

[Madison Allegiance]

## JMU alumnus to boldly lead university advancement

BY JAN GILLIS ('07)

**N**ick Langridge ('00, '07M), who previously served as assistant to the president and director of the Duke Club, has been appointed acting vice president for the Division of University Advancement.

Langridge has already said he plans to move ahead boldly and not act as a caretaker. "We are on the cusp of our institution's second capital campaign," he says. "Aspirations of hope and greatness abound in every program and college at JMU. We have compelling stories to tell, and we will rely on visionary leaders who will make gifts that allow us to realize those aspirations. Our student experience is unmatched and our rise in the Commonwealth of Virginia and across the country continues, but we will not sustain our trajectory by standing still."

In discussing the university's advancement efforts, Langridge says, "I am a firm believer that the relationship between student and university does not end at graduation. Networking, recruiting, mentoring, guest lecturing, volunteering and most of all contributing financially are ways we can reconnect and reinvest in the university we care so much about. At James Madison we have never had such full ranks of alumni and constituents claiming allegiance to JMU."

**'In celebrating one great president and welcoming the next, alumni have a stake in seeing that our institution transitions successfully.'**

— NICK LANGRIDGE ('00, '07M)

Madison allegiance is something Langridge knows well. "As an alum myself, it's exciting to think of the heights our university can reach when we harness the power of 109,000 alumni actively engaging and pledging private support," he says. "Together we can take pride in honoring the leadership of Linwood Rose and with the same unity embrace the promising new era of Jonathan Alger's presidency." **M**



### Advancement VP Joanne Carr retires

After a career marked by success, the woman who led James Madison University's advancement efforts and oversaw its major fundraising campaigns has retired. As JMU's senior vice president for university advancement, Joanne Carr led JMU to record private fundraising levels. In just her second full year at the university in 2005–06, private fundraising reached \$13.3 million for the year, about \$3 million more than the previous historic high raised in 2003–04.



Carr oversaw the completion of the university's first comprehensive fundraising campaign. Under her guidance the effort brought in \$70 million, surpassing its \$50 million goal by 40 percent.

"My joy has come from seeing so many alumni volunteers and donors working with JMU to produce these important fundraising results," Carr says. **M**

[Accounting Master's]

## Nation's No. 1 CPA pass rate

BY PATRICIA MAY

JMU's Master of Science in Accounting program is No. 1 in the country in pass rate for the Certified Public Accounting exam. The CPA exam is a four-part test, and according to the 2011 National Association of State Boards of Accountancy report, *Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination*, JMU is the school ranked

No. 1 for overall pass rate for first-time CPA candidates with an advanced degree. The report details examination candidate performance from nearly 2,000 universities.

Paul Copley, director of the JMU School of Accounting, says, "To rank higher than numerous Ivy League and Big Ten schools is quite a distinction

for JMU. We were ranked No. 4 in 2009. To move to No. 1 in 2011 is a tribute to our faculty and students. The work ethic of our students, coupled with a strong curriculum, helped us achieve this honor. And, since 2005 JMU has offered a boot camp to help students prepare for the exam. This sets our master's program apart." **M**

\* See how JMU compares to other schools at [bit.ly/tGIwRA](http://bit.ly/tGIwRA).