

JMU Graduate Community News

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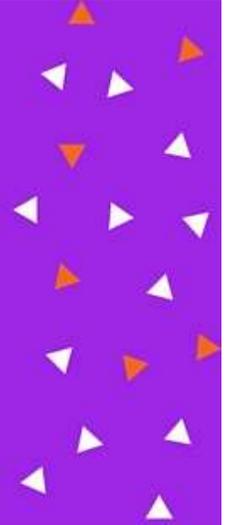
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Free food pantry Wilson 107

Sponsored by GSA



Tight on Money? The GSA and The Cohen Center have teamed up to provide a food bank specifically for graduate students. Between tuition, rent, utilities, groceries, and personal expenses, money can be tight for graduate students. The food bank can help to relieve some of that financial burden. Whether you need a single meal, dinner for the week, or a quick snack, everyone is welcome to stop by The Cohen Center in Wilson 107 and see what is available! Inventory changes on a weekly basis, so check back often! Donations are always welcome.

Graduate Community Dinner. All graduate students and their immediate family members are welcome *to attend this event on October 14, starting at 4 pm* in the Festival Ballroom. To plan the catering for the event, we request that students register in advance. [Click here to register](#)

Global Opportunity Scholarships. Global Opportunity Scholarships provide support for students who participate in graduate-level study abroad experiences, including, but not limited to, short-term and residential graduate programs at JMU, internship and field placements outside the United States, and research conducted outside the United States. Award winners receive \$1000. The application deadline is November 1. [More information](#)

Travel Grants. Are you traveling to present at a conference? Graduate students who have a body of work that has been accepted for presentation at a conference are eligible to apply for travel grants. Travel grants help cover the cost of professional travel. This year, the application process has been revised. Students can apply for one of three tiers of grants: regional, national, and international. The next deadline is January 15. [More Information](#)

Need a Job? Currently, there are 24 student positions, as well as 12 wage positions, for which graduate students might qualify, posted on JMU's [Joblink](#).

Want to attend a JMU Sports Event? Currently enrolled graduate students are eligible for free admission to all regular season home athletic events. Ticketing procedures vary by sport. [Student ticket information](#). All team schedules can be found at [jmusports.com](#). Students can earn points for attending sporting events and engaging on JMU-Sports social media. Learn more at [Dukes Rewards](#).

Updates to JMU Student Handbook. Every student is responsible for knowing and following JMU policies, which can be found in the updated JMU Student Handbook. Students are encouraged to read through the [Handbook](#).

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- **Get your Flu Shot!** Available [October 3](#) in the Student Success Center, Room 1075 and [October 4](#) in the Festival Highlands Room. Both days, open 8 AM – 5:30 PM. No appointment required. Cost \$23. Covered by most insurance plans.
- **Serpentine Pink.** Don't miss Serpentine Pink, the exciting tale of lust, love, pain, and desire set in the wild west of the Joshua Tree desert. The performance features students from JMU's School of Theatre and Dance. Opening night is *October 4*. [More Information & Ticket Pricing](#)
- **Donate Blood.** The JMU Physician Assistant program will be hosting a blood drive on Thurs, October 6, from 1:15pm-7 pm in Health & Behavioral Studies Building, Room 2037.
- **What Is Data Driven Music?** Artist Jon Bellona will be hosting an exciting lecture on Data Driven Music, which is the concept of mapping data for musical application. Mr. Bellona will discuss the process of turning Twitter feeds, video game controllers, and body sensors into musical works. *October 6*. [More Information](#)
- **Pulp Studies Symposium.** This conference highlights emerging scholarship in popular fiction including concepts from the ideas of gender studies, English, literary Criticism, library information science, and more. *October 7-8*. Advance registration may be required for meals, but students are welcome to drop into sessions. [More information](#)
- **Poetry Reading: Danez Smith.** Join the Furious Flower Poetry Center on *October 13* for a deeply moving poetry reading by Danez Smith. Smith is a slam poet whose work encompasses race, class, sexuality, faith, and social justice. [More Information](#)
- **Sisters in Session: Black Women in Academia Conference.** "No one story tells our story." Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend a two-day conference that focuses on supporting the advancement of black women in higher education. The conference will include guest speakers and a reception that will recognize the accomplishments and contributions of black women to the academy. *October 13 & 14*. [More information and registration](#)
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- **Your Voice Matters!** The last day for Virginia Voter Registration is *October 17*. [Voter registration information](#)
- **Walk to End Alzheimer's.** Participate in this event, held annually in more than 600 communities worldwide. Saturday, October 22 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Registration at 8 am, Ceremony at 9, Walk begins 9:30. [More information](#)
- **Cohen Center Speaker Series: Alex C. Parrish.** In what will surely be a fascinating lecture, Alex C. Parrish will explore rhetorical theory and practice with a biocultural emphasis. His work breaks down hierarchical thinking surrounding the idea of being a human, an animal, and a person. Currently, Mr. Parrish is an Assistant Professor of Writing, Rhetoric, and Technical Communication at JMU. *October 24, 5 pm*. Harrison Hall 1261. [More Information](#)
- **The Milk Carton Kids.** The Grammy-nominated, flat-picking duo The Milk Carton Kids will be performing in the Forbes Center right before Homecoming kicks off! Kenneth Pattengale and Joey Ryan use vocal harmonies and two acoustic guitars to create beautiful music. *October 27*. [Ticket Pricing & More Information](#)
- **Withdrawal with W grade for semester.** *October 27*.
- **Veteran Parents: Enhancing Parent-Child Relationships.** This free 8-session weekly course provides information for Active Duty Military, National Guard, and Reserve and Veteran families can overcome the special challenges their service brings to family life. Starts Saturday, October 29, 10 AM – 12:30 PM in Blue Ridge Hall. For more information and to register contact Kelly Atwood atwoodkc@jmu.edu.
- **JMU Homecoming Weekend:** *October 28-30*. [More information](#)
- **Relax With Some Jazz.** After the homecoming football game, grab your friends and head to the Forbes Center for an evening of music provided by the JMU Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band. *October 29, 8 pm*. [Ticket Pricing & Information](#)
- **Scholarly Lockdown.** *October 31, 2-5 pm*. Cohen Center, Wilson 107. For information contact GSA President Catie Mathers (matherce@jmu.edu)

- **GSA Meeting.** October 31, 5 pm. Cohen Center, Wilson 107. For information contact GSA President Catie Mathers (matherce@jmu.edu)
- **Halloween Party!** Head to the Cohen Center on Halloween for the GSA Halloween party! Costumes are highly encouraged, prizes will be awarded, and food will be provided. *October 31, 6 pm*, Cohen Center, Wilson 107. For information contact GSA President Catie Mathers (matherce@jmu.edu)
- **Cohen Center Speaker Series:** Paul Bogard. If you are interested in creative nonfiction, environmental literature, and the effects of light pollution, you will not want to miss this lecture! Dr. Bogard is an assistant professor of English at JMU, as well as an author whose works have been published around the world. His writing on light pollution and the value of natural darkness have appeared in Los Angeles Times, National Geographic, and Reader's Digest, among others. November 9, 5 pm, Festival Highlands Room. [More Information](#)
- **Deadline to apply for graduation in Spring 2017.** November 11
- **Thesis/Dissertation Deadline for December 2016 Commencement.** November 18.
- **All coursework must be completed for December graduation.** December 16.
- **December Graduate Commencement.** December 16, 7 pm; Wilson Hall [More information](#)

For additional events of possible interest, regularly check <http://www.jmu.edu/events>

Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

Graduate Policies. You are responsible to read and follow the graduate policies set forth in the [Graduate Catalog](#). Important information regarding degree progress, including rules for successful progression and continuous enrollment are also on the [Graduate School website](#)

Approval of a Thesis or Dissertation Committee. Students who are completing these sorts of project must submit a signed approval form to The Graduate School by the second week of the semester in which the student first registers for thesis or dissertation credits. [Approval form](#)

Monitor your Dukes E-Mail account! Official information is sent to each student's official [Dukes e-mail account](#). Check your @dukes.jmu.edu e-mail account on a regular basis.

Monitor MyMadison! The *Student Center* in [MyMadison](#) is where you will find advising information, register for classes, and where you can view "To Do Items" that will keep you on track towards graduation. Use the Student Center to update your mailing address and cell phone number. It is **your responsibility** to maintain accurate contact information. Check your account regularly. Don't miss important information!

Essential Links:

- [Graduate School Website](#)
- [Graduate Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)
- [Financial Aid Policies](#)

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We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to grad@jmu.edu.

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