On behalf of the JMU Parents Council, we invite all JMU parents and family members to join in the fun and excitement of the annual Family Weekend on September 30-October 2. We certainly look forward to spending this special weekend with our son Kyle (‘17).

Thousands of families travel to Harrisonburg and take advantage of this opportunity to get a taste of JMU campus life, visit with their students and further enhance their JMU family experience. Be sure to register early as many Family Weekend ticketed events are limited and sell out quickly! For tickets or more information, visit the JMU Parents website at www.jmu.edu/parents/events/family-weekend.shtml.

As spokespersons and advocates representing JMU in our communities, Parents Council members serve as a liaison between parents and the university. This is a great way to get involved in JMU. Parents Council members are willing and eager to answer your questions about the council and any general questions about JMU.

JMU Parents Council members encourage your involvement with your student in the Madison Experience — especially during Family Weekend. We look forward to meeting many of you.

Hope you can join us in celebrating Family Weekend!

Chris and Kim Hayes
2016-17 Parents Council Chairs
Midlothian, Va.

The Dux Leadership Center is your place for developing and experiencing all of these. (“Dux” is pronounced “dukes” and means “leadership” in Latin.)

Our primary purpose is to help college students become better leaders. We engage with students to help them develop the desire to grow, lead, and inspire. Through personalized leadership coaching, small group workshops, half-day conferences, and a variety of other programs and services students can experience leadership development based on their own needs and goals.

This fall students can participate in the 3-week program of personal productivity using the outstanding materials and curriculum from FranklinCovey’s 5 Choices to Extraordinary Productivity program. Or, they can sign up for our unique, small group Dine ‘n Learn experience and come enjoy five weeks of dinner and relationship building using the DISC Personality Profile assessment. They could even participate in the half-day StrengthsFinder conference, completing Gallup’s well-known and well-researched personal strengths inventory and enjoy workshops and networking with other JMU students.

All of these experiences are presented by the well-trained and experienced LEAD Team Consultants and are available at no cost to students. Using an engaging, interactive, and fun mix of presenting and facilitating, the Dux Leadership Center’s LEAD Team Consultants keep student participants laughing and engaged, all while helping them learn new skills, strengthen existing leadership habits, and developing the desire to grow and expand their own capabilities.

The Dux Leadership Center will also be launching the one-on-one leadership coaching program called LEAP. Designed to help students first understand where they have been in their leadership journey, this personalized program will help the beginning novice as well as the experienced veteran student leader. Using a recently developed leadership inventory, students will learn the process of developing their own leadership skills, participate in personalized coaching meetings with a trained leadership coach, and create their own action plan for improving and enhancing their leadership behaviors.

Be sure and stop by the Dux Leadership Center in person on campus at Madison Union room 330, or virtually at www.jmu.edu/dux to see which program and leadership development experience is right for you.
Whether you are new or not to the JMU family, many individuals equate the Duke Club with enhanced premium seating, parking, and hospitality at sporting events. While not a wrong conclusion, those are simply the benefits of supporting our programs. In reality, gifts help us with our mission and core objectives. As a Duke Club member, you directly contribute to the educational opportunities of the student-athletes representing James Madison University. With an annual scholarship bill of over $7 million dollars, we need your help as our students continue to compete as champions in the classroom and the playing field. Your Duke Club contribution assists with scholarship, and operational needs - such as travel, equipment, and recruiting – and ensures JMU is represented on a national stage.

For example, meet Carter Reifsnider, a 2016 JMU graduate and member of the Lacrosse Team:

An International Business major from Richmond, Va., Carter Reifsnider has enjoyed a wonderful four-year journey at JMU with a brilliant career, having excelled in both the classroom and on the field. She was voted a team captain of the 2016 team and has also won numerous academic awards including the CAA Commissioner’s Academic Award and JMU Athletics Director Scholar-Athlete Award. Reifsnider chose JMU because it gave her “the best combination of academics and athletics.” The atmosphere gave her a feeling of belonging that she had not experienced while touring other schools.

Of her many experiences at JMU, her best athletic memory was winning the CAA conference title in the spring of 2015. In years past, the team struggled to finish out the season, so when they won the title “it made the win that much better.” She is nervous and yet excited about a new chapter in her life and sincerely looks forward to receiving her diploma, “I think there is a lot of emotion that comes with receiving my diploma because I have spent the past four years of my life pouring my heart and soul into JMU athletically and academically, so it represents a lot more than just a piece of paper. It will be something I am very proud of.”

Even as a public institution, JMU Athletics receives NO state funding from Virginia and we rely on student fees, ticket sales, sponsorship revenue, and private funds in order to be successful. Your support of the Duke Club allows us to continue the unprecedented growth and success of our teams and allows our 18 programs and nearly 500 student-athletes to remain an integral aspect of the JMU community. Your gifts are greatly appreciated and continue to be a pivotal resource in our mission to be “Engaged in Excellence.”

Membership in the Duke Club as a family is a great opportunity to cultivate the spirit of philanthropy and give back to JMU. As the “front porch” of the University, JMU Athletics will always welcome you to the Valley and give you reasons to come home.

For more information on how you can support JMU student-athletes, as well as grow the JMU Nation and take advantage of tremendous, exclusive benefits, visit JMUDukeClub.com.
The JMU Police Department has received accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission and works tirelessly to protect the safety and security of the campus community. In addition to the 47 sworn and commissioned police officers who patrol campus and the surrounding areas 24/7, we employ a number of tools and programs that we encourage students and visitors to take advantage of.

**LiveSafe app:** LiveSafe makes it easy to share information about potential crimes and unsafe situations with campus police. From users’ phones, they are able to report GPS-tagged information with added picture, video and audio clips. LiveSafe also allows law enforcement to push information out to users to supplement the Madison Alert system already in place on campus. LiveSafe is available as a free download in both the Google Play and iTunes stores.

**Emergency telephones:** There are more than 450 indoor/outdoor emergency phones located across campus and at the main entrance of each residence hall. They feature one-button speed dialing for instant communication with university police.

**Safety escorts:** Escorts are provided between campus buildings and parking lots for any student, faculty or staff member upon request by calling 568-540-6913 or from any emergency telephone.

**Campus Cadets:** Cadets are employed to act as additional eyes and ears for the JMU police. They alert police of incidents for possible further investigation, provide support during special events, and aid in building and campus security. They are in contact with the JMU police at all times.

**SafeRides:** This program provides safe and reliable service within the Harrisonburg community by providing free rides to intoxicated students to prevent drunk driving and/or to students who are rendered incapable of transportation due to other circumstances. SafeRides can be reached at 540-JMU-RIDE.

**Police substations:** Multiple police substations are located in academic buildings and residence halls to provide an additional police presence throughout campus.

**Training and programming for students and faculty:** Crime prevention and personal safety classes are provided by the JMU Police Department, including the R.A.D System for self-defense. Other general safety instructional programming is offered and covers bike and pedestrian safety among other topics.

In an emergency the JMU Police can always be reached by dialing 540-568-6911, and in a non-emergency situations, by dialing 540-568-6912. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our campus safe.
Hello JMU families! We are thrilled to have your student back with us this year. At the Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices (OSARP), we feel it is vital to keep families informed about JMU policies and procedures and about our accountability process. In addition to information in this article, please visit our website to learn more. JMU has both a right and an obligation to set reasonable standards of conduct for students who choose to become members of this university community, and, subsequently, to establish a system of procedures for use when those university policies are violated. We invite you to visit the JMU Student Handbook that fully outlines the standards to which all students are upheld. Below we will outline what you can expect if your student receives a policy violation.

If a violation of a JMU policy occurs, a student receives a Charge Notification which outlines the policy violation in question. In the letter, the student is instructed to schedule an Administrative Case Review to talk about the violation so the student can share his or her side of the story. At the Administrative Case Review, the Case Administrator discusses the student’s rights, explains the violation, explains the process, engages in conversation with the student about the incident, and reviews any case documentation. The Case Administrator then weighs all information, and decides whether the student is responsible or not responsible for the violation. This decision is based on the education standard of preponderance of evidence. If the student is found not responsible, the process ends here. If the student is found responsible, sanctions will be assigned to the student.

After the decision is made, the student has an opportunity to either accept or reject the decision. If the student accepts, they agree to complete all assigned sanctions; after completion of the sanctions, the process ends here. For a full list of sanctions, visit our sanction information on our website. If a student rejects, the case will then go to an Accountability Board to be re-heard. The Accountability Board will independently make a decision regarding responsibility, and if the student is found not responsible, the process ends here. If a student is found responsible, sanctions will be assigned. These sanctions may be more, the same or less severe than assigned by the Case Administrator. Similarly to the Administrative Case Review, if the student accepts, they agree to complete the sanctions, and the process ends upon completion of the sanctions.

If the student is unhappy with the outcome of the Accountability Board, he or she may choose to appeal and is given a second opportunity to have their case reviewed. At the appeal, the student’s case will be reviewed; if the student is found not responsible, the process ends here. If the Accountability Board’s decision is to reduce the sanction(s), then the student will be held accountable for completing the reduced sanctions, and the process ends here. If the Board upholds the decision, then the student will be held accountable for the sanctions given by the Accountability Board. The process then is completed.

Our process is designed so that students may learn about our processes community standards, and their responsibilities as citizens of JMU and Harrisonburg. We view this process as educational, and thus, differing from the criminal system. Whereas criminal courts most often seek to punish or deter unlawful behavior, it is generally accepted that conduct proceedings at educational institutions are intended to impress upon individuals their responsibilities and are an extension of the educational process. Our staff members are not in any way associated with the criminal legal system. For legal support, refer to the VA state bar referral service at (800) 552-7977. Additionally, an OSARP accountability charge should not be confused with an academic honor code violation. Honor code violations are specified in the Honor Code and seen by the Honor Council, but may be sanctioned to our programs and workshops.

We truly believe in partnering with parents and families at OSARP. Please refer to our section for parents on our website for more information. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.
JMU Announces Football Promotional Schedule

By: Chris Brooks, JMU Athletics Communications

James Madison Athletics is pleased to announce the full promotional schedule for the 2016 football season, presented by CarMax. The Dukes will host six regular-season games this season.

University Outpost Fan Zone – Stop by Godwin Field to enjoy activities including a bounce house, football toss, skee ball, face painting, music, Puppy Pound pick-up, and more! The Fan Zone opens 2½ hours before each game and closes 30 minutes prior to kickoff.

Aramark Food Race – Be on the lookout for the Aramark food race each game during the third quarter. Various food items will race across the field, vying for that first place spot. Whichever food item wins will be discounted at the concession stands for the remainder of that game.

9/3 | Morehead State
Game Presented by Sprint

Community Day presented by Morristown – All fans who live within Rockingham or Augusta Counties can purchase game tickets for $16 each. The first 400 fans to purchase through this promotion will also receive a voucher for a FREE Bridgeforth Stadium replica (limit one per account).

Fan Zone Petting Zoo and Pony Rides – In the University Outpost Fan Zone, there will be a petting zoo of small animals available for all fans to enjoy. Pony rides will be available for current members of the JMU Dukes Puppy Pound.

Freshman Charge presented by Sunchase - The season will kickoff with 500 lucky JMU freshmen taking to the field by running out of the JMU tunnel and Duke Dog prior to the team’s entrance. Freshman class members will receive an email with information on how to register.

Yearbook Giveaway – The first 5,000 fans to enter the stadium will receive a FREE copy of the 2016 Football yearbook.

Puppy Pound Free Tickets Game #1
All Puppy Pound members will have the opportunity to claim two FREE tickets to the game – one for the member and one for a parent or guardian. Members will receive an email with information on how to claim their tickets in August.

Puppy Pound Party – Puppy Pound members who pre-register for this event can enjoy FREE food courtesy of Chick-fil-A Harrisonburg, hang out with the “Eat Mor Chikin” Cow and Duke Dog, and take part in a fun activity. Members will receive an email with information on how to register in August.

9/10 | Central Connecticut State
Game Presented by University Outpost

White Out – The JMU Nation is challenged with turning Bridgeforth WHITE! The Dukes will be sporting an all-white uniform this day and fans are encouraged to wear white JMU gear while cheering on the team.

Band Day – High school band students are invited to experience game day as a member of the Marching Royal Dukes.

Great Madison Campout presented by Valley Mall – Boy and Girl Scouts are invited to sleep over at Bridgeforth Stadium! This package includes tickets to the game, dinner, a movie on the video board, camping out on Zane Showker Field, and breakfast the following morning. To register, please contact the Athletics Ticket Office at (540) 568-3853.

Day With the Dukes presented by Martin’s – JMU and the Special Olympics are celebrating the 10th year of the Day With the Dukes event, which provides an opportunity for Special Olympians from throughout the state to interact with JMU student-athletes from various sports before enjoying the football game.

JMU Faculty & Staff Appreciation presented by Valley Mall – JMU faculty and staff can receive two free tickets to the game and can purchase additional at a discounted rate.

10/1 | Delaware
Game Presented by Sentara

Family Weekend – JMU welcomes all family members of current Dukes to campus for a fun-filled weekend!

10/8 | William & Mary
Game Presented by JMU Duke Club

School Day presented by Valley Mall – JMU invites all local students to join us to watch the Dukes take on the Tribe. More details will be available in late August.

10/29 | Rhode Island
Game Presented by Virginia Lottery

Homecoming Weekend – JMU welcomes all alumni Dukes back to campus for a purple and gold reunion!

11/19 | Elon
Game Presented by Pepsi

Heroes Day – JMU thanks all those who are local heroes. All military, police, fire, and EMS personnel can purchase additional tickets at a discounted rate.

Senior Player Recognitions – JMU Football will honor the senior class with a pregame recognition.

Puppy Pound Free Tickets Game #2
All Puppy Pound members will have the opportunity to claim two FREE tickets to the game – one for the member and one for a parent or guardian. Members will receive an email with information on how to claim their tickets in November.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.JMUtickets.com or call the ticket office at (540) 568-3853.
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- Free checking accounts
- Free mobile banking with on-the-go check deposits
- Free transfers between financial institutions
- Free Popmoney to send and request money
- Over 55,000+ nationwide no-fee ATMs & 6,000+ shared branches

Student Resources

- On campus financial education programs
- Private student and consolidation loans
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- Variable Low Rate Visa® Credit Cards
- Online Auto Buying Service Powered by TrueCar™

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Shea Baum, Branch Manager

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Open an account today, join our team, and share in the benefits of our financial strength. Your immediate family members can also bank with us and enjoy the benefits of credit union membership, too.
Welcome to JMU from the Student Activities & Involvement Office Staff! The motto of our office is be involved, and one our main goal is to provide opportunities, events, and programs that assist all students in finding their unique place(s) to belong at JMU. We have highlighted a few of these programs and opportunities below, as well as added some links that can be previewed online from the comfort of home.

Before your student even steps foot on campus, they can look into involvement opportunities on our website, beinvolved.jmu.edu. We have over 350 clubs and organizations on campus ranging from clubs focused on academics to leadership development to advocating for causes important to our students. Through filters on the BeInvolved website, students can look for clubs that align with their interests as well as new activities they may have always wanted to try. Once they get to campus, they can meet clubs in person at Student Org Night on September 2nd, with hundreds of groups ready to meet new students and talk about why they are passionate about their organizations. Even if your student does not join a club right away in the fall, they can always join groups during the school year or come to our office in Madison Union 320 to talk about ways to get involved on campus.

Another approach for the first semester is to apply to participate in the Make Your Mark on Madison Leadership Program. This program is only available to first semester Freshman and Sophomore students and only offered in the fall. Make Your Mark On Madison, most often referred to as MYMOM, is a semester long leadership program focusing on helping Freshmen and Sophomore students find their place for authentic and positive involvement at JMU. Close interaction with upper-class small group facilitators and peers are just some of the benefits of participation! Participants were asked to share what their biggest takeaways were from participating in MYMOM and the most common responses were learning about leadership, confidence, integrity, commitment, values, empowerment, compassion, open-mindedness, friendship, teamwork, intentionality, growth, communication and diversity. It is the goal of the program to help students connect with people and activities that meet their hopes, values and expectations during their time here and allow them to “Make Your Mark” at JMU. Every new first year student and all sophomores receive a postcard letting them know that the applications for the program are available online. You can go to jmu.edu/sai/mymom for all information you need to apply!

Madison 4U, aka Mad 4U—one of the offices within Student Activities and Involvement—provides opportunities and training for Mindfulness practice. Like Harvard, Princeton and Duke University, skilled professionals at JMU offer mindfulness training known as Koru that gives students a "tool kit" for managing stress and anxiety. Furthermore, Koru techniques can enrich the lives of students and help them live with a greater sense of purpose and meaning (http://info.jmu.edu/studentactivities/koru-mindfulness/). Weekly Mad 4U program offerings include TeaTime, a conversation café that helps participants develop conversation skills over a free cup of tea and a treat; Creative Madison Craft Night which provides craft materials and instruction every Saturday evening; Open Mic night so your student may have their 15 minutes of fame; and Madison Meditates, a daily opportunity to practice mindfulness skill building. Students who have attended these programs have said Mad 4U programs have significantly contributed to their overall well-being and helped them find a space on campus.

We hope your student takes advantage of the wide vary of involvement opportunities at JMU. Our office strives to have students feel included, involved, and connected on campus. We are excited to welcome the Class of 2020 and hope to help them on their journey to find their place at JMU.
When your student leaves home, they are also leaving behind a known set of entertainment: their favorite ice cream shop, the best trivia spot, the movie theatre with the tastiest popcorn. Coming to a new school erases much of the familiarity they retained at home. “There’s nothing to do here,” your student confides, “I’m so bored.”

That’s where we come in. James Madison’s University Program Board, or UPB for short, provides student entertainment such as free monthly concerts and comedians, weekly discounted movies, late night breakfasts, and special events. Most of our events are on campus, and a majority are free.

By encouraging boundless expression, the University Program Board strives to enhance the overall JMU experience by providing a variety of creative, educational and entertaining programs that appeal to diverse audiences. We actively seek and encourage input while dedicating and challenging ourselves to incorporate the needs and desires of the JMU community. Our unofficial mission statement? College is more than just classes.

University Program Board has an informational website, but incoming students can closely connect with us through our Twitter (@UPB), Instagram (@UPBJMU), and Facebook (University Program Board). By following our active social media presence, your student has enabled the opportunity to hear about events in advance, and get reminders on when the events are occurring.

In short, don’t get bored. Get (University Program) Board.

Madison Advising Peers Offer Academic Advising Assistance

BY: ANNA LYNN BELL, UNIVERSITY ADVISING

Does your student have general advising questions, but doesn’t know where to find assistance? Is your student confused about General Education and degree requirements? Does your student know about learning resources on campus to assist with math and science assignments? Let the Madison Advising Peers point your student in the right direction!

The Madison Advising Peers (MAPs) are JMU undergraduate students who care about their fellow Dukes and are available to students of any major to assist with general academic advising questions. MAPs work in conjunction with faculty advisors by providing supplemental academic advising information and assist JMU undergraduate students who have questions, but don’t know where to go.

What Assistance Can a MAP Provide?

- Changing majors or declaring a minor
- Understanding the cluster requirements in General Education
- Class registration
- Utilizing MyMadison to track progress towards degree completion
- Developing a four-year academic plan
- Requesting a course override
- Preparing for an advising session with a faculty advisor
- Differences between the BA and BS degree requirements
- When and how to apply for graduation
- Taking summer classes
- And much more!

Where to find the MAPs?

- School of Art, Design and Art History
  Duke Hall, Room 1033G
- College of Business Academic Services Center
  Showker Hall, Room 205
- Pre-professional Health Advising Center
  Roop Hall, Room G24
- University Advising
  Roop Hall, Room 200

For more information, check out the website: http://www.jmu.edu/advising/acadplan/peers.shtml
Good health contributes to academic success. During the school year, the University Health Center sees over 30,000 medical appointments, and provides numerous health education programs to students. We understand the barriers to academic success students face when they become ill, or encounter difficult situations. As parents and family members, you can serve as an important bridge, connecting students to the services and programs we provide to help create and sustain academic success and lifelong wellness.

In addition to our medical services and educational programs, we provide:

**Flu Vaccine Clinic**
On Monday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 4 flu shots will be available to students. The cost is $23 and accepted forms of payment include: cash, check or credit card (no JAC card payments for this service). Some insurance plans will be accepted; check the UHC website for full details.

**Self-Care Station**
Located in the Pharmacy, first floor of the Student Success Center. The Self-Care Station provides information on common illnesses that do not require a medical visit, but do require symptom management. UHC medical providers created the information provided at the Self-Care Station on health conditions such as sore throat, common cold, nausea and vomiting, flu and more. Students may receive a limited supply of over-the-counter medications from our pharmacist at no cost when utilizing the Self-Care Station.

**BASICS and High Expectations Programs**
Alcohol and marijuana use can be hard for students to discuss. These early intervention programs are empathetic, confidential and non-judgmental. Designed to help students evaluate the risks that may result from their substance use, motivational interviewing is used to facilitate an open, engaging conversation. These programs are offered at no cost for students who self-refer. They consist of two 50-minute, individualized meetings with a specialized program facilitator.

**Survivor Advocate**
Students who would like to discuss their options regarding stalking, intimate partner or sexual violence are encouraged to meet with our confidential survivor advocate.

The survivor advocate can help with:
- Assistance accessing on-campus and off-campus support services
- Accompaniment through legal proceedings, student conduct process and evidence collection
- Referrals to Title IX, if desired

Visit our website, www.jmu.edu/healthcenter, for comprehensive information about our services and programs.
Federal regulations require that each school have a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy that measures three areas of compliance: GPA, Pace and Maximum Time.

SAP is reviewed each year a student files a FAFSA. If an issue is identified, an email will be sent from our office with the notification that financial aid is denied for the upcoming school year. This denial of financial aid includes all types of grant funding, Federal Work Study, Direct Student Loans, Parent PLUS Loans, and certain private student loans. In addition to the email, students also receive a notice in their ‘To Do’ list on MyMadison. Both messages detail the area(s) of noncompliance. Because of federal privacy regulations (FERPA), we cannot communicate SAP issues with anyone other than the student.

Here is a little bit more about the three areas reviewed:

- The GPA requirement is based on the number of credit hours attempted and the standard set mirrors the university’s academic suspension policy. You can find the table showing the minimum GPA requirement for each range of attempted hours on our website, as well as the Registrar’s Office website.

- The Maximum Time evaluation will flag a student with a SAP issue who has attempted 150 or more credit hours. There are certain majors at JMU requiring a large number of credits or a student may be attempting multiple majors/minors which would elevate their attempted credits. This is something we would consider if an appeal is submitted for review.

- For Pace, students must earn credit for at least 80% of the hours they have attempted. Issues in this area can stem from withdrawals, repeat forgive courses, incompletes and failing grades. These all represent credits a student has attempted, but not earned. Students in their first year are more susceptible to having issues with this standard because of the limited number of overall attempted hours. For example, if 24 credits are taken in the first year (12 per semester) but one course is withdrawn from and an ‘F’ is earned in another, then that student may only have a total of 18 credits earned versus the 24 attempted, which results in a pace percentage of 75%.

Students flagged with a SAP issue who experienced extenuating circumstances that may have played a role in their academic struggles have the opportunity to submit an appeal for review by our SAP Appeals Committee. Students with an approved appeal are placed on an academic plan with guidelines that are designed to help get them back into good standing with SAP. Financial aid may be available on a probationary basis for students with an approved appeal.

More information about Satisfactory Academic Progress is located on our website at www.jmu.edu/financialaid.

We also want to let you know that the 2017-18 FAFSA will be available on October 1, 2016, rather than the normal January time frame. The change in when the FAFSA becomes available will not impact our FAFSA Priority Filing Date. That date will remain March 1st, so make sure your student’s FAFSA is submitted by then to be considered an on-time applicant. Using the Data Retrieval Process (DRT) when completing your FAFSA can expedite processing and potentially reduce the need for us to collect Verification materials from you and your student as part of our review.

You can view the brief “FAFSA Changes” video in the Financial Aid Video section of our website for more information.
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about their major or career?

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Learn more at www.jmu.edu/cap
The Student Alumni Association fosters passionate and devoted Dukes who are committed to JMU for the rest of their lives. The mission of the SAA is to inspire and enrich the culture of engagement and philanthropy at James Madison University. We do this through programs which enhance the student experience, cultivate and promote student-alumni interactions and relationships, and establish a spirit of loyalty to the university.

Membership and Benefits
Students who donate $25 or more to any JMU fund, including athletics, are immediately qualified as benefit-level members with access to services and programs, including alumni-student networking events. Members of the JMU Student Alumni Association enjoy the following benefits:

- Opportunities to network with fellow Dukes, both students and alumni, through a variety of activities such as:
  - Networking dinners
  - Career development opportunities
  - Receptions with JMU VIPs, including President Alger
  - Volunteer and service events
  - 20% off at the JMU Bookstore (applies to merchandise, not books, every Friday.)
  - Special SAA gear and apparel
  - Member-only invitations to alumni chapter events, both at JMU and at home
  - Maintaining and upholding Madison traditions such as Senior Candle Lighting and Fight Song T-shirts
  - Leadership opportunities to serve on our SAA Board of Directors
  - A chance to truly leave your legacy for generations of students behind you

Who can join?
Anyone! The SAA is open to all JMU students. Membership is available for an annual $25 donation to whatever you feel passionate about at JMU. The best part – your money goes to where YOU want.

How to join?
Joining is easy! Simply go to alumni.jmu.edu/saa and click on the purple “Join Today” button.
Welcome military families! We are honored to serve you. Please see below for information about using your Veteran’s Education Benefits here at JMU for the Fall 2016 semester.

Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill®
Transfer of Entitlement

Is your child a freshman or first time user? Please access our JMU Brochure. It lists all the required documentation needed to get started with Post 9/11 here at JMU.

Is your child new to JMU as a Transfer Student? If Post 9/11 was not used at the previous school, refer to the instructions above. If Post 9/11 was requested at the previous school, we need: VA’s Certificate of Eligibility Letter, a copy of the completed Change of Program and Place of Training form, VA form 22-1995, and a JMU Request for Veterans Educational Benefits form.

Chapter 35 Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

Is your child a freshman or first time user? Please access our JMU DEA Bookmark. It lists all the required documentation needed to get started with DEA here at JMU.

Is your child new to JMU as a Transfer Student? If DEA benefits were not requested at the previous school, refer to the information above. If DEA benefits were requested at the previous school, we need: VA’s Certificate of Eligibility Letter, a copy of the completed Change of Program and Place of Training, VA form 22-5495, and a JMU Request for Veterans Educational Benefits form.

Is your child requesting the benefit again at JMU? Please submit the JMU Request for Veterans Educational Benefits form. This is the only document required after the initial semester. Your child can contact us at veteran@jmu.edu for their form.

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Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (MSDEP)

- If eligible, this benefit can be used with DEA benefits
- The MSDEP office will notify JMU by letter that child is eligible
- Once letter is received from MSDEP office, we will notify our Business Office that a waiver of in-state tuition and fees is to be applied to JMU financial account

Please visit our website www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans for additional information. You can email veteran@jmu.edu with any questions or concerns or contact VA at 888-442-4551 regarding eligibility.
Greetings from the Office of Residence Life! We hope your summer has been enjoyable as you prepare to join us on campus for move-in! Here in ORL we are continuing to prepare for your arrival – training for our hall directors and resident advisers has begun, last-minute work in the residence halls is wrapping up and, of course, we recently sent out our room assignment notifications to all of our residential students. We can’t wait for the class of 2020 to join us on campus!

When you received your room assignment through MyMadison you probably also noticed the driving directions for your individual hall. Those directions, available [here](#) - contain detailed information for your specific move-in day. If you are already familiar with Harrisonburg you may have your own idea for how to get around on campus but because move-in days are already very congested, it is vitally important that you stick to the directions, and the specific move-in times where necessary, to keep the process as efficient as possible.

Some of you were undoubtedly surprised to see that your son or daughter was assigned to a tripled room. When our freshman class is larger than our existing spaces can accommodate, a comparatively small number of rooms are designated as temporary triples. While this may seem daunting at first, please know that we have done our best to identify the rooms on campus that can handle an extra student temporarily. Seventy rooms were tripled as of notification on August 1, but we have already seen that number decline as students who chose to attend another institution let us know they’re not coming. Please also know that if your son or daughter is in this situation we will do our best to take care of as many of these tripled rooms as possible prior to move-in and we will keep the lines of communication open with affected students as we’re able to de-triple their rooms.

Your son or daughter may not have gotten their first, second, or in some cases their third or fourth choice for residential area preference. We would encourage them to stay optimistic – we have found that the vast majority of students end up loving their experience, regardless of the specific hall in which they live, because of the many friendships they will make with the people who will be living around them.

We have had a number of questions come in to the office related to the 2017-2018 housing contract. Many of our parents and students want the peace of mind to know they don’t have to worry about sifting through the various flyers they will be inundated with from off-campus apartment complexes in Harrisonburg regarding housing for their second year at JMU. The 2017-2018 JMU housing contract, found here via our [Online Housing System](#) – allows your student to enjoy their freshman year without the hassle of trying to find an apartment off campus. We house close to 40% of the sophomore class in our residence halls so space is limited. We like to tell our students and parents that living on campus is the only way to guarantee that all of their neighbors will be fellow Dukes. Live safe. Live close. Live supported. Live engaged. Live on!

If you have any questions about anything related to residence life, feel free to give us a call at (540) 568-4663 or email us at res-life@jmu.edu. We look forward to seeing your excited and enthusiastic students on move-in day!
International Week, held annually the last full week of September, honors the cultural diversity at JMU. We invite our JMU family and the greater community of Harrisonburg and beyond – also rich in many languages and cultures – to participate in programs and events to celebrate our varied cultural identities.

The 2016 I-Week theme, “DocUmenting Our Journeys,” takes into account that the important part of the journey is YOU. Today we have powerful tools for capturing life around us in the moment and sharing it immediately with the world.

At JMU we have a unique opportunity to learn from one another’s journeys. Did you know:

- Last year, the Office of International Programs sent 1,382 students to study in 54 different countries. Among our peer institutions, JMU ranks #1 for total number of students studying abroad on short-term programs.
- Our international student body has been increasing steadily over the past five years and continues to grow – with more than 600 international students representing 71 countries.
- The Harrisonburg community is one of the most diverse areas in this region: one of 33 Church World Service Refugee Resettlement sites (and the site with the highest rate of refugee resettlement per capita) and the most diverse school system in Virginia (more than 50 languages represented, close to 40% ELL/LEP).

I-Week offers your students a full and stimulating week featuring these events:

- International Bazaar
- Around the World: A Journey in Social Justice
- Forbes Center Concert
- From Pizza to People: An Examination of Italian Youth and Society
- From Bosnia to Ireland: Study Abroad, Stories and Impact – a documentary film
- I-Week Trivia Night
- Study Abroad and International Student Open Mic
- Madison Celebrates Two Decades of Global Humanitarian Assistance
- Documenting Latina/o High School Experiences and College Dreams
- Study Abroad Fair
- Photo Contest Reception
- Public Debate
- World Cup Soccer Tournament
- Harrisonburg International Festival

We hope you encourage your students to take in as much as their schedules allow. Anyone interested in studying abroad should certainly come to the Study Abroad Fair – on Thursday, September 22nd, from 11 am to 3 pm in the Festival Grand Ballroom.

All events are free and open to the public. If you live nearby or are visiting our neighborhood, please join us.

http://www.jmu.edu/international/get-involved/iweek

Office of International Programs, phone (540) 568-6419
In a few short weeks your student will begin another semester at JMU and will begin looking for new ways to get involved on campus. Fraternities and sororities are an excellent way for students to do so. These are values-based organizations focused on member development and service to both local and national communities. In a fraternity/sorority your student will have the opportunity to develop as a scholar, a person, and a leader, while broadening their social connections and networking for the future.

The second and third weeks of the semester are typically when chapters that are a part of the Interfraternity council(IFC) and Panhellenic council(NPC) actively recruit new members. IFC recruitment is an informal process where social fraternities hold recruitment events between September 5th and 16th. NPC recruitment is a formal process for social sororities between September 8th and 13th. Chapters that are a part of the Inter-Cultural Greek Council(ICGC) have recruitment processes that vary from chapter to chapter and may take place during either the fall or spring semester.

National Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment
Women interested in joining a sorority take part in formal recruitment, a mutual selection process in which participants are able to meet each sorority to find the best fit. This is an extensive process starting on September 8th and ending on September 13th.

Sorority recruitment consists of 4 rounds where participants meet with sororities to learn more about one another. In the first round participants meet with all 12 of our Panhellenic sororities. In the second round they meet with up to nine sororities, in the third up to six, and in the final round up to two. Women that wish to participate must sign up and pay the registration fee of $50 before September 2nd at midnight. For more information about what happens during each round visit www.jmu.edu/fsl.

Interfraternity Council Recruitment
Men interested in joining IFC fraternities can attend the Interfraternity Council Information Night on September 5th at 6pm on Hanson Field to meet all the recognized IFC fraternities on campus. Fraternities hold individual recruitment events for the remaining recruitment days and hand out bids on September 15th. Bid acceptance ceremonies take place on September 16th and new member education begins afterwards. For more information, including dates/times visit www.jmu.edu/fsl.

Inter-Cultural Greek Council Recruitment
ICGC governs chapters that are a part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council(NPHC), National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations(NALFO), and National Asian Pacific Islander Panhellenic Association(NAPA). Recruitment processes for ICGC organizations vary from chapter to chapter. ICGC will hold a Meet the Greeks event on September 8th at 7pm in the Madison Union Ballroom to introduce students to the chapters in their council. Students interested in joining ICGC organizations can find recruitment information on the Center for Multicultural Student Services market boards outside Madison Union 207. For more information contact the Center for Multicultural Student Services or visit www.jmu.edu/multicultural.

Unrecognized Organizations
Unrecognized organizations are former fraternities or sororities that have lost their recognition from both James Madison University and their national headquarters due to various reasons, including disciplinary action. Unrecognized organizations are not supervised by the university, are not permitted to use campus resources, and are not held to the same standards as recognized fraternities and sororities. Unrecognized organizations will often present themselves to incoming students as recognized fraternities or sororities. If your student expresses interest in fraternity and sorority life check jmu.edu/fsl to see if their organization is recognized. Unrecognized organization at JMU include: Delta Chi (also known as Pi Beta Chi), Sigma Chi (also known as Iota Chi), Kappa Sigma (also known as Colonial Club), and Alpha Tau Omega (also known as Alpha Omega). Should your student show interest in an unrecognized organization we suggest that you gently steer them towards the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life so we can connect him with a recognized chapter to meet their needs.
Thank you for reading James Madison University’s Parent Relations Newsletter. The Office of Parent Relations provides parents and families of current students with programs, services and information that heighten their awareness of the JMU community. Our office provides parents and families with a better understanding of the student experience to support student learning, academic and social growth. Find helpful resources and tips online at www.jmu.edu/parents.

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