

## MADISONLEGACIES

### 'It feels like a pilgrimage'

#### President Alger and JMU professors visit Montpelier, home of James Madison

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**F**or such an enthusiastic fan of James Madison, his first-ever trip to Montpelier felt like a pilgrimage for JMU President Jonathan R. Alger. He and nearly 20 JMU faculty members and administrators visited Madison's home on Nov. 6, Election Day. "It is a fitting tribute to Mr. Madison and the strength of our U.S. Constitution to visit on the day when we again openly and bloodlessly chose our nation's leader," Alger said.

While at Montpelier, the president and faculty from several disciplines worked with the leaders at Montpelier and faculty members from their Center for the Constitution to develop new ideas for bringing greater public attention to Madison's legacy and the importance of his work as Father of the U.S. Constitution. While the two institutions for decades have worked together in several areas – most notably archaeology at Montpelier – President Alger is leading an effort to take the relationship further. **M**

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Montpelier Board of Directors President Gregory May and President Alger discuss potential partnership ideas. May invited Alger to deliver the annual address at the national ceremony honoring James Madison on March 16 at Montpelier.

