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WELCOME TO THE MADISON FAMILY!

On behalf of the JMU Parents Council, we congratulate your student for his or her acceptance into James Madison University! This is an exciting time for you and your family, and we want to help in making this transition as smooth as possible.

We invite you to attend First-Year Send Offs, which take place throughout Virginia and the Northeast in July and August. The send off is a great setting for you and your student to network with current students, parents, and other JMU families in your area. Check to see if a send off is in your area and register at jmu.edu/parents.

JMU Family Weekend, September 22-24, 2017, is your chance to connect with other Madison families and capture a weekend snapshot of student life. As you build a community of JMU friends, delve into our noteworthy JMU spirit by attending some of our campus events. Check out the full line-up of events at jmu.edu/parents.

The Parents Council is a vibrant part of James Madison University, serving as an advisory board to members of the University administration. We are here to assist you through this significant transition from high school to university life, and the challenges each step presents. Information about the Parents Council, the application and a list of current members are available online at jmu.edu/parents. All of us are willing and anxious to answer your specific questions about Parents Council and any general questions about JMU and its programs. Please feel free to call on us - we’re here for you!

Being a Parents Council member is a great way to get involved and to learn about JMU’s many diverse academic and extracurricular programs. Our participation has enriched our JMU experience and led to a number of lasting friendships. Please consider completing the online application to join us!

We encourage your involvement with your student in the Madison experience. Whether you serve on the Parents Council or participate in other activities supporting your student and JMU, your involvement is welcomed. Working together, we can assure the success of our students and further the advancement of this outstanding university. Welcome to the Madison family!

Dan and Lisa Engelhardt
2017-18 Parents Council Chairs
Ashburn, Va.
Before your student embarks on one of the most wonderful experiences of their life, join the excitement as we welcome our newest Dukes! Talk with parents, alumni, JMU staff and meet fellow classmates from your area. This is a great networking opportunity for parents and students. For more information, visit jmu.edu/parents.

**2017 DATES & LOCATIONS**

- **Charlottesville, VA**
  6:30 p.m.
  Wednesday, July 26
  Holiday Inn, Monticello

- **Fairfax County**
  6:30 p.m.
  Wednesday, July 19
  Stacy Sherwood CommunityCtr.
  Fairfax, VA

- **Frederick County**
  6:30 p.m.
  Wednesday, August 2
  Sherando High School
  Stephens City, VA

- **Fredericksburg, VA**
  6:30 p.m.
  Monday, July 10
  Dorothy Hart Community Center

- ** Loudoun County**
  2:00 p.m.
  Sunday, July16
  National Conference Ctr.
  Leesburg, VA

- **Maryland**
  1:00 p.m.
  Sunday, July 9
  Circle D Farms
  Woodbine, MD

- **New England**
  Noon
  Saturday, July 22
  Home of David & Sharon Tomczak
  Ashland, MA

- **New Jersey**
  1:00 p.m.
  Sunday, July 23
  Hotel Indigo
  Basking Ridge, NJ

- **New Jersey (Southern)**
  1:00 p.m.
  Sunday, July 30
  Turkey Swamp Park
  Freehold, NJ

- **New York**
  1:00 p.m.
  Saturday, July 29
  Clear View Golf Course
  Bayside, NY

- **Norfolk, VA**
  6:30 p.m.
  Friday, July 14
  Norfolk Academy

- **Pennsylvania**
  6:30 p.m.
  Monday, July 24
  Westminster Presbyterian Church
  West Chester, PA

- **RVA North**
  6:30 p.m.
  Wednesday, July 12
  Deep Run High School
  Glen Allen, VA

- **RVA South**
  6:30 p.m.
  Monday, July 17
  Cosby High School
  Midlothian, VA

- **Roanoke**
  6:30 p.m.
  Tuesday, July 18
  Vinton War Memorial
  Vinton, VA

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS**

**FRESHMAN MOVE-IN**
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AUG. 22/23

**CLASSES BEGIN**
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AUG. 28

**FAMILY WEEKEND**
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SEPT. 22-24

**HOMECOMING WEEKEND**
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OCT. 27-29

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**
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NOV. 20-24

**FINAL EXAMS**
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DEC. 9-15
Federal regulations stipulate that schools can only consider classes that count toward a student’s degree requirements when awarding financial aid. Classes that can be counted when determining financial aid eligibility are those that:

- Count toward a student’s declared Degree or General Education requirements
- Are required for a declared major
- Are required for a declared minor
- Fulfill elective hours to attain a minimum of 120 credit hours

Students will see a “Yes” or “No” under the “Eligible for Financial Aid” Column in “My Class Schedule” in MyMadison. If they see a “Yes” next to one of their classes, then this course will be considered when their financial aid eligibility is calculated. If they see a “No” next to one of their classes, then this class cannot be counted as part of their attempted credits when their financial aid eligibility is determined.

For example, if a student is registered for 12 credits, with 9 having a “Yes” and 3 having a “No,” then the student will be considered as only enrolled for 9 hours for the purposes of developing a financial aid package.

If students are taking at least a full-time load of classes (i.e., 12 undergraduate credits) that are eligible for financial aid consideration, then taking additional classes that are not eligible for consideration will have no impact on their financial aid eligibility.

We invite you to view the Frequently Asked Questions at jmu.edu/financialaid to learn more about this rule. Students also have access to see their course eligibility when viewing their financial aid in MyMadison.
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

family weekend

SEPT. 22-24, 2017

For more information, visit jmu.edu/parents
As your student makes this transition into adulthood, for many this will be the first time they are responsible for their own health care. The University Health Center (UHC) is here to help with that transition. Here are a few tips for students:

1. **You can be treated for most illnesses right here on campus.** The University Health Center’s General Medicine clinic is staffed with doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and registered nurses.

2. **Minor emergencies can be handled through the UHC Urgent Care Clinic.** This includes stitches, sprains, minor fractures, allergic reactions, dehydration and urinary tract infections.

3. **Prescriptions written on campus can be filled on campus.** The UHC Pharmacy carries prescription medication as well as many over-the-counter medicines and health care products.

4. **You can afford health care.** There is no charge for most visits to the UHC. When there is a charge, it is minimal.

5. **The body will often heal itself.** Many illnesses are self-limiting, meaning they will resolve on their own. The UHC provides self-care guides to help handle the symptoms.

6. **There isn’t a pill for everything.** Antibiotic resistance is caused by the overuse of antibiotics. In an effort to curb this trend, UHC health care providers only prescribe antibiotics (or any other medication) when it is medically necessary.

7. **Total wellness is more than physical health.** The Well is home to alcohol and other drug prevention and early intervention, LGBTQ and Ally Education Program, sexual violence prevention and response, and other health education programs.

8. **But wait, there’s more!** The Women’s Health Clinic provides care for women’s health issues and contraception, the Nurse Clinic provides allergy and vaccine injections, wound care and more, the International Travel Clinic offers vaccinations, prescriptions and other resources for students traveling abroad and our Registered Dietitian is available for nutrition counseling.

And just a reminder to submit your immunization form through MyJMUHealth (found on the University Health Center’s website.) This is required by state law so be sure to meet the deadline of July 5 to avoid a fee and a hold on your records.

The University Health Center is dedicated to helping our students be well, stay well and do well. Be sure to stop by our table at the Resource Fair while you’re here for Summer Springboard!
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.
Being a new student can be an anxiety-inducing experience! As you assist your student’s transition to James Madison University, we want you to know that First-Year Advising (housed in Career & Academic Planning) is here to help! Your student may have questions about enrollment, among other things, so we have provided our Top 10 Tips for helping your student successfully manage their academic and career planning this summer.

1. **Check out the Parents’ Module:** There is a 7-minute video just for you, to assist you in understanding the enrollment process and expectations of incoming JMU students prior to attending Summer Springboard Orientation.

2. **Make sure your student can access MyMadison:** Check with your student to ensure that the contact information in MyMadison, including password verification, belongs to them. If not, they will have trouble enrolling in classes and viewing their schedule.

3. **Remind your student to check their JMU email:** First-Year Advisors will be reaching out before the middle of June to discuss enrollment. Advisors send information to students’ JMU email accounts (@dukes.jmu.edu) so students should check this daily.

4. **Let your student know they are the point of contact:** Advisors (and all faculty and staff at JMU) expect to communicate directly with students about questions, concerns, or issues with enrollment. If your student is nervous about reaching out, encourage them to use summer as practice for communicating with their advisor. We’re really a very friendly bunch!

5. **Encourage your student to choose their own courses:** While it’s fun to ask older siblings or friends for help choosing classes, encourage your student to make their own decisions, as requirements or course information may have changed! It’s important for students to understand requirements and make selections based on their own interests.

6. **Browse our website for career and major-related resources:** The Career & Academic Planning website (jmu.edu/cap) has resources to help students succeed from the moment they become a Duke through graduation and beyond. Once your student completes One Book steps, encourage them to visit our site (especially the First Year Advising section).

7. **Try out two great tools for choosing a major:** We have two resources for exploring careers and majors, which your student may find useful if they are still undecided. Even if they’re pretty confident about their plans, these resources provide excellent information about JMU programs and the types of students who are likely to succeed in them:

   - **FOCUS** includes self-assessments that assist students in pairing values, strengths, interests, and goals with JMU programs.
   - Our Career Guide to JMU Majors provides detailed insight about each major, including a list of careers that may interest students in that major.

8. **Find out what future employers are looking for:** There are a lot of ways to get involved at JMU and in the community. When students are excited to hit the ground running, it’s nice to have a roadmap to stay focused on long-term goals as well! Our Steps to Career Success shows students ways to build skills and competencies that we know employers are seeking.

9. **Join our email list:** Stay on top of our upcoming programs to help your student get career ready starting in their first year. Our resources help students with choosing a major, finding internships and career advice, connecting with employers, and more! We can help your student start preparing for their future now, and you can help by encouraging them to participate! Family members can sign up to receive CAP News emails at jmu.edu/cap/news.

10. **Join our webinar:** Register today to attend our First Year Advising webinar at 7pm EST on Monday, June 12th. It will address enrollment-related questions and concerns. After June 12th, the webinar will be available on the Resources for Families page of our website, where you will also find last year’s webinar.

We look forward to getting to know your student and helping them to create a personal career and academic plan for their time at JMU! Thank you for supporting them in this endeavor – we greatly appreciate you.

**Go Dukes!**

Here to help your student make their next move,
The Staff of Career & Academic Planning

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**TOP 10 TIPS FOR ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING**

**BY: CAREER & ACADEMIC PLANNING STAFF**

**PHOTOGRAPHY BY MIKE MIRIELLO**

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WE CAN HELP!

WE OFFER A 1-CREDIT COURSE (UNST 102) TO HELP STUDENTS INVESTIGATE MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS!

UNDECIDED? DECLARED? CERTAIN? about their major or career?

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APPOINTMENTS

JMU CAREER GUIDE

MORE ONLINE

jmu.edu/cap/decisions
Recent events in the news have demonstrated how quickly misinformation can spread through social media, causing hysteria and compromising public safety as a result. You may recall, for example, the panic over scary clowns that swept across the country last year as the result of false reporting on social media. Spreading unsubstantiated rumors such as these online can cause a strain on public safety resources.

We ask that all members of the JMU community act with discernment when encountering information on social media, and keep in mind the suggestions below to help ensure the safety of all on campus.

Consume with Caution
Not all information on social media can be taken at face value. It can be difficult to differentiate between legitimate claims and misinformation, so before placing stock in information found online, ask yourself where the information is coming from, and if you trust the source. Often, a quick Google search will tell you if what you’ve read or seen is untrue.

In the event of a real and ongoing threat to the JMU community, JMU Police will issue an Emergency Alert or a Timely Notice, and based on the situation students will be made aware via email, phone, text message, emergency horns and sirens, and/or through the LiveSafe app. Additionally, the university will post information to www.jmu.edu, as well as its official Facebook (facebook.com/JamesMadisonUniversity) and Twitter (twitter.com/JMU) pages. In recent years pranksters have set up social media accounts meant to look like those of the university and its leaders, so it is important to ensure that you are following JMU’s official social media pages listed above.

Share Only if Sure
If you’re not sure that what you’re hearing or reading is legitimate, don’t share it. Sharing unverified claims on social media furthers the spread of rumors and can make it difficult for law enforcement to disseminate critical information and protect the public.

Social media posts that spread misinformation and threaten public safety are not treated as harmless mistakes. They are taken seriously and may be investigated by law enforcement.

Report for Real
Finally, remind your students that sharing safety concerns on social media is not the same as reporting them to law enforcement. If at any time an individual sees anything suspicious or feels unsafe, it is his or her responsibility to immediately report that situation directly to the JMU Police Department.

Individuals can report activity with one click through the JMU LiveSafe app, or by calling the JMU Police’s emergency number at 540-568-6911 on campus, and 911 from off campus. When reporting suspicious activity, students may be asked by law enforcement to recall who or what they saw, when they saw it, where it occurred and why it’s suspicious.

Thank you for your diligence and continued partnership in helping to keep campus safe.
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www.jmu.edu/give

*A 2016 Gallup survey said JMU out-performs the Top 100 universities in “Professors who care” and “Professors who made me excited about learning.” For additional information, see the 2015-16 JMU Annual Report (http://bit.ly/jmu2016).

**2016 Bloomberg Businessweek rankings

2016 FCS National Champions
Service learning
Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services
Orientation is right around the corner! Be sure that your student completes their One Book steps on time to get a preferred Summer Springboard date. Incoming first-year students should attend Summer Springboard on one of the following 13 dates: June 26, 27, 28, 29, July 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, and 19. First-year dates are dependent on your student’s major and advisor availability. Not all dates are available for all majors, thus the quicker your student completes their reservation, the more likely they will receive their preferred date.

Keep in mind, these days are packed full of information for both you and your student! Please plan for a full day with us, from checking in at the Student Success Center at 7:30 a.m. to leaving with an official new Duke, with a JACard to prove it at 5:30 p.m. Our professional and student staff will ready in our bright purple polos to guide you along the way!

General parking for the day will be in the Mason Street Parking Deck, located at 715 South Mason Street. For handicapped parking, please note that you will need a valid government-issued handicap placard or plate to avoid receiving a ticket. Please utilize levels three and above for parking. Take the sky bridge between levels three and four to the Student Success Center to check in for the day. Do you have further questions about navigating Madison’s campus? Check out www.jmu.edu/orientation/gettingaroundcampus.shtml for more details.

We look forward to seeing you and your student at Summer Springboard! Please contact us if you have further questions about Summer Springboard or starting the transition to James Madison University!

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As the central university office concerning international education, the Center for Global Engagement oversees all of JMU’s study abroad programs and also supports international students and scholars.

Study Abroad
The CGE is excited to welcome you to the JMU community. Study abroad is an integral part of a JMU education and an area of institutional strength. We are ranked #1 among our peers for sending more students abroad on short-term programs than anybody else. Whether you prefer a JMU semester abroad, a short-term faculty-led program, or an exchange program with one of our international partner institutions scattered across the globe, we have a program for you. We have more than 80 JMU programs in more than 50 countries with opportunities available for students from all majors. Nearly one in three JMU students studies abroad!

To include an international experience in your time at JMU, start planning right away. Talk to your academic advisor about how study abroad can fit into your academic plan. Come to a study abroad information session. Inquire about financial aid and scholarships. Don’t miss out on the adventure of a lifetime. Become a global citizen. For questions or for more information, please contact studyabroad@jmu.edu.

International Student and Scholar Services
International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provides immigration support and a variety of learning opportunities for international students and visitors to campus. The community of international scholars at JMU includes students studying for a four-year degree, exchange students studying for one semester or a year, faculty visiting for short residencies, and short-term research scholars.

ISSS works to connect students with campus and community resources. The office assists students with maintaining immigration status, obtaining a driver’s license, submitting taxes, and applying for work authorization. Cultural exchange opportunities are offered through the Friendship Family program and Conversation Partner program. Events such as the Lunar New Year celebration and a Thanksgiving dinner increase global awareness on campus. For more information, contact isss@jmu.edu.

Top Countries of International Students
China, 229; Vietnam, 45; South Korea, 31; Saudi Arabia, 21; United Kingdom, 15; India, 13; Japan, 11.

Study abroad is consistently shown to have positive outcomes for our participants. In fact, students who study abroad:

- Earn 25% higher salaries
- Are almost twice as likely to find a job within 12 months of graduation
- Are better problem solvers, more flexible, more creative, and have demonstrated higher levels of complex thinking
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The Honors College builds upon JMU’s strengths as an engaged university focused on undergraduate student success. We are attentive to high-impact and inquiry-based learning practices and educating enlightened citizens. We expect our students to grow as leaders over time in their individual areas, and maintain an interest in lifelong learning as alumni.

Honors transitioned from Program to College over the past academic year. This change has been in the works for many years. A number of enhancements will soon become apparent – including strengthened inter- and cross-disciplinary curricular offerings, increased academic and co-curricular opportunities, the Huber Residential Learning Community for pre-professional health majors, and an Honors Interdisciplinary Studies minor degree. The Honors College now has its own ceremony for conferring a sculpted medallion upon graduates, and flies its own banner at Commencement.

The Honors College possesses many tools to help our students create a series of linked, transformative experiences that enhance the JMU experience and coursework. These include small, unique classes, area of emphasis sequences, scholarship support for signature summer experiences, opportunities for faculty mentoring, honors advising, preparation for post-baccalaureate and graduate training, a special Honors lab and lounge, an Honors Living-Learning Community in Shenandoah Hall, and priority registration.

JMU Honors students share a wealth of common commitments too. These include cultivation of human dignity, interdisciplinary understanding, personal development and reflection, leadership initiative, and great conversation and collaboration. We seek to pursue these values through civic engagement, creative expression, global perspective, leadership and public service, as well as a wide variety of forms of research and scholarship.

The Honors College is deeply committed to the role of engaged learning in the development of human flourishing. Powerful forces change the way we think, feel, and decide. And complex, real-world problems require the integration of different perspectives. In Honors, we believe that powerful forms of discernment and insight can be found within our own local, regional, and global communities. We hope that our efforts to identify with or understand the thoughts, feelings, and emotional states of others will make us better leaders, better listeners, and better friends.

The JMU Honors College is highly competitive, receiving more than 1,000 applications each year. The traditional freshman class is restricted to about 200 students. Honors is available by separate application. (Students must first apply to JMU). Honors application deadlines: November 30th (Early Action); February 28th (Regular Decision).

Visit us in Hillcrest House!
As we enjoy the warm weather and sunshine, in a few months your child will be in the Valley to kick off the school year. As your student will start hitting the books and joining clubs, the sports season will kick off with the reigning FCS National Champion and four Colonial Athletic Association champions. Campus will be packed on weekends with the JMU Nation cheering on the Purple and Gold!

JMU Athletics aims to provide opportunities not only for our over 400 student-athletes but also for our current students, fans, alumni, and families. From enjoying a volleyball match in Godwin Hall to a football game in Bridgeforth Stadium, we strive to create opportunities for your family to enjoy James Madison together.

The Duke Club is the official fundraising arm for JMU Athletics, supporting scholarships for our student-athletes and enhancing the athletics budget. Donating to 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 ‘Burg and give you reasons to “come home” for years to come.

For your student, DC25 is the official program to foster a spirit of philanthropy specifically created for fans 25 and younger. For only $25, DC25 donors have the ability to engage with our teams and receive the following benefits:
- DC25 Annual T-shirt
- Double Priority Points on DC25 gifts
- Onsale and Special Event Invitations
- First Access for Student Football & Basketball Tickets (current JMU students only)
- Guaranteed Gameday Parking
- And MUCH MORE!

The highlight event for this year will be our student bus trip to East Carolina on September 2 to watch the Dukes kick off the season. DC25 donors will have the opportunity to hop on the bus, get a game ticket, and have awesome pregame activities for $40. Your student will not want to miss this trip!

Those over 25, including parents, are able to join and support the Duke Club with a gift of just $50! As a Duke Club donor, you directly contribute to the educational opportunities of the student-athletes representing JMU and allow for JMU to be represented nationally in our pursuit of championships. In addition, great benefits, including enhanced parking and tickets, are available as benefits to those who support JMU Athletics.

For more information on how you can support JMU student-athletes, as well as grow the JMU Nation, visit JMUDukeClub.com.

We are excited to see all of you when you come “home” this fall!
Welcome families! We are excited that James Madison University has become the school of choice for your son or daughter.

At JMU, we value the service and sacrifice of our Veterans, Active Duty service members, members of the National Guard, Reservists, as well as the sacrifices of family members.

As your School Certifying Officials, we will form a partnership and commit to:

- Assisting you through the benefits process as you prepare to utilize the federal/state benefit that you have earned
- Sharing our specialized knowledge of the federal and state benefit program(s) for which your family member is eligible
- Remaining well-versed in the details of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP)
- Remaining well-versed in the complexities of all aspects of each of the following federal programs:
  - Post 9/11 (which includes: The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship and the Yellow Ribbon Program)
  - MGIB Active Duty
  - MGIB Selected Reserves
  - Survivor’s and Dependent’s Educational Assistance (DEA) program
  - Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits program
- Explaining the stringent Veterans Affairs guidelines that must be applied to your son’s/daughter’s enrollment
- Monitoring and communicating with your child in a timely manner any federal and state legislative changes that may have a financial impact on your benefit
- Functioning as your JMU liaison with departments on campus, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and/or Veterans Services

A visit of our Veterans website www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans will provide you with valuable resources and our contact information. We will make this benefits process a non-intimidating one for you and your family.

Go Dukes!
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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