

NEWS & NOTES

Madison Trust helps build a better mousetrap—literally

Investor-judges who participated in the 2018 Madison Trust in February have pledged total investments of \$86,750 for eight faculty-driven innovations—including a better mousetrap.



The Small Animal Data Station, developed by biology professors **Katrina Gobetz** and **Bryan Cage**, will enable scientists to collect wildlife data without trapping and without harm to animals. Designed for monitoring the endangered, peanut-sized pygmy shrew and other small animals, the station can be scaled up for larger animals. Investor-judges suggested the data station would be of interest to backyard wildlife enthusiasts as well as scientists, and fully funded the concept.

“Our faculty and investors combined forces for a terrific Madison Trust event this year,” said Nick Langridge (’00, ’07M, ’14D) vice president for University Advancement. “Innovations spanned the disciplines at JMU, and we had a fully engaged bench of investor-judges asking questions, making suggestions for improvements and ultimately stepping forward to invest in these projects.”

Learn about the other 2018 innovations, like an online marketing challenge for JMU students, personalized prosthetics for amputees, a cough suppression device and more. Watch videos and make your own investment at jmu/mt.

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Two JMU professors receive Outstanding Faculty Awards

Biology professor **Mark Gabriele** (’95) and kinesiology professor **Thomas Moran** are among the 12 recipients of the 2018 Outstanding Faculty Awards, presented by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and Dominion Resources.

The Outstanding Faculty Awards recognize superior accomplishments in teaching, research and public service at Virginia’s institutions of higher learning. Nominees are selected by the institutions, reviewed by a panel of peers and chosen by a committee of leaders from the public and private sectors. In all, 83 nominations were received this year. This group was narrowed to a field of 27 finalists and then to the 12 recipients.

Winners receive an engraved award and \$5,000 underwritten by the Dominion Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dominion Resources.

‘The award is truly a reflection of the hard work of so many amazing students I’ve had the pleasure of mentoring, the openness and collaborative spirit of my colleagues, and the ongoing support of our leadership.’

MARK GABRIELE (’95), *biology professor*



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‘I have been blessed to work with awesome colleagues, students and individuals of all ability levels in the community who challenge me to grow as a person and a professional every day.’

THOMAS MORAN, *kinesiology professor*

TOP FULBRIGHT PRODUCER

JMU has once again been identified as a top producer of Fulbright scholars among master’s-level institutions in the U.S. For the second consecutive year, three JMU professors were awarded Fulbright grants to teach and/or conduct research internationally in 2017-18. They are **Michelle D. Cude** (*College of Education, Kenya*), **Ramon Mata-Toledo** (*College of Science and Mathematics, Chile*) and **Trevor Stokes** (*College of Health and Behavioral Studies, Georgia*).

