

**{Alumni Leadership}**

## Alumni engagement crucial to JMU's future

*Madison Alumni Conference leaders highlight alumni engagement*

**M**ore than 60 alumni and university leaders, including members of the JMU Alumni Association Board of Directors and representatives from the JMU Duke Club and Admissions Recruitment Volunteers, returned to campus June 1–3 for a weekend leadership conference.

Madison Alumni Conference, which provides leadership training and celebrates alumni successes, included workshops on alumni chapters, networking and career services, alumni giving, volunteering at college fairs, and event planning. Additionally, the JMU Alumni Association provided informative panels on JMU LOVE and the landscape of JMU athletics.

Nick Langridge ('00, '07M), acting vice president for university advancement, and JMU Alumni Association President Jamie Jones Miller ('99) gave keynote information on the road ahead for JMU and President Jonathan Alger's listening tour. Langridge and Miller specifically highlighted alumni involvement and investment as a key to JMU's future success.

Alumni investment creates a host of opportunities to improve the university. Financial gifts help keep tuition low, create financial aid opportunities for students, and enable the university to recruit and retain outstanding faculty.

The JMU Duke Club, the JMU Office of Admissions and the alumni association presented six annual awards at the conclusion of the Madison Alumni Conference and recognized Carol Benassi ('82) as alumni volunteer of the year. Benassi has been president of the Dallas chapter of the JMU Alumni Association and an admissions recruitment volunteer since 2007. She recently established an endowed scholarship for faculty support in the College of Business.

\* Learn how you can participate in the next Madison Alumni Conference at [www.jmu.edu/alumni/events/mac.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni/events/mac.shtml).



## Madison College LUNCHEONS

Are you a Madison College grad? Looking to reunite with your classmates? The Office of Alumni Relations is hosting a series of lunch events this fall throughout Virginia.

Sept. 24 **Roanoke**  
Sept. 25 **George Washington's Mount Vernon**  
Sept. 26 **Virginia Beach**  
Sept. 27 **Williamsburg**  
Sept. 28 **James Madison's Montpelier**

For more information on these reunion events, contact Stephanie Whitson in the Office of Alumni Relations at 888-JMU-ALUM or [whitsosh@jmu.edu](mailto:whitsosh@jmu.edu).

## Family Weekend is Oct. 5–7



**DON'T MISS ALL THE JMU FAMILY FUN.**

Register early since many of the ticketed events sell out quickly!

[www.jmu.edu/parents/Family\\_Weekend.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/parents/Family_Weekend.shtml)

For football tickets contact the JMU Athletic Ticket Office at (540) 568-3853, or [www.jmusports.com](http://www.jmusports.com)

## MadisonEvents

**SEPT. 13**

**Northern Virginia Alumni Night with President Alger**  
[www.jmu.edu/whymadison](http://www.jmu.edu/whymadison)

**SEPT. 14**

**National Harbor Event with President Alger**  
[www.jmu.edu/whymadison](http://www.jmu.edu/whymadison)

**SEPT. 14**

**JMU vs. West Virginia at FedEx Field**  
[www.jmu.edu/alumni](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni)

**SEPT. 19–20**

**Why Madison? Listening Tour Event in California**  
[www.jmu.edu/whymadison](http://www.jmu.edu/whymadison)

**SEPT. 24–28**

**Madison College Luncheon Series**  
[www.jmu.edu/alumni](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni)

**SEPT. 30**

**Metro Dukes Crabfest**  
[www.jmu.edu/alumni](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni)

**OCT. 6**

**Family Weekend**  
[www.jmu.edu/parents](http://www.jmu.edu/parents)

**OCT. 20**

**Football Away Tailgate at Richmond**  
[www.jmu.edu/alumni](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni)

**OCT. 26–28**

**Homecoming 2012**  
[www.jmu.edu/alumni](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni)

**NOV. 10**

**Football Away Tailgate at Villanova**  
[www.jmu.edu/alumni](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni)

**DEC. 1**

**Harrisonburg Alumni Chapter Holiday Fest**  
[www.jmu.edu/alumni](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni)

**DEC. 15**

**Winter Commencement**  
[www.jmu.edu/commencement](http://www.jmu.edu/commencement)

[www.jmu.edu/alumni/calendar](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni/calendar)  
[www.jmu.edu/JMUArts](http://www.jmu.edu/JMUArts)  
[www.JMUSports.com](http://www.JMUSports.com)

For more information on events, please call the JMU alumni office toll free 1-(888) JMU-ALUM