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ON JAMES MADISON DAY in March, JMU's senior and junior valedictorians were selected as the top award academic award winners for their achievement in the classroom. They are senior **Amy Elizabeth Brown**, who graduated in May, and **Shane B. Galie**, who is a rising senior.

The Faculty Award - Amy Elizabeth Brown

Amy Elizabeth Brown ('03), who graduated in May as an integrated science and technology major, received the Faculty Award at the James Madison Day Convocation in March. Brown is the daughter of Jay and Janet Brown of Landenberg, Pa.

This Faculty Award is presented to the student in the graduating class with the highest grade point average and who has completed 100 or more hours of coursework at JMU with an average of 14 hours earned each semester.

Brown's ISAT concentration is in biotechnology and engineering manufacturing. She has a 4.0 GPA in her major and a cumulative 3.983 GPA.

Brown says her "inner drive pushes her to put 110 percent into everything she does," but part of her success "certainly stems from the fact that my parents have been an inspiration to me because they've always worked extremely hard. I am looking forward to graduating and venturing off into a new direction, but I'm going to miss JMU since it's been such a significant part of my life. I have such gratitude towards the people that have enabled me to succeed and have shaped me into the person that I am today."

Brown was a member of JMU's equestrian team, the ISAT Honor Society, the International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers, the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the Golden Key International Honor Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Camp Heartland for Children.

After graduation, Brown will intern for a Pennsylvania biopharmaceutical company during the summer. This fall, she will marry and move to New Hampshire. She plans to work for a biopharmaceutical company and pursue graduate studies.

"My life has gone beyond any of my expectations," says Brown. "I am so grateful for things that I have been able to do at JMU, for everything that I have accomplished and for the amazing people that I have encountered along the way."

The Samuel Page Duke Award - Shane B. Galie

Shane B. Galie ('04) of Burke, Va., earned the 2003 Samuel Page Duke Award. A finance major with a European business concentration, Galie has a 4.0 GPA.

The Samuel Page Duke Award is given annually to the member of the junior class who has the highest scholastic record for five semesters as a JMU student. The award honors the late Samuel Page Duke, president of the university from 1919 to 1949.

Galie says, "I am extremely honored to receive such a prestigious award. It is nice to be recognized for my hard work and I also enjoyed the presentation of the award. It allowed me to be involved in the excitement surrounding James Madison Day."

After graduation in 2004, Galie plans to attend graduate school. He is looking into University of Virginia, University of Pennsylvania, and Princeton. However, these schools prefer applicants to have at least two years of work experience. "I hope to find a job with a company that allows me to sell financial securities, but I'm interested in other aspects of finance," Galie says.

Galie is a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Delta Epsilon Chi, Circle K, Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Approaching his final year at JMU, Galie says that he and his classmates should heed the

wisdom of Wayne Gretsky. "One hundred percent of the shots you don't take don't go in."

Galie adds, "Do well in school, but make sure that you make enough memories to last the rest of your life. These are possibly the best times of your life."

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