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The last day to register for a March course is
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Greetings, School of Education Students and Alumni!



Jones International University® is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, and the School of Education is fully approved by the Colorado Department of Education and Colorado Department of Higher Education. In addition, we are making progress toward becoming accredited by the **National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)**. Our "Preconditions" document was submitted last month and if accepted, we will advance to candidacy status, putting us one step closer to NCATE accreditation.

We are also experiencing enthusiasm from the field around our new **English as a Second Language (ESL)** program which will begin in April, 2009. Interested candidates are currently being admitted and will begin courses for the program on April 5. There has been a 150% increase in English language learners in our schools since 1990 and it is expected that by the year 2025, 25% of the student population in the United States will be English language learners.

There is a need to prepare teachers for success with these students as they master both the language of instruction and academic skills and content. Consider

exploring our **K-12 ESL Education** or our **K-12 ESL Education Specialist: Bilingual Education** program, which requires foreign language proficiency. What you will learn in these programs will enhance your competitive edge as an educator and ensure the success of your students. To get started in one of these programs today contact a JIU Admissions Counselor at **800.811.5663**.

Thank you for being a part of the JIU School of Education.

Sincerely,
Debora L. Scheffel, PhD
Dean, School of Education, JIU

JIU's New Financial Aid Advising Center Makes it Even Easier to Fund Your Education

Did you know that 80% of JIU students use Federal Student Aid (FSA) as a means of funding their education?

In order to better serve JIU's growing student population, we are pleased to announce that on March 2, **JIU will implement the Financial Aid Advising Center** which will serve as a resource for all students interested in, applying for or receiving FSA. Through the Financial Aid Advising Center, students will be assigned a Financial Aid Advisor (FAA) who will personally guide them through the financial aid application process and assist them with their financial aid needs. Students can locate their FAA's contact information in the student portal under *Advisors* on the right side of the page or by calling the **Financial Aid Advising Center at 800.811.5663 Option 5**.



"Good, Better, Best" - A JIU Student Reflects on her Journey

As a child I remember my grandmother quoting the inspiration phrase "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best." I have tried to enhance my professional career through this thought process. For example, I consider my decision years ago to earn an Associate's degree to be a good one. My decision to then pursue an undergraduate degree was even better. My decision to earn a master's degree through JIU was definitely the best decision.



For the past eleven years, I have worked for a professional education company that specializes in helping financial planners pass their professional designation and securities licensing exams. We strive to develop study tools that meet the needs of our thousands of clients. In early 2008, I was promoted to Director of Marketing. One of my many tasks is to come up with new growth ideas for our company. Earning a MEd in Corporate Training and Knowledge Management from JIU has helped me to develop those new ideas and to have the self-assuredness in my judgment.

My main attraction to JIU and the pursuit of this particular master's degree was the fact that it was not as traditional as most. Few universities offer such a unique and cutting edge major. The program description was right on target with my career objectives. I love it when people in my career industry ask about my educational experiences. The first program I mention is JIU. This unique degree has made all of the difference for me. Hence, the Jones difference...

Shannon Bryant
JIU Alumni

FACULTY PROFILE: James W. Redmond, PhD

Gaining experience as a teacher can come in a myriad of practices. Dr. James Redmond learned his teaching skills in the military and even on the ski slope. "It is complicated. You have to teach people how to do things in a mixture of exhilaration and fear."

His time with the military is made up of 10 years in the Army reserves and another 12 years in the Air Force reserves. "The military is the best place to learn leadership, teamwork, focus on the mission and management." Dr. Redmond earned multiple medals while enlisted for his commendable service and achievements.



So how did he end up in teaching?

His field of expertise happened by accident; after the army he needed to find a job. He didn't realize it would be a passion for him and provide him with such amazing opportunities and successes. Dr. Redmond has worked as an anchor, reporter, producer for both TV and radio and even as a Press Aide for the U.S. House of Representatives. After 20 years, several awards and recognitions (including a few Emmy's), many invitations for presentations and multiple publications, it was time to move to a new profession.

"I've done all of my professions and jobs for a mixture of professional success and personal enjoyment." Dr. Redmond loved college and always thought teaching would be rewarding. And it has proven to be. "Teaching is the most rewarding thing I've ever done." He teaches in both a classroom and online setting. Online education is enjoyable because of the caliber of students. They are more mature, focused and anxious to learn.

What advice does this prestigious professor have for JIU students? "You can't do anything well unless you care about it and want to, and it provides some joy in your life. Excellence comes from complete immersion, and you can't do that if you don't have a great desire and embrace it as an extension of yourself."

New TPA 2.0 Podcast: *Managing Your Career During a Recession*

Trying to manage your career during a recession can be challenging. Whether looking for your first job, seeking a new job or trying to advance your career, Total Professional Advantage™ (TPA™ 2.0) offers the tools and resources you'll need in such a difficult economic environment.

Amongst the resources in the TPA 2.0 portal, you'll find podcasts featuring JIU alumni, faculty and experts in the field of career development. These individuals discuss career-related topics relevant to JIU students today.

Recently a new podcast---*Managing Your Career During a Recession*--- launched in the TPA 2.0 portal. The podcast features Randy Miller and Ellie Augur from ReadyMinds, the leading global provider of distance career counseling services.

Randy is Founder and CEO of ReadyMinds and has been profiled in numerous articles in the national media. Ellie is one of the Professional Career Advisors who works with JIU students in the TPA 2.0 program. She has thirty years of experience in many facets of career services.

Access the *Managing Your Career During a Recession* podcast via the TPA 2.0 portal by going to your *My Courses* page.

For more information about the podcasts and TPA 2.0 please contact careerservices@international.edu.





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