



The purpose of this newsletter is for the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) to connect and engage with the JMU international alumni community. We hope you enjoy this Fall 2017's edition!

International Week

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." — by Augustine of Hippo

One way to urge the JMU community to 'read this book', is in part through International Week. Since the Office of International Programs became the Center for Global Engagement (CGE), the 2017 International Week theme had to reflect this change: "Global Engagement: Out of Many, One."

As one of the International Week planning committee members, Dr. Jennifer Coffman - Associate Executive Director, explained "though we are many and represent immense diversity that we should celebrate, our hope for the future lies in our ability to connect with one another and collaborate. Global engagement, after all, happens right here in our own communities, as well as abroad."



International Week featured many annual key events such as the International Bazaar, a trivial night, and the study abroad fair. To mark this special year, special guest JMU Alumna and International Monetary Fund photographer Steve Jaffe (class of 1985) served as one of the photo contest judges. Moreover, A group of 17 international students, JMU study abroad alumni, Harrisonburg High School students and Valley Scholars recently came together to paint a mural in CGE's space.



Claudia Bernardi, an international artist, worked with the muralists to focus on the theme of unity and togetherness. It showcases aspects of cultures from around the world, from monuments to landscapes to the garments people are wearing. [\[Read more\]](#)

Did you know?

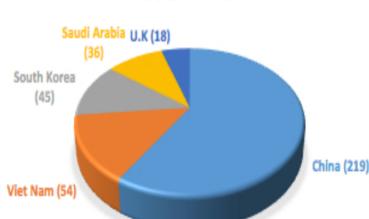
JMU Rankings

- #2 Public School in the South
- "200 Colleges that Pay You Back"
- 1/4 of JMU students study abroad [\[Read more\]](#)



International Students Demographics

FALL 2017- TOP 5 MOST REPRESENTED COUNTRIES

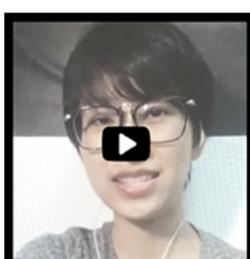


FALL 2017- BREAKDOWN OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BASED ON THEIR DECLARED MAJOR:

- Arts & Letters [40]
- Business [226]
- Education [3]
- Health & Behavioral Science [330]
- Integrated Science & Technology [27]
- Science & Mathematics [43]
- Visual & Performing Arts [6]

Stepping into the spotlight

What are you doing these days? What were some of your key moments while at JMU? How has JMU prepared you to be "educated and enlightened citizens who lead productive and meaningful lives" (as stated in JMU's mission statement)?, are some of the questions that Thomas Lavenir has asked **Yoky Yu (Class of 2013)**. Enjoy this short video of their conversation.



We want to feature you and your perspectives in our next spotlight section. So what do you say?E-mail [Thomas Lavenir](#) now!

In 2018...

- March 13- [Giving Day](#)
- April-
 - *Middle* - the Center for Global Engagement will specifically arrange (during JMU's Big Event) for international alumni and international students to come together (at least in the Washington DC Area) and make an impact in our world.
 - *End* - the Center for Global Engagement will be hosting a special graduation ceremony to honor our students with a graduation cord.
- May 3-5, 2018- [JMU Commencement Ceremony](#)

Meet the ISSS team



From left to right:
Thomas Lavenir | Jonathan Kratz | Marlee Meikrantz | Emma Lundeen | Ed Muldoon

makeup the International Student & Scholar Services team.

It's about time!

[CGE's webpage](#) underwent a face lift with some exciting new features. While checking it, make to click on the "[For Alumni](#)" link (found on the left hand column) as you will find some useful information.

Contact Information

For more information go to the [Alumni web page](#) and for any assistance contact [Thomas Lavenir](#).