Welcome to JMU

President Jonathan R. Alger



JMU's Distinctive Identity

- R2 "national research university" with very strong undergraduate education
- Teacher-scholar model
- Emphasis on <u>engagement</u>, <u>high-impact</u> <u>learning practices</u> and <u>assessment</u>
- Well-rounded students
- Low-tuition, high retention and graduation rates, very high employment outcomes and satisfaction rates



Enrollment Update



- The University once again set a record for applications with over 37,000 at the undergraduate level
- A 17% increase over last year and 68% over two years ago (including a 46% increase in out-of-state applications)
- Total enrollment: 22,342 (including 19,983 on-campus undergraduates)

BEING THE CHANGE.

Commitment to Pell & Low-Income Students

Centennial and Valley Scholars Programs

Increased need-based financial aid

 Reddix Center for First Generation Students



Evolving Student Body

- This summer, JMU partnered with the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired to host visually impaired students on campus
 - Over 50 students in past 2 years participated; some are now at JMU
- Opening of JMU VALOR
 - Open 24/7
 - Partnership with Department of Veteran Services

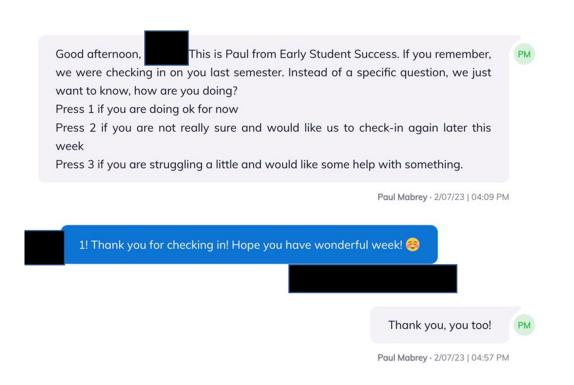






Early Student Success System

- Use data to identify where students are struggling, as well as any equity gaps
- Develop strategies to address these students and gaps
- Deploy interventions such as micro-surveys via text messages



Meeting Workforce Needs

- Work-Based Learning Task Force is studying internships & similar experiences
 - Goal is for ALL students to have at least 1 such experience before graduation
- Working with the Commonwealth to prepare more teachers & nurses
- New Information Technology degree



Career Outcomes - Class of 2022

- 96.1% of bachelor's degree recipients, and 97.2% of advanced degree recipients, had career outcomes in most recent survey
- Career outcome = working, continuing education, military, or post-grad fellowship or internship





JMU as a National Research University

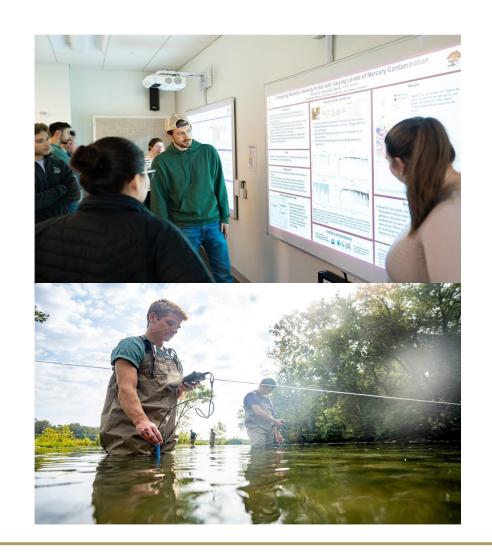


- New research centers on the way
 - Commissioning 6 in the next 10 years
- Over the last 5 years, JMU faculty external sponsored program funding has increased 92%
- Increased research support by over 400% over the last 5 years, as measured by the NSF
- This year, JMU also won the largest singleyear grant in its entire history at \$3.6M for early childhood education

Research and Impact

 2/3 of external research funding supported public service and outreach activities (e.g., in areas such as enhancing educational opportunities, health and well-being, transportation infrastructure, and environmental sustainability)

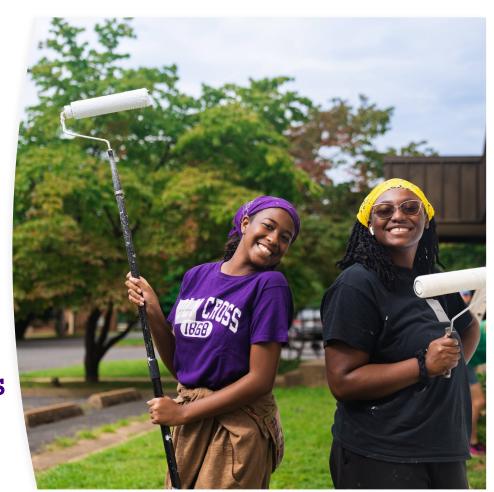
 X-Labs model: Interdisciplinary, teamwork, solving wicked problems





Community Engagement

- JMU is an anchor institution for the Shenandoah Valley
- Largest employer and economic engine in the region
- Plays key role in education, health care, economic development, and arts and culture





Civic Engagement & Free Expression

- Orientation Session
- Campus Call for Free Expression
- Faculty Fellows Program in Constructive Dialogue
- Constitution Day Carly Fiorina (Sep. 20)
- Common Good in the Commonwealth –
 Senator Tim Kaine (Sep. 22)



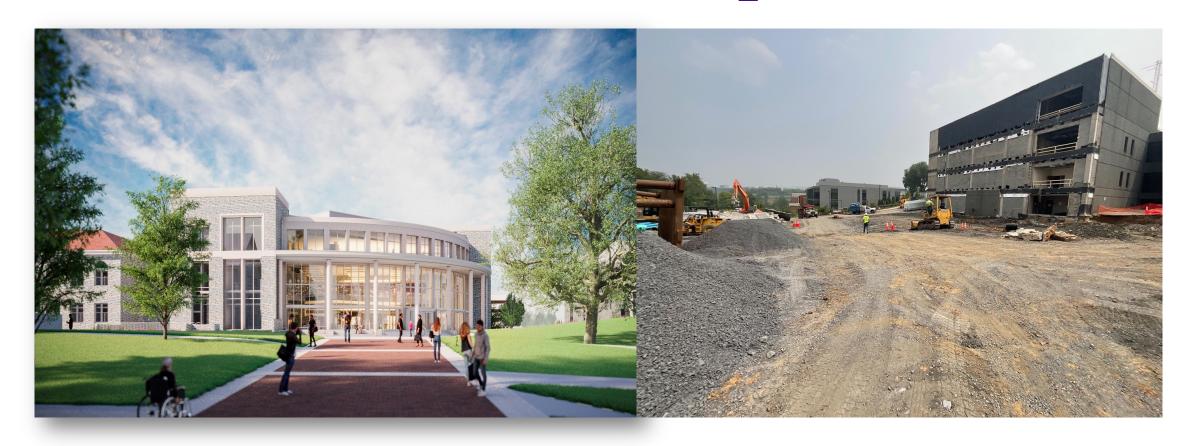
Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7pm WILSON HALL AUDITORIUM







Construction Updates



Carrier Library Project Completion Date: December 2025

Village Housing Renovation and Expansion

- Starting with Ikenberry Hall: completion by August 2025
- Staggered construction acrossVillage area



JMU Athletics

 Transitioned to FBS level and Sun Belt Conference



Student-athlete leadership program











Looking Ahead

- New culture of philanthropy (Unleashed Campaign raised over \$251M)
- Constant emphasis on sound management and efficiency (zero SACSCOC recommendations)
- Artificial Intelligence Task Force
- Reengineering Madison

