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# Dream Big

## A note from our Senior VP

Dr. Mark Warner



During President Alger's inauguration speech, he once again challenged us to "dream big". When I think about dreams, especially during the spring, I'm reminded of an experience I had with my daughter Sarah, when she was six years old (that was 25 years ago for those keeping score). We went to Purcell Park to fly a kite. After about 30 minutes of trying to get the kite in flight, we finally succeeded. We were lying in the grass, looking up at the kite, and after several minutes of quiet reflection, young Sarah said, "Dad, when you look at the kite, the blue sky and the white clouds, it fills your mind with dreams." Hmm ... wisdom from the mouth of a child.

We must constantly have dreams, for they propel us into future opportunities, experiences and growth. Dreaming is a perpetual activity that enriches the spirit and adds luster to your life.

We also know that dreams must be acted upon. Otherwise, they are just beautiful images painted by the mind. The action is the hard part. One critical benefit of action, is that this process also helps us refine the dream. Our dreams might take a different shape once we seriously talk about philosophy, resources or logistics. Although the dreams we actually pursue may look differently than the original idea, the process is very important and can still add great value. Oh, many dreams change, especially as we work collaboratively with others. This re-vision process is probably the norm. It is important that our dreams become bigger than we are.

Our dreams are what have enabled us to enjoy the successes we have experienced to date. I'll leave you with one of my favorite quotes, by Eleanor Roosevelt.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Our future depends on YOU!

Thanks for making a difference and touching lives.

—Mark

# Feature article

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## The Madison Collaborative: Ethical Reasoning in Action

**Josh Bacon, Ph.D.**

### **It's OK, Son, Everybody Does It**

by Jack Griffin

When Johnny was six years old, he was with his father when they were caught speeding. His father handed the officer a \$20 bill with his driver's license. "It's OK, son," his father said as they drove off. "Everybody does it."

When he was eight, he was present at a family council, presided over by Uncle George, on the surest means to shave points off the income tax return. "It's OK, son," his uncle said. "Everybody does it."

When he was nine, his mother took him to his first theater production. The box office man couldn't find any seats until his mother discovered an extra \$5 in her purse which she gave him. "It's OK, son," she said. "Everybody does it."

When he was 12, he broke his glasses on the way to school. His Aunt Francine persuaded the insurance company that they had been stolen, and they collected \$75. "It's OK, kid," she said. "Everybody does it."

When he was 15, he made right guard on the high school football team. His coach showed him how to block and at the same time grab the opposing end by the shirt so the official couldn't see it. "It's OK, kid," the coach said. "Everybody does it."

When he was 16, he took his first summer job at the supermarket. His assignment was to put the overripe strawberries in the bottom of the boxes and the good ones on top where they would show. "It's OK, kid," the manager said. "Everybody does it."

When he was 18, Johnny and a neighbor applied for a college scholarship. Johnny was a marginal student. His neighbor was in the upper three percent of his class, but he couldn't play right guard. Johnny got the scholarship. "It's OK, son," his parents said. "Everybody does it."

When he was 19, he was approached by an upperclassman who offered answers to a test for \$50. "It's OK, kid," he said, "Everybody does it."

Johnny was caught and sent home in disgrace. "How could you do this to your mother and me?" his father said. "You never learned anything like this at home." His aunt and uncle were also shocked.

If there's one thing the adult world can't stand, it's a kid who cheats.

As disturbing as this story is, it's one of my favorite illustrations about how a culture of cheating can be passed down from one generation to the next. By now I'm sure everyone has heard about what JMU's QEP is: The Madison Collaborative: Ethical Reasoning in Action. The vision for The Madison Collaborative is to transform JMU into a community recognized for producing contemplative, engaged citizens who apply ethical reasoning to confront the challenges of the world. I cannot think of a more important goal that fits JMU's mission of creating educated and enlightened citizens. We all know the challenges in the world are many, complex, and often involve ethical decisions. We hope to prepare every student who graduates from JMU to be deep critical thinkers prepared to have difficult discussions and make difficult decisions regarding the issues facing themselves, their families, their communities, and our world.

From the March 5, 2013 *Chronicle of Higher Education* article A College Degree Sorts Job Applicants, but Employers Wish It Meant More, by Karin Fischer

*“And they dinged bachelor’s-degree holders for lacking basic workplace proficiencies, like adaptability, communication skills, and the ability to solve complex problems. It’s not a matter of technical skill,” he says, “but of knowing how to think.” (Chronicle of Higher Education, 2013). As we all know higher education is under attack for not preparing students to face real world challenges and not being accountable for creating a citizenship that can think critically. The Madison Collaborative hopes to address these issues with a focus on ethical reasoning. By applying, discussing, and debating the eight key questions throughout their four years at JMU, our students will be prepared to solve complex problems, have difficult discussions, and tackle major societal issues. What’s most exciting is this will not take place just in the academic classroom but in the JMU community classroom (residence halls, orientation, discipline processes, mentoring discussions, advising discussions, athletic fields, health issues, off campus living situations, politics, spirituality, etc). There are seven student learning outcomes associated with the Madison Collaborative, which you will learn more about during the module trainings. These outcomes are what we expect our graduates to know, but how we get there is for us to create. What’s exciting is we will be doing this together in a collaborative (hand in hand with the faculty, staff, and entire JMU community), with resources, support, and a shared vision. In the coming months you will learn more about positions associated with the Madison Collaborative, ethical reasoning grants, and future trainings opportunities.*

*The unique aspect of the Madison collaborative is it cuts across the entire JMU community and student affairs and university planning has a lead role in shaping the vision of the collaborative. To begin with we have the honor to start the student learning process with all first year students. A new orientation program called “It’s complicated: Ethical Reasoning in Action” will introduce all first year students to the Madison Collaborative and the eight key questions. We will facilitate an interactive case study to introduce students to the eight key questions and the ethical reasoning process. All student affairs staff will need to participate in Module 1 training (an introduction to the Madison Collaborative) and Module 3 (trains you to be able to facilitate: It’s complicated: Ethical Reasoning in Action).*

*The next step is Module 3.5, which will help us all understand the eight key questions and the ethical reasoning process. This training will give you access to facilitators to help you to begin to brainstorm how you can use the eight key questions in your current role at JMU.*

*The QEP process started over two years ago and through a rigorous process JMU came up with The Madison Collaborative: Ethical Reasoning in Action. I cannot be more proud of not only the process to get to this point but what we are attempting to do. We are on the cutting edge of changing the purpose of higher education, living up to our mission, and creating graduates who can go out and lead the change.*



2 weeks later....



# Departmental updates

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## **Career and Academic Planning**

Brady Schwendeman joined the CAP team as our new Recruiting Assistant. He is a 2008 JMU Studio Art graduate and has worked at Rose Library for the last three academic years. While he was a student, he worked as a Building Manager in the Festival for several years.

## **Counseling and Student Development Center**

The CSDC is happy to announce two new Staff Psychologist starting in the Fall. Leslie Gerrard from the University of New Hampshire and Jerrod Koon from the University of Tennessee.

## **Office of Residence Life**

It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that the Office of Residence Life bids farewell to our Director, Maggie Evans. After more than 20 years in the Office of Residence Life in JMU's Division of Student Affairs, Maggie has accepted a position in the President's Office here at JMU. During her time in ORL Maggie has helped guide the department through a period of unprecedented growth and expansion. She has played an important leadership role in the construction of the Skyline Residence Halls and the renovations of several older buildings including the recent LEED Platinum effort at Wayland Hall. She has been an active participant in our national and regional professional organizations and has served in a variety of leadership positions both inside and outside of JMU. She has also spearheaded staff development efforts including ORL's partnership with TOMS Shoes whose founder's slogan of "Start Something that Matters" was used to inspire RAs and ORL staff this past year. More importantly she has been a kind and generous colleague to all of us and we will miss her easy going attitude, her smart sense of humor, her dynamic leadership and all of her delicious baked goods!! We wish Maggie nothing but happiness and success in her new role as the Executive Assistant to President Alger. Good luck Maggie and don't forget to visit!

Brian Keilson will be leaving ORL this summer to pursue a doctorate in Human & Organizational Learning at George Washington University. Brian has been with Residence Life for 7 years as a Full-time Hall Director in Potomac Hall and then the Bluestone Area Director. We're very excited for Brian, but he will be so very hard to replace. We wish Brian all the best in his new pursuits and thank him for all his hard work for ORL and our on-campus students.

Beth Mannella will be leaving ORL this summer to pursue a graduate degree in College Student Personnel Administration at Marquette University. Beth has been with Residence Life for four years as a Resident Advisor in Dingleline and Hoffman Hall, an Undergraduate Hall Director in the Treehouses, and a Full-time Hall Director this year in Shenandoah Hall. Beth has truly made an impact in the Office of Residence Life and she will be missed by everyone.

## **University Recreation**

University Park is now taking reservations for spring events and picnics.

University Park celebrated the grand opening of the disc golf course on April 4, 2013

The TEAM building course is slated for construction this summer for opening fall 2013.

Planning continues for the UREC expansion scheduled to open fall 2016.

# Departmental updates



## University Unions

Announcing a retirement and new staff member in the Office of Student Activities and Involvement:

Mary Lynne Smith, **Office Manager in the Office of Student Activities & Involvement, retired after serving** 25 years at James Madison University. A celebration of her service was held on March 24, 2013. We wish Mary Lynne the very best in this new chapter of her life!

We welcome Jackie Robinson as the new **Office Manager, Office of Student Activities & Involvement.**

The **Dux Center** LEAD Team worked closely with the Office of International Programs to deliver a Strengths-based leadership conference to 190 international students. The conference was hosted at Blue Ridge Community College March 22-23, 2013. Participants came from 18 different colleges and universities, some from as far away as Illinois. More than 50 different countries were represented. Students attending the conference completed the StrengthsFinder assessment on the first evening. The Dux Center LEAD Team worked all night long to create individualized and personalized results reports for the participants. Then, they facilitated all of the breakout sessions throughout the second day of the conference, helping participants learn more about their own strengths, as well as how to be more effective leaders through appreciating and valuing the strengths of others. The entire conference was a tremendous success, largely in part to the efforts of the Dux Center LEAD Team, which consists of undergraduate students Loucita Fuhrmann, Chris Scroggins, and Cameron Young, as well as Orié Hubbard – a graduate student in the JMU CSPA program, and led by Michael McCleve, Associate Director for Leadership.

**Off Campus Life** is settling into their new location in Festival 1130, just off the JMads Lounge.

# Awards

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## CSDC

Congratulations to **Nina H. Critz** who passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination in December 2012 and is now practicing as a Licensed Professional Counselor.

### Office of Judicial Affairs

**Shelby Wiltz**, a student currently serving as a Civic Learning Program Assistant in the Office of Judicial Affairs, was awarded both the Diversity Enhancement Award as well as the Woman of Distinction Award. Both awards were presented to her by President Alger at the annual Diversity Conference in March. We are so proud of the work she does to promote diversity not only in the Office of Judicial Affairs, but also in her major, Student Ambassadors, Madison Equality, and her everyday life.

### University Health Center

**Cody Whitfield** (Library and Volunteer Coordinator-SWO's LGBT and Ally Education Program) has won the 2013 JMU Student Employee of the Year Award.

**Veronica Jones** (SWO Health Educator) has won the 2013 Mid-Atlantic College Health Association New Professional Award.

### University Recreation

**Dr. J. Wallace Carr**, **Mr. Eric Nickel** (Director of University Recreation, adjunct SRM faculty), **Juliette Moore** (former JMU Student Affairs professional) and **Jocelyn Hill** (Director of American University & JMU SRM Alum) were recognized as Legacy Contributors to NIRSA at the NIRSA National Conference and Exposition in Las Vegas, NV in March. At this conference NIRSA members were celebrating the centennial of collegiate recreation. Legacy contributors are those NIRSA members who have made significant contributions to the legacy of the campus recreation profession and whose leadership and innovation have contributed to our professional evolution.

**Mr. Eric Nickel** (Director of University Recreation) was recognized for the outstanding contributions to the association as the chair of the NIRSA foundation Board of Directors.

**Mr. Trey Smith** (UREC Adventure Student) won the 2013 William Wasson award at the NIRSA National Conference and Exposition in Las Vegas, NV.

**Mr. Jason Darby** (JMU Campus Recreation Leadership Graduate Student) was awarded the Fletcher & Leonida Scholarship at the NIRSA National Conference and Exposition in Las Vegas, NV.

### University Unions

Student designers from Technology and Design under the direction of Frank Ameka received several awards in 2013 *Steal This Idea* contest. Join us in congratulating the following winning designers. There were nearly 400 entries and these winners were featured at the Annual ACUI conference in St. Louis this March 2013.

1st Place: Brochures more than 8 panels/OCL housing guide: Julie Moores & Kerianne Condon

1st Place: Two-color posters- Transportation Poster - Jena Thielges.

3rd Place: Two color posters- Roommate Mixer - Kerianne Condon

3rd Place: Multi-page publications- TAD informational book - Ashley Carwile.

2nd Place: Logo and brand identity- TAD business cards - Chrissy Sibilia

# Community outreach

## Career and Academic Planning

**De'Shay Turner** served as a Faculty Learning Partner for the ASB trip to the Dominican Republic where they volunteered with Village Mountain Mission, helping to build a home in an impoverished village.

## CSDC

Walk for Hope, an event to raise depression and suicide awareness, took place on Saturday, March 23rd at Godwin Field. The event had a large turnout, with students, faculty, and staff gathering from JMU, EMU, Bridgewater, and BRCC, and the community. The CSDC is very appreciative of all the support from SAUP staff that helped make this such a great event! Financial sponsorship was provided by the Austin Frazier Memorial Fund, Bridgewater College, EMU, JMU, Virginia Campus Suicide Prevention Center, and RMH Behavioral Health. Plans for Walk for Hope 2014 are already in the making. Stay tuned!!

## Office of Judicial Affairs

**Chris Ehrhart**, Coordinator of Restorative Practices in the Office of Judicial Affairs, has been partnering with some of our neighboring colleges to discuss and implement Restorative Practices on their campuses. Chris traveled to Eastern Mennonite University in February and Bridgewater College in March to discuss using Restorative Practices to mend community, in judicial settings, and to resolve policy violations. Both schools were excited to hear the ways we have been using it on our campus, and we will continue to partner with them as they explore implementing it on their campuses.

## Office of Residence Life

Rosie McArthur (Residence Life) has accompanied students for Alternative Spring Break for the past six years. This year, she and a group of ten students had a fantastic ASB week with ASTOP, a group striving to help save endangered sea turtles in the nature reserve, in Parismina, Costa Rica. They cleaned up the habitat, made hatcheries along the beach, dug nests, and set up nets to keep out pests. At night, they patrolled the beach watching for turtles and predators. Other activities included swimming in the ocean and playing soccer and volleyball with the village children.

In March, five members of the Office of Residence Life staff served as Learning Partners on Alternative Spring Break trips. The places visited included, Los Angeles, Catalina Island, Charlotte, New Orleans and Costa Rica. The groups worked with issues such as the environment, individuals who are HIV positive and individuals with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities. One learning partner commented that her favorite part of the trip was "going on early morning hikes with some of the students to watch the sunrise over the island and ocean. It was really great to see the students getting up early to experience this instead of just sleeping in because it was spring break." Another LP shared that the experience of working with the agency LifeSpan, really impacted her daily work by reminding her that "kindness and a warm smile go a long way in working with and helping people, regardless of ability level."



(left to right back): Cory Dorazio, & Petey Parker (left to right front): Rosie McArthur, Jamie Kamiya, Savannah Fersner, Katie O'Donnell, Julia Uglietta, Annie DeRosa, LeAnna Hines, Chelsea Coffman, and Dana Grierson. In the very front is the Director and Investigator at the ASTOP, Mr. Jerry Cruz

# Community outreach

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A new Learning Partner but a staff member not new to ABP (this was her 8th trip) remarked about the experience, "it was amazing being able to interact with a population that has such a negative stigma. I know I was very uneducated about HIV/AIDS before going on this trip and I really did not know what to expect. For me, seeing how full of life, hope, and love they were helped humanize HIV/AIDS." As you can see, ORL kept busy this past Spring Break serving others and spreading the spirit of the JMU community throughout the country and world.

## University Recreation

### "From UREC to Uriah": Service in the Bahamas

Each spring break at JMU, University Recreation Center takes an adventurous, service-oriented trip to Nassau, Bahamas. Fifteen undergraduate students, one graduate student, and two full-time professionals work with Uriah McPhee Primary School in New Providence, where their school motto is "People Need People". We work with children in grades K-6th in order to provide activities and programming that teach teamwork, leadership, fun, and promotes physical activity. Over our week on location, we stay at the Adventure Learning Center and have a chance to provide community service to this agency as well as work on other environmental clean-up efforts.

Our students spend time learning about their facilitation skills, working with youth, learning about the Bahamian culture, team building, communal living, as well as self-reflection through this process. We always have a blast and learn a lot!



## University Unions

The following UU Staff Members served as Learning Partners on Alternative Spring Break Trips this year:

CSL Redwood National Forest Trip to build trail bridges and do trail clean up: *Lisa Mathews-Ailsworth, Off Campus Life*

CSL Mystery Trip to clean up from Hurricane Sandy: *Jeremy Hawkins, Festival Programs*

CSL Trip to serve the East Coast Migrant Head Start Program out of Bartow Florida: *Shari Scolfield, Office of Student Activities and Involvement*

UU Sponsored Trip to Once Upon a Time in Appalachia: *Shae Powell, Event Management*

Kijiji Sponsored Trip to Costa Rica to work with Outward Bound: *Ritter Clevenger, Madison Union*

Kijiji Sponsored Trip to Portland working with various United Way projects: *Dawn Womack, Dux Center*

**Off Campus Life** collaborated with CSL to host an Alternative Weekend Trip to Norfolk, VA the weekend of March 22-24. Keely Walsh led the group of ten through a weekend focused on homelessness and how privilege plays a role in our lives. Participants on this trip worked with ForKids, a non-profit organization that aims to help break the cycle of poverty and homelessness in families and children by providing families with housing, educational opportunities, and clinical services. The group helped to set up for their annual art auction and spent time in the organization's thrift store, Good Mojo.

# Weddings & Personal Updates

## University Unions

Michael McCleve, Dux Center, just celebrated the wedding of his oldest daughter, Alicia Dawn McCleve who married Michael Allan Ambrose on March 28, 2013 in Logan, Utah. Their union is joined by a three-year-old Lindy Ambrose. Alicia is now a proud step-mom and Michael joins his wife, Koni, in expanding their family gaining more grandchildren to love along the way.

## PERSONAL UPDATES

### Community Service-Learning

Glenn & Betty Jean May, parents of Debbie Fox (Community Service-Learning), celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on April 16th. Glenn also celebrated his 86th birthday on February 23rd. He served in active combat in WWII D-Day Invasion (US Navy).



Glenn & Betty Jean May

### Office of Residence Life

Rosie McArthur and husband George celebrate the graduations of their son and their daughter this season. George McArthur, IV is to be "hooded" and awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Commonwealth University. Shirlina McArthur Mann is to be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Law and Society from George Mason University.

### University Recreation

Kristin Gibson (Assistant Director for Marketing and Technology), Steve Bobbitt (Associate Director for Programming), Dr. Julia Wallace Carr (Senior Associate Director) and Eric Nickel (Director of University Recreation) all presented at the NIRSA national conference in Las Vegas, NV in March.

## University Unions

Shari Scolfield, **Office of Student Activities and Involvement** completed a certificate program called "Mindfulness Fundamentals" and will be receiving 16 hours of "Curriculum Training" from Mindful Schools whose mission is "Integrating Mindfulness Into Education". Their focus is on teaching students how to pay attention, build empathy, cultivate self-awareness, reduce stress, and control impulses. Shari has also been asked to become a board member of the Fairfield Center here in Harrisonburg.

Dawn Womack, **Dux Center**, was in a SMAD student film called *Reckoning*. She is played the role of Jolene Haywood, a hardened woman who had seen better days. *Reckoning* is one of five short (20 minutes each) student film projects featured as a part of SMADFEST playing in Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

# Future Dukes & other news

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## CSDC

**JoyBeth and Scotty Curtis**, are excited to announce they are expecting a daughter in September 2013.

**Sean and Patricia Crocker**, announce the birth of their son, Stuart Miller Crocker III, born on February 1st at 4:35 p.m., 8lb. 6oz., 20"



**Stuart Miller Crocker III, son of Sean & Patricia Crocker**

## Office of Judicial Affairs

Josh Bacon, Tammy Knott, Taylor Logan, Chris Ehrhart, and RJ Ohgren attended the Association of Student Conduct Administrators national conference in February. RJ presented along with his professors from Appalachian State University a monograph for the 25th anniversary of the organization for which he coordinated the assessment, design and production.

## University Recreation

**Guy deBrun** (Assistant Director for Adventure and TEAM Programs) was elected to the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) Board of Directors Committee for 2013.

**Mr. Jason Darby** (JMU Campus Recreation Leadership Graduate Student) was voted VRSA Student Representative for 2013-14. **Drew Loso** (JMU Campus Recreation Leadership Graduate Student) served in this position for 2012-2013.



# About The Cr'edibl Chronicle

The Cr'edibl Chronicle is your bi-annual newsletter. We welcome any comments and suggestions you might have.

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**We look forward to hearing from you!**