

JMU Graduate Community News

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SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL BY MARCH 16! Don't miss this great opportunity to share your work at the annual Graduate Showcase of Scholarship & Creative Activities, April 19, 2018. Currently enrolled graduate students in certificate, master's, educational specialist or doctoral programs are invited to submit proposals for a panel or poster presentation. Proposals, due **Friday, March 16, 2018**, may include graduate student research or creative projects highlighting the many ways JMU graduate students are contributing to their disciplines. [More information](#)

APPLY FOR GSA GRANTS BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14! Graduate students are encouraged to submit grant requests to the Graduate Student Associate (GSA) to support their travel/research or professional development. Travel grants are available in varying amounts depending on the distance (international: \$600, national: \$400, regional: \$200). Professional development grants are limited to \$200. Only students from programs that have an active GSA program representative are eligible for GSA funding. Apply here: [Travel/Research Grant](#) or [Professional Development Grant](#)

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS! The Graduate School invites nominations for graduate student awards for excellence in the areas of Innovation, Community Engagement, and Civic Engagement; students who have completed outstanding theses and dissertations may also be nominated for awards. **Deadline - March 16.** [More information](#)

NOMINATE A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION. A Woman of Distinction inspires us through her imagination, innovation and dedication; her exemplary talent and achievements; her strength of character and the sincerity with which she serves. The University Health Center is accepting nominations

for the 2018 Woman of Distinction Awards. **Deadline - February 16.** Submit nominations to Alexandra Abreu (abreuax@jmu.edu)

NOMINATE SOMEONE WHO IS MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER

PLACE. The JMU School of Public and International Affairs is accepting nominations for three public service awards: The Lifelong Achievement in Public Service, The John B. Noftsigner Alumni Award for Public Service Excellence, The Excellence in Public Service Award. **Deadline – March 15.** For more information call 361-779-2392, or email taylor2ja@jmu.edu.



“ALL TOGETHER ONE” NOMINATIONS. JMU students/faculty/and staff to nominate members of the community who **exemplify the special spirit of "All Together One"**. This may include: Community Building, Inspiring Others, Dedication to Learning, Caring for Others, etc. **Deadline - March 19 by noon.** Presented in “A Community Gathering” Ceremony, April 1. For more information email bauerCG@jmu.edu



GRADUATE SCHOOL TRAVEL GRANTS! All graduate students who are making a presentation at a conference are eligible to apply for a Graduate School travel grant. Grant recipients can reduce the cost of professional travel, and can list this competitive award as an accomplishment on their resume. *Use the application form available on the TGS website, and submit your application both electronically and in hard copy form.* **Final Deadline - March 31.** [More Information](#)

CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLANNING invites students to join the **Student Advisory Board!** Share your ideas in order to improve the ways in which we support JMU graduate students’ career development and gain a more in-depth connection to JMU’s career services. **Application Deadline - March 23.** [More information](#)

RECYCLEMANIA is a friendly competition for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities. The competition runs from February 4 through March 31. Last year, in the Total Recycling category, JMU ranked 64th out of the 215 participating schools nationwide. Contribute to JMU’s efforts! **Remember to recycle!**

NEED A JOB? Currently, there are 13 graduate assistantships, 22 student positions, as well as 13 wage positions, for which graduate students might qualify, posted on JMU’s [Joblink](#).

Upcoming Events

EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY. A PRESENTATION BY LYNN PASQUERELLA, Tuesday, February 13. Madison Vision Speaker Lynn Pasquerella is President of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. A philosopher whose career has combined teaching and scholarship with local and global engagement, she has continuously demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to ensuring that all students have access to excellence in liberal education, regardless of their socio-economic background. [More Information](#)

THE FURIOUS FLOWER POETRY CENTER NATIONAL COLLEGIATE SUMMIT, MARCH 22-24. This event will bring together students from schools along the East Coast to explore how poetry reaches across geographical borders and beyond conventional literary and ideological boundaries. The three-day program includes:

- Readings and in-depth workshops facilitated by the former Poet Laureate of Louisiana, Brenda Marie Osbey, and the Civic Poet of Seattle, Anastacia Reneè
- A poetry reading and presentation by the 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner Tyehimba Jess
- Roundtable discussions
- A day-trip to Charlottesville for the Virginia Festival of the Book
- A closing open mic session for participating student poets.

Registration is FREE for JMU students excluding meals, or \$25 with meals. **The deadline to register is March 11.** [More information](#)

TECHNOLOGIES OF FRANKENSTEIN, 1818-2018, to be held **March 7-9** at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ. The 200th anniversary year of the first edition of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein: Or, The Modern Prometheus* has drawn worldwide interest in revisiting the novel's themes. [More Information](#)

INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM ON NARRATIVE MEDICINE: Resilience, Professionalism, & Self-Care. **Saturday, April 14**, at Wake Forest University [More Information](#)

GRADUATE SHOWCASE OF SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, April 19th: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. [More Information](#)

For additional events of possible interest, regularly check <http://www.jmu.edu/events>

Downtown Calendar

MARDI GRAS WEEKEND FEAST [Jimmy Madison's](#), **February 9-13** Enjoy New Orleans inspired dishes! The King Cake will only be offered on Fat Tuesday.

ART COUNCIL OF THE VALLEY'S [Advancing the Arts grant](#) applications are now available.
Deadline - March 12, 5:00

RESTAURANT WEEK, MARCH 5-11. Experience the culinary scene that everyone is raving about! During this [week-long event](#), restaurants in Harrisonburg will come together to showcase their talent and creativity by serving up fresh, innovative menus; one-of-a-kind restaurant collaborations; chef expos, and culinary events. More than 30 restaurants in downtown's culinary district will be participating. Keep an eye on our website to see what's on the menu.

Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

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 project 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 Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)
- [Financial Aid Policies](#)

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

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We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to grad@jmu.edu .

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