



Cole Scrogham prepares tires for mounting on a classic vehicle at the Madison Automotive Apprentices shop.

and tax codes. “He has experience that he shares with us that could be important to any small business or nonprofit organization,” Itkin says.

MAAP intern Erik McIntosh, a JMU engineering student, is building on his already extensive experience as an automotive technician at a Northern Virginia dealership. He is accustomed to working on 30 commuter vehicles a day, and has found his MAAP experience refreshing because “there is time for research and study” to restore vintage and classic cars. “I enjoy disassembling, cataloging and photographing the components, all with the goal of maintaining the authenticity of the vehicle as it is rebuilt,” he says.

With its combination of hands-on restoration work, networking opportunities and the expertise of the Scrogghams, MAAP seems to have struck a winning balance.

“My major, philosophy, doesn’t have an obvious connection to cars,” says junior David Carmichael, “but I’m interested in the development of language and cars serve as a common denominator in what is largely a social world of car enthusiasts. MAAP is bringing people together through their cars.

“I appreciate being part of the development of MAAP at JMU,” Carmichael says. “This experience, coupled with doing well in my classes and other pursuits, will be beneficial. I’m not sure yet what I will do after graduation, but I have options that I didn’t before, thanks to MAAP.”

 To view a video about the Madison Automotive Apprentices Program, go to j.mu/maap.

Who is riding in the family car?

The Scroggham family’s expertise and reputation in the worlds of precision-vehicle restoration and motor-sports team management are unparalleled, but their links to JMU make Madison Automotive Apprentices’ establishment at the university personal.

A three-generation relationship with JMU helped cement the collaboration between the nonprofit and the university. Weldon Scroggham was a day student in the 1960s before founding G&W Sales and Service, specializing in Porsche, Volkswagen and other classic cars, in 1971. He still has the 1965 Porsche 911 from his college days.

Cole Scroggham (’90, ’16M) returned to JMU to study nonprofit organizations in the Master of Public Administration program with an eye toward establishing MAAP. With that foundation, Scroggham pitched the venture to JMU President Emeritus Linwood H. Rose, who knows a thing or two about sports cars.

Rose and Bob Kolvoord, dean of the College of Integrated Science and Engineering, saw the potential benefits the apprentice program could offer not only engineering majors, but students from all academic majors. Plus, Kolvoord knew one of the principals in the enterprise, Cole’s son, Michael (’17), who majored in engineering and is the MAAP shop manager.

The Scroggham name is well known in vehicle restoration and motor-sports team management. Their years of doing precise restoration work and developing a reputation for excellence led to clinching the Manhattan Concours trophy four consecutive years from 1992 to 1995. Dating to the 1950s, “there is no greater trophy in the restoration world,” says Cole, who adds that

preparing vehicles for the competition demanded 2,000 hours of work per car.

Cole’s team management skills took the family to the world of International Motor Sports Association racing, eventually resulting in recognition as an eight-time national champion team owner with Porsche from 2000 to 2005. He remains involved in racing, serving as chassis engineer for an Audi team in the IMSA series. His hands-on experience in Porsche racing and restoration led to his writing two technical publications, *Porsche 356 Carrera: Four Cam Production Car* and *Porsche 911 Engine Assembly Guide*.

“MAAP was established and is being developed to connect generations,” Cole Scroggham says. “We have students with different majors and clients from different walks of life. The one thing that connects them is cars.”

Sounds like family.



(L-R): Michael Scroggham, Mark Porsche, Weldon Scroggham and Cole Scroggham with Michael’s car, which won an overall Group Award at Porsche Parade 2016.

Beyond the Scroggham family associated with the automobile world, more members have JMU connections:

- Katherine Reed Galloway (’66, ’87M), Cole’s mother
- Suanne Chandler Scroggham (’89), Cole’s wife
- Cassandra Scroggham Estes (’98), Weldon and Katherine’s daughter