

Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025

Overview

Since its founding in 1908 as a vocational school for women, James Madison University has evolved into a coeducational Carnegie R2 doctoral university with high research productivity and an enrollment exceeding 22,000.

Jonathan Alger, the institution's sixth president, challenged JMU to be **"The National Model for the Engaged University."** The College of Business is critical to the achievement of this vision. Its cornerstone is the Learning Complex, which consists of the all-new Hartman Hall and a renovated and refurbished Showker Hall, along with highly engaged faculty, professional staff and alumni groups.

Eight **AACSB-accredited** undergraduate majors are offered as well as an MBA and a Master of Science in Accounting. Two affiliate programs include the Hart School of Hospitality, Sport and Recreation Management as well as the School of Strategic Leadership Studies, a boutique doctoral program.

The College also houses the Center for Economic Education, Gilliam Center for Entrepreneurship, Small Business Development Center, Institute for Certified Professional Managers and the Center for Professional Sales.

Mission, Vision and Values

Central to the mission and vision is the creation of future business professionals and leaders. We focus on education that advances business disciplines, relationships that connect us with outside communities and partnerships that foster societal impact.

The College recognizes that a rich variety of viewpoints and backgrounds fosters creativity and innovation in students, faculty and staff. **This is reflected in our core values, which include community, engagement and collaboration.**

As we increase our focus on corporate social responsibility and environmental sustainability, our students acquire the knowledge, tools and framework to address global business and societal challenges. Our students graduate with an understanding of the importance of the triple-bottom line of people, planet and profit.

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Vision Statement

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Values

- Integrity
- Intellectual Growth
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- Engagement
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success in all activities by supporting
ongoing curriculum development and
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Timeline exhibit in Zane Showker Hall



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Spring CHOICES event

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: Increase Financial Support for Students

Objective 1 – Boost retention and access to enrollment

Objective 2 – Secure scholarship funds

Objective 3 – Support student organizations and activities

"It feels good because I don't have to stress about loans, and my mom doesn't have to pay for my textbooks, supplies or food. It relieves the stress and really enables me to enjoy my schooling and my education. I know I'm here for a purpose. "

- Jordan Lucas, finance major



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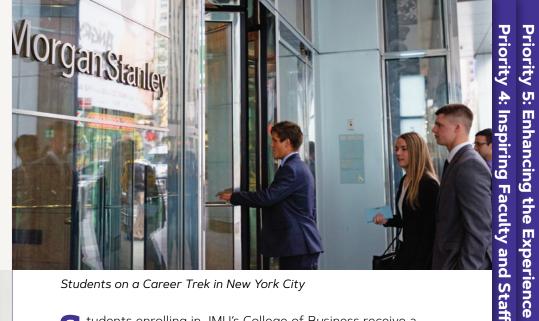
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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: Enhance Student Success

- **Objective 1** Focus on career and professional outcomes
- **Objective 2** Strengthen support for transfer students
- **Objective 3** Integrate cutting-edge technology into the classroom
- **Objective 4** Provide innovative student success programming



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Networking event for students



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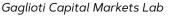
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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: Support Faculty and Staff

- **Objective 1** Create, sustain and deploy initiatives judiciously that incentivize and reward high impact faculty and staff performance
- **Objective 2** Support and recognize faculty engagement with business and society



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he College of Business is a creator of cross-disciplinary educational experiences and professional development programming that have the potential to positively impact the marketplace and career readiness of our graduates.

One example of how this is being accomplished is the Gilliam Center for Entrepreneurship and an associated network of faculty members who are focused on creating opportunities for engaged learning that reinforce the business curriculum.

The college facilitates cross-campus collaboration by which inventions and research outcomes are transformed into new products and services that benefit society at-large.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: Develop Innovative and High-Value Educational Experiences

- **Objective 1** Expand the Office of Professional Development and Engagement offerings
- Objective 2 Be the "hub" for entrepreneurship
- Objective 3 Augment instruction with specialized programs
- **Objective 4** Continuously improve curriculum





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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6: Diversity and Inclusion

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- **Objective 2** Engage in broad and meaningful discussions about diversity and inclusion
- Objective 3 Reimagine and redeploy existing diversity resources
- **Objective 4** Improve the quality and diversity of applicant pools for faculty and staff recruitment
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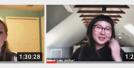
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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 7: Advance Societal Impact of Business

- **Objective 1** Engage with leading organizations to advance the societal impact of business
- **Objective 2** Support the engaged university mission
- **Objective 3** Exemplify sustainable values



Cyber Days with local school students



College Alternative Spring Break

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