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James Madison College/MSU Alumni Study Abroad in Florence Italy

JMC is considering an inaugural alumni study abroad program in Florence, Italy June 9 through June 16, 2013, in conjunction with the college's student study abroad program with Professors Tobin Craig and Eric Petrie, and Dean Sherman Garnett. We want to know if such a program interests you either in 2013 or future years to determine the feasibility of this program. For more information and to give feedback, click here.

Nominations sought for JMC Alumni Awards
The JMC Alumni Association Board of Directors sponsors two annual awards to honor distinguished alumni and friends of the college: The Distinguished and Honorary Alumnus/Alumna awards acknowledge individuals who have positively represented the college or have significantly contributed to the progress of the college. To learn more, go to the Alumni Awards page.

Photo Contest Deadline November 30
Submit your photos for JMC's Third "Traveling the U.S. and Abroad" Photo Contest for Madison students, faculty, staff, alumni, retirees, and friends. Contact Kim Allan for more information. See last year’s photos.

JMC starts leadership club for local middle schoolers
James Madison College student volunteers are engaged in developing a leadership club for 6-8th graders at the Gardner K-8 Law, Leadership, and Government Academy in South Lansing, a school with a large population of students who are English language learners (ELL), refugees, and economically disadvantaged. Recognizing that this is a pivotal period for developing a positive attitude toward self, school, society, and college positivity, JMC will sponsor weekly club meetings, monthly field trips, and extensive mentoring and support. Students will engage in a community service project and visit Madison and Case Hall to learn about college life, key aspects of law and governance, and enjoy college cafeteria food! Eighth graders will be entering high school, and we want to support the school in encouraging these students to imagine college in their future.

MSU’s Residential Colleges host Lansing high schoolers for career exploration
JMC, Lyman Briggs, and RCAH welcomed high school students from Lansing Sexton, Eastern, and Everett High Schools to campus on October 26 for a Career Exploration Day, exposing the high school students to the amazing educational communities available in their own backyard! Over 20 MSU and JMC alumni and current students participated in career-focused panel discussions with the goal of helping the high school students learn about the myriad of possible career paths and opportunities available to graduates of the three residential colleges. Students also learned about the Honors College, financial aid, and study abroad and ate in the beautiful South Pointe Cafeteria at Case Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Cracking the New Job Market" webinar with MSU alumnus William Holland
Join William Holland, MSU alumnus (and JMC supporter) and author of Cracking the New Job Market, for a two-part complimentary career development webinar series. Interact with other MSU alumni as Holland unveils the secrets to discovering the right job for you, stress free.
Part I: Thursday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.-noon EST, understanding the new job market and the tools necessary to compete.
Part II: Thursday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.-noon EST, interviewing strategies, managing gaps in employment, coaching your references, negotiating job offers, and ongoing career management.

JMC 10th Annual Alumni Career Day
Saturday, February 2, 2013
Alumni help needed! We are looking for panelists for: business, international and cross-cultural, nonprofit/education, local, state and federal government, and intelligence panels. Please contact Jaimie Hutchison for more information or to volunteer.

Lansing Alumni and Friends Reception, February 2, 2013
The JMC Alumni Association is planning to hold a Lansing area mixer the evening of Career Day--put it on your calendar! More information to come later.

JMC Career Exposure spring break trip to CHICAGO -- Alumni help needed!
JMC will be taking 25 students to Chicago from Sunday, March 3rd to Thursday, March 7th, 2013, replicating our very successful DC Career Exploration trip last spring. We are looking to visit a business, NGO, international organization, government intelligence agency, or other sites that may be of interest to students. Please let Jaimie Hutchison know if your work site would be a good place to organize one of these visits or if you would like to help in some other way. Other activities:
* Sunday, March 3: JMC Student-Alumni Mixer: Location needed for 100 participants
* Monday, March 4: Dinner with Young Alumni (graduated within the past 5 years)
* Wednesday, March 6th: Dinner with Lawyers and Lobbyists-Giordano's on Rush Street

Alumni News

Kevin Rushton passed away October 17
We are sad to announce that JMC alumnus, and devoted and active Board of Visitors member, Kevin Rushton (IR '82), of Bloomfield Hills MI, died October 17, 2012, at age 54. He was the beloved husband of Janice Gilbert Rushton. He leaves behind Edmund Rushton, Stephen Acosta (IR '12), and Andrew Acosta.

Grant Rumley is the founder and editor-in-chief of The Jerusalem Review of Near East Affairs, an online publication. Along with Rumley (IR '11), a number of Madison grads are contributors to this
new publication, an independent, non-partisan publication that seeks to serve as a source of input for students, stakeholders, and policymakers of the Near East.

**Glenn selected as MSU Rhodes nominee**
JMC recent alumn Claire Glenn (SRP ’11) has been nominated by Michigan State University to compete for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship and the opportunity to study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

**Alumnus Tom Boyd to share national honor**
JMC alumnus and 55th District Court Chief Judge (Ingham County MI) Tom Boyd (MM ’85) was among a dozen Michigan judges honored by the National Center for State Courts with the G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation, recognizing significant improvements or innovations for juries.

**Fall Events Recap**
**Alumni-Student Pizza Night**
This year's Alumni Pizza Night took place on Thursday, September 6th and was the largest one we have ever had with 167 students in attendance. Students were given the chance to practice networking with alumni as well as to develop contacts for jobs and internships. Thanks to the JMC Alumni Association and to Zachary Behler, Karissa Chabot-Purchase, Lindsay Dangl, Yvette Efeyvera, Therese Grossi, Jim Mauro, Sarah Mullkoff, Gary Naeyaert, Steve Purchase, Mary Jo Ring, Alyssa Roland, Sarah Smock, Daniel Sommerville, Dan Stump, Brad Wever, and Emily Wolfe for making this event a huge success for our students!  See photos.

**Careers in Law Panel**
The Careers in Law panel on September 12 was composed of six MSU alumni currently in Law-attorneys, students, analysts, and activists. This event had 87 students in attendance and was held in the MSU College of Law Castle Board Room. Students were able to learn about career options in law, get insider-information about law school, and make personal connections with MSU alumni in law. Thanks to Madison alumni Jesse Sweeny, Dana Graham, and Michael Epstein for making this event a success!

James Madison College honored longtime staffer Jackie Stewart, who passed away suddenly on July 10, with a memorial event on October 2nd. Photo depicts Dean Garnett with Jackie's daughters Elizabeth and Kellie Stewart and a plaque honoring Jackie Stewart that will reside in Case Hall.
Homecoming Tailgate 2012
View more photos from the tailgate

Dean Sherman Garnett with Peter Clement, Founders Circle Dinner speaker

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