelton
Mackenzie Paige Terry
Liz Wilson Thomas

Nicolle Garbee
Nick Grant Garrett
Caroline Grace Gilliland
Allyson Katellyn Gilmour
Kalina Grace Gregory
Ashley Blair Haley
Sadie Madison Hasenfus
Morgan Elizabeth Hatfield
Sam Lauren Haymore
Leah Elizabeth Heller
Genesis Esmeraldah Hernandez
Hannah Michael Herndon
Hannah Marie Holman
Haley E. Holme
Rachel Taylor Housden
Beryl Ignacio
Anna Katherine Johns
Gillian Marie Kniley
Golden E. Kumi-Darflour
Jennifer Anne Laga
Phoebe M. Large
Holland Anderson Lawler
Heather Rae Lawrence
Ashley Taylor Lehman
Katie Rebecca Liskey
Gwyneth Wallace Mackey
Brianna Vonnie Madden
Mary Beth Magin
Yanyun Mao
Kyra Ann Martin
Lexi Marie Martin
Alex Evelyn Martins
Haroon Waqar Matties
Caroline Lodge Maurer
Max Brewster McDaniel
Tristan Kent Miller
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Tatum Moore
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Sean Patrick O’Brien
Olivia Grace O’Connell
Rachel Marie Pack
Nicolette Judith Pentrose
Haley Lynn Pericak
Sarah Jane Plank
David Stanislav Vowch
Pogoretskiy
Elijah Samuel Ricka
Marielle Priddy Robinson
Vinnie Campese Sack
Maddison May Sailer
Katherine Joan Sandstrum
Sabrina Maria Schnepfe
Jordan Elizabeth Schuetz
Kyra Lynn Schumacher

Daniel Keith Vance
Nicholas Austin VanFossen
Kyle Michael Vinsand
Allison Jean Voeglin
Jordan Isabelle Vonderharr
Christina Marie Vukicevich
Hailey Lawson Walton
Sophia Anastasia Waugh
Madison Nicole Weaver
Brett Allen White
Jillian Victoria Wiggins
Laurel Michaela Wilkerson
Madison Noelle Wilson
Amber Riya Yem
Ashlee Lauran Youngblood
Chris Glenn Zerby

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PHI BETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest academic honor society in America, and is a leading advocate for the liberal arts and sciences. The James Madison University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was established in spring 2010 as the Xi of Virginia chapter. To be eligible for membership, students must meet these conditions: high academic achievement, a liberal arts and sciences major, demonstrated knowledge of college-level mathematics and foreign language through the intermediate level, and at least 90 credit hours in liberal arts and sciences course work.

Erin Grace Cassidy
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Jose Marlon Hernandez Melendez
Haley Elizabeth Hunt
Madison Chandler Masters
Mandi Janae McCrea
Lauren Elizabeth McCusker
Clark Logan Moeller
Marianna Raye Nimmo
Kiara Simone Olatunde
Megan Elizabeth Smith
Laurel Michaela Wilkerson

ARMY ROTC

The James Madison University Army ROTC Duke Battalion mission is to recruit, develop, educate and provide quality leadership training, practical hands-on experience and Army values character development in order to commission agile and adaptive leaders to serve as the future officer leadership in the Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard. Additionally, it is our mission to motivate young people through caring leadership to be better citizens committed to lifelong service of the community and nation. Commissioned as Second Lieutenant US Army through James Madison University ROTC Program:

Abigail Nicole Craig
Allyson Katelyn Gilmour
Dong Hee Lee
Samuel Jared Lepage
Sarah Jane Plank

AIR FORCE ROTC

Following graduation, Air Force ROTC’s Detachment 890 will proudly commission one of its seniors. Detachment 890 is comprised of James Madison University, Liberty University, Piedmont Valley Community College, and The University of Virginia, the host school. Their commissioning marks the transition from cadets to Air Force officers. As they enter active duty, the JMU cadets represent the various career opportunities within the Air Force. These career fields include pilot, intelligence officer, nursing, weather officer, space officer, and force support. Their time as cadets has prepared them with the leadership experience for this exciting time!

Kyra A. Martin
Students graduating from the Honors College have completed a capstone project that demonstrates considerable knowledge in a field of study, a discipline, or an area of cross or interdisciplinary activity. For Honors Scholar students (*), the project is the culmination of a multi-year learning experience facilitated by faculty advisors and readers in a declared major or minor. All of these students have developed scholarly projects that reflect substantial research or creative work, imagination, originality, and craftsmanship.

**ENGINEERING**

Huy Cao Nguyen*
Advisor: Samuel A. Morton, Ph.D., P.E.

**HONORS SENIOR PORTFOLIO PROJECT**

Amanda Lynn Arrain*
Mentor: Donica O. Hadley, Ph.D.

Beryl Arlys Flores Ignacio*
Mentor: Allison E. Fagan, Ph.D.

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Sydney Taylor Inger*
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Alexandra Lilia Dauchess*
Advisor: Michael J. Grundmann, M.F.A.

**NURSING**

Kyrie Anne Bassett*
Advisor: Deborah L. Elkins, D.N.P.

Phoebe Zheng-Siyu Brueger*
Advisor: Andrea F. Knepp, Ph.D.

Sophia Anastasia Waugh*
Advisor: Christine Argenbright, Ph.D.

**PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION**

Adam Mariano Chutuape*
Advisor: Robert E. Brown, Ph.D.
James Madison University’s chain of office and university medallion will be worn by President Jonathan R. Alger during today’s commencement ceremony. The chain of office refers to the authority granted to the president by the JMU Board of Visitors and the Commonwealth of Virginia to confer degrees and lead the university. The chain and medallion were created in 1999 by Ronald J. Wyancko, retired professor of art and art history, who also created the university mace. Creation of the institutional chain and medallion was made possible through a gift from the JMU Parents Council. The chain of office is made of sterling silver and two gems — a golden citrine and a purple amethyst — reflecting JMU’s school colors. The gems are set in the circular sterling silver medallions that are incorporated into the chain. One medallion is textured like bluestone to symbolize the older buildings on JMU’s campus. The other medallion features a brick texture to reflect the university’s newer buildings. The university medallion that hangs from the chain features the seal of James Madison University, the university’s name and the date of its founding, 1908. The design for the JMU seal is based on the coat of arms of the Madison family and contains the words “Knowledge is Liberty,” a quotation from James Madison.

The University Ceremonial Mace

Once a fierce battle weapon, the mace began losing its warlike image eight centuries ago when it started to become a symbol of peaceful leadership. Kings began removing spikes from their maces and encrusting them with jewels and precious metals for ceremonial use. Since then, the mace has been used in ceremonial processions as an ensign of authority. The James Madison University mace was first used in 1979 on Founders Day (now James Madison Day). It is carried by the marshal of the JMU Faculty Senate during all formal faculty processions.

Funds for the mace were donated by the JMU Class of 1943. Commissioned by the JMU Faculty Senate, the mace was created by Ronald J. Wyancko, retired professor of art and art history. The mace is made of sterling silver, 14 karat gold, rosewood and ebony. It weighs four pounds and stands 37 inches high. The upper node of the mace is textured to symbolize the blue limestone used on the original buildings on campus. The lower node represents the brick used on newer buildings. The JMU crest is at the top of the mace. The butt cap of the mace is inlaid with the name of the university and the date of its founding. There are five ebony designs around the main node of the mace: President James Madison, the State Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, a book representing the search for knowledge, the flame of eternal truth and Wilson Hall representing the JMU campus.
THE ACADEMIC COSTUME of cap and gown worn by the faculty and students in today’s commencement had its origin in the universities of the Middle Ages. Although the exact reason for the original use of the costume is not known, it is presumed that there was a very practical reason as medieval scholars probably wore the gown and hood for warmth in their unheated buildings. Students of that era wore their gowns daily, setting them apart from fellow citizens and giving rise to the term “town and gown.” In the United States, caps and gowns were worn daily by students at most American universities until the time of the Civil War.

The sleeves of the gown indicate the degree held by the wearer. Closed, pointed sleeves are used for the bachelor’s gown; oblong sleeves, open at the wrist, for the master’s gown; and bell-shaped sleeves, with three velvet bars, for the doctor’s gown. Gowns for the bachelor’s and master’s degrees are untrimmed. For the doctoral degree, the gown has full-length velvet panels in front, either black or of a color symbolizing the wearer’s field of learning. The hood is a separate ornamental fold hanging down the back of the gown. An outside band of velvet on the hood varies in width according to the degree: two inches for the bachelor’s; three for the master’s; and five for the doctor’s. The color of the band and other velvet on the doctoral hood symbolizes the field of learning. The length of the hood also varies with the degree; the longer the hood, the more advanced the degree. The lining of the hood carries the colors of the college or university conferring the degree.

The cap worn is usually the mortarboard, decorated with a tassel in a color symbolizing the field of higher learning.

Standard colors are used to represent the various academic disciplines. Gold tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees, and some master’s tassels are white. For the doctor’s degree, the cap is velvet. Candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right side of the mortarboard and then shift them to the left in unison when the degree is conferred.

HONOR CORDS AND STOLES

Graduates are permitted to wear cords, stoles, medals and pins on their commencement gowns. Honor cords are typically lengths of cording with small tassels on each end. They are worn draped around the neck and allowed to dangle down the gown’s facings. Occasionally the cords are made of two strands twisted together to show two colors. Stoles are made of satin or velvet and resemble a man’s oversized necktie with two wide ends and draped around the neck to hang loosely down the gown’s front. They are usually embroidered with an insignia. These accessories typically identify students who have earned academic honors, completed university honors curriculums; or held membership in honor societies. The popularity of this practice has led other campus organizations to wear cords and/or stoles.
“The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.”

— GANDHI