



Student Government Association
of James Madison University
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A RESOLUTION

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To recognize Meredith Bauer and Donna Walker for their contributions towards the Student Government Association (SGA) of James Madison University (JMU)

IN THE SENATE OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

Senator Zach Fox submitted the following resolution with Executive Treasurer-Elect Carson Tighe and Senator Mason Hoey in conjunction with Executive Treasurer Matt Haynicz and the JMU SGA Finance Team.

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To recognize Meredith Bauer, *Student Life Fiscal Manager*, and Donna Walker, *Student Life Fiscal Technician*, for their contributions supporting the JMU SGA, JMU SGA Contingency Grant Recipient Organizations, and the mission-critical JMU Front-End Budgeted organizations. Furthermore, we acknowledge our appreciation for their tireless work in supporting student organizations.

Whereas, The missions of the student-led Front-End Budgeted (FEB) organizations are deemed so essential that they cannot devote any of their time towards fundraising or negotiating the use of funds, AND;

Whereas, Yearly FEB fiscal activities consist of thousands of purchases and negotiations, totaling over \$560,000 dollars in yearly allocations, not including reserve funds, AND;

Whereas, Yearly Program Grant fiscal activities consist of hundreds of purchases and negotiations, totalling over \$50,000 in approved Program Grant funding, AND;

Whereas, Donna Walker has worked diligently to personally negotiate every single purchase, every single contract, and the use of funds for every single FEB and Program Grant event, AND;

Whereas, Over 30 Student Organizations have received Contingency Fund grant approvals from the SGA, ranging from requests of \$200 to \$5,000, AND;

Whereas, Donna Walker has personally managed Contingency fund transfers on behalf of all grant-approved organizations, AND;

Whereas, The Student Life Office is critical to creating the positive campus culture that is essential to allowing the University to realize its mission, AND;

Whereas, The Student Life Office relies on the services of the Student Life Fiscal Team, AND;

Whereas, Meredith Bauer led the Student Life Fiscal Team with sage wisdom, advocating for the Student Government Association and the Student Life Office, AND;

Whereas, Almost all SGA activity relies heavily on the Student Life Office and the Student Life Fiscal Team, through Meredith Bauer advocating on its behalf and Donna Walker personally overseeing every purchase, negotiation, and use of funds, AND;

Whereas, Due to the nature of the work of the Fiscal Team, they ought to exhibit competence, accountability, and diligence, which Meredith Bauer and Donna Walker have demonstrated in excess, AND;

Whereas, Meredith Bauer has consistently performed exceptionally in her duties working at JMU since 2017, AND;

Whereas, Donna Walker has had an outstanding performance in her debut academic year, AND;

Whereas, Student Body Executive Treasurer Matt Haynicz expresses his personal gratitude for the contributions, assistance, and direction given by both Meredith Bauer and Donna Walker;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, That:

The Student Government Association, on behalf of the Student Body of James Madison University, raises the noticeable and lasting impact of the contributions Meredith Bauer and Donna Walker have left on the James Madison University community, and expresses our profound gratitude to Meredith Bauer and Donna Walker for their diligent work in the 2023-2024 academic year.

This Resolution is to be sent to:

- I. Meredith Bauer, *Student Life Fiscal Manager*.
- II. Donna Walker, *Student Life Fiscal Technician*
- III. Dr. Jen Grossman Leopard, *Director of Student Life*