

JMU Graduate Community News

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WELCOME BACK TO THE FINAL WEEKS OF THE FALL SEMESTER! Just a few more weeks until the long holiday break. Finish strong!

THE COHEN CENTER GRADUATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM helps graduate students who have a significant humanities and/or interdisciplinary component in their work. Students will participate in workshops on proposing and presenting at professional meetings, and then will present their work at a regional, national or international conference. After the successful completion of the program, participants will be eligible for up to a \$500 reimbursement for costs associated with making their presentation. Applications are due **January 15**. [More Information](#) Contact [Michael J. Klein](#) with questions.

THE TEACHERS OF COLOR CONFERENCE, sponsored by the Virginia Education Association, will be held on which is being held on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), **Friday and Saturday, February 21-22, 2020**. The focus of this year's conference is "Transforming Policy and Practice to Drive Inclusion for Teachers of Color." Proposals for presentations are due **Friday, December 6, 2019**. [More information](#)

DIVERSIFYING SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH CONFERENCE featuring research by undergraduates, graduate students and faculty on topics such as diversity, inequality, bias, and inclusivity will be accepting submissions until **December 13**. The goal of the event is to highlight research on marginalized topics and promote diversity in scholarly endeavors. Event date **February 21 at UVA**. [More Information](#)

PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD ANNUAL THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION! This event is for currently enrolled master's and doctoral students who are nearing the end of their thesis or dissertation project. Participants gain valuable experience sharing the core message of their project with a general audience in just 3 minutes. The top presenters will receive cash prizes and the chance to compete at the annual Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS). **Registration Deadline: Jan. 10, 2020.** **Competition Date: January 24, 6:00 pm.** Preparation workshop will be held **Dec. 5 in Madison Hall**. Awards: 1st Place - \$750, 2nd Place - \$500, 3rd Place - \$250. [More Information](#) [Watch Video](#)

NOMINATE A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION. Who is a woman of distinction? She is a woman who inspires us through her dedication and innovation; her exemplary leadership and mentoring; her commitment to enhancing gender equity and inclusion. A woman who possesses passion for the people and places making up her everyday life, who breathes life and energy into our community. Is there a woman like this in your life? Then nominate her for the 2019 Woman of Distinction Award! There are four nomination categories for the award: Instructional Faculty, A&P Faculty, Staff, and Students. **Submission deadline: February 3, at 9:00 am.** [More information](#)

NEED A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OR A JOB? There are currently 4 Graduate Assistantships, 39 Student Positions and 7 wage positions posted on JMU Joblink. Most positions are open to full-time graduate students from all programs who have appropriate experiences and interest. [More Information](#)

IN NEED OF FOOD FOR YOUR PANTRY, LUNCH OR DINNER? The GSA, in conjunction with Campus Kitchen, reminds you that food is delivered to The Grad Lounge each Tuesday and Thursday. JMU's Campus Kitchen recovers food and connects it to people who need it. **Please provide your own Ziploc or other bag for transporting perishables.** "Like" [JMU's GSA on Facebook](#) to get updates on deliveries



GSA NEWS Congratulations to our November Trivia winners! "Gastro-intentional-distress", made up of Jack Doss, Sarah Brown, Morgan Rhodes and Malia Gardner, all from the biology graduate program! Thank you to everyone who came to our events this semester, we can't wait to see you all next semester!"

Upcoming Events

THE FORBES CENTER PRESENTS:

- **JMU Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band**, The JMU Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band, along with JMU jazz faculty guest artists, will perform classic recordings by Nat King Cole. **December 3 at 8pm.**
- **Dancescapes** Featuring JMU's Virginia Repertory Dance Company, Thu-Sun, **Dec. 5-8**, Mainstage.
- **JMU Chamber Orchestra**, Thursday, **December 5**, Recital Stage.
- **JMU Treble Chamber Choir and University Choruses**, Thursday, **December 5**, Concert Hall.
- **Holidayfest: The Gift** Sat-Sun, **December 7-8**, Concert Hall.

[More Information about Forbes Center Performances.](#)

QUAD LIGHTING CEREMONY Join us for the "Quad Lighting", a JMU annual tradition, **Thursday, December 5, 6-7pm.**

COOKING WITH SEASONAL PRODUCE In this class participants will learn about a seasonal produce item specific to that month and cook a recipe using this item. UREC Demo Kitchen, room 129A, **Thursday, December 5 from 6:30-7:30 pm.** Reservation Required. [More Information](#)

THE JMU BLUESTONES FALL CD RELEASE CONCERT **Saturday, December 7, 6:30-10:00 pm**, Festival Ballroom A. [More Information](#)

PARTNERS IN PARENTING, a new monthly speaker series, developed by the Department of Psychology, provides education and connections for parents, focusing on a different theme each month. This group will meet the second Sunday of each month throughout the academic year, 6-7 pm. The next meeting, "Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs", is **Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 pm**, in the Student Success Center, room 4044. For email updates please contact Natalie Kerr at kerrna@jmu.edu.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY **Friday, December 13, 7:00 pm**, Convocation Center. We recommend attendees and guests download the free **JMU GRAD** app, available within Apple and Google Play stores. The app contains frequently asked questions and maps. [More information](#)

[ADDITIONAL CAMPUS EVENTS](#)

Downtown Calendar

SANTA RUN, WALK, 'N ROLL. Be a Claus for a Cause at The ARC of Harrisonburg and Rockingham's second annual event. This inclusive fun run will take place Friday December 6, 2019 and includes Santa suits for adults and elf ears for children. Run, walk, or roll (wheelchairs and strollers encouraged!) half a mile through downtown Harrisonburg right before the Harrisonburg Holiday Parade, Friday, December 6, 5-7 PM. [More information](#)

HOLIDAY PARADE! Celebrate the holiday season, local style, by watching the Holiday Parade along Main Street, from Gay to City Hall, on December 6, 7 PM. [More information](#)

ANNUAL WEIHNACHTSMARKT Traditionally held in Germany and known for food, drinks, and seasonal hand crafted items perfect for the holiday season. **Blue Stone Vineyard** is hosting their 2019 market, meant to highlight local crafts and artisans. The day will feature [Glühwein](#) (mulled wine) made with our Crooked and Weedy! **Saturday, December 7, 11am – 5pm.** [More Information](#)

WREATH WORKSHOP The holidays are coming! We are so excited to announce that Amanda Tutwiler and her team from Sparrow's Flowers will be here again this year downstairs in The Granary to walk you through the steps on how to design a one of a kind holiday wreath! Amanda will provide all the supplies needed including different types of greenery, decorative accents, and ribbon. **Valley Pike Farm Market, Saturday, December 7, 3:00-5:00pm.** [More Information](#)

NOTHIN' FANCY BLUEGRASS BAND will perform at **Court Square Theater, Sat. December 7, 7-9pm.** They have released 11 full length albums, while continuing to perform at festivals all across the United States, Canada and Norway, including the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN, The Lincoln Center in New York City, and the Birchmere in Alexandria, Virginia. [More Information](#)

FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA Come have your family's picture taken with Traditional Santa at **Rockingham Cooperative, 1044 S. High Street in Harrisonburg, Friday, December 13, 3-6pm and Saturday, December 14, 10am-4pm.**

WINTER WONDERFEST AND COOKIE TOUR ARE BACK Browse downtown shops & festivities and make plans to stop at every location on the tour to build your own plate of locally-made holiday cookies. Join us for the sweetest tour of Downtown on **Saturday, December 14, 10am-4pm.** [More Information and Tickets](#) for [Cookie Tour](#)

WINTER MAGIC TEA **Heritage Bakery & Café** offers monthly tea on Sunday at 12pm, 1pm, 2pm or 3pm. Choose from four different tea packages and many tea options. Next Tea Sunday is **December 22** [More Information and Reservations](#)

[MORE HARRISONBURG AREA EVENTS](#)

Graduate School Dates & Deadlines

Deadline for students to submit coursework to faculty for removal of incomplete grades from Spring & Summer 2019	12/2/19
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grade Changes for Removal of Incomplete Grades from Spring & Summer 2019	12/6/19
Classes End Semester/2 nd Block	12/6/19
Final Exams Semester/2 nd Block	12/7/19-12/13/19
Course Completion Deadline	12/13/19
The Graduate School December Commencement Ceremony – Convocation Center	12/13/19 at 7 pm
Semester and 2nd Block (8W2) Grading Deadline for faculty	12/16/19 at 3pm
Spring Term Classes Begins	1/13/20
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	1/20/20
Spring Break	3/9/20-3/13/20

Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

[The Student Handbook](#). It is the responsibility of every student to know and follow the policies outlined in the JMU Student Handbook along with federal, state, and local laws.

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 projects 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](#)
- [THRIVE Diversity Support Program](#)

Have Questions? Please contact the following person if you have questions regarding:

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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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