



JAMES MADISON
UNIVERSITY®

April 18, 2021

Name

Address

Dear Name:

The faculty at James Madison University wish to thank you for your support of higher education during the 2021 General Assembly session, which represents a vital investment in Virginia's future. We are grateful for your financial assistance and also your recognition of the ongoing effort of faculty at our university and others to produce engaged and educated citizens in the Commonwealth.

JMU's growth has been astronomical in the last decade, so the increase in general funds for in-state enrollment growth in fiscal year 2022, which takes into account the funding gap between JMU and our peer institutions, is particularly important to us. This increase will allow JMU to provide a quality education for our growing and diversifying student population. Other crucial assistance we wish to note includes the allotment of \$5.7 million to JMU for operational support, financial aid, and addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as funds to upgrade the East Campus Steam Plant.

Lastly, on behalf of our 3,600 employees and their families, we would like to convey our appreciation for the 5.0 percent salary increase for our faculty and staff. That our adjunct faculty and wage employees are included in this raise is especially noteworthy. They have worked tirelessly over the past year to keep students learning safely, and it is a privilege to recognize their contributions.

Your generous support is a vote of confidence that is greatly appreciated at this time. We hope to continue to collaborate with you in improving higher education and the well-being of all Virginians. Please contact Val Larsen (speaker of the JMU faculty senate at larsenwv@jmu.edu) to let us know how we can work with you and other legislators to advance these goals.

Sincerely,

Faculty Senate of JMU
MSC 8006, 61 E Grace
Room 103, Cleveland Hall
Harrisonburg , VA 22807
540-568-3858
<https://www.jmu.edu/facultysenate/>

