


ALUMNI NEWS



## Bluestone Reunion Weekend

Alumni return to campus to celebrate

Members of the Classes of 1968, 1963, 1958, 1953, 1948 and 1943 returned to campus on April 26 to celebrate milestone reunion years. Throughout the weekend, alumni reminisced about the old days and shared their favorite Madison College memories—including rules they broke! Alumni marveled at how the Madison College of their memories has transformed into the James Madison University that we know today. On Friday night, members of the Class of 1968 had the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Senior Candle Lighting Ceremony, one of JMU's oldest traditions. During the ceremony, the class officially recognized the graduating Class of 2018 and welcomed them into the JMU Alumni Association. This ceremony symbolically represents the passing of traditions from one generation to the next. The weekend concluded with the induction of the Class of 1968 into the Bluestone Society. 

## A stitch in time

Patricia Rose ('58) celebrated her 60th reunion during the 2018 Bluestone Reunion Weekend. While it was momentous to reconnect with fellow classmates and be on JMU's campus once again, Rose made her way to the memorabilia room to see a very special object. Sixty years ago, she, along with eight friends from Madison College, formed a special bond as workers in the campus dining halls. To celebrate their friendship and recognize a sudden loss of a friend, the ladies decided to create a quilt and dedicate it to their Madison Experience and the memory of their time together. The quilt is composed of squares that each woman made, with specific meaning in each design. They took turns hosting the quilt in each of their homes as a way of honoring their friendship and remembering their friend who was no longer with them. In 2003, the quilt was donated to the JMU Alumni Association. Every time Rose is back on campus, she stops by the Leelou Alumni Center's Great Room to see the quilt. 



Patricia Rose ('58), center, with classmates



## Madison EVENTS

**OCT. 20**

### MetroDukes Crabfest

Join the MetroDukes for their largest scholarship fundraiser of the year! Tickets include all-you-can-eat crabs, shrimp, hot dogs and corn on the cob, as well as drink tickets and full access to Ticonderoga Farm's amenities.

**OCT. 26-28**

### Homecoming 2018

Come home to JMU for a weekend of football, friends and plenty of purple-and-gold spirit.

**NOV. 22**

### 92nd Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

The Marching Royal Dukes will return to New York City for their fourth appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! Whether in-person or from the comfort of your home, this is a performance you will not want to miss.

**DEC. 15**

### Winter Commencement

Celebrate the winter Class of 2018!

**APRIL 25-27, 2019**

### Bluestone Reunions

Join the Class of 1969 in celebrating its 50th reunion and induction into the Bluestone Society.

For more information and to register for all alumni events, please visit [alumni.jmu.edu/events](http://alumni.jmu.edu/events)