



Topic: Presentation and Tour of JMU's School of Engineering

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2009

Location:

JMU Festival Conference & Student Center
Alleghany Room
1301 Carrier Drive; MSC-4201
Harrisonburg, VA 22807

Cost: \$15.00

Time: 5:30 - 6:00 PM: Registration
6:30 – 7:00 PM: Dinner
7:00 – 8:00 PM -Program

Speaker: Dr. Ron Kander, Director, School of Engineering, James Madison University

Menu

"Simply Southern Italian" buffet style dinner will include: A Salad, Grilled Chicken Sorrentino, a Gemelli Pasta (for vegetarians), Italian-style green beans, and Oven roasted carrots. For dessert, there will be a Tiramisu Parfait. Beverages will include: water, iced-tea, coffee and hot tea.

Parking: Parking passes will be distributed for this event. When making your reservation, please indicate if you'll need a parking pass or (if driving with someone else) not.

Please contact Ray Schumin at rschumin@cadenceinc.com or by phone at (540) 290-2797 by **noon, Tuesday, March 24th**. Please indicate whether you'll be eating with us, or attending the presentation only, and if you need a parking pass. There is no cost if attending meeting only.

Directions: From I-81 Turn left off exit 245 if traveling on I-81 South and right off exit 245 if traveling on I-81 North.. Immediately get into left turning lane. Make a left onto Forest Hill Rd. At the stop sign, make a left onto Oak Hill Rd. Continuing on Oak Hill, the Convocation Center will be on the left followed by the Arboretum on the right. Make a left at the JMU entrance onto Carrier Drive. The Festival Conference and Student Center is 0.25 mile on the left. [MapQuest Directions](#)

Presentation

The **April Meeting of Blue Ridge Section ASQ** will be a joint meeting with the *Northern Shenandoah Valley Section ASQ* at the new **School of Engineering at James Madison University, April 2nd**. Dr. Ron Kander, Director of James Madison University's School of Engineering, will give a brief review of the formation of the new school and its unique curriculum. He will describe how the new School of Engineering was conceived, using as context popular literature (e.g., Tom Friedman's newest book "Hot, Flat, and Crowded") and recent National Academy of Engineering reports (e.g., "The Engineer of 2020"). He will review key elements of the curriculum and will describe how the development of the courses, hiring of the faculty, and design of the studio spaces have come together to form a new kind of engineering education experience at James Madison University.



Following the presentation, Dr. Kander will lead a tour of the school's new facilities including the freshman design studio where students will be on hand to share some of their design projects from this semester. For more information on the JMU School of Engineering see <http://www.jmu.edu/engineering>.

We will meet and have dinner at the JMU Festival Conference & Student Center. Reservations are needed 10 days in advance to arrange for the meal and parking.

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