

20th Annual
General Education
Student Conference

September 27, 2024
2:30 - 5:05 pm



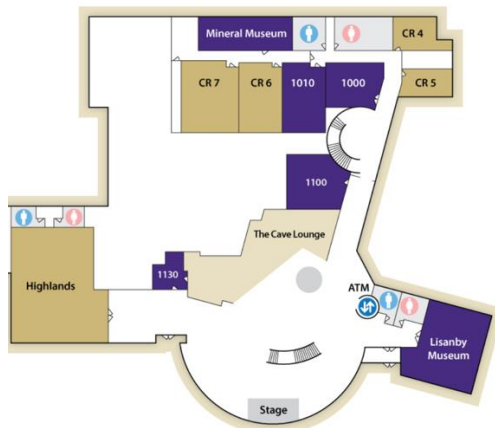
James Madison University
Festival Conference & Student Center

Schedule of Events

2:00-5:00.....Registration, Lobby, Festival (Upper Level)
2:30-3:15.....Presentations – Session 1
3:25-4:10.....Presentations – Session 2
4:20-5:05.....Presentations – Session 3



Festival Upper Level



Presentations – Session 1 (2:30-3:15pm)

College Student Health and Wellness

Moderator: Debra Sutton / **Highlands Room**

Students from two sections of HTH 100, and based on their high academic achievement, will present information on a self-selected issue affecting the health and wellness of college students.

Sixuan Wu: *The health benefits of tea*

Colin Mayhew: *How to manage disruptions in your circadian rhythms*

Sophia Spaulding: *Coping with a chronic illness: A college student perspective*

Innovative Entrepreneurial Ventures

Moderator: Fadi Majdoub / **Board of Visitors Dining Room**

These BUS 160 students have submitted a business plan for an innovative entrepreneurial venture.

Emma Lucero: *UniRides*

Talbot Spraker: *Auto Share*

Study Abroad with Gen Ed in Scotland and Spain

Moderators: Bill Grant & Tomás Regalado-Lopez / **Alleghany Room**

Would you like to Study Abroad in Scotland? How about Spain? Come to this panel for information, stories, and pictures from past student experiences.

Shannon Ashby, Meg Hogan, & Sydney Shelton: *Study Abroad Scotland*

Sydney Stafford: *Study Abroad Spain*

Real World Problem-Solving: First Year Dorm Waste

Moderator: Raafat Zaini / **Room 7**

This is a final project in the problem-solving approaches in science and technology class, where they learned to use Lateral Thinking tools, Systems Thinking, and Responsible Innovation to focus on a topic of their choosing and generate and evaluate innovative solutions.

Areanna Fuller

Markus Giersiepen

Catalina Schuab Moya

Zain Raviola

Jamie Slater

Presentations – Session 2 (3:25-4:10pm)

Real World Problem-Solving (cont.)

Moderators: Raafat Zaini / **Room 7**

Innovation in Elder Care through a Mobile Solution

This is a final project in the problem-solving approaches in science and technology class, where they learned to use Lateral Thinking tools, Systems Thinking, and Responsible Innovation to focus on a topic of their choosing and generate and evaluate innovative solutions.

Elijah Frossard
Abigail Molloy
Matthew Ware

The Abuse in the Foster Care System: The Negative Effects on Our Youth

Grace details several problems found within the foster care system as it currently operates and poses solutions for improving a flawed system.

Gracianna Mulyk

Innovative Entrepreneurial Ventures (cont.)

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Colin Anderson: *Rocket Ship*
Anastasia Neboshynsky, Aria Sharma, Christiana Pareja, Will Louiselle, & Joaquin Meza: *Polar Gaze*
Zach Swinson: *Speech Whiz*

Sustainability in General Education and Beyond: Research to Real World

Moderator: Kethera Moore / **Room 4**

Come learn about the results of a student-led initiative focusing on increasing sustainability education and the efforts of James Madison University to distinguish themselves as a leader in this ever-evolving field.

Brielle Lacroix, SGA President

On the Mat and Beyond: Benefits of Yoga in a College-Level Wellness Course

Moderator: Jana Walters / **Alleghany Room**

Students who have completed KIN 100: Lifetime Fitness and Wellness discuss the benefits of participating in yoga two times each week during a semester long course. We will explore the impact of a regular yoga practice on the student's emotional and physical wellness.

Sydney Bezelik
David Powers

Genre Translation

Moderator: Michael J. Klein / Highlands Room

This session highlights the work of several WRCT 103 students for a "genre translation" assignment. The assignment asked students to take knowledge specific to their discipline and translate it for a specific, non-academic audience using a digital format (video, blog, infographic, etc.).

Jon Carr: *Cybercrime is Not Stopping Anytime Soon*
Sarah Kuder: *The Importance of an Authoritative Parenting Style*
Tyler Stallsmith: *Vocal Variety in Public Speaking*
Ryan Yunk: *Protecting the Health of Infants*

Presentations – Session 3 (4:20-5:05pm)

Traditional Dress and Orientalism in the Arab World

Moderator: Israa Alhassani / Room 7

Students in HUM 252 reflect on how the image of Arab women portrayed by Western travelers in the late nineteenth century affected how Arab women perceive themselves today and how the thobe plays a large role in the identity of Palestinians fighting to return to peaceful times and restore their country.

Catherine Semaan: *Arab Women and Orientalism*
Finn Wagner: *The Importance of the Traditional Dress in the Arab World*

Unbroken English: Creative Reflections on the Link Between Accent and Identity

Moderators: Allison Fagan / Board of Visitors Dining Room

This session will feature the final projects from the English course, "Accented American Literature," which explored how writers depict the impacts accents can have on one's experiences and identities.

Helen Alexander: *My Mother's Accent*
Conor Bourke: *The Art of Scoring an Accent*
Alana Edmonson: *Riley: A Documentary*
Madeleine Ofitsky: *Made with Love*

The Positive Impact HTH 100: Personal Wellness has on JMU Students

Moderator: Sherri Wilson / Highlands Room

Students from Health 100 discuss the benefits of taking HTH 100 in terms of personal wellness.

Kennedy Brid
Tess Collier
Annika Lyngdal
Lila Powers

Being Authentically Human in a Complex World

Moderator: Mike Brislen / Alleghany Room

Students in REL 102 examined some of the big questions that we pose as humans (i.e., who are we, how can we live well in the world, how can we live together with our differences) from diverse religious, spiritual, and non-religious perspectives.

Kobe Noel: *Resistance as a Lens for Interpreting Religious Understanding*

Leigh Rueckert & Maggie Teweles: *Buddhist Concept of No Self*

Kat Rylatko: *Religion under the Soviet Union*



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