



*Faculty Emeriti Association*

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# From the President's Desk

by Kay Knickrehm, President, Faculty Emeriti Association

Greetings Everyone,  
I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season and looking forward to the holidays. As I begin my first year as president, I want to apologize for not being Shelia Moorman. Shelia saw us through the COVID lock-down and somehow kept us connected. She did a great job as president and is a very hard act to follow. I will note that Shelia was a coach and people did as she told them to. She is used to giving good direction and being listened to; and this made her a very effective president. She was able to give suggestions for action in such a way that everyone on the board was happy to follow her lead. I, on the other hand, was an academic department chair. No one ever listened to me. I am accustomed to having every idea argued with or simply being ignored. If anyone has any tips on how I should proceed given my past experience herding cats, I will be happy to receive them.

As most of you know, Sherry King will retire in February and will no longer be assisting us. You can read Steve's reflection on Sherry to find out how the Faculty Emeriti Association ended up in the Office of Parent Relations- I am so glad that we did. During the last four years while serving on the board, I have watched Sherry in action. Her willingness to help us with any and all our activities has been wonderful. I am not exaggerating when I say that she has known the answer to all our questions concerning university policy and she has been a source of unfailingly good advice about what works and what doesn't. It is Sherry



that you have to thank for all those wonderful lunches and dinners and for all those beautifully planned outings. Everything flows smoothly when Sherry is involved. She has been incredibly generous to us, often subsidizing our activities so that we could keep prices reasonable. Best of all she is always gracious. She now joins our association. If you haven't already thanked her, please do so.

Fortunately for us, we remain in very capable hands. Jennifer Sommers will be our main contact in the Office of Parent Relations. Jennifer knows all about us (and still agreed to take us on!) and has already demonstrated that we can depend on her good judgment and strong organizational skills. We look forward to working with her. Tracey Kite has taken over as Interim Director and is a long time friend of the association. Our congratulations to Tracey!

I am pleased to announce that we have increased the amount of our Faculty Legacy Grant from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for the 2023 year. As most of you know, this award rotates among the colleges, and the association pays half of the award with the President's Office matching that amount. A special thanks to President Alger for agreeing to match our increase.

I enjoyed seeing those of you who were able to make it to our picnic and our fall luncheon. I look forward to seeing you at our holiday luncheon in December.

Best,  
Kay



# News & Updates

by Kay Knickrehm, President, Faculty Emeriti Association

## Parking

Emeriti receive free parking in the university lots. Parking Services has a new system this year. Instead of having a “hang tag” over the rear-view mirror in our cars, the license plate serves as our parking permit.

There is a License Plate Recognition camera mounted on parking enforcement vehicles to read plates and determine if someone does or does not have a permit.

For questions, contact JMU Parking Services, [parkingservices@jmu.edu](mailto:parkingservices@jmu.edu).

## Access to Microsoft Office

Newly retired faculty will have become aware that they can no longer have full access to Microsoft Office on their desktops. When the university signed its latest contract with Microsoft, they had to agree to new terms that only allow those currently employed by the university to install Office locally.

Affiliates (that’s us) can continue to access Office online through their JMU accounts, but cannot create or edit documents or spreadsheets on their desktops without first uploading them. Information Technology would have to purchase a separate license for every affiliate in order to make this available and the cost is prohibitive.

If you find using access online through your JMU account too onerous, you can purchase a personal license from Microsoft for just \$6.99 a month. This platform should suit most people’s needs as it allows full access to Office.

## Costs for Events

As everyone is aware, prices are going up. In the past, Parent Relations was able to subsidize quite a few of our activities, spending several thousand dollars a year to help us keep costs down. For example, most of you probably do not know that the \$20 you pay for a luncheon or picnic does not cover the costs of those events. We have covered this deficit partly through our dues and partly with subsidies from Parent Relations.

To help address the deficit, we are making modest increases in what we must charge for our events. We also need to modify our current practice of holding events in athletic facilities such as the Bridgeforth or Atlantic Union Bank Center Club Rooms. While these venues are lovely, they are also quite costly. Meanwhile, there are a variety of very nice places on campus that would be free for us and provide ample parking.

Please bear with us as we make these changes. The board will endeavor to keep costs low and to rotate lower priced special events and outings with higher priced ones.



## Staying Connected

We want to stay in touch with all our members, including those who have moved away or for any reason cannot attend some or all of our events.

We have two new initiatives:

Beginning with the Spring 2023 newsletter, Rex Fuller will edit a recurring column on memories of JMU. We are inviting all emeriti members to submit short (one or two paragraphs) reminiscences of their days at JMU.

- When you first arrived, was there a special person or persons who served as mentor?
- What special memories do you have of Madison College or JMU?
- Are there particular events you recall?
- A special class or group of students? A fun activity with colleagues?

We are open to any and all fond memories. This will be a great way for all of us to stay connected to each other and to the JMU community.

Please email Rex at [rexf653@gmail.com](mailto:rexf653@gmail.com). We hope to get such an overwhelming response that we have material for future newsletters.

Second, beginning with this issue, we are including more detail from events that not everyone can attend. In the report on the luncheon, you will find a synopsis of Professor Blatz’s remarks concerning her research and activities funded in part by our Legacy Grant. We are so impressed with what JMU current faculty are doing, and we thought everyone might like to share in that information.

Please keep us up-to-date on how best to get in touch with you. If you have additional ideas for staying connected, please let us know. [facultyemeriti@jmu.edu](mailto:facultyemeriti@jmu.edu)

# Interest Group Updates

by Martha Ross, Interest Group Chair, Faculty Emeriti Association

Interest Groups are up and running. Information on some of the fall activities are below.

If you haven't signed up for one of the groups and would like to, send Martha Ross an email (rossmk@jmu.edu) and she will alert the group chair.

Interest was expressed by a couple of members for a pickle ball/hiking/walking group. If anyone else is interested, let Martha know and she will connect you with other interested members.

**Beer and Cider Group** - Deane Geier, coordinator (singer.123@gmail.com) September's event was at the Golden Pony in downtown H'burg and October 20 was the Annual Fall Stable Craft Event in Waynesboro.

**Bridge Group** - Mary Ann Chappell, coordinator (chappema@jmu.edu) The group met in August and September, face to face once again.

**Friends Group** - Violet Allain, (allaiavl@jmu.edu) Assist as needed for transportation, meals, errands, etc.

**Film Friends** - Violet Allain, coordinator (allainvl@jmu.edu)

What fun to meet your friends for lunch, dinner or snacks and see a movie. On October 4 the group saw *See How They Run* and on October 23rd saw *The Woman King* at the Sipe Center in Bridgewater.

**The Lunch Bunch** - Anne Henriksen (henrikad@jmu.edu) Join others who like to try different restaurants that are old favorites or new tastes of the Valley.

**Play Reading Group** - we need a coordinator for this group! Anyone interested in getting the group together?

**Whiskey Appreciation Group** - Steve Smith (smith3cs@jmu.edu) Their next outing will be on November 10, to the Filibuster Distillery in Maurertown with lunch at the historic Edinburg Mill Restaurant. Car pools are available for this autumn fun outing.

**Wine Group** - Janet Gloeckner (gloeckjw@jmu.edu) The group meets monthly to try a variety of wines and appetizers. These are hosted in members homes: Brad Roof-August, Roger Hall-September, and Ann Marie Leonard-October.

## Hamilton Trip

by Elizabeth Ihle, Special Events Chair, Faculty Emeriti Association

The bus was completely full when 50 members of the emeriti association went to the Kennedy Center to see a matinee performance of *Hamilton*. The association was able to purchase tickets last January, and the number of tickets was dependent on the capacity of the bus.

The Office of Parent Relations did their usual great work in organizing the trip, and we're very grateful. The group arrived in plenty of time and scattered for lunch before the 1:30 performance. Someone suggested that our group also considered going to Richmond for shows, and we'll certainly investigate that.

At this time, a trip in April is being planned to Richmond to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts or History.

Please send any suggestions you have to Elizabeth Ihle, elizaihle@gmail.com or 540-421-5257.



Lunch Group at Rocktown Kitchen

# *Beer & Cider Club*



## *July-Three Notch'd Brewery*



## *September-Golden Pony*



# Whisk(e)y Appreciation Group

*By Steve Smith, Chair, WAG*

On Tuesday, April 26, 2022, the Faculty Emeriti Association's Whiskey Appreciation Group took a trip to visit not one, but two distilleries in the region. We were thrilled to have 14 members, spouses and friends join us for the excursion. Thanks to Clarence Geier, Carter Lyons and Steve Smith for driving. Additional attendees included Mary Ellen Lyons, Sidney and Linda Bland, Gary and Mary Ann Chatelain, Tom and Rosemary King, Susan and Rodney Wheeler, Brenda Seal, and Bob Coakley.

After a casual lunch at the Red Horse Inn in Middleburg VA, we walked across the street to the Mt. Defiance Distillery and enjoyed some bourbon, whiskey, gin, rum, amaretto, and even some absinthe. Our hostess and distiller, Kimberly, took very good care of us.

Following those good times, we ventured to Luray where we met with Fred Foley, owner of the River Hill Distillery. Fred introduced us to his whiskey: some 90 proof, some 100 proof and some corn whiskey. We had a rousing good time with Fred!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip, the beverages and the company, and we look forward to the next adventure. All are welcome for the next one.



# FEA Annual Fall Luncheon Highlights

By Steve Smith, Former Program Chair, Faculty Emeriti Association

The Faculty Emeriti Association held its annual Fall luncheon at the Atlantic Union Bank Center Club Level Room on Thursday, October 13 with 70 members and guests in attendance.

We were delighted to have our 2021 FEA Legacy Grant recipient, Dr. Sharon Blatz, provide us with an update of her research. Dr. Blatz is the Coordinator and Advisor of Special Education K-12 4-and 5-year programs. She is an Associate Professor in the Educational Foundations and Exceptionalities Department and is an advisor for first year students. In her role, Dr. Blatz coordinates and develops programs that prepare special education teachers to work in K-12 settings.

Dr. Blatz has worked at James Madison University for 16 years and was a special education teacher in the public schools—at the high school, middle school and elementary school levels—for 15 years prior to coming to JMU. The FEA wanted to recognize Dr. Blatz and her research last year, but we were delayed due to COVID. Members were excited to hear about her special education research at JMU.

In addition, JMU faculty member Dr. Chris Womack entertained us with some stand-up comedy. Dr. Womack is a Professor in the JMU Kinesiology Department, where his interests are in Exercise Science and he has been at JMU since 2006. Plus, we had the pleasure of having his spouse, Dawn Davis Womack, also provide comedy for us. Four years ago, Dawn started



*Dr. Sharon Blatz, recipient of the 2021 FEA Legacy Grant, shares about her work.*



the X2 Comedy Club, a local comedy production company in Harrisonburg. Dawn is a comedian and producer, and conducts her podcast--"Virginia is For Laughters—all things non-hiking in the Shenandoah Valley."

Dawn and Chris are not only teaching Comedy Classes at the Hotel Madison in December, but also hosting another X2 Comedy program at Court Square Theatre, also taking place in December. We had a lot of laughs at this year's luncheon!

Dr. Blatz has kindly prepared a synopsis of her remarks (which follows) for those unable to attend the lecture.

## **Rebooting the Special Education Resource Room**

The project supported through the 2021 Legacy grant was about addressing the need to establish and standardize the instructional practices taking place in the modern-day special education resource room, particularly at the middle and secondary levels. As the identity of special education moved



*Faculty Emeriti Association Members enjoying lunch and each other!*



from mainstreaming to inclusion, the structure of providing services to students with disabilities changed somewhat overnight. Middle and secondary special educators who were used to teaching equivalent content classes found themselves leading strategy and resource rooms that had established structure or requirements.

Quickly it became a location for putting out fires or a safe space for students with disabilities to regroup from the stress of the day. The issue is that what happens in a special education resource room is supposed to be directed by the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

In this project, I took the resource room structuring method I was teaching to

our JMU preservice teachers out to a K-12 school to assist practicing special education teachers. The tool is called CORE, and it uses a series of steps and questions to walk a special education teacher through the process of setting up their resource room to ensure it is meeting the students needs as stated in the IEP along with many other tasks they are required to accomplish.

CORE is explained below.

- Consider the IEP goals
- Include specific goals for each student in charts based on subjects: reading, writing, math, transitions, behavior, etc.
- Evaluate goals and time schedule
- Make groups of students with similar goals
- Set up times required for each

group

- Think out specially designed instruction needs
- Place instructional groups into your weekly schedule
- Offer reteaching and review time in schedule
- Recognize pre-teaching and strategy needs
- Establish behavior and assessment spots

I was able to work with experienced special education teachers and some who were provisionally licensed, which means teaching while taking classes to learn about special education. I worked with the special education teachers biweekly during their planning periods to create specific resource room plans for their assigned students. I was able to walk through the process of creating a resource room schedule with each of the special education teachers at the school. After creating the schedules, the teachers expressed how they could now see what the IEPs looked like in action, how they could have a set schedule and yet offer flexibility when needed, and how they could better communicate with their colleagues and administration about the needs of their students on a daily basis. Instead of being reactionary, the special education teachers were able to plan appropriate instruction for their students and feel confident they were addressing their students' educational goals.

Finally, I was able to go to the Virginia Council for Learning Disabilities Conference last spring and share this information with special education teachers and supervisors from all over the state of Virginia. I plan to continue working on establishing this method for setting up productive special education resource rooms through publications and school partnerships.



# JMU Faculty Emeriti: Lifelong Teachers and Learners

by Anne Henriksen, Faculty Emeriti Association Member

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is part of the JMU School of Continuing & Professional Education. LLI provides intellectual and social activities for active, curious individuals, many of whom are retired. LLI learners come from all backgrounds in the Harrisonburg community and surrounding areas.

Many of the LLI courses are taught by JMU Faculty Emeriti, and their courses cover a wide range of topics including art history, philosophy, creative writing, genetics, neuroscience, health, cooking, ancient and modern history, religion, world events, and painting, to name just a few.

The JMU Lifelong Learning Institute has hired Barbara Hetzel as its new Director. Barbara comes to LLI from the JMU Title IX office, where she was the

Associate Director. Barbara is excited to expand the breadth of LLI course offerings, and to increase the diversity of its faculty and its membership.

All JMU faculty and faculty emeriti are invited to teach LLI courses, which require simply submitting a short proposal online. Instructors can teach courses in any area in which they are interested and willing to share. Teaching an LLI course can mean a 4 to 6-week semester, no tests, no grades, no papers, and students who are truly excited to be there.

If you are interested in teaching for LLI, Barbara can be reached at [hetzelbe@jmu.edu](mailto:hetzelbe@jmu.edu) or (540) 568-2333.

Visit the LLI website to learn more about courses, register for an event, and become a member: [jmu.edu/lli](http://jmu.edu/lli).



*Barbara Hetzel, Director of LLI*

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## Honoring Faculty Emeriti

by Kay Knickrehm, President, Faculty Emeriti Association

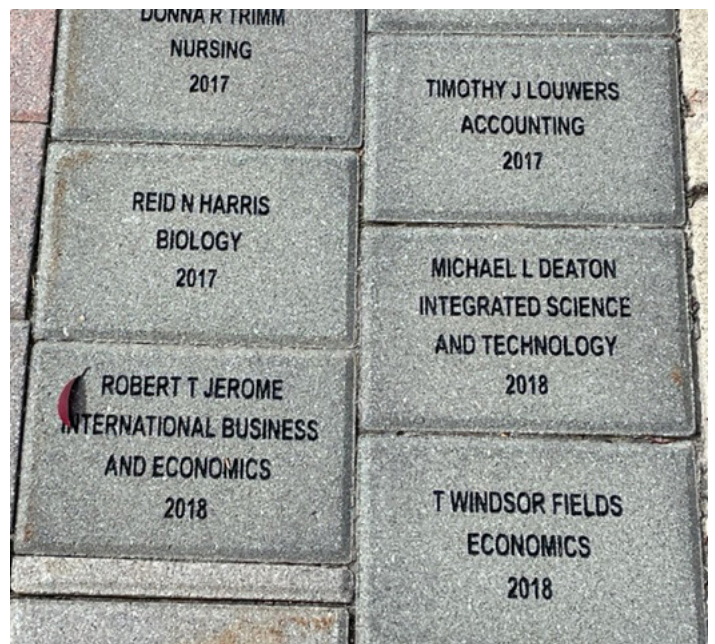
Sometime during Doug Brown's tenure in the Provost Office, his office began laying pavers in the newly renovated area around the fountain in front of Burruss Hall. As retiring faculty members were granted emeritus status, the Provost's office would order pavers with name, year of retirement and department. Dr. Jerry Benson continued this practice.

Pavers were laid up until the beginning of 2018, but there were changes in personnel in the provost's office and apparently this practice was unintentionally discontinued. The Faculty Emeriti Association contacted Dr. Coltman, the current Provost, and she very graciously agreed to continue

the practice. Her office is working on getting the list of emeriti faculty not yet represented and we can expect this thoughtful tradition to continue.

Emeriti faculty are encouraged to take a walk around the fountain in front of Burruss. It's great fun to see all the familiar names of retired faculty.

Thank you to Doug Brown, Jerry Benson, and Heather Coltman for this lovely tribute.





## Reflections on Sherry King

by Steve Smith '71, Former AVP, Constituent Relations, Current Vice President, Faculty Emeriti Association

I wish to congratulate Sherry King on her upcoming retirement from JMU. As we all know, Sherry has been a stalwart when it comes to Faculty Emeriti Relations and I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize some of her achievements.

Sherry and I worked together for a couple of decades at JMU, primarily involved with Parent Relations and during my time as Association VP for Constituent Relations. Sometime around 2009 and when Nancy O'Hare was the FEA President, the Faculty Emeriti were looking for a home at JMU, and those of us in University Advancement felt it would be a great fit to include Faculty Emeriti into University Advancement. Granted, it may be a bit unusual for a Faculty Emeriti Association to be housed under Parent Relations, being within Advancement seemed to then and has certainly grown into a natural fit. Sherry and I embraced this opportunity

for growth and I will never forget our first meeting with Nancy O'Hare, Rex Fuller, Violet Allain, and Mary Lou Wylie. Sherry and I asked the officers what they, as Emeriti Faculty, liked to do. The immediate response was "well, we like to drink wine." That seems to be a re-occurring theme with the Faculty Emeriti, and we knew that we were off to a great partnership.

Sherry and her team, especially Tracey Kite, (former Parent Relations Assistant Director, Heather Davis) and Jennifer Sommers have truly embraced the Faculty Emeriti Association, on top of their many responsibilities for Parent Relations, especially when it comes to handling Family Weekend, Parents Council, and the day to day operations of dealing with parents of college aged students (I'm sure Sherry could write a book on those interactions with parents!). The programs, coordination, and engagement that Sherry has shown the FEA is over the top. Our events

are always extremely well planned and thought out. The arrangements, support, decorations, and thought that goes into every gathering all started with Sherry, and for that, we are all most grateful. You have been the one who has carried the Faculty Emeriti Association banner for over a decade, and for that, hundreds of retired faculty and administrative staff members are extremely grateful to you--for your professional AND personal attention. Thank you, Sherry!

Sherry, again, congratulations on your retirement and subsequent induction into the Faculty Emeriti Association as one of our newest members. It will be fun for you to be on the "other side" and be able to relax a bit before your leadership skills come to light as a mover and shaker within the FEA organization.

All the best, my friend!

# Membership Report

*By Kay Knickrehm, President, Faculty Emeriti Association*

Welcome to our new members for 2022:

- Dr. Pamela Peterson Drake, Professor, College of Business
- Dr. Diane Catherine Lending, Professor, Computer Info. Systems & Bus. Analytics
- Dr. Susan Wright Palocsay, Professor, Computer Info. Systems & Bus. Analytics
- Dr. Elaine Chisek, Lecturer in Political Science/Academic Advisor
- Mr. Shane O'Hara, Professor, Dance
- Ms. Debbie Perrone, Director of Strategic Research Support
- Dr. Louise Temple-Rosebrook, Professor, Integrated Science and Technology
- Dr. William Wood, Professor, Economics
- Mr. Dave Rinker, Head Coach-Cross Country
- Dr. Kathy Schwartz, Director, School of Art, Design and Art History
- Dr. Nancy Nichols, Professor/MSA Program Director, College of Business
- Dr. William "Bill" Hawk, Professor, Phil. & Religion/Dir. of Madison Collaborative
- Ms. Marsha Mays-Bernard, AVP Health & Well-Being, Student Affairs
- Dr. Roger Tomhave, Professor, Art and Art History
- Dr. Robert McKown Professor, Integrated Science and Technology
- Dr. Steven Anderson, Professor, School of Media Arts and Design
- Dr. Deborah Bandalos, Program Dir, Assessment & Measurement, Grad. Psych.
- Dr. Joanne Gabbin, Executive Director, Furious Flower Poetry Center
- Dr. Richard Gaughran, Professor, English
- Dr. Pamela Gibson, Professor, Psychology
- Ms. Gretchen Hazard, Lecturer/Cluster 1 Coordinator, Communications Studies
- Dr. Joanne Holman, Professor, School of Media Arts & Design
- Dr. Regina Theresa (Terri) Prodoehl, Lecturer, Health Services
- Dr. Jacqueline Williams, Professor, Kinesiology
- Jack Butt, Professor, History
- Stephen Chappell, Associate Professor, History
- Rich Foust, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
- John Gilje, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
- John Hulvey, Director, Grants and Contracts
- Raymond (Skip) Hyser, Professor, General Education
- Richard Meixel, Professor, History
- Ms. Liz K. Castro, Instructor, Foreign Language
- Dr. Giuliana Fazzion, Program Director, Foreign Language, Literature & Culture
- Dr. Michelle Hughes, Professor, College of Education
- Dr. Cynthia Kearns, Professor, Department of Geology & Environmental Science
- Ms. Sarah H. O'Connor, Professor, Writing, Rhetoric & Technical Communication
- Dr. Michael Renfroe, Professor, Biology
- Mr. Kurt E. Schick, Professor, Writing, Rhetoric & Technical Communication
- Dr. Grace Wyngaard, Professor, Biology

Currently we have over 300 members of the Faculty Emeriti Association

## In Memoriam

*by Kay Knickrehm, President,  
Faculty Emeriti Association*

**It is with great sadness  
that we recall our  
colleagues who passed  
away in the past year.  
We will remember them  
fondly.**

**Dr. Jackie Driver**

**Dr. Joan Frederick**

**Dr. Barbara Gabriel**

**Dr. Steven Guerrier**

**Dr. David Hanson**

**Fred Hilton**

**Dr. Joseph Hollis**

**Dr. Paul Kipps**

**Dr. Earlynn Miller**

**Dr. Don Musselman**

**Dr. Philip Riley**

**Dr. John Sander**

**Dr. Bill Walker**

**Steven Zapton**





## 2022 FEA Legacy Grant Awarded

*by Kay Knickrehm, President, Faculty Emeriti Association*

On August 19 at the Opening Faculty Meeting, I was honored to present the 17th Legacy Grant to Dr. Jennifer Walsh from the College of Health and Behavioral Studies.

Dr. Walsh is a registered dietician and the Undergraduate Program Director for Dietetics. She has conducted nutrition education and eating behavior research for over fifteen years and previously worked with federally-funded nutrition programs as part of multi-state research interventions. She has designed numerous community-based studies to increase local food access and enhance healthful eating among families with limited resources. She has experience and expertise in survey validation, health program development, implementation, and evaluation. Additionally, she has conducted and published scholarship of teaching and learning to contribute innovative approaches to dietetics education. She received her PhD. in Food and Nutrition Sciences from the University of Maine.

The funding for this award will benefit Dr. Walsh's current scholarly and teaching efforts to assess food insecurity in higher education through a multi-state collaborative and to enhance existing community-based programs supporting food security among vulnerable populations in Harrisonburg and surrounding communities. We look forward to hearing from Jennifer at our Fall 2023 luncheon.

## Upcoming Events

*By Steve Smith, Former Program Chair,  
Faculty Emeriti Association*

### Thursday, December 8 FEA Holiday Luncheon

Club Level of Bridgeforth Stadium.  
Reception 11:30 AM, Lunch at Noon. Please join us to celebrate the holidays with friends. Parking is available in the parking deck, enter through the 4th floor entrance within the parking deck. Spouses and Guests are welcome.

### Thursday, April 13 FEA Spring Luncheon

Atlantic Union Bank Center, Arena Club  
Reception 11:30 AM, Lunch at Noon.  
Please join us to hear Dr. Heather Coltman, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Parking in Ballard East Campus Parking Deck. Spouses and Guests are welcome.

### Wednesday, April 19 Outing to Richmond

Visit your choice of Museums: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts or History. More details to come.

[jmu.edu/emeriti/upcoming-events.shtml](http://jmu.edu/emeriti/upcoming-events.shtml)