

# Union Bank & Trust Center construction

Officials broke ground on the Union Bank & Trust Center in April. General contractor S.B. Ballard Construction turned the page in the fall from site excavation to construction. A 1,500-vehicle parking deck will accompany the 8,500-seat arena, which will house the men’s and women’s basketball programs as well as other campus and community events. Learn how you can support the project at [j.mu/ubt](http://j.mu/ubt).



## FRESH FACES

Several new head coaches are in place for JMU Athletics for the 2018-19 year:



### Tommy Baker—Women’s Golf

Baker served as assistant coach at Colorado State University, helping the program register its most successful season in a decade. He also served as head coach at the Division II level at Coker College and Saint Leo University.



### Shelley Jaudon—Women’s Tennis

Jaudon was named JMU head coach after previously serving as assistant coach at the University of Alabama for the previous three seasons. She also served as head coach at Division I Middle Tennessee State University, registering four consecutive winning campaigns following six straight losing seasons prior to her arrival.



### Ron McCown—Track and Field

McCown comes to JMU following 17 seasons as assistant coach at Stephen F. Austin State University, where he guided student-athletes to 37 individual conference titles. His tenure at SFA overlapped with current JMU Director of Track and Field and Cross Country Ta’ Frias.



### Joshua Walters Sr.—Women’s Soccer

Walters came to JMU after serving as associate head coach at UCLA, where he orchestrated the top-ranked recruiting class in the nation. In his first JMU campaign, he led the Dukes to the CAA regular-season championship and was named the league’s Coach of the Year.



### Paul Zazenski—Men’s Soccer

Zazenski was named JMU head coach just days before preseason practice after serving as assistant coach in 2017 and being elevated to associate head coach in the spring. He responded by leading JMU to its best season in recent years, capturing the regular-season championship and being named CAA Coach of the Year.

## Best in state ... again

For the third consecutive year, James Madison Athletics posted the best departmentwide winning percentage among all 14 Division I institutions in the commonwealth. JMU teams won head-to-head competition at a .669 winning percentage, the Dukes’ best mark since 1982. In addition to best in state, it was also the best overall winning mark in the Colonial Athletic Association. The year was highlighted by two national championship game appearances (football, lacrosse), five CAA championships and seven teams qualifying for NCAA postseason competition.



The Virginia Sports Hall of Fame formally recognizes JMU Athletics for the best winning percentage in the state.