

[Class of 2013]

Welcome to the family

First-Year Sendoffs welcome JMU freshmen and parents

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Members of the Class of 2013 and their families were welcomed to the Madison Experience in a series of 17 First-Year Sendoff events in several states from July 18 to Aug. 8. Staff members in the JMU Office of Parent Relations, JMU parent volunteers and alumni hosted sendoff events and picnics in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New England, northern and southern New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas. And in Virginia at Charlottesville, Fairfax County, Lynchburg, Newport News, Prince William, Richmond, Roanoke and Virginia Beach.

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Last year, freshmen from the Tidewater area got their JMU grub on at picnics in Virginia Beach and Newport News. This year, Charlottesville Alumni Chapter President Will Tragert ('04) helped Charlottesville families celebrate.



Last summer, incoming freshmen from Richmond (above) gathered at Clover Hill High School to learn more about life at JMU. (Right): JMU Parents from New Jersey discuss the Purple Pride and learn more about the Madison Experience.

King, director of parent relations. "We provide the food, and the JMU families enjoy the fun and get their first taste of the Madison Experience."

King urges JMU parents to register their e-mail addresses at www.jmu.edu/parents/Update_Form.shtml to receive the *Madison Family Connection* newsletter for news and special campus announcements concerning JMU parents.

JMU freshman move-in days are Aug. 18–19. 

* For more information about the JMU Office of Parent Relations, visit www.jmu.edu/parents/.



Members of the Class of 2012 from the Greater Peninsula area take a moment for a photo at last year's Freshman Sendoff event.

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