

ALUMNI FOR LIFE



## Hire VirgINia

Inaugural career fair helps students learn about jobs in the commonwealth

In early November 2018, the JMU Alumni Association partnered with seven other in-state colleges to host the inaugural Hire Virginia event in Norfolk. Hire Virginia is statewide recruiting partnership, designed to showcase the opportunities and benefits for students of remaining in Virginia after graduation.

**(Above):** JMU students and alumni network at a reception in Shula's 347 Grill at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. **(Left):** College of Business students, Ngan Phu (top) and Nicholas Duncan (bottom), discuss potential career opportunities with recruiters from the Hampton Roads area during the Hire VirgINia event.

Students applied for the chance to attend, and seven were selected to represent JMU at the Hire Virginia event.

The two-day experience included a career fair that drew more than 40 employers from various industries and opportunities for on-site interviews. A biking tour and a networking event further immersed students in the local district. As an added experience, JMU students attended a networking dessert reception, hosted by the Madison Network, to meet JMU alumni who established their lives and careers in the Hampton Roads area.

The JMU Alumni Association partnered with Career and Academic Planning and the Office of Experiential Learning in the College of Business on the event. Also participating were the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Radford University, Old Dominion University, Virginia Commonwealth University, the College of William & Mary and Norfolk State University.