

[James Madison Week]

Reconnecting to Madison

American classics scholar keynotes 2009 Madison Week

Two hundred years to the month after James Madison's first inauguration to the U.S. presidency, JMU celebrated his life and legacy during James Madison Week, March 16–20.

The week's highlights included the release of *Liberty & Learning, the Essential James Madison*, written by Phil Bigler ('74, '76M), director of the James Madison Center. Other highlights included a visit by the C-SPAN Civics Bus, a wreath laying at the James Madison statue on Bluestone Drive and the annual Scholarship Endowment Luncheon.

Madison scholar and Cornell University President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings III talked about President Madison's legacy as Father of the Constitution. A Virginia native, Rawlings is a recognized scholar of classic and American history and sits on the board of Madison's Montpelier.

The team from Cornell University won the eighth-annual Madison Cup Debate tournament besting teams from 14 universities. JMU took second place and Johns Hopkins University took third. Debaters argued the role of coal-based technologies in meeting the country's future energy needs.

Read more about 2009 James Madison Week at www.jmu.edu/news/FlashFeature-MadisonWeek.shtml. And, read a chapter of *Liberty & Learning* at www.jmu.edu/birthday. ■



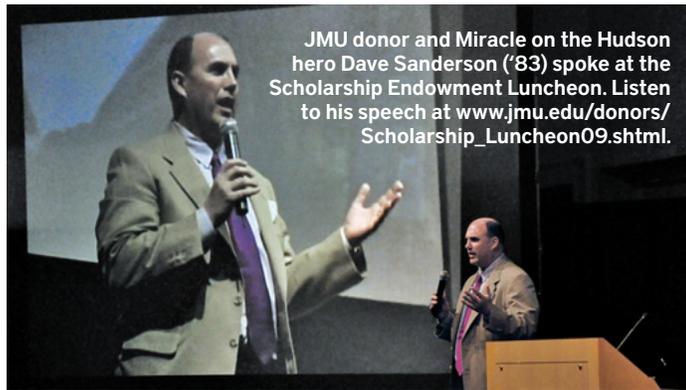
Above: The C-SPAN Civics Bus made a stop near the Quad during 2009 James Madison Week activities.



Above: Senior VP for University Advancement Joanne Carr talks to Dan LeVitt ('09). Right: Maurice Smith ('09) thanks Sean Bates ('92), Black Alumni Chapter president.



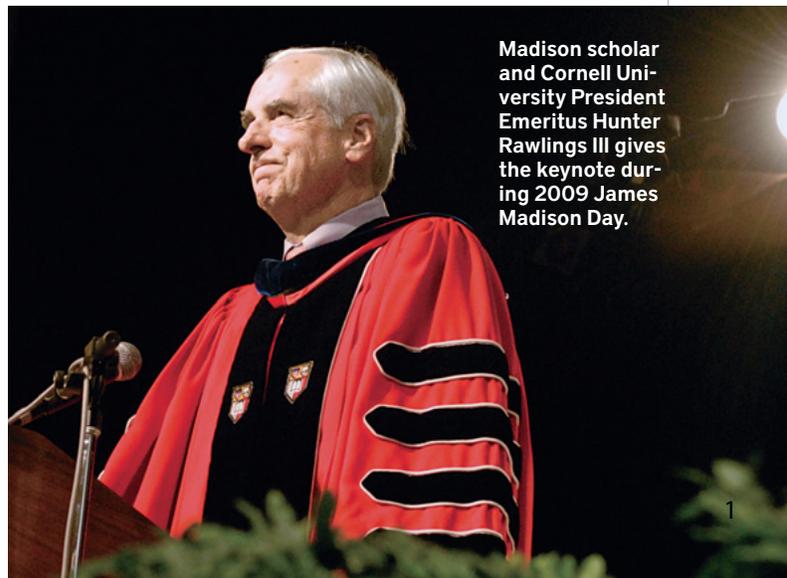
Above: Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Warner helps present a wreath at the Madison statue. Below: *Liberty & Learning* authors Annie Lorsbach and Phil Bigler.



JMU donor and Miracle on the Hudson hero Dave Sanderson ('83) spoke at the Scholarship Endowment Luncheon. Listen to his speech at www.jmu.edu/donors/Scholarship_Luncheon09.shtml.



Doug Brown, JMU provost and senior vice president, presents the Madison Cup to debaters from Cornell University, who bested teams from 14 schools.



Madison scholar and Cornell University President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings III gives the keynote during 2009 James Madison Day.

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