



# MEDALLION PRESENTATION

***WINTER 2021***



# A LOOK BACK AT SOME MEMORABLE MOMENTS



**(2021)** JMU Softball team competed in the Women's College World Series for the first time ever. They took down the top-ranked team, Oklahoma, 4-3 in eight innings.

**(2020)** JMU Honors college adds senior portfolio project. This online ePortfolio collects, contextualizes, and showcases your academic and co-curricular accomplishments through the use of artifacts and reflective writing.



**(March 2020)** Spring Semester was cut short for everyone as the world experienced the Covid-19 Pandemic. The University and students learned quickly how to adapt and excel in a virtual learning situation.

**(2020)** Honors awards first Witherspoon Scholarship to Deaquan Nichols '24. This award, offered for the first time in 2021, supports a first- or second-year Honors College student in an immersive summer research experience with a faculty mentor.





# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

PRESIDING .....	Dr. Bradley R. Newcomer, Dean
GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS .....	Dr. Bradley R. Newcomer, Dean
STUDENT SPEAKER .....	Marina George, '22, Political Science and Psychology
CONFERRING OF MEDALLIONS .....	Dr. Bradley R. Newcomer, Dean Dr. Fawn-Amber Montoya, Associate Dean
CONCLUDING REMARKS .....	Dr. Bradley R. Newcomer, Dean





## STUDENT SPEAKER **MARINA GEORGE '22**



Marina George is a senior from Arlington, Virginia majoring in Political Science and Psychology and minoring in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies. In addition to holding the role of Vice President of the Madison Honors Leadership Council she is a member of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, a Student Government Senator, a Peer Educator of Student Defenders, as well as a Democracy Fellow at JMU Civic. She also works as a Program Advisor for the Office of Residence Life.

# DECEMBER 2021 GRADUATES

## HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

**Beryl Arlys Flores Ignacio**

Mentor: Allison E. Fagan, Ph.D.

## INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR

**Sydney Taylor Inger**

Advisor: Bethany P. Bryson, Ph.D.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY LIBERAL STUDIES

**Amanda Lynn Arrain**

Mentor: Donica O. Hadley, Ph.D.

## MEDIA ARTS & DESIGN

**Alexandra Dauchess**

Advisor: Michael J. Grundmann, M.F.A

## NURSING

**Kyrie Anne Bassett**

Advisor: Debroah L. Elkins, D.N.P.

**Phoebe Zheng-Siyu Brueger**

Advisor: Andrea F. Knopp, Ph.D.

**Sophia Antasia Waugh**

Advisor: Christine Argenbright, Ph.D.

## PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

**Adam Mariano Chutuape**

Advisor: Robert E. Brown, Ph.D.

## 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.





## FACULTY AND STAFF

<b>Bradley Newcomer, Ph.D., M.B.A.</b>	Dean and Professor of Physics
<b>Fawn-Amber Montoya, Ph.D.</b>	Associate Dean for Diversity, Inclusion and External Engagement, Professor of History
<b>Alysia Davis, Ph.D.</b>	Director of Student Engagement
<b>Jared Diener, M.St.</b>	Director of Advising & Global Initiatives
<b>Tammy Steele, MPA, '22</b>	Executive Assistant
<b>Beth Chenault</b>	Part-Time Data Entry Specialist
<b>Victoria Walker</b>	Part-Time Administrative Assistant
<b>Amanda Arrain, '21</b>	Student Office Assistant
<b>Kenya Balser, '23</b>	Student Office Assistant
<b>Sydney Mutascio, '24</b>	Student Office Assistant
<b>Brooke Thomson, '22</b>	Student Office Assistant
<b>Gannon LaCroix, '22</b>	Student Videographer



### 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

# WELCOME TO THE HILLCREST CLUB



The Hillcrest Club is a group for all young Honors College alumni (2010-2021). All Honors students are automatically enrolled in the club upon graduation.

Scan here to keep up with the Hillcrest Club on LinkedIn:



Scan here to learn more about the  
JMU Commencement Weekend.



# 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 named 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 via email ([honors@jmu.edu](mailto:honors@jmu.edu)) and social media.



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