About JMU Parents Council

The JMU Parents Council provides an opportunity to participate in the university’s dynamic programs. Formed in 1978, the council involves parents in JMU affairs and provides a forum for exchanging information about JMU activities and programs.

Council members represent each of the four classes and are eligible to serve until their students are no longer enrolled at JMU. Both married couples and single parents are encouraged to apply. The Parents Council serves as a liaison between the university and parents, provides advice and guidance on programs related to parents, and serves as an effective spokesperson and advocate for the university.

Responsibilities

JMU Parents Council members must participate in the Parents Council Endowed Scholarship fund or any JMU fund of choice. Members must also plan to attend meetings held on the Friday of Family Weekend in the fall and the spring meeting (March or April).

Council members must serve on one of five subcommittees: academics, enrollment services, finance and physical development, resource development or student life. Members are reassigned to a new subcommittee each fall semester. Subcommittees meet at each Parents Council meeting. Members also serve as hosts at their geographic area’s First-Year Send Off in July/August. These events are an opportunity for council members to welcome JMU’s newest Dukes and answer any last-minute questions from freshmen parents.

Other Opportunities

Parents Council members have other opportunities for involvement including the JMU admission’s Choices programs, assisting at job fairs, recruitment efforts and regional receptions.

Application  |  ☐ Applying as Couple  ☐ Applying as Single (Please select one)

Student Information:
Student Name: _________________________________  Student Class Year: _______  Student ID Number: ______________

Home Information:
Home Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ________  Zip: ______________  Home Phone: ______________________

Parents Council Member #1 Information:
Name: _________________________________ Class Year (If Alum): ______  Email: _______________________________
Employer: ___________________________________  Job Title: ________________________________________________
Business/Cell Phone: ________________________________  Business Email Address: _______________________________

Parents Council Member #2 Information (If Applying as Couple):
Name: _________________________________ Class Year (If Alum): ______  Email: _______________________________
Employer: ___________________________________  Job Title: ________________________________________________
Business/Cell Phone: ________________________________  Business Email Address: _______________________________

Application Letter:
On a separate sheet of paper, explain the experiences, goals and interests you would contribute as a Parents Council member (minimum one paragraph).

Please return both this application form and letter via email to parent@jmu.edu by August 3, 2020 at 11:59PM. Alternatively, you may choose to fill out a digital application online at www.jmu.edu/parents/council/PCApp.shtml. Applicants will be selected for telephone interviews conducted by the council chairpersons. Final selection and notification will take place in September.