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RALLYING IN RICHMOND

Women for Madison and friends gather to support and celebrate JMU's Centennial Scholars Program

Women for Madison's Rally for Centennial Scholars in April brought out the JMU celebrities—like Channel 6 CBS News broadcaster Shelby Brown ('93), Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney ('04), Board of Visitors member Vanessa Evans-Grevious ('93, '97M), First Lady Mary Ann Alger, Vice President Donna Harper ('77, '81M, '86Ed.S.) and Women for Madison Chair Beth Bliss ('84).

They were all on hand to support and celebrate the Centennial Scholars scholarship program and its impact on students from the Richmond area.

The real stars of the night were the Centennials themselves, past and present, who shared how the JMU scholarship program enabled them to live a rich Madison Experience and to continue to lead productive and meaningful lives. There are more than 600 graduates to date. These high achievers have gone on to successful careers and more than a third to medical, law or graduate school. All are deeply involved in their communities.

Richmond-area alumni, parents and friends who turned out for the event completed the constellation by making financial contributions to the program so that more promising and deserving students can become Centennials.

Wilma Cairns Bowers ('83) is the Women for Madison chair-elect.



Centennial alum and Women for Madison Executive Advisory Council member Chiquita King ('09, '11M), standing, came out to support both programs and encourage giving for scholarships.



Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney ('04) made an appearance and spent time with Centennials.



Hosts Anne Marie Elles ('91) and Elizabeth Keane Martin ('85), who took the Women for Madison helm as chair in July, welcomed family and friends to the Westwood Club on behalf of Women for Madison.



Board of Visitors member Vanessa Evans-Grevious ('93, '97M) with rally emcee Shelby Brown ('93), who talked about her career in news and led a Centennial Scholars panel discussion.



A Women for Madison tradition!