ELECTION DAY IS HERE! Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 8!

HOLLAND YATES HALL. James Madison University received an unprecedented contribution to the Unleashed campaign from Alumnus Paul Holland ('82) and his wife and life-partner Linda Yates. Effective immediately, the home of the Graduate School, formerly Madison Hall, will be called Holland Yates Hall. Their gift includes scholarships for study-abroad experiences and for students who minor in entrepreneurship. The couple hopes that JMU will help prepare graduates with the skills needed to tackle our biggest problems including: climate change, sustainability, water, disease, racism and poverty. 

Watch the video

Present Your Work


PRESENT YOUR THESIS AT JMU’S SIXTH ANNUAL THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION.

Monetary prizes for the top three presenters and the first-place competitor will present at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools in Tampa, Florida. The JMU event will be January 20, 2023. Workshops are available November 16 and 19. More Information

Funding, Scholarships and Fellowships
SUBMIT YOUR MADISON TRUST PROPOSAL. Each year, the Madison Trust chooses 10 innovate projects that are funded by a panel of philanthropic investors. **Submission deadline: November 18.** [More Information](#)

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY. The Frasure-Kruzel-Drew (FKD) Memorial Fellowship is a paid full-time, two-year career-development opportunity during which fellows gain valuable experience managing international security and humanitarian-assistance-related programs. **Application deadline is November 10.** [More Information](#)

VIRGINIA TECH’S PRESIDENTIAL POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM has expanded to include four distinct tracks and opportunities that may be of interest to late-stage Ph.D. students. These are two-year appointments with competitive salaries and benefits, $10,000 for training and professional development and professional development support. **Next proposal due Nov. 15.** [More Information](#)

LOOKING FOR A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OR A CAMPUS JOB? There is currently 8 graduate assistantship, 37 student positions and 21 part-time wage positions posted on JMU Joblink. [Search Joblink](#)

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### Professional Development

**BUILDING A MENTOR/ADVISOR RELATIONSHIP** will be the next event during the Graduate School 101 workshop series designed for graduate students. **Wednesday, November 18, 1 – 2:30 pm** in Holland Yates Hall, Room 2001. [More Information](#)

**THE GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER** (AKA Grad Lounge) is a dedicated space for graduate students. You can use this space to study, use the room’s computers and printer, pick up donated food items or clothing, or just relax between classes. The room is equipped with a kitchen sink, refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker. After normal business hours, you can gain swipe access to the building and room by completing an [after-hours access form](#) that you submit to the Graduate School office in **Holland Yates Hall, suite 4050 (formerly Madison Hall)** or email to [grad@jmu.edu](mailto:grad@jmu.edu). The Grad Lounge is located in **Holland Yates Hall, 4th floor** as well.

**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](mailto:alyssa@jmu.edu) for more information.

**TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF JMU LIBRARIES.** Learn what’s available for graduate students. A portal to library resources for graduate students can be found [here](#).

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### Enrich Your Life

JOIN THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA). The GSA promotes interdisciplinary unity among JMU graduate students through social events, career-building workshops and professional development grants. For questions email [gsa@jmu.edu](mailto:gsa@jmu.edu). Stay up-to-date by following the GSA on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

**THE WOMEN’S GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES** program sends announcements and event updates via their listserv each semester. If you would like to be added, you may contact Dr. Mary Thompson at [thompsmx@jmu.edu](mailto:thompsmx@jmu.edu). [More Information](#)
CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY STUDENT RESOURCES. Campus and community resources available to support students’ basic needs can be found at the Student Support Hub, a website that will connect you to food, financial assistance, housing and other resources. These resources will help you thrive at JMU.

MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS. JMU VALOR provides all military-connected students with resources for success. More information

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

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES. The JMU Counseling Center is available to all students and they have made available TalkNow, 24/7 access to mental health professionals. More information

ASSIST IN FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY’S HOMELESS during Hunger & Homelessness Awareness week, Saturday, Nov. 12 - Friday, Nov. 18. Please sign up to prepare a dish that you will bring to Dayton United Methodist Church. There are options for all budgets and kitchens. Many volunteers are needed each night. For questions email JMU’s Community Service Learning at csl@jmu.edu.

Campus Events

PERFECT YOUR OLYMPIC LIFTING SKILLS. Join the Morrison Bruce Center’s session on performing Olympic lifts, such as squats, deadlifts, and bench while resistance training. You will learn to perfect your form, and receive a free booklet. Monday, November 7, 6:45-7:45 pm at Godwin 116. This event is FREE. Register here.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH SPEAKER: EVA MARIA LEWIS. Eva Maria Lewis is an award-winning human rights advocate, organizer, writer, and artist from the South Side of Chicago. Grounded in empowerment and Native American ancestry, Eva Maria’s work is a vessel for transformation, spiritual discovery, healing, and wellness. Contact Rebecca Barge (CMSS) with questions. November 8, 7-8 pm at the Student Success Center (SSC).

JAPANESE ART EXHIBITION Savoring the Moon: Japanese Art of the Floating World, includes invaluable woodblock prints and beautiful paintings from pre-modern and early-modern Japan. Savoring the Moon closes on December 2nd. The Lisanby Museum is JMU’s on-campus art museum, located in Festival Conference Center (Room 1108). More Information

FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, has many great performances throughout the academic year. More Information

UNWIND AT JMU’S ARBORETUM. Whether taking a walk, feeding the ducks, or taking part in some of the planned events at the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum, you will find it to be a beautiful relaxing place to spend some downtime. More Information and Events

CHECK OUT THE MASTER JMU EVENT CALENDAR. More Campus Events

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN HARRISONBURG? Find out what’s happening in downtown Harrisonburg here.

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 Guidelines

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

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