

et al.: \$100K for 100 years

{Centennial Gift}

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JMU Alumni Association gives \$100,000

By JAMES IRWIN ('06)

JMU places a heavy emphasis on involvement — on the idea that a Madison graduate can make a tremendous impact on society. And JMU grads prove that every day by doing great things in their communities. As JMU celebrates the 100th anniversary of its first graduating class, the JMU Alumni Association has taken this unique opportunity to recognize its alumni and thank the people who made the last century possible.

The JMU Alumni Association began the celebration of its 100th birthday in early June by making a gift commitment of \$100,000 to the JMU Foundation. The commitment, which came a month after 3,400 new graduates became JMU alumni, will help fund three endeavors as JMU alumni enter their second century. Funds from the gift will help

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develop the JMU Alumni Association Centennial Scholarship Endowment, commission the official portrait of JMU President Linwood H. Rose after his retirement in 2012, and dedicate and improve Alumni Centennial Park — located on the grounds between the Leelou Alumni Center and East Campus Library.

"Visiting Alumni Centennial Park will be a new tradition for all alumni,

now and in the future," says AJ Fischer ('92), immediate past-president of the JMU Alumni Association. Fischer made the formal gift announcement during the June JMU Board of Visitors meeting. "We are also honored to thank President Rose for all of the progress alumni have witnessed during his tenure. Lastly, and most importantly, the endowed scholarships will help students become alumni and realize the success of graduation."

The alumni association officially celebrates its centennial on Homecoming Weekend, Sept. 30–Oct. 2.

* For more information on JMU Alumni Association history and Homecoming Weekend, and to register, visit www.jmu.edu/homecoming.



The JMU Alumni Association is celebrating 100 years with a \$100,000 gift to JMU, which will fund several projects including the Alumni Centennial Park, located between the Leelou Alumni Center and the East Campus Library.

{Senior Traditions}

2011 Senior Candle-lighting ceremony

The JMU Alumni Association grows ever year, and in May it welcomed more than 3,400 members to the family as the Class of 2011 received their degrees. During Senior Convocation classmates heard from Student Ambassador Kristen Alexander ('11) and key-note speaker Laren Poole, founder of Invisible Children Inc. Seniors then made their way from the Convo to the steps at the Integrated Science and Technology building, where AJ Fischer ('92) and Kathleen Lee ('11) led a candle lighting ceremony inducting the Class of 2011 into the alumni association. **Read Alexander's speech on Page 50.**

Speaker Laren Poole and the Senior Candle-lighting ceremony capped off Senior week.



{Alumni Association}

Countdown to Homecoming 2011!

100 years, 100 days, 100 Dukes

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When you open this issue of *Madison* magazine, it will be about 45 days until Homecoming 2011. And this year is special. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the JMU Alumni Association. To commemorate this special birthday, the JMU Office of Alumni Relations created a website to celebrate some notable alumni who have taken their Madison Experience and used it to change the world. For 100 days — from June 23 to Sept. 30 — the website features 100 Dukes who have made a lasting impression on the Madison community. Celebrate this century of Madison alumni by visiting the "100 Years, 100 Days, 100 Dukes" web page at www.jmu.edu/link/alumni100.