

Alumni News

Reunion Dawg!

Road Dawg joined members of the College Student Personnel Administration graduate program's Class of 2004 for a reunion in Ocean City, N.J. Dukes in attendance were (front row, l-r): Pete Swerdzewski and Heather Wauls Duhart. (Back row, l-r): Jen Forman, Kristin Hartley Gardner with Reece, Misty Newman and Jen Potson Huber with Ella. Gardner and Newman both work for JMU in the offices of health services and financial aid and scholarships. JMU's College Student Personnel Administration professional program integrates academic course work with practical experiences. The unique blend of theory and practice is due to the collaboration between the JMU Department of Psychology and the Division of Student Affairs and University Planning. Learn more at <http://webjmu.edu/cspa/>.



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{Volunteer Weekend}

Connecting at Alumni Volunteer Weekend

Alumni leaders rejuvenate and reconnect

More than 35 alumni volunteers from across the country (some from as far away as Texas) joined the members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and staff members from the Office of Alumni Relations for Alumni Volunteer Weekend June 5–7. The annual leadership conference focused on strengthening alumni leaders and groups, and educating new volunteers. Highlights included presentations from alumni group leaders, educational sessions led by alumni and staff members, and special guests Ronald E. Carrier, JMU president emeritus, and Mark Warner ('79, '81M, '85Ed.S), vice president for student affairs.

This year's Alumni Volunteer Award winners were recognized during Alumni Volunteer Weekend. Special congratulations go to:

- Most Innovative Program, Charlotte Silent Auction
- Most Improved Alumni Group, Colorado Alumni Chapter



- Volunteer of the Year, Carolyn Bradford, Charlottesville
- Chapter Leader of the Year, Chris Doi, North Carolina Triangle
- Alumni Group of the Year, Charlottesville Alumni Chapter

(Above, l-r): Alumni president Jon Offley ('89) and JMU staffer Stephanie Whitson ('06) congratulate Will Tragert ('04) and Charlottesville chapter alums. Inset: Kristin Gibson ('06) celebrates AVW.



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{Class of 2009}

Welcome to the family Class of 2009 joins alumni association

I'd like to extend the warmest of welcomes to the newest members of the JMU alumni family, the Class of 2009. Receiving your diploma is not the end of your Madison Experience – it's just the beginning. As you venture off to graduate programs and exciting careers, members of the JMU Alumni Association encourage you to stay connected to your JMU family, whether through your own circles or through the vast alumni network. Alumni chapters and groups exist throughout the country for your enjoyment and support. Networking events, reunions, tailgates, golf tournaments, walk-a-thons and Homecoming are events designed for you to stay connected and continue to grow within the JMU community. We also hope you will return to campus as often as possible. Whether it's to cheer on the Dukes, to guest lecture in your discipline or to celebrate Homecoming, we hope you will continue to think of JMU as your second home.

Congratulations and best wishes. Wherever life takes you, you will forever have the support of JMU and your fellow alumni.

— ASHLEY PRIVOTT, *executive director, JMU Alumni Association*

Black Alumni Chapter President Sean Bates ('92) celebrates 2009 Senior Week with JMU students.

{Alumni Board}

New leaders take helm of alumni association board

In July, A-J Fischer ('89) was elected president of the JMU Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is joined by Jamie Jones Miller ('99) as president-elect and Sam Jones ('91) as treasurer. Other new members of the association board for the 2009–11 term are



A-J Fischer ('89)

Tom Culligan ('05)
Ed Kardos ('82)
Curtis Perry ('95)
David Rexrode ('01)
Scott Rogers ('02)
Bridgette Walsh ('01).

THANK YOU ALUMNI LEADERS

The JMU community and alumni association members express gratitude to the following alumni whose current terms on the alumni association board ended in June:

Trip Boyer ('96), Mark Chernisky ('91), Sean Harrington ('96), Meda Lane ('71), John Leake ('87), Josh Pringle ('95), Kelly Stefanko ('94) and Lorraine Warren Strickler ('52). Thanks also to Jon Offley ('89) and Margot Knight ('74), who finish 2007–09 terms as president and treasurer, but remain as active members of the board.