

# JMU Graduate Community News

*From here, everything is possible!*

April 11, 2022



**SHOWCASE OF GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY 2022.** Attend the Grad Showcase and learn what JMU's master's and doctoral students have achieved. You will be amazed by the quality of their work and participation will help to shape and inspire your own work. The sessions will include presentations (8:30 am -12:15 pm), posters (1:30 – 3:00 pm). Performances and a Reception will be held from 5-8:00 pm. Awards will be presented at 6:00 pm. **Thursday, April 21, 2022** in the Hall of Presidents. [More Information](#)

**GSA IMPACT AWARD NOMINATIONS.** Nominate a graduate student or faculty member who has made a positive impact on graduate students and/or the local community. Nominations are **due April 12**. [Submit your nomination](#)

**THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA) IS LOOKING FOR EXECUTIVE LEADERS.** The GSA is accepting applications for Executive Board Members for the 2022-2023 academic calendar year. Serving on the GSA Executive Board is a great way to gain leadership skills and interact with professionals outside your area of study. These positions also look great on your resumé. If interested, please fill out this [form](#). GSA information can be found on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#). For questions email [gsa@jmu.edu](mailto:gsa@jmu.edu).

**HELP ENVISION A RENOVATED CARRIER LIBRARY.** The Libraries would like your input on a planned expansion of Carrier Library. Please join one of two discussion time slots, with architects and fellow students, to help us envision the “look and feel” of the renovated spaces within the library. They will be held on **Wednesday, April 13** in the Carrier Library, room 301. Sign up for the [4:30 pm session](#) or the [6:00 pm session](#). Contact [Kristen Shuyler](#), for questions about the event.

**THRIVE DROP-IN HOURS.** THRIVE is a Graduate School-supported student organization that serves graduate students as they work toward their higher-level degrees. THRIVE seeks to build an inclusive graduate student community, define and support affinity groups and create networking among our graduate students. Drop in **Thursday, April 28, 2-4 pm** Madison Hall, fourth floor, room 4010, to just say hello or to stay to work on assignments. Contact THRIVE at [thrive@jmu.edu](mailto:thrive@jmu.edu). [More information](#)

**SOMOS - JMU LATINX CONFERENCE, CALL FOR PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS OR PANELS.** The SOMOS JMU Latinx Conference will be held on **October 28, 2022**. This in-person event will examine current trends in Latinx topics such as social justice, health equity, identity and representation, and how this population is reshaping the demographics in the Commonwealth. Submissions your proposal [online](#) through **June 3**. The event’s keynote speaker will be American labor and civil rights activist, Dolores Huerta. [More Information](#)

**NEED FOOD OR HYGIENE ITEMS?** Check out [The Pantry](#) in Taylor Down Under 112 (The Union). You can either shop in-person or place orders through The Pantry app, available in the [Apple](#) and [Android](#) stores. Use the app to elect curbside pickup option or rapid pickup option in The Pantry itself. The Pantry is open Mon 12-6pm and Tues-Thurs 12-5pm. *Available to all students, no questions asked!* [More Information](#)

**LOOKING FOR A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OR A CAMPUS JOB?** There are currently 21 graduate assistantships, 61 student positions and 15 part-time wage positions posted on [Joblink](#).

**THE UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER’S GRADUATE SCHOOL LIASON** [Alyssa Hawley](#) is a great resource to assist you with resume review and career preparation. Check out [University Career Services for Graduate Students](#) or contact [Alyssa](#) for more information.

**THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTARIES AND FILMS AVAILABLE TO YOU ONLINE.** JMU Libraries announces new options for streaming videos. Visit the JMU Libraries website to learn more about [streaming video resources](#), as well as [learning events](#).

**JMU LIBRARIES’ GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES** can be found [here](#).

**DO YOU ENJOY ADVENTURE TRIPS?** Want to participate but don’t have sufficient funds? Consider these upcoming UREC Adventure Trips. If you are financially challenged, [Apply for a scholarship](#).

Trip	Dates	Application Deadline
<a href="#">Camp &amp; Raft the New River Gorge</a> (\$300)	<b>4/22-4/23</b>	April 13 by 5 pm
<a href="#">Camp &amp; Rock Climb in WV</a> (\$215)	<b>4/30-5/1</b>	April 20 by 5 pm

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## Campus Events

**MEN AND VIOLENCE PANEL** Join us for a Q&A Panel to discuss the important role men play in preventing power-based personal violence! **April 11, 6-7:00 pm** in the Festival Ballroom. [More Information](#)

**WEEKEND DAY TRIP: MOUNTAIN BIKING AT WESTERN SLOPE** There is a bike for every adventure! Join UREC for an afternoon of mountain biking at Massanutten Western Slopes. **April 23, noon – 6 pm**. [More Information](#)

**UPB OFFERS FUN STRESS RELIEVING EVENTS.** Join UPBs Late Night Breakfast, for example, where students enjoy breakfast foods, great music, crafts, photo booths and so much more.

What	When	Where
Disney De-Stress Trivia	<b>April 24, 5-7:00 pm</b>	The Union, Taylor Down Under
Late Night Breakfast	<b>April 28, 10-11:59 pm</b>	Festival Stage Lower Drum

**WILDFLOWER WALK.** Take an educational stroll with Arboretum Director, Jan Sievers Mahon, during this most exciting and beautiful time of year. Learn about spring ephemerals and where to find them in

the Arboretum! Join us and see what species you may observe! **April 13, 10:30- 11:30 am.** [More information](#)

**JMU MFA THESIS EXHIBITION** Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Art at James Madison University will showcase the culminating work of graduating students in the School of Art, Design and Art History's internationally renowned Master of Fine Arts program. The three participating students, Haden King, Camillia Elci and Anikó Sáfrán, explore themes of ecology, transformation, and the double burden that women face as they spend twice as much time on household work as men and four times as much time on care work. **April 8 – May 5. Hours of gallery are 11 am – 5 pm. Tuesday – Saturday.** [More information](#)

**CHECK OUT THE MASTER JMU EVENT CALENDAR.** [More Campus Events](#)

**HARRISONBURG DOWNTOWN.** Find out what's happening in downtown Harrisonburg [here](#) and [here](#).

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## Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

**The Student Handbook.** It is the responsibility of every student to know and follow the policies outlined in the JMU Student Handbook along with federal, state, and local laws. [Student Handbook](#)

**Graduate Policies.** You are responsible to read and follow the graduate policies set forth in the [Graduate Catalog](#). Important information regarding degree progress, including rules for successful progression and continuous enrollment are also on the [Graduate School website](#).

**Approval of a Thesis or Dissertation Committee.** Students who are completing these sorts of projects must submit a signed approval form to The Graduate School by the second week of the semester in which the student first registers for thesis or dissertation credits. [Approval form](#)

**Monitor your Dukes E-Mail account!** Official information is sent to each student's official [Dukes e-mail account](#). Check your @dukes.jmu.edu e-mail account on a regular basis.

**Monitor MyMadison!** The *Student Center* in [MyMadison](#) is where you will find advising information, register for classes, and where you can view "To Do Items" that will keep you on track towards graduation. Use the Student Center to update your mailing address and cell phone number. It is **your responsibility** to maintain accurate contact information. Check your account regularly. Don't miss important information!

### Essential Links:

- [Graduate School Website](#)
- [Graduate Catalog with Graduate Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)

**Have Questions?** Please contact the following person if you have questions regarding:

Thesis/Dissertations	Laura Ryman ( <a href="mailto:rymanle@jmu.edu">rymanle@jmu.edu</a> )
Assistantships/Scholarships	Arlynda Boyer ( <a href="mailto:boyeral@jmu.edu">boyeral@jmu.edu</a> )
Graduation/Commencement/Transfer of Credit	Kathryn Brown ( <a href="mailto:wendelkt@jmu.edu">wendelkt@jmu.edu</a> )
Continuous Enrollment (Current Students)	Laura Ryman ( <a href="mailto:rymanle@jmu.edu">rymanle@jmu.edu</a> )
Initial Enrollment (Unable to Begin Program)	Beth Johnson ( <a href="mailto:johns8ba@jmu.edu">johns8ba@jmu.edu</a> )

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We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to [grad@jmu.edu](mailto:grad@jmu.edu).

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