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A note from our Senior VP
Dr. Mark Warner

Springtime in the Shenandoah Valley at James Madison University - I cannot imagine a better place to be!

When I feel the outside temperatures rise, see the flowers starting to break ground, hear the symphony of birds serenading – I think of renewal. Renewal is one of those incredible aspects of life that energizes us, provides us hope, crystallizes our thinking and motivates us to positive action.

As I walk across our beautiful campus, I reflect upon the indelible impact you all leave on the lives of our students and our colleagues. You renew spirits, hope and thoughts in your daily interactions, and we get to see the positive power of your work.

JMU is about transforming lives, and renewal is the essence of that transformation. Thanks for the integral role you play in unleashing the power of authentic renewal. All in the JMU community are the beneficiaries.

Create a great day!
Mark

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What does Spring mean in your office?

**Judicial**
Spring is in the air and that usually means we get busy, or really, more busy. We counted down the days to Liz and Tim Howley’s new baby (see updates section on page 7)! We will also be busy recruiting new judicial council members and new civic learning mentors.

**UREC**
Spring means the return from spring break where newly tanned bodies are trying to regain their pre-spring break condition at UREC. We also move outdoors where record numbers of Intramural softball, sand volleyball and soccer teams take the fields each night, yogis take a hike, and outdoor adventure trips get on the rivers!

**Orientation**
Have you ever heard of semester-long pre-gaming? Well that’s exactly what it’s like in orientation, but in a different way than what you may be thinking! The spring semester is filled with hiring our 300 student staff, lots of student staff training, and partnering with the Admissions Office to support Choices so that we can make connections with students and families that we will welcome during our Orientation programs. So, if we seem like we’re as excited as fanatic fans at a sports pre-game event, we are because this is our pre-game season!

**ORL**
In Residence Life Spring means outdoor RA programs, hiring staff for next year and explaining to parents that, yes, they do have to take their children back for the summer! It also means getting ready for hall closings in May while answering questions from our newly admitted freshmen about opening in August.
CAP

- Laura Yu Hickerson and Chris Campbell will be presenting a program at the Virginia Association of Colleges and Employers (VACE) conference in April in Virginia Beach. It’s entitled “All hands on deck: How professional development can keep your staff afloat and stay on course.”

- Mary Morsch and Heather Patterson presented Transitioning into the Major: Career Planning Courses and Career Decision Self-Efficacy at the 30th Annual Conference on The First Year Experience in February.

- Heather Patterson will be presenting Connecting with Students Utilizing a Syllabus and Blog at the NACADA Region 2 Conference in April.

- Sarah Orem was awarded a 2011 All Together One Award.

Judicial

- In order to promote teamwork and foster relationships, The Office of Judicial Affairs partnered with Community Service Learning to plan and implement an office service trip this spring. Nine members of the team spent the day with Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity, working with the River Bend Gardens project in Franklin, WV.

Orientation

- Alton Mosley, Jr. joined the department in January 2011 as an Administrative & Operations Specialist. Alton is a 2009 graduate of JMU, and came to our office from the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence. In his role, he supports the department’s operations through coordinating Family Check-in, facility reservations and Transfer Summer Springboard reservations, among other things.

- Matt Skirven joined the Orientation Office on April 11, 2011 as the Assistant Director of Orientation Programs. Matt is a 2006 graduate of JMU, and served as an Assisting New Transfer Student (ANTS) for Orientation in 2005. Since graduating, Matt served a year with the City Year Corps and completed his master’s degree in Higher Education at UT-Knoxville. Matt will come to us from George Washington University, where he is currently serving as an academic advisor. We are excited to have an O-Team alum complete our staff!

University Recreation

- Numerous UREC employees are presenting at the NIRSA National Conference in April, including Erin Erford, Steve Bobbitt, Julie Wallace Carr, Betsy Baker, Andrew Jordan, and Ali Stamper.

- UREC sponsored and led two Alternative Spring Break trips, one to the Gila Wilderness in New Mexico and one to Nassau Bahamas. Read about the Bahamas Trip here: http://www.jmu.edu/recreation/URECTeam/BahamasNewsletter2011.pdf!

- Eric Nickel was awarded a 2011 All Together One award. He was nominated by current and former UREC staff members.

- Three undergraduate UREC student employees were awarded the national 2011 NIRSA William Wasson Student Leadership & Academic Award: Amanda Coale, Bethany Maxwell, Stephanie Larson.
Office of Residence Life

- ORL welcomes Cindy Leak, our new Administrative Assistant in the Business Operations office! Cindy is the bright and smiling face you will encounter in Huffman Hall B-Section when you stop by the office. We are happy to have Cindy aboard and excited to be fully staffed in Bus-Ops!

- We also wish Wes Hillyard much success as he leaves his position as a Full-Time Hall Director at JMU for new challenges at Northern Virginia Community College. Wes was a great teammate and a wonderful resource for his residents. He will be missed.

3 full-time staff ORL members took part in Alternative Spring Break trips this year:

- Rosie McArthur (ORL Community Development Office) participated in Alternative Spring Break for the fourth consecutive year. This year she accompanied JMU students to Macas, Ecuador where they worked to serve the people of the indigenous MUSAP community (photo on right below).

- Katie Musar (ORL Housing Office) traveled to Kansas City, MO with nine JMU students. There they spent a week working with the mothers and children of Sheffield Place, a transitional living facility for homeless families (photo on left below).

- Kristin Stephens (FYI Coordinator) spent her week in California at the Redwoods National Park. She and a group of JMU students spent a cold and rainy week trailblazing as well as assisting with other environmental preservation projects in the park.
Upcoming JMU Sporting Events

**Varsity Sports**

**Baseball Games**
- Fri, Apr 29  UNC Wilmington    6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Apr 30  UNC Wilmington     6:30 p.m.
- Sun, May 01  UNC Wilmington     2:00 p.m.
- Wed, May 11  Longwood    6:30 p.m.
- Fri, May 13  Towson     6:30 p.m.
- Sat, May 14  Towson     6:30 p.m.
- Sun, May 15  Towson     2:00 p.m.

**Softball Games**
- Fri, Apr 22  Georgia State (DH) - 5:00 p.m.
- Sat, Apr 23  Georgia State - 12:00 p.m.
- Fri, May 06  Drexel (DH) - 1:00 p.m.
- Sat, May 07  Drexel - 3:00 p.m.

**Women’s Lacrosse**
- Sun, Apr 17  Delaware    1:00 p.m.

**Women’s Track and Field**
- Sat, Apr 23  JMU Invitational All Day

**Sport Clubs**

**Archery Club**
*United States Archery Championship*
- May 19 – 22 @ UREC
- 144 arrow qualifying round; elimination matches; Official Team Round; Mixed Team Round. Link: http://www.uscollegiatearchery.org/node/4

**Tae Kwon Do**: April 16, Noon-6pm, Godwin Multi Purpose Room

**Women’s Lacrosse Mid Atlantic Regional**: April 16-17, 10am-5pm, UREC Lower Turf & ISAT Turf

**Madison Dance Show**: April 17, 8am-1pm, Memorial Auditorium

**Tennis 101**: April 17, 2:00-4:00pm, Hillside Tennis Courts

**Men’s Basketball “JMU Jamboree”**: April 23-24, 9am-5pm, UREC Main Gym

All games subject to change. Please visit the JMU Athletics Website or the UREC Website for up-to-date information.
Personal Announcements

Sandra Gulliver’s (Office of Disability Services) son, Ross, was named to the Dean’s List here at JMU for the Fall 2010 semester.

Kristin Gibson (UREC) completed her Masters’ Degree in College Student Personnel Administration in Dec. 2010.

Alayna Faye Lewis was born at 9:00 pm on February 3rd, 2011 to Trey Lewis (Associate Director, CMSS) and Faith Lewis (CSPA graduate c/o 2009). Congratulations to the proud parents!

John Karabelas (UREC) and wife Olga welcomed twin boys Vasilii and Leonidas (Leo) into the world on April 12. The family is doing great!

Liz (Judicial) and Tim Howley (SWO) welcomed daughter Mary Claire into the world on April 13! Congratulations!

Kevin Meaney (ORL Housing Office) and his wife Yvette welcomed their 4th child on March 1. Ennis Kevin Meaney (pictured below) arrived at 9:05am and weighed a whopping 10lbs 12oz! Both Mom and baby came through the delivery with flying colors.

Camp UREC
Registration is now open for UREC’s weekly day camp for children ages 6-12. Campers participate in a variety of sport and recreational activities, opportunities to climb the UREC rock wall, swimming, arts and crafts and Friday field trips. Camp is 8:30am–4:30pm each weekday at UREC. Registration is open to both JMU and non-JMU affiliates.

2011 Session Dates:
- Session I: June 20-24
- Session II: June 27-July 1
- Session III: July 5 -8
- Session IV: July 11 - 15
- Session V: July 18-22
- Session VI: July 25-29

Registration forms are now available on the UREC website: www.jmu.edu/recreation/Programs/Youth/campurec.html

Camp UREC is $145 per week per child. For each additional child you register per week, you will receive $10.00 off your total fee!

Questions about Camp UREC?
Contact Chris Jones at jones4cr@jmu.edu or 540-568-8723.

Guard Start
New for 11-14 year olds: Guard Start - June 13-17, 2011!
This American Red Cross program that is designed to build lifeguarding skills in youth. Learn more here: www.jmu.edu/recreation/Programs/Safety/GuardStart.html or contact Erin Erford at erfordem@jmu.edu.

Summer Swim Lessons
UREC will offer group Learn-to-Swim lessons this summer! Check the UREC website for more information.
SAVE THE DATE: Fall Divisional Meeting - September 7, 2011
Festival Conference and Student Center in the Festival Ballroom, 7:45 am to 12:00 pm
In an effort to showcase the interests, expertise and research areas of our staff, the Division of Student Affairs & University Planning Professional Development Committee would like to conduct another conference for the 2011 fall divisional meeting in September. We encourage you to submit program proposals you have already created, practice for upcoming conferences, or even submit new ideas you think may be of interest to members of the Division.
If you are interested in presenting, please submit a proposal by May 27, 2011 to http://jmu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0CJfouy9pITctNi

Hiking in the Valley Resources

UREC’s Local Adventure Information
http://www.jmu.edu/recreation/Programs/Adventure/localinfo.html

Did you know you can rent adventure equipment through UREC?
http://www.jmu.edu/recreation/Equipment/AdvEquip.html

Virginia Trail Guide (Adam Anderson’s Blog)
http://virginiatrailguide.com/

Hiking Upward
http://www.hikingupward.com/

Mid Atlantic Hikes
http://www.midatlantichikes.com/
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