



MEDALLION PRESENTATION

Spring 2021



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

PRESIDING.....	Dr. Bradley R. Newcomer, Dean
GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS	Dr. Bradley R. Newcomer, Dean
STUDENT SPEAKER.....	Jacob Elson, '21
GUEST SPEAKER	Chris Gothard, '19
CONFERRING OF MEDALLIONS	Dr. Bradley R. Newcomer, Dean Dr. Fawn-Amber Montoya, Associate Dean
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dr. Bradley R. Newcomer, Dean

STUDENT SPEAKER

Jacob Elson is a Senior Quantitative Finance and Economics double major with minors in Mathematics and Honors Interdisciplinary Studies. He has thoroughly enjoyed being an active member of the JMU Honors College over the last four years, primarily through his roles as an HON 100 TA and President of the Madison Honors Leadership Council. During his tenure at JMU, Jacob also has been a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Delta Tau Delta fraternities. Perhaps one of his fondest memories during his time at JMU was applying his love of basketball to his service in the Harrisonburg community as the coach of a middle school basketball team. Jacob is excited to be joining the team at Light Wave Dental as a Business Development Analyst after graduation. While he is sad to leave the "Greatest Place on Earth," Jacob is looking forward to the next chapter of his life and carrying on the lessons and values he has taken away from being a proud Duke Dog!



GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Chris Gothard '19 is a proud alumnus of James Madison University and the Honors College. During his time as a student at Madison, he earned a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies. Chris was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and the national political science honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha. In addition to completing an Honors thesis entitled "Free Speech on Public College Campuses," Chris maintained an active schedule as an involved student. Two of his favorite activities were leading campus tours as a JMU Student Ambassador and mentoring local high school students through the Valley Ambassador program.



After graduating from JMU with honors, Chris accepted a position with JMU's Office of Admissions as an Admissions Counselor. He has been and is responsible for the recruitment and evaluation of all applicants from New England (2019-20) and Pennsylvania (present). Chris sits on several university boards and committees, including the Honors College Hillcrest Club Advisors, where he chairs the Marketing and Outreach Committee. He thoroughly enjoys working for his alma mater and is delighted and honored to be addressing the Honors College's graduating class, the Class of 2021.

SPRING 2021 GRADUATES

Africana, African American, and Diaspora Studies

Zenobia Gaynell Lee-Nelson

Advisor: Jennifer J. PeeksMease, Ph.D.

Anthropology

Lily Catherine Fischer

Advisor: Dennis B. Blanton, Ph.D.

Phi Beta Kappa Best Thesis Award Winner

Architectural Design

Megan Gail Mueller

Advisor: William L. Tate II, M.Arch.

Athletic Training

Madison Diane Dobscha

Advisor: John W. Goetschius, Ph.D.

Biology

Julianna Bruch Carroll

Advisor: Mark L. Gabriele, Ph.D.

Emily Taylor Dickson

Advisor: Corey L. Cleland, Ph.D.

Lauren Elizabeth Harris

Advisor: Corey L. Cleland, Ph.D.

Amelia Claire Kahle

Advisor: Corey L. Cleland, Ph.D.

Nicole Morgan Loan

Advisor: Grace A. Wyngaard, Ph.D.

Andrew John Lopuch

Advisor: George S. Vidal, Ph.D.

Dagmawi Legesse Mamo

Advisor: Casonya M. Johnson, Ph.D.

Biology, Continued

Brian Daniel Swinehart

Advisor: George S. Vidal, Ph.D.

Emily Bryn Thompson

Advisor: Michael R. Parker, Ph.D.

Advisor: Morgan M. Steffen, Ph.D.

Jacob McKinley Weakley

Advisor: Mark L. Gabriele, Ph.D.

David Robert Weisenbeck

Advisor: Grace A. Wyngaard, Ph.D.

Biotechnology

Calvin Lewis Chenault

Advisor: Raymond A. Enke, Ph.D.

Michael Andre Friedman

Advisor: Raymond A. Enke, Ph.D.

Claire Morgan Ravenburg

Advisor: Jonathan D. Monroe, Ph.D.

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Laura Catherine Fernan

Advisor: Erin E. Kamarunas, Ph.D.

Eleni Maria Haramis

Advisor: Rory A. DePaolis, Ph.D.

Katherine Eleanor Krese

Advisor: Erin G. Piker, Au.D.

Catherine Ann Nathan

Advisor: Jamie B. Lee, Ph.D.

Jocelyn Nicole Peter

Advisor: Rory A. DePaolis, Ph.D.

Samantha Marie Sawyers

Advisor: Rory A. DePaolis, Ph.D.

SPRING 2021 GRADUATES, *CONTINUED*

Communication Science & Disorders, Continued

Emma Catherine Sprance

Advisor: GERALYN R. TIMLER, Ph.D.

Communication Studies

Anna Catherine Connole

Advisor: DANIEL K. SCHILL, Ph.D.

Shea Ellen Daly

Advisor: LORI L. BRITT, Ph.D.

Ryan Elizabeth Dotter

Advisor: C. LEE MAYFIELD, M.A.

Madison Alexia Farabaugh

Advisor: JENNIFER J. PEEKSMEASE, Ph.D.

Nina Kline Gabel

Advisor: MELISSA C. ALEMÁN, Ph.D.

Computer Information Systems

Kirsi Grace Arnesen

Advisor: JEREMY D. EZELL, Ph.D.

Annie Susan Lorenzo

Advisor: CAREY B. COLE, JR., M.S.

Computer Science

Sophie Marie Brause

Advisor: DAVID H. BERNSTEIN, Ph.D.

Vivian Vy Dang

Advisor: JOHN C. BOWERS, Ph.D.

Len Thi Le

Advisor: JOHN C. BOWERS, Ph.D.

Emma Christina Macaluso

Advisor: KEVIN P. MOLLOY, Ph.D.

Dance

Chloe Elizabeth Conway

Advisor: ZACHARY A. DORSEY, Ph.D.

Advisor: KATHERINE TRAMMELL, M.F.A.

Virginia Elizabeth Lauterbach

Advisor: ZACHARY A. DORSEY, Ph.D.

Economics

Adriana Cristina Bolivar Mendoza

Advisor: ROBERT N. HORN, Ph.D.

Engineering

Cassidy James Anderson

Advisor: JUSTIN J. HENRIQUES, Ph.D.

Jessica Renée Besnier

Advisor: ADEBAYO A. OGUNDIPE, Ph.D.

Christopher Edward Jones

Advisor: ADEBAYO A. OGUNDIPE, Ph.D.

Mark Ivan Vakarchuk

Advisor: JASON B. FORSYTH, Ph.D.

English

Lillie Jane Jacob

Advisor: BRILLIAN MUHONJA, Ph.D.

Phi Kappa Phi Best Thesis Award Winner

Exceptional Education

Riley Anne Bodkin

Advisor: LAURA X. DESPORTES BOWMAN, Ph.D.

Finance

Alexander Pattee Bohoslav

Advisor: CARL F. LARSSON, Ph.D.

SPRING 2021 GRADUATES, *CONTINUED*

Finance, Continued

Henry Drayer Haas

Advisor: Carl F. Larsson, Ph.D.

Ryan Alexander Haynes

Advisor: Carl F. Larsson, Ph.D.

Nathan Hite Lawhead

Advisor: Carl F. Larsson, Ph.D.

Lisa Amy Ryan

Advisor: Adam H. Usman, Ph.D.

Benjamin Moffett Uehlinger

Advisor: Pamela P. Drake, Ph.D.

Geographic Science

Robert Allen Cordts

Advisor: Amy L. Goodall, Ph.D.

Geology

Samantha Nicole Fairbanks

Advisor: Steven J. Baedke, Ph.D.

Advisor: Jennifer E. Coffman, Ph.D.

Lauren Elizabeth Lillian Showalter

Advisor: Steven A. Leslie, Ph.D.

Zachary Louis Strasberg

Advisor: William E. Lukens, Ph.D.

Health Sciences

Rylee Meghan Booth

Advisor: Audrey J. Burnett, Ph.D.

Mackenzie Roberta Harris

Advisor: M. Katherine Ott Walter, Ph.D.

Madeline Jane Hekeler

Advisor: Audrey J. Burnett, Ph.D.

Health Sciences, Continued

Julianna Leigh Jones

Advisor: Audrey J. Burnett, Ph.D.

Danielle Jaclyn Levin

Advisor: Theresa M. Enyeart Smith, Ph.D.

Carlee Marie Logue

Advisor: Aimee K. Johnson, Ph.D.

Cara Jenice Stocks

Advisor: Aimee K. Johnson, Ph.D.

History

Lauren Theresa Rothmann

Advisor: Colleen M. Moore, Ph.D.

Elainah Grace Elkins

Advisor: Raymond M. Hyser, Jr., Ph.D.

Haley Marie McAllister

Advisor: Evan J. Friss, Ph.D.

Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

Belinda Addae

Advisor: Melinda J. Adams, Ph.D.

Erin Michelle Arnold

Advisor: Mira C. Williams, Ph.D.

Molly Griffith Bruce

Advisor: Chin H. Wang, Ph.D.

Thomas Jason Bryn

Advisor: Philip J. Frana, Ph.D.

Leila Corvera-Fontela

Advisor: Fawn-Amber Montoya, Ph.D.

Jacob Edward Dye

Advisor: Paul R. Campbell, M.S.

SPRING 2021 GRADUATES, *CONTINUED*

Honors Interdisciplinary Studies, Continued

Roxanne Darby Fisher

Advisor: Alysia M. Davis, Ph.D.

Ashley Nicole Harris

Advisor: Alysia M. Davis, Ph.D.

Hannah Frieda Kaplan

Advisor: Alysia M. Davis, Ph.D.

Norman Randolph Jones, III

Advisor: Robert W. Alexander, Ph.D.

Olivia Anderson King

Advisor: Kathleen L. Overfield-Zook, M.M.

Richard Avery Morrow

Advisor: Jared L. Diener, M.St.

Nicole Marie Raab

Advisor: Lisa E. McGuire, Ph.D.

Aubree Virginia Smith

Advisor: Alysia M. Davis, Ph.D.

Fiona Agnes Small Turner

Advisor: Alysia M. Davis, Ph.D.

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Alexis Christine Buonfigli

Advisor: Tiara S. Brown, Ph.D.

Independent Scholars

Jory Matthew Woods

Advisor: Daniel K. Schill, Ph.D.

Integrated Science and Technology

Caneel Rose Cravotta

Advisor: Shannon N. Conley-Phillips, Ph.D.

Integrated Science and Technology, Continued

Caroline Griffin George

Advisor: Jeffrey D. Tang, Ph.D.

Intelligence Analysis

Lauren Shao Sang Edson

Advisor: Ronald W. Raab, Ph.D.

International Affairs

Maher Al Tayara

Advisor: Manal A. Jamal, Ph.D.

Makeda Fikremariam

Advisor: Melinda J. Adams, Ph.D.

Hannah DeEtte Schilling

Advisor: Kerry F. Crawford, Ph.D.

Justice Studies

Lauren Riley Jones

Advisor: Margaret S. Plass, Ph.D.

Meredith Rose Lawing

Advisor: Daniel J. Beers, Ph.D.

Kinesiology

Ryan Matthew Bonner

Advisor: Christopher J. Womack, Ph.D.

Erin Jane Dennis

Advisor: Christopher J. Womack, Ph.D.

Madelynn Elizabeth Knight

Advisor: Michael J. Saunders, Ph.D.

Zachary Michael Morris

Advisor: Nicholas D. Luden, Ph.D.

SPRING 2021 GRADUATES, *CONTINUED*

Kinesiology, Continued

George Franklin Schultz, III

Advisor: Stephanie P. Kurti, Ph.D.

Management

Alyssa Danielle Hillenberg

Advisor: Eugene F. McCarthy, Ph.D.

Elizabeth Marie Hunter

Advisor: Ferris-Terry I. Mousa, Ph.D.

Olivia Grace Klimko

Advisor: David R. Peterson, Ph.D.

Luke Henry Leopold

Advisor: Cynthia A. Klevickis, Ph.D.

Madison Rose Probst

Advisor: Angela L. Heavey, Ph.D.

Marketing

Jenna Rose Jansen

Advisor: Janna M. Parker, D.B.A.

Nicole Marilou Wright

Advisor: Gizen Atav, Ph.D.

Mathematics

Shane Emery Daveler

Advisor: David L. Duncan, Ph.D.

Nicole Elizabeth Stock

Advisor: Minah Oh, Ph.D.

Media Arts and Design

Kailey Samantha Cheng

Advisor: Brad D. Jenkins, M.Ed.

Media Arts and Design, Continued

James Allen Faris

Advisor: Brad D. Jenkins, M.Ed.

Aliyah Star Hall

Advisor: Aisha T. Mitchell, Ph.D.

Ross Salmon Metcalf

Advisor: Ryan T. Alessi, M.F.A.

Modern Foreign Languages

Reagan Lynn Flewelling

Advisor: Ann R. Stauffer, Ph.D.

Music

Thomas McEwan Hassett

Advisor: David A. Stringham, Ph.D.

Mason Lamar Moy

Advisor: Eric R. Guinivan, D.M.

Ryan Daniel Radonavitch

Advisor: Andrew M. Connell, Ph.D.

Monica Rose Slater

Advisor: Kevin J. McMillan, M.M.

Alexandra Bella Stenseth

Advisor: Samuel S. Suggs, D.M.A.

Nursing

Breeana Nicole Dunlap

Advisor: Tammy L. Kiser, D.N.P.

Julia Anne Haupt

Advisor: Catherine A. Brown, M.S.N.

Grace Gardyne Lloyd

Advisor: Erika M. Sawin, Ph.D.

SPRING 2021 GRADUATES *CONTINUED*

Nursing, Continued

Hannah Marie Lynch

Advisor: Tammy L. Kiser, D.N.P.

Isabel Marr

Advisor: Tammy L. Kiser, D.N.P.

Brittany Lynne Mills

Advisor: Heather N. Soper, D.N.P.

Colin Michael Mills

Advisor: Tammy L. Kiser, D.N.P., R.N.

Morgan Elizabeth Sapper

Advisor: Erika M. Sawin, Ph.D.

Raigan Alexandra Joyce Shackelford

Advisor: Erika M. Sawin, Ph.D.

Physics

Mary Kristine Ogborn

Advisor: Keigo Fukumura, Ph.D.

Political Science

Carter Nicholas Bowman

Advisor: Jonathan W. Keller, Ph.D.

Stephen Alexander Robinson

Advisor: Timothy M. LaPira, Ph.D.

Psychology

Lauren Grace Alexander

Advisor: David E. Szwed, Ph.D.

Faith Elizabeth Anderson

Advisor: Monica J. Reis-Bergan, Ph.D.

Kyle Hunt Cooper

Advisor: Monica J. Reis-Bergan, Ph.D.

Psychology, continued

Mallory Lauren Jungles

Advisor: David B. Daniel, Ph.D.

Kayla Marie Kemp

Advisor: David E. Szwed, Ph.D.

Public Policy & Administration

Allison Caughy Edwards

Advisor: Liliokanaio Peaslee, Ph.D.

William Tyler Strosnider

Advisor: Kathleen M. Ferraiolo, Ph.D.

Quantitative Finance

Danielle Yvonne Bragale

Advisor: Carl F. Larsson, Ph.D.

Jacob Samuel Elson

Advisor: Jaideep Chowdhury, Ph.D.

Kelly Lynn Johnson

Advisor: Jason D. Fink, Ph.D.

Secondary Education

Kaitlyn Marie Ashcraft

Advisor: Ann H. Wallace, Ph.D.

Sport and Recreation Management

Breighan Brooke Szajnecki

Advisor: Joshua R. Pate, Ph.D.

Statistics

Josephine Susan Messina

Advisor: Prabhashi W. Withana Gamage, Ph.D.

Theatre

Gemma Wallace Dobbs

Advisor: Dennis C. Beck, Ph.D.

Ryann Laura Sheehy

Advisor: Ingrid E. DeSanctis, M.F.A.



Join our virtual celebration on
Saturday, May 8 at 2 pm on
FB, Twitter, and IG.

Post messages of congrats by joining
our social platform (FullMeasure).
Families, text jmuhonors to 580-52.
Grads, text jmuhonors2021 to 580-52.



CAPSTONE PROJECT

All students graduating with an Honors College recognition have completed an Honors Capstone Project. The Capstone Project is the culmination of a students' Honors Experience. These students, working with a faculty advisor and faculty readers have earned an Honors minor for work that has resulted in a project reflecting substantial scholarship and demonstrating outstanding research or a creative work that shows imagination, originality and craftsmanship.



BEST THESIS AWARD

Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi present an annual award to the best Senior Honors Thesis. Students are nominated by their academic departments.

2021 Award Winners:

PBK: Lily Fisher, Sociology and Anthropology,
Undocumented Lives: Exploring Previously Unknown
Occupations Predating the Presbyterian Manse,
Staunton, VA

PKP: Lillie Jacob, English

Drawn Queer: Queer Graphic Narratives as a Literary
Movement



FACULTY AND STAFF

Bradley Newcomer, Ph.D., M.B.A.
Fawn-Amber Montoya, Ph.D.

Alysia Davis, Ph.D.
Jared Diener, M.St.
Tammy Steele
Dianne Fulk
Beth Chenault
Amanda Arrain
Ashlyn Campbell
Kenya Balser
Alexia Munoz-Moctezuma
Geselle Ramos-Sanchez
Fiona Turner

Dean and Professor of Physics
Associate Dean
for Diversity, Inclusion and External Engagement
Director of Student Engagement
Director of Advising and Global Initiatives
Executive Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Data Entry Specialist
Student Assistant
Student Assistant
Student Assistant
Student Assistant
Honors Advising Peer
Honors Advising Peer

JMU ALMA MATER

Madison, James Madison, we'll be forever true

Our loyalty will always be to JMU.

While friends remain within our hearts and knowledge guides our way,

James Madison will lead us on to conquer each new day.

- Dr. James R. Riley



Class of 2021 Valedictorians

THE CLASS OF 2021 VALEDICTORIANS meet the criteria for class valedictorian with the highest grade point average in their class, 100 or more hours of coursework at James Madison University, and an average of 14 hours earned each regular semester of attendance.



CARTER BOWMAN, POLITICAL SCIENCE

Carter majored in Political Science and minored in Chinese foreign language. Carter was on the speech and debate team and served as a political science research assistant. In the fall of 2019, Carter participated in JMU's Washington Semester Program as a full-time intern with House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy while remaining a full-time student. In the spring of 2020, he studied as a foreign exchange student at Oxford University, where he had a paper published comparing AI proliferation to nuclear arms proliferation. Carter's Honors College Thesis, which identifies predictors of national cyber power advancement, won the best Political Science thesis award. Carter was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and named the outstanding student for the Department of Political Science and the College of Arts and Letters. Starting this fall, Carter will begin a J.D. program at the Georgetown University Law Center."

EMILY THOMPSON, BIOLOGY

Emily Thompson is a Biology major from Newark, Delaware. She has a concentration in Ecology and Environmental Biology and minors in Environmental Science, Mathematics, and Honors Interdisciplinary Studies. She is one of three valedictorians for the Class of 2021. During her time at JMU, Emily conducted research for her Honors Capstone Project, served as a Resident Advisor, and joined the Biological Honors Fraternity Beta Beta Beta. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. She has completed research in Manitoba, Canada and studied abroad in Barcelona, Spain. Emily plans to explore careers in ecology and environmental science before considering graduate school.



Commencement Notes

MEDALLIONS: All Honors College graduates will receive a small Medallion commemorating their completion of the Honors Interdisciplinary Minor. We will confer medallions to all graduates at the presentation. Due to a shipping issue students will be mailed the larger medallion over the summer. If you are unable to attend that ceremony the medallion will be mailed to the address provided in the Senior Exit Survey.

EXIT SURVEY: The Honors College requests all seniors complete an exit survey. Survey link:



DIPLOMAS: Diplomas are mailed by the Office of the Registrar approximately eight weeks after graduates complete their final class and fulfill all program and financial requirements. For questions regarding diplomas, please email the Office of the Registrar at graduation@jmu.edu or call 540.568.6281.

HONORS COLLEGE HISTORICAL TIMELINE

August 1, 2018: Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Minor introduced
May 5, 2017: 136 students graduate under the Honors College flag
Dec 16, 2016: First 12 students graduate under the Honors College flag
July 1, 2016: Honors College approved, Dr . Bradley Newcomer
named founding Honors College Dean
2015: Dr . Bradley Newcomer named Honors Program Director
2014: Dr . Philip Frana named Interim Director
2008: Dr . Barry Falk named Honors Program Director
2005: Dr . Maureen Shanahan named Interim Director
1986-2005: Approximately 1,500 students graduate from the Honors Program
1986: Dr . Joanne V. Gabbin Honors Program Director
1982: First Honor Program Director named: Dr. Jeanne R. Nostrandt
1962-1969: Forty students graduate with honors
May 1962: Lynda Garland Kern first thesis & graduate of Honors Program
1961: Honors Program developed

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!

We look forward to hearing about the wonderful things you do in the future! Please stay in touch (honors@jmu.edu).



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