

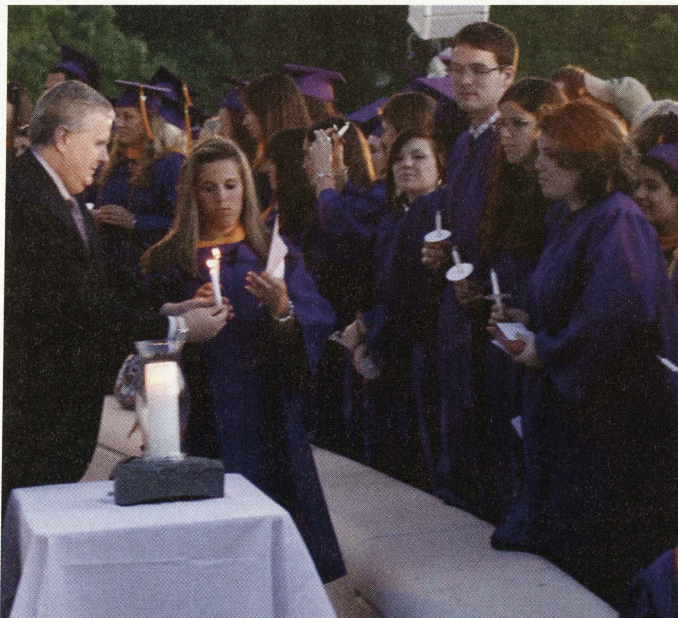
{**Alumni Association News**}

Classes of 2013 and 1963 share candlelighting ceremony

JMU Alumni Association renews a Madison tradition BY JAMES IRWIN ('06)

One of Madison's oldest traditions is the candlelighting ceremony inducting graduating seniors into the alumni family. JMU candlelighting ceremonies began on campus in 1912, when, during the second commencement exercises at the State Normal & Industrial School for Women, graduating students participated in a small ceremony inducting them into the alumnae association. More than 100 years later, this simple, meaningful event celebrates the induction of nearly 4,000 students into an organization nearly as old as Madison itself.

This year — on April 6 — the JMU Alumni Association will combine the graduating senior candlelighting ceremony with the Bluestone Reunions candlelighting ceremony, which annually celebrates the 50th reunion class. Alumni office staff members worked with senior class president Meredith Wood ('13) and Bluestone Reunions co-chairs JoAnn Bogan Smith ('63) and Betty Reid



Coghill Somloi ('63), to combine the senior candlelighting with the Class of 1963 dinner. "Having the Class of 2013 join with the Class of 1963 is a symbolic gesture that binds us together through JMU," says Smith.

Wood adds, "Being a Duke is a lifelong commitment. Sharing this special night with the Class of 1963 reminds us that no matter how far away we may travel and no matter how much time passes, we will always have both a home and a family to come back to at Madison." ❧

* Learn more about JMU alumni events at www.jmu.edu/alumni

BE A PART OF THE 2013 ALUMNI DIRECTORY

The JMU Alumni Association is working with Harris Connect Publishing Co. of Chesapeake, Va., to publish a new *James Madison University 2013 Alumni Directory*. Harris Connect Publishing will begin its mailing and phone call campaign to contact as many alumni as possible for verification of information. Alumni should expect postcards from Harris requesting verification of information such as graduation and class year, college achievements and current career information. Alumni may submit photo and bios, and all alumni will be offered the option of purchasing the directory. Purchase is not necessary to be included in the directory. ❧

Madison Events

APRIL 26
Alumni Candlelighting Ceremony
www.jmu.edu/alumni

MAY 2
Senior Convocation
www.jmu.edu/alumni

MAY 4
Spring Commencement
www.jmu.edu/commencement

MAY 11
JMU Alumni Day at Busch Gardens
www.jmu.edu/alumni/calendar

MAY 31 - JUNE 2
Madison Alumni Conference
www.jmu.edu/alumni

OCTOBER 4 - 6
Family Weekend
www.jmu.edu/parents

OCT. 28 - NOV. 3
Homecoming
www.jmu.edu/alumni

www.jmu.edu/alumni/calendar
www.jmu.edu/JMUArts
www.JMUSports.com

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

SAVE THE DATE! 2013 MADISON ALUMNI CONFERENCE MAY 31 - JUNE 2

JMU Alumni Association volunteers, members of the Duke Club, admissions recruitment volunteers and reunion committee members are invited to participate. Join in celebrating top alumni volunteer achievements! Be a part of a network of informed, involved and invested alumni shaping JMU's future.

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www.jmu.edu/alumni/events/mac.shtml