

President's COUNCIL

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

Ensuring the Madison Experience

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More than 80 JMU alumni, spouses, parents and friends gathered at the Westwood Club this fall for a JMU President's Council celebration with President Linwood H. Rose. "My wife, Alice, and I were very happy to host the President's Council event in Richmond," says Dan Lynch ('84). "It was a huge success, and we all enjoyed Dr. Rose's visit. Richmond has many devoted alumni, family and JMU friends, and it was good to see such a great turnout."

Guests representing class years from 1954 to 2003 demonstrated that charitable giving to the university spans the ages and is gaining ground among young alumni. President's Council members give a minimum of \$1,000 annually to JMU (alumni who have graduated in the last six to 10 years give \$500 annually and alumni who graduated five years ago or less give \$200 annually).

Lynch sums up the council members' shared Madison philosophy: "I appreciate the education I received at JMU, the friendships made and the overall experience. JMU is a special place, and, by giving back, we are all helping ensure that future students share in these same experiences."

Volunteers for the Richmond celebration were Eric ('02) and Stephanie Bowlin ('01), Barry ('94) and Lillian Saadatmand, and Johnnie Lou ('54) and Charles Terry.



President's Council Richmond event host Dan Lynch ('84) thanks JMU President Dr. Linwood H. Rose.

Former alumni board members: Carole Eldridge Coburn ('62) catches up with Betty Ball Mann ('58), who helped establish the JMU Distinguished Alumni Teacher Award.



With three children who are Dukes, former Parents Council members Rick and Lane Witthoefft ('97P, '01P, '03P) might as well be alumni. They share a moment with fellow JMU parents and alumni Richard ('80, '15P) and Gail Hendrick ('82, '15P).



Are they talking Madison parenthood or Madison alumni-hood? Graduating 20 years apart and with children graduating 20 years apart, Jane "Gibbie" Berry ('61, '86P, '89P) and Suzanne Ridgway ('80, '09P) have a lot in common. Their husbands are former Board of Visitors rector Sandy Berry and Frank Ridgway ('80), former alumni board member and Athletics Advisory Committee member.



JMU Foundation Board member and scholarship donor Warren Coleman ('79, '81M, '07P) greets equestrian scholarship donor Tom Vance ('84).



Young alumni make the scene. College of Business scholarship donors Jim ('02) and Alison Bonnell ('03) and College of Arts and Letters donor Trip Hughes ('09) find common cause in supporting JMU.

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