







# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

REPORT ON AUDIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2019

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#### **AUDIT SUMMARY**

We have audited the basic financial statements of James Madison University as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and issued our report thereon, dated May 11, 2020. Our report, included in the University's Financial Statements, is available at the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at <a href="https://www.apa.virginia.gov">www.apa.virginia.gov</a> and at the University's website at <a href="https://www.jmu.edu">www.jmu.edu</a>. Our audit found:

- the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects;
- no internal control findings requiring management's attention;
- no instances of noncompliance or other matters required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards; and
- the University has taken adequate corrective action with respect to audit findings reported in the prior year.

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May 11, 2020

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The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr. Chairman, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER

# FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and discretely presented component unit of **James Madison University** as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2020. Our report includes a reference to other auditors. We did not consider internal controls over financial reporting or test compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements for the financial statements of the component unit of the University, which were audited by other auditors in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, but not in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the University's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the University's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

# **Status of Prior Findings**

The University has taken adequate corrective action with respect to audit findings reported in the prior year.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Audit Standards</u> in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We discussed this report with management at an exit conference held on May 12, 2020.

Martha S. Mavredes
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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As of June 30, 2019

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