

CLASS NOTES

**40** Elsie Thomas Hyde turned 100 on Jan. 25. She was born in Dayton, Virginia, and has resided there most of her life.

**70** Betty Coffman was recognized as Volunteer of the Month by the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg.

**72** Vivian Owens is the creator of *Parenting for Education*, a resource and education website for parents, teachers, nannies and day care providers.

**73** Joseph Erickson was promoted to assistant vice president at Farmers & Merchants Bank in Timberville, Virginia.

**75** Drew Molloy retired on Dec. 31, 2018, after 42 years of public service.

**77** After 41 years in the information technology field, Debra Holdren retired last year. Catherine Strickler was invited to perform in a pops concert with the National Symphony Orchestra at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., after the orchestra read her bucket-list wish to play with them in *The Washington Post*.

**88** David Sweiderk is president and CEO of the State Employees Credit Union, the largest credit union in Maryland.

**89** Judith Trumbo, president and CEO of Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, was named the Business Person of the Year by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce.



## AKA celebrates 40th anniversary

The Lambda Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority celebrated its 40th anniversary at Homecoming 2018. The week-end celebration focused on AKA's commitment to scholarship, sisterhood and service. It kicked off with a Wine Down at Bluestone Vineyards and culminated with a tea at Hotel Madison.

**(Above):** AKA Lambda Chi chapter, celebrating 40 years. **(Inset):** Danielle Ferguson ('94) presented a check for \$20,156 to the AKA Lambda Chi Forever Scholarship.

In honor of their Silver Star 25th Anniversary Spring 1993, Lambda Chi members challenged their sisters to donate money. From their efforts, over \$20,000 was raised for the Lambda Chi Forever Scholarship, which helps young women pursue their education at JMU. Donations were also collected for Mercy House.



## Scholarship thank-you letters

### Agness S. Dingledine Memorial Scholarship

Established in 1974 by the friends and family of Agness Stribling Dingledine to provide an annual scholarship to a deserving undergraduate legacy student.

Dear Dingledine Family,

I am writing this email to express my gratitude for your awarding of the Dingledine Scholarship. As a senior at JMU and a son of two JMU alumni, I have many firsthand experiences of how much of a blessing JMU is. College is a difficult time, but the incredible opportunities it gives us and the doors that it opens up are so valuable; nowhere is this clearer than at JMU! This financial award is an incredible honor for me, and I want to say thank you.

I am a modern foreign languages major (Spanish and Italian) with a double minor in business Spanish and general music. I am looking into work for after I graduate in May 2019 and am extremely excited for the future that my time at JMU will enable me to have! Even though I am graduating, I will always be a Duke; purple and gold forever!

All my best,

Joey Capuano  
Class of 2019  
Bridgewater, Virginia

### Cheryl Lynn Rader Memorial Scholarship

Endowed scholarship fund established in 1996 by Frank and Carolyn Rader in memory of their daughter, Cheryl Lynn Rader, who was JMU's assistant director of financial aid and an alumna of the university.

Dear Mr. Rader,

I am sincerely grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the Cheryl Rader Memorial Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to pursue my dream of becoming a middle-school band director and teaching music to kids. Introducing others to the joys of music is my passion and I am extremely thankful that through your generosity, I am able to do that here at James Madison University and eventually (hopefully) all over the world. I cannot say enough how wonderful it is to have the opportunity to study music here at JMU and how grateful I am that this scholarship has helped afford me that opportunity.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely,

Alexis Anderson  
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Natural Bridge Station, Virginia