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*Established in 2011, the Board's mission is to support and enhance the relationships among students, alumni, and faculty of the Department of Political Science. The Board is composed of 15 alumni members representing different majors within the Department: political science, international affairs, public policy & administration.*

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## Student Outreach

Since 2014, the Board's flagship event is our fall "Alumni Day," in which the Board invites alumni back to campus for a day filled with career panels, informal networking receptions, and individual resume review sessions. Students learn about career paths with a POSC-related major, ask about how to make the most of their time at JMU, receive feedback on their internship or job application materials, and impress potential future employers. The Board hosts a similar event on campus in the spring, focused more on job-ready skills such as mock interviews.

*At right: Board Member Meagan Allen leads a career advising table with students on Alumni Day.*



## Alumni Engagement

Once a Duke, always a Duke. The Board organizes and participates in events that contribute to the JMU network's sense of community—particularly in Richmond, VA and JMU's Washington Center suite located near the think tank and embassy-filled DC neighborhood of Dupont Circle. For example, the Board has regularly held a **fall early career networking event**, in which recent graduates in the Metro DC area rotate across several tables in a "speed networking" format led by more experienced graduates.

*At right: The Board invited Walter Shaub ('93), former head of the Office of Government Ethics, to speak on restoring government ethics, as part of the JMU Washington Center Public Affairs Roundtable series.*



## Fundraising

The Board works closely with the Department of Political Science to support its fundraising goals. Most notably, the Board's 2019 end-of-year campaign helped to reach the \$100,000 mark in endowing the **JMU Washington Semester Scholarship Fund**—a need-based award that offsets the program's additional costs—enabling a student to live, work, and study in DC for a semester.

*At right: Fall 2019 Washington Semester Fund Scholarship recipient Soraya Hayes interned for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA).*



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