

# Being the change: James Madison University fast facts

## Making a difference

**JMU knows that success requires equal parts intellect and action, which is why it has been recognized as the #2 most innovative school in the South by U.S. News & World Report, 2021.**

Innovation can be seen throughout the campus with unique initiatives like the JMU X-Labs, its National Center of Excellence in Cyber Defence, the Madison Investment Fund, and the Alternative Break Program.

### *Looking to the future*

With Amazon's plans to locate its new East Coast Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia,, and to create 25,000 new jobs, JMU is in a prime location for the company's hiring efforts, especially since the Amazon hiring manager is a JMU alumnus.

The new College of Business Learning Complex opened in Fall 2020 as a nearly \$100 million investment to JMU's campus. The new complex includes the space for the COB's digital marketing program; a center for innovation, collaboration and entrepreneurship; and a Capital Markets lab with Bloomberg terminals and a ticker-tape.

## Getting the results



**#1**

**best college in Virginia for getting a job**

*Zippia, 2019 and 2020*

**#2**

**most-recommended university according to students**

*Times Higher Education/The Wall Street Journal, 2020*



**#97**

**best business program for undergraduates in the U.S.**

*U.S. News & World Report, 2021*

**#2**

**top public school in the South**

*U.S. News & World Report, 2021*



**#40**

**best value college in the U.S.**

*Money Magazine, 2020*



**Top 14%**

**for student engagement and outcomes**

*Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education, 2021*



**#26**

**best engineering program**

**for non-doctorate offering schools in the U.S.**

*(U.S. News & World Report, 2021)*

# Cherishing the experience

- **450+ student organizations** including Madison Venture Group, Anime Club, International Student Association, and 50 sports clubs.
- **28 on-campus dining facilities** offering the #12 best campus food in the USA (The Princeton Review, 2020).



## The right choice

96% of students said they are satisfied with their JMU experience and would do it again

# Honoring the faculty

## Inclusive curriculum

**Timothy Bloss** (biology), **Joseph Harsh** (biology), and **Patrice Ludwig** (biology) received \$1,000,000 from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to provide an inclusive environment for the 1,000+ undergraduate Biology-focused STEM majors, giving special attention to the challenges faced by international and transfer students.

## Building international opportunities

**Jennifer Coffman** (Center for Global Engagement) received \$409,064 from the Institute of International Education, Inc. to build on the strong foundation of JMU's East Africa Field School.

## Research with impact

**Dr. Mark Gabriele**, a professor of biology, and **Dr. Lincoln Gray**, a professor of communication sciences and disorders, received a National Institutes of Health Grant in April 2018 for their research to help understand some underlying causes for sensory processing disorders.



# #4

best undergraduate teaching in the South

U.S. News & World Report, 2021

# Uniting the world

**"In the enterprise of critical thinking, I think international students help people to think beyond what they know. They bring a perspective and a different view that helps people stretch beyond what they know and gives them first-hand experience in doing that."**

Jonathan Kratz

Director of International Student & Scholar Services at JMU

- Home to **372 international students** in Fall 2020.
- Most popular countries of origin outside the USA: **China, Vietnam, the Republic of Korea, India, Taiwan.**
- Student organizations **represent students from around the world**, including the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, International Student Association, JMU Muslim Students Association and many more.
- Madison International Residence Hall offers a unique experience where **first-year international and U.S. students live and study together** to enhance their global understanding.