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Remembering Alison Parker ('12)

Orientation includes moment of silence for slain member of JMU family

MU is more than a university, we are a family," said President Jonathan R. Alger as he acknowledged the tragic news that Madison family member and WDBJ journalist Alison Parker ('12) was one of two news reporters shot and killed during a live broadcast on Aug. 26. Parker earned a bachelor's degree in media arts and design, and she was a reporter and editor for *The Breeze*. JMU Assistant Professor Ryan Parkhurst talked about his former student on

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MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell Reports. "[Alison was] incredibly genuine, very smart, a wonderful reporter and even better person if that's possible. ... I use her as an example when I teach ... about the right way to be a journalist, to do your job, to be a student." Together with the Parker family, JMU has created a memorial fund to honor Parker.

To honor Alison's passion for life and journalism, the Parker family has created the

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