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## DEAR ALUMNI,

There is always something exciting happening at Jacksonville State University. We have recently added more members to our alumni family with the spring semester graduation and we will soon welcome our incoming freshmen to campus with summer orientations next month.

As you will see, this year we have a lot to be excited about. We recently received the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) preliminary assessment of the university and our request to become a Level V institution with our new Doctor of Science in Emergency Management. Becoming a Level V institution will allow us to further grow our doctoral programs. I am proud to report that SACS had no recommendations for our program. That is quite an accomplishment on the part of all faculty and staff involved in this process.

Last October, the board of trustees approved the 2012-2016 University Strategic Plan. In this edition, you will learn how in response to that, your university is becoming a learning-centered university and moving toward the 21st century classroom model. We know that employers today are searching for graduates with higher order thinking skills and JSU will provide our students with the learning environment they need to develop these skills and become successful alumni, like you.

And as in each edition, we will introduce you to some fellow graduates who are making a difference. Former JSU

basketball player, Melvin Allen is reaching out to the Harvest, Ala. community through the Harvest Youth Club. Read about the difference he and his family are making on page 20.

Jim Cummings is also working with his community youth to provide them with a different way to look at the world and their future. Learn about his program, UrbanTrekks, on page 16.

We all recognize that the successes of today would not be possible without the leadership and vision of those who came before us. That could not be more true of the vision that Dr. Harold McGee brought to Jacksonville State University. During his tenure as president, his emphasis on the sciences helped us begin the Little River Canyon project and he took us to Division I athletics. He also set the foundation for our distance learning courses which helped us begin the journey to our approval as a doctoral institution. The entire JSU family is saddened by the loss of such an extraordinary president.

I hope you enjoy this issue and are proud of your alma mater. I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Sincerely,

William A. Meehan, Ed.D.  
President

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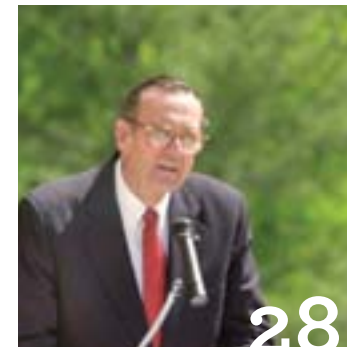
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## Greg Swindall

GIVING BACK TO THE INSTITUTION HE LOVES

**G**REG SWINDALL GREW UP IN HOKES BLUFF, ALA. AND WAS INTRODUCED TO JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY AT THE AGE OF NINE AS HE WATCHED HIS MOTHER, SHERRY DONNA SWINDALL WALK ACROSS THE STAGE TO RECEIVE HER DIPLOMA IN 1985.

He decided then that he wanted to go to college and hoped his own family would be as proud of him as he was of his mom that day.

So after graduating from Coosa Christian High School, he began his own college career at Gadsden State and soon transferred to JSU. He took full advantage of the opportunities that were offered to incoming students and immediately got involved in the student government association and the Delta Chi fraternity. Swindall says that being a part of the Greek system and student activities “were invaluable in teaching (him) the networking and social skills needed for his profession.” He also credits the public speaking classes that were offered through the English department for helping him be successful.


Greg is currently the managing director of Principal Financial Group in Birmingham, Ala. The firm focuses on small to medium size businesses as well as individual clients. Swindall assists clients in increasing after-tax wealth, generational wealth transfers, and business planning. He says, “I attempt to lead and manage through biblical principles that were installed in me at a very early age. I truly believe having a servant’s heart will help you and the people you come in contact with.”

In May, 2010, Swindall was seriously injured in a car accident. He came to realize that no day is guaranteed. “We must make the most out of everything that is given to us and give back to those that helped mold us. I firmly believe it is our

duty to give back, to serve, and help the next generation be better than the one that we are a part of now,” he says.

He is doing just that at JSU. Greg currently serves as the chair for the JSU Board of Visitors for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. The board is made up of alumni and community members who work to provide resources for the department’s needs. According to Swindall, this board would like to be the first board to endow a million dollars to the university. To do this, Swindall says “we have to have more people willing to give of their time, talents, and treasures.”

Greg believes that JSU is being led by individuals with great vision. “We must realize that change is inevitable. It is always better to look ahead and prepare than look back with regret.” He encourages anyone with the desire to get involved to reach out to the university and start giving back in any way they can.

His mom watched him walk across the stage at Jacksonville State University and receive his Bachelor of Arts in history and English degree in 1998. The man he is today started with his parents, and continues to grow each day through the love and support of his wife, his passion for his career, and his passion to serve. Future JSU students will benefit from alumni like Greg Swindall who are giving back to the institution they love. 

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# MARCHING SOUTHERNERS

RETURN FROM LONDON

2012 started out with a bang as over two hundred and thirty JSU Marching Southernners took to the streets of London and filled the air with the JSU Fight Song and more. It was an unforgettable trip for everyone who travelled across the pond. Search YouTube for “Marching Southernners in London” to see the performance.



“I will remember this trip for the rest of my life. I have never been more proud of a group as I was

of the Marching Southernners. Not only were their performances wonderful, but their behavior was exemplary. It is truly an honor to be associated with such a fine group.” –Mr. Ken Bodiford, Director, University Bands.

“The trip to London was truly a once in a lifetime experience. Anyone can go to London, but words are inadequate vessels to describe the honor and privilege I felt to be able to go with this wonderful group of people.” –Mr. Daniel Marshall, Head Drum Major, Marching Southernners. 🇺🇸



2012 marks the 56th year of the JSU Marching Southernners and Mr. Ken Bodiford's 19th year as its director. As always, this year's show, “I'll Fly Away” promises to be spectacular. It will have high energy and visual effects that have never been seen before. Join us on September 8 for the Gamecock season opener against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for an up close and personal performance of “I'll Fly Away” Marching Southernners style.

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\* **LEFT: Rocky Wilkinson (back row-center) meets with JSU faculty and students in New York. Photo by JSU Alumna, Summer Pitts of Sweet Shots Photography.**

## MBA Students Travel to NYC

In June, 2011, fourteen MBA students and five undergraduates accompanied Dr. Bill Scroggins, head of the Department of Finance, Economics and Accounting, and Dr. Cynthia McCarty, professor of economics, to New York City for a week to learn about economic principles in action. They visited the Federal Reserve, United Nations, New York Stock Exchange, NBC Studios, Macy's, CitiField (home of the Mets) and saw a performance of "Anything Goes" on Broadway. But according to Dr. McCarty, a highlight of the trip for most of the students was meeting with JSU alumnus, Rocky Wilkinson '85, for a tour of Goldman Sachs.

McCarty says "Rocky was a delight, offering us a tour of the magnificent Goldman Sachs headquarters and then sharing many words of wisdom about the financial industry and life in general." MBA student, Lana Hurst, echo's Dr. McCarty's sentiments. She says they all enjoyed meeting Wilkinson. "He is such an upbeat, charismatic person. He was very passionate about wanting to share with us

what he has learned through work and life. He reminded us that none of us are successful by ourselves; his parents, mentors, teachers, coaches encouraged him and he knows the same has happened in our lives."

Wilkinson says he found the students to be very engaging. As for advice, he says most of what he offered them was not specific to a particular job in the investment management industry, but rather a general list of qualities for good employees. "Things like being gracious, appreciative, and honest-which I (Wilkinson) defined as doing the right thing when no one is watching." He told them that in order to make it from JSU to a large industry leading firm, where they will be competing with Ivy League graduates, they must do these things better than their peers.

Goldman Sachs has over thirty-two thousand employees. As co-head of Global Client Portfolio Management in Goldman Sachs Fundamental Equity Group, Rocky Wilkinson is living proof that his advice works. His group alone

has two hundred employees and manages approximately seventy billion dollars in various equity portfolios globally. Rocky grew up in Northern Virginia and decided to continue his education at JSU because he had relatives living near the university at the former Fort McClellan in Anniston. While at JSU, among other things, he was a member of the Gamecock basketball team from 1981-1985. Wilkinson has taken his own advice and stayed connected to his alma mater, serving on the JSU Foundation Board and speaking with JSU students as often as possible.

Dr. McCarty says the college plans on returning to New York in 2013. The average cost for the week was about \$800 per student, with each student responsible for their own transportation to New York, food and his/her tuition. The fees included the hotel, shuttles, tours, tickets, etc. **To find out more about how you can get involved, contact Dr. McCarty at [cmccarty@jsu.edu](mailto:cmccarty@jsu.edu).**

# DEDRICK SCHOLARSHIP

JSU TRUSTEE GIVES BACK



In the world of today, higher education is becoming even more important. A college degree is now often viewed as a necessity. Thomas W. Dedrick Sr., a member of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees, and his wife Angelita believe in the importance of higher education, which is why they decided to create a scholarship for students from Greensboro, Ala. to attend JSU.

Mr. Dedrick grew up in Hale County, Ala. and attended Greensboro Public School. After graduating from Morris Brown College in Atlanta in 1981, he worked a short stint in athletics before embarking on a career in investment management. He is now in his thirtieth year at Merrill Lynch where he serves as First Vice President and Wealth Management Advisor.

Mrs. Dedrick taught kindergarten at Greensboro Public School for nine years. According to her husband, she says the students she taught there left a lasting impression on her, and she has kept in touch with many of them as they have grown into adulthood.

The Dedricks say they saw a need in the Greensboro area for improving educational opportunities.

"Our goal is to have it (the scholarship) serve as a source of encouragement for students who perhaps don't have the financial wherewithal to attend college," Mr. Dedrick says. "We also want to make other students aware of JSU and the excellent opportunities there and in higher education in general."

Andrew Green is the Director of Enrollment Management at JSU. "We always appreciate when individuals such as Mr. Dedrick and his wife are so kind and generous to donate money directly to students for scholarships," he says. "We know that the cost of higher education is increasing and individuals like the Dedricks, who have chosen to give of their own money to help students achieve their educational goals, are something that we value in the Admissions Office because it allows us to tell prospective students about the opportunities that await them in higher education. Those students then know that the cost can be offset by scholarship money."

The scholarship, officially named the Thomas and Angelita Dedrick Scholarship, will be awarded to someone for the first time this spring, in order for them to use it at JSU in the fall. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must be a graduate of Greensboro High School, have obtained at least a B average in all high school courses attempted, have scored in the top thirty percent of the applicable standardized college entrance exams, and be a natural born citizen of the United States. Candidates will be selected based on a demonstrated excellent academic

and personal record, outstanding promise of achievement in their chosen field, and demonstrated outstanding leadership ability and community involvement. The scholarship will be awarded without regard to the candidate's race, creed, sex, or religion.

"There were a lot of people who were there to inspire me and provide guidance as a child growing up in Hale County," says Mr. Dedrick. "They were willing to give of themselves. We just want to give back to a school that means so much to us."

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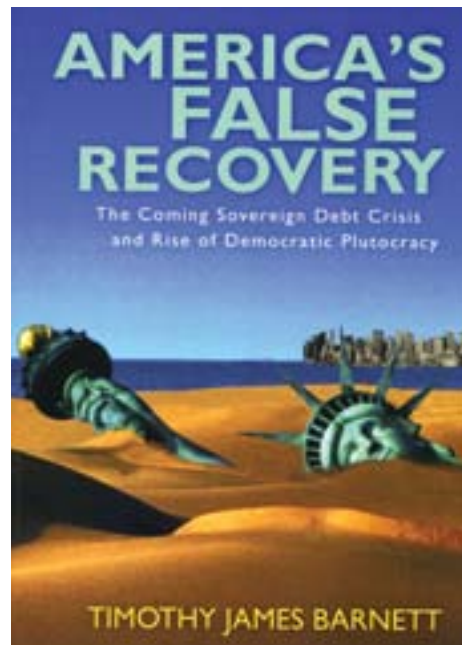


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# DR. TIM BARNETT

JSU ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



In November 2011, Dr. Tim Barnett, JSU Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, published *America's False Recovery: The Coming Sovereign Debt Crisis and Rise of Democratic Plutocracy*. According to Dr. Barnett, the 580 page book “encourages a new debate among political scientists and economists regarding whether the current architecture of finance capitalism can be re-regulated adequately.”

He argues in the book “that the current design is no more amenable to the needs and preservation of the nation than were the Articles of Confederation at the outset of the American experiment. Just as we found it necessary to create a new constitution in 1787, we will find it

necessary in this decade to devise a new approach to finance capitalism.”

Dr. Barnett has been teaching at JSU since August, 2003. He received his PhD in 1998 from the University of Kansas. For more information on his latest publication, contact him at [tbarnett@jsu.edu](mailto:tbarnett@jsu.edu).

## OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**On November 17, 1972, the Theta Eta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was initiated at Jacksonville State University. This fall, brothers from across the nation will reunite on campus to celebrate forty years of history and friendships. The Omega men and their families will gather once again on JSU's campus for an annual reunion, November 19-21, 2012. The weekend will begin with a banquet on Friday night, on the eleventh floor of the Houston Cole Library. Saturday's activities include a pre-game tailgate before the Gamecocks kick off against Tennessee State at 6:00 p.m. For more information on the reunion, contact Royce Woodruff by email at [rbwoodruff@yahoo.com](mailto:rbwoodruff@yahoo.com).**

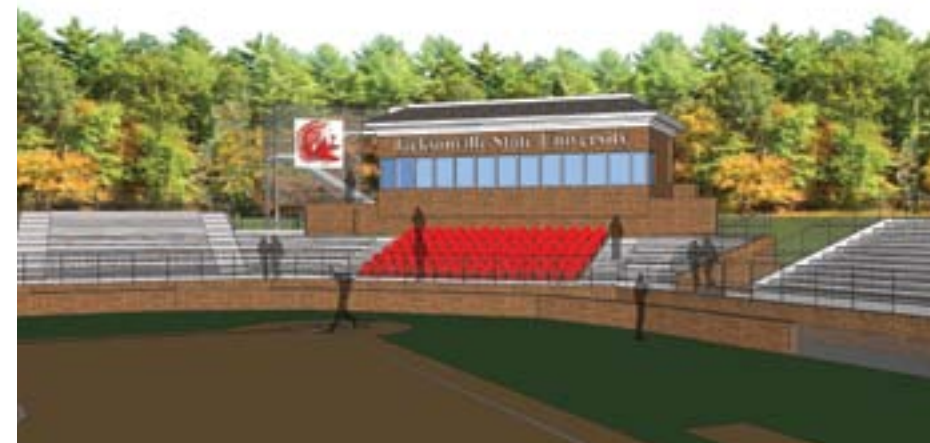
# DR. DEBRO

RECEIVES WILLIAM A. HINTON RESEARCH TRAINING AWARD



LaJoyce Debro, PhD., is the 2012 William A. Hinton Research Training Award recipient. Dr. Debro is a professor of biology in the JSU College of Arts and Sciences. She was selected for the award because she has been an outstanding contributor in fostering research training of underrepresented minorities in microbiology. The award is given in memory of William A. Hinton, who was a physician-research scientist. Debro has positively impacted her students as an educator for more than forty years. She currently instructs general biology, microbiology, genetics and molecular biology at JSU.

# GAMECOCK RENOVATIONS SOFTBALL AND TENNIS FACILITIES



The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees voted to move forward with major renovations for both the Gamecock softball and tennis facilities during the board's quarterly meeting in April.

The motion from the Athletic Committee and approved unanimously by the full board authorized University President Dr. William A. Meehan to proceed with plans and bids for renovations to softball's University Field and also to the university's tennis courts.

“These are exciting times at Jacksonville State University,” said JSU Athletics Director Warren Koegel. “We have a great opportunity to improve our softball and tennis facilities and I want to thank the Board of Trustees and also Dr. Meehan for their support in both of these projects.”

“We feel like once we get both of these projects complete, it will allow us to host NCAA tournaments for both softball and tennis,” added Koegel.

The softball renovations will include replacing all the current grandstands with new stadium seating for more than 550 fans, including chair back seating. The project will also include a state of the art pressbox, with radio booths and also an

overflow media workspace with video capabilities.

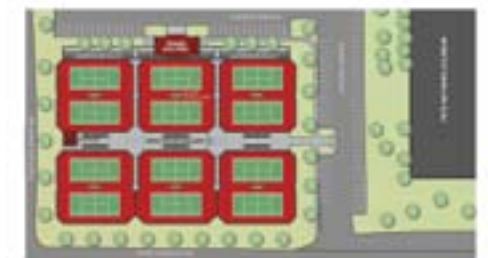
The lower level of the new press box will include a new concession stand, new public restrooms and other storage areas. The stadium will also include a new plaza entrance for fans and guests.

“I'm very excited about the upgrades to our softball facility,” said JSU head coach Jana McGinnis. “In our program, we not only want to be at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference, but also compete on the national level and we feel like this facility will be the class of the OVC and one of the best in the country.”

The action taken by the JSU Board of Trustees also allows the university to seek bids to renovate the tennis courts, located near Pete Mathews Coliseum.

These renovations will include building twelve brand new competition courts and the addition of grandstands for spectator seating. Future improvements will include team locker rooms, players lounge, coach's office, a training room, public restrooms and an observation deck.

“We feel like we will have one of the top tennis facilities in the Ohio Valley Conference when this project is complete,” said JSU tennis coach Steve



Bailey. “I want to thank the University Board of Trustees and administration for their commitment to this project.

Bids will be sent out in the coming weeks and the university is hopeful that work can begin on both projects this summer and be completed in time for next season. Holcombe, Norton and Pritchett, of Birmingham, will serve as the architectural firm. This firm has extensive experience in designing stadiums, including athletic facilities at Auburn University, Mississippi State, Purdue, University of Alabama, UAB and Samford.

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# DUSTIN MILLICAN

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYER NOW PHYSICIAN

BY LAUREN CUNNINGHAM  
PHOTO BY STEVE LATHAM

Dustin Millican hails from Pisgah, Alabama, a small town in Jackson County. Upon graduating high school in 2001, the division 3A North Alabama Player of the Year signed with Jacksonville State University to play football.

Millican says he had never been more apprehensive in his life on his first morning of practice where Head Football Coach Jack Crowe told the freshman squad that they might not make it through practice. Over the next few years, Millican says football was hard work for him, as he had to deal with a lot of setbacks from injuries and concussions, but he also says that he knows that his time playing football at JSU has helped him to get to where he is today.

“Looking back, all those five a.m. mat drills and the days in the heat only made me more disciplined,” he says.

Discipline is obviously something Millican does possess. Like most collegiate athletes, he made a career out of something else. After graduating from JSU in 2006, Millican went on to become a physician.

Millican says he wanted to become a doctor ever since he can remember.

“I proudly come from a family of laborers without any professionals,” says Millican. “My mom worked in a hosiery mill and my dad is a branch manager at a machine parts distributor. They both instilled in me a ‘whatever it takes’ mindset, no matter what I was doing.”

Millican spent the summers of his youth working in potato fields. “I knew I didn’t want to do that all my days,” he says. “I have always dreamed of one day going back to be the ‘town doc’, if not where I grew up then perhaps another rural community. Being from a lower income family, my heart naturally goes out to those with fewer resources in underserved areas.”

Well into his rotations for medical school, Millican and his wife Leigh-Anne were in a car accident. Leigh-Anne was injured, and Millican spoke to numerous doctors as they encouraged him to hope for the best as they did their utmost to help her. Fortunately Leigh-Anne was

able to fully recover from the accident, but Millican says that experience helped him to know that he was in the right field.

“I could not wait to become that hope for someone else,” he says.

“My struggles as an athlete as well as the night of the wreck were slowly molding and preparing me to be a better person, husband, and doctor,” says Millican. “I have learned to manage and succeed in situations that seemed impossible. I have handled tough responsibilities, even when I would have chosen different outcomes.”

“I certainly feel JSU has helped me get where I am today,” he says. “I miss my professors whom I owe a lot to. My biology and chemistry professors were amazing.”

At the moment, Millican is training in general medicine. He then will have the option of becoming a general primary care doctor or specializing in an area of interest. 🙌





## JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY SAAC STUDENT ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE



With sixteen men's and women's athletic teams at Jacksonville State University, how can they all have one voice on campus? Is it possible to unite them under a common purpose? The answer is yes, through the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

The committee has representatives from each team on campus, including the athletic training staff. The committee meets at least once a month to discuss anything that affects student-athletes.

"The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is a vital part of any collegiate athletic department," said Misty Cassell, SAAC faculty sponsor and Assistant Athletic Director of Compliance at JSU. "The SAAC is an outlet for student-athletes to share the issues and concerns they face, as well as formulate methods to make the student-athlete experience better."

SAAC serves many purposes. Overall, the top priority of the committee is to encourage support among the athletic department and create unity across all teams. Members are encouraged to tell their teammates about upcoming competitions to encourage them to attend and support their fellow athletes.

SAAC's influence is not limited to campus. Community service is an integral part of the organization's mission. An ongoing project called "Soap for Hope" asks student-athletes to collect unused

toiletries from hotels on road trips and those items are donated to Second Chance in Anniston, Ala.

"Community Service is a major element of SAAC," said Cassell. "Joining efforts across the athletic department, campus and community allow for student-athletes to impact the lives of others in a positive way, while individual student-athletes develop values and character that will go with them far beyond their college career."

The Gamecocks compete in the NCAA Division I Ohio Valley Conference, which has its own SAAC committee that includes two representatives from each member institution. For the past two years, the OVC SAAC has sponsored a community service project called "Hoops for Heroes" that sends veterans to the conference basketball tournament. The selected veterans receive a tournament package that includes mileage, hotel, meals, admission to all games, and JSU apparel to wear during the tournament. The veterans are also honored at halftime of the championship game.

To raise funds to cover this expense, JSU's SAAC hosts half-time competitions at select Gamecock basketball games, holds bake sales at the Theron Montgomery Building and participates in Gamecock Softball Fan Day.

"It's wonderful to know that conference-wide, our schools are pulling together

to honor those who have provided us with our freedom," says Andrea Hoke, member of the committee and track and field student-athlete.

But it's not just about peer and community relations. From a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) perspective, SAAC has a responsibility to place votes on behalf of the athletes for upcoming legislation on topics such as recruiting, eligibility and finances.

"SAAC members can offer beneficial input on rules and regulations because we experience them and what their impact has on ourselves and fellow athletes," said Hoke.

While student-athletes do not have an actual vote in the NCAA structure, the Division I National SAAC has a representative from each conference and forms official positions on each piece of legislation. Often times, NCAA governing bodies and special interest groups will meet with the Division I SAAC to get their opinion, which, in turn, shapes their positions.

For the past three years, the Ohio Valley Conference representative has been Jacksonville State University women's soccer student-athlete, Chelsea Pelletier.

**For more information about JSU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, contact Amanda McCarthy by email at [awrightmccart@jsu.edu](mailto:awrightmccart@jsu.edu)**

## CALLAN & LETT

### LEADING ATHLETIC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



Former Gamecock All-American quarterback, Ed Lett, has been named associate athletic director for external affairs at Jacksonville State University. He began his new position in February, replacing David Farrar.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to return to my alma mater," says Lett. "I've been associated with Jacksonville State since my brother, Doc, played football in 1968, and I love the university and the entire Gamecock family. My immediate goal is to work with the entire



athletic department to improve our facilities through coordinating fundraising efforts and to increase the number of suites sold at JSU Stadium."

JSU Athletic Director, Warren Koegel is extremely excited to have Ed helping to coordinate athletic fundraising. "He has a tremendous passion for Jacksonville State and is well connected with our former players, alumni, and friends of the university."

Lett spent the last fifteen years of his career in the medical field, working as an

executive sales consultant with Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation, and the last year as the director of physician business development for Riverview Regional Medical Center in Gadsden, Ala.

Assisting Lett in his efforts is another JSU graduate, Donna Callan. As the manager of athletic marketing and promotions, she will be focused around building upon the loyal and established fan base of JSU athletics. Callan says "it is my hope that through extensive efforts in advertising, corporate sponsorships and promotions, I will add even more value to our nationally recognized athletic program here at JSU."

Callan was formerly director of sales for Courtyard Marriott and Fairfield Inn and Suites in Oxford, Ala. She says being a JSU marketing graduate, she is excited about the opportunity to be back in Jacksonville and she is looking forward to being involved in the promotion of such a great school.



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Jim Cummings was the youngest of seven children, all very close in age with two sets of twins in the family. Cost was a big factor in deciding where to attend college. Being that the Cummings were a military family, it made sense in 1968 for Jim to enroll at JSU in the ROTC program. The influence of his high school history teacher led him toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1972. Following graduation, he spent four years on active duty, serving in Korea and stateside in New York. Completing his tour of duty in the early 1980s, he married Rae Ann,

graduated from college and relocated to Colorado, he began to volunteer with an urban ministry in Camden, N.J. called UrbanPromise and its small high school, the UrbanPromise Academy. It was then that he began to realize that he was discovering his calling. "I never intended it to become what it has....I was only going to volunteer and take the kids on day outings once a month. That's how things began in September of 2004. It was natural for me to bring my love of nature and the outdoors and to begin an outdoor club for city teens," says Cummings. So without much

with rural teens from the mid-coast of Maine and to thank their founder, Don Carpenter, for his inspiration.

The UrbanTrekks program takes students to places beyond their everyday lives; where history comes alive by going to the very places history was born. The Trekkers program included teaching environmental awareness, cross cultural experiences, leadership training and team building skills. It sets a high bar for character development and the pursuit of excellence. It seeks to bring meaning and purpose to the creation story and our role

**"Education is about motivation-stimulating and awakening the child-like curiosity that is part of our very nature."** - Jim Cummings

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and together they raised two children, a son and daughter. The family started a carpet cleaning and fabric restoration business until he sold the business in 2006. With the success of business ownership and grown children with children of their own, one would think it might be time for Jim and Rae Ann to retire and enjoy a simpler life.

Not yet. During his thirties and forties, Jim stayed active with his small suburban church working with youth and teaching Sunday school. Much of his work with youth involved nature, camping, hiking, canoeing, skiing, etc. When his kids

thought, at the age of fifty-three, he began full time ministry and began UrbanTrekkers, an expeditionary learning program for the teens of UrbanPromise Ministries in Camden, N.J., one of the poorest and most violent cities in the United States.

According to the organization's web site, UrbanTrekks' mission is to be an outdoor, hands-on, up close learning and mentoring program, where the world is our classroom. Cummings developed his program in New Jersey much like a program in Maine called Trekkers. In fact, once a year, he takes his UrbanTrekks up to Maine to hang out and ocean kayak

as caretakers of the earth. It seeks to go beyond the familiar to better understand what seems foreign and often strange. It teaches students that the environment will influence us, but we can choose what defines us.

Cummings says that the UrbanTrekkers program believes "Education is about motivation-stimulating and awakening the child-like curiosity that is part of our very nature. Our trips are designed to generate high interest among UrbanPromise teens so that they are motivated to learn from the experience and carry that motivation into their studies. We offer youth







opportunities to develop skills in team-work, decision-making, and making appropriate life choices. We believe the experiences we have during our teen years can help set the direction and paths that we follow the rest of our lives. We also see that every student can benefit from the support of a caring adult. We believe that youth need and want healthy relationships with positive adult role models and friends, people who believe in them and offer on-going support. We believe we can change lives and the world one student at a time.”

Is it making a difference? According to Rasheen, who started in the program as a freshman in high school and will be graduating from college this May, the answer is YES! “When I left for college after graduating from the UrbanPromise Academy, my biggest fear and concern was would I make it outside Camden and UrbanPromise. No one in my family had ever gone to college...most never finished high school. My greatest fear was that I would not feel like I belonged. I’m a kid from Camden, my

father is in jail, my mother is addicted to crack, how could I ever feel like I belonged at college?” Rasheen tells Jim that because of the experiences that UrbanTrekks provided him, he soon realized when he was around the other kids in the dorm or the student center that he too had stories to tell....not the typical stories about kids from Camden, but stories of travel and adventure. UrbanTrekks and Jim Cummings gave Rasheen his stories but if you ask Jim Cummings, Rasheen has given him much more.

“At the age of sixty-one, I’ve never been more alive emotionally, spiritually and intellectually” says Jim. “Seeing my students succeeding in college and the programs we have started that will outlast me makes it all worthwhile.” Jim and Rae Ann have a vision to create an UrbanTrekks of the Rockies to bring youth from the UrbanPromise Ministries in all cities to a summer camp wilderness experience in the Rocky Mountains. Retirement is still not even in his imagination. “I feel like I could do this until the sun sets,” says

Jim. For youth like Rasheen and the other hundreds of students that have been a part of this program, let’s hope the sun doesn’t set for a very long time. 🌅

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# JSU Alumnus Gives Back

BY KANDICE HALL  
PHOTOS BY STEVE LATHAM

Melvin Allen, of Harvest, Ala., grew up in a neighborhood that didn't seem to have an outlet for positive influence. He did not let this stigma deter his outlook on a bright future. Determination was the driving force that guided Melvin to become the successful man he is today. Little did he know, he would touch and change the lives of so many including his own.

Melvin began his journey at JSU, meeting new friends, attending classes and playing basketball. He says "The time spent with my JSU basketball family is carved in my mind and heart forever." Winning the 1985 National Championship and getting his diploma are major highlights of his college career.

While at JSU he began to discover his purpose and passion in life that would in turn be greater than he anticipated.

After college Melvin was drafted by the Cincinnati Slammers of the Continental Basketball Association, in Cincinnati, Oh. He was released before the season started. It was time for Melvin to start anew.

He began his career working with children, which was his ultimate dream. Melvin dedicated twenty years working with the Boys and Girls Club of America. After his successful career he and his wife decided to return to Harvest, retire and build their dream home.

In 2004, they decided to focus on a greater cause. Melvin said, "My passion

and purpose is to break the cycles of social challenges within high risk youth."

He started the Harvest Youth Club along with the help of supportive family and volunteers. Allen says, "Volunteer support is crucial." They exert time and energy into mentoring and tutoring children. "We had over five thousand volunteers who have passed through out facility since the April 27 storm last year," said Allen. The Harvest Youth Club serves about three hundred youth annually. This reason alone is why daily volunteer support is encouraged.

The Harvest Youth Club is entering into their twelfth year of service. Melvin has a goal of developing an endowment fund to sustain the services they provide. The Harvest Youth Club would like to have fifty to one hundred thousand dollars within the next twelve months. Melvin said, "The future of every good organization has an active endowment."

The club's facility is a thirteen thousand square foot building. The Harvest Youth Club houses a basketball court, computer lab, education department, kitchen, game room, thrift store and a twelve dorm mission quarters.

There are two types of mission quarters. The dorm is located within the facility. Beds are provided for faith-based teams who support their ministry as well as serving the needs of the community. There are four individual housing units with two to three bedrooms located

about one and a half miles from the club. These units are used to: foster youth ages seventeen and above in order to promote independence, transitional housing for single mothers and children and housing for senior citizens.

"A strong family is the key element to having a successful journey in life," said Allen.

Melvin found inspiration from former teachers and coaches. As a sociologist, Melvin has always been interested in social issues. He believes that he can develop and mold youth in order to strengthen families.

His creation is living proof of what conquering dreams can accomplish. The youth club has had many success stories involving high school and college graduates. Allen said, "Eighty to ninety percent of students who attend daily make the Honor Roll each grading cycle." This is an important measurement for youth in any community. Melvin believes that they have planted thousands of fertile seeds. It is his hope that the youth will adopt his family model.

Melvin's daughter, Ashli, is a senior at Jacksonville State University. She is studying elementary education with an emphasis in special education. Becoming a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has molded her into a more professional woman.

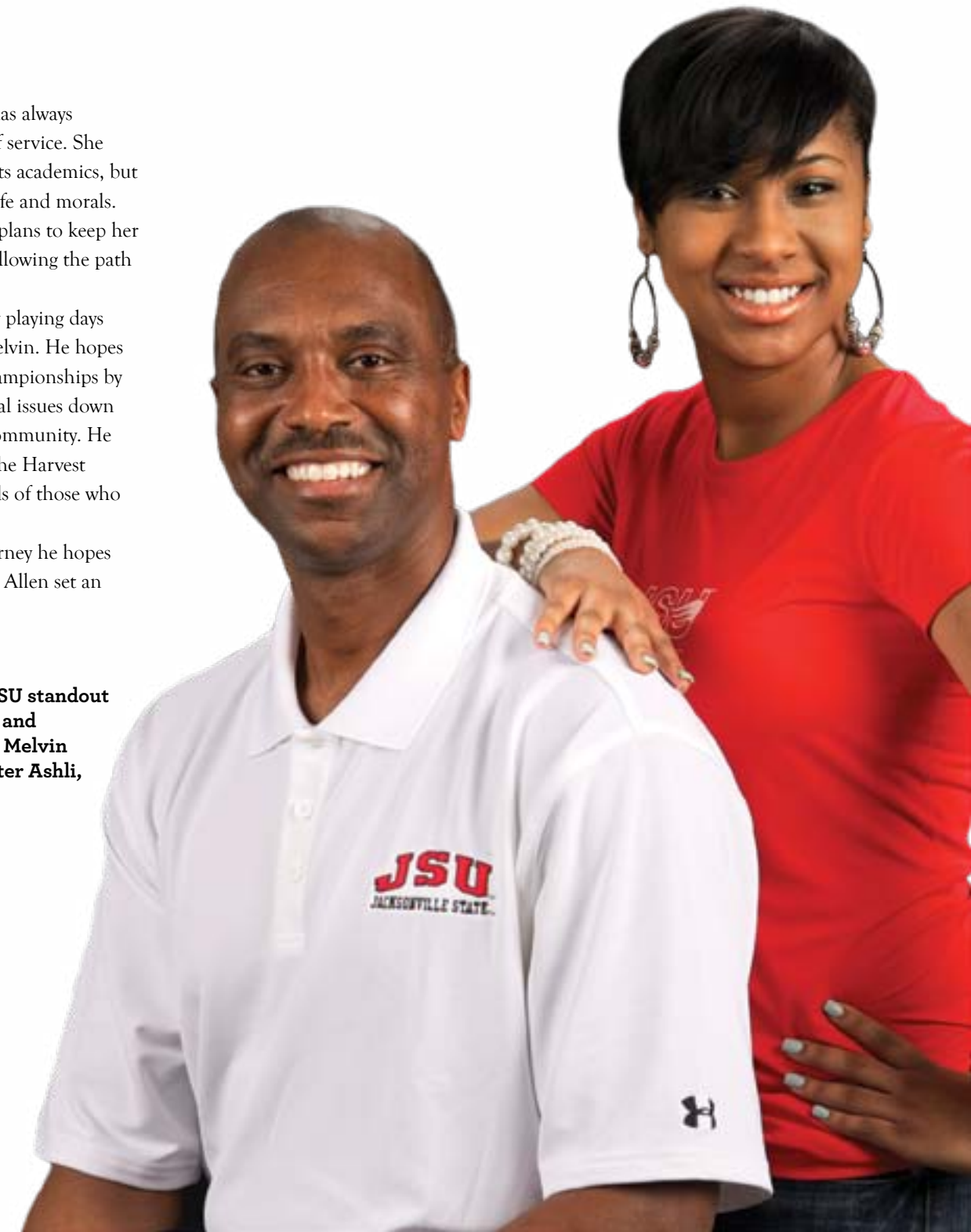
Ashli said, "My father's work has encouraged me to give back to my

community." Her father has always stressed the importance of service. She hopes to teach her students academics, but more importantly about life and morals. After Ashli graduates she plans to keep her father's dreams alive by following the path he has set forth.

"I realize someday my playing days will be over here," said Melvin. He hopes to win a few National Championships by breaking the negative social issues down and building a stronger community. He knows that the future of the Harvest Youth Club is in the hands of those who will follow.

At the end of his journey he hopes someone will say, "Melvin Allen set an example for all of us." 🙌

✳️ **RIGHT: Former JSU standout basketball player and current alumnus, Melvin Allen with daughter Ashli, a senior at JSU.**







For today's college student, an iPod is their radio, an iPad is their notebook, and a Smartphone is their entire world. A faculty member can be lecturing in class while a student in the classroom is checking the facts from the Internet through their phone as they are being discussed. Essays are submitted in Word documents through the Internet. Class notes are taken by writing on an iPad, not by pen and paper.

Even more dramatic, students are solving real world problems using technology to blog with people in other countries and posting websites, Prezis (an online presentation system) and videos of their work inspired by a big idea they wanted to investigate. Ultimately, students are learning new skills focused on communication, working with others, problem-solving, critical thinking and the use of technology.

These are twenty-first century skills and this is what the Twenty-First Century Classroom looks like. In keeping with the university's strategic plan and a focus on being a learning-centered university, JSU faculty and administrators are exploring new opportunities to create challenge-based classrooms supplemented by technology that improves higher-order thinking skills that employers today are looking for.

One strategy being utilized is expanding the technologies and methodologies used in the classroom. JSU is providing faculty with professional development opportunities from corporations including Apple, Inc. and the Council for Aid to Education. Apple provided faculty development opportunities on campus to introduce, among other things, different apps that could be used in the classroom, how

to create and use eBooks, and a workshop on the Challenge-Based Learning method. The Council for Aid to Education provided a workshop on using performance tasks in the classroom. Dr. Rebecca Turner, provost, says "We are making the most up to date professional development available to our faculty participating in this initiative and it will be available more widely across campus as we learn from evaluation and assessment. We are a learning-centered university and we are going to provide our students the best learning environments available anywhere."

JSU also recognized the need to prepare students who are becoming teachers to use new technologies and methodologies in the classroom. According to Dr. Alicia Simmons, director of institutional research and assessment, this need was reinforced as JSU's student teachers

were being placed in local area school systems, such as Piedmont City Schools, that were already providing every student in grades 4-12 with laptop computers. "Piedmont City Schools asked us to partner with them and we jumped at the opportunity. We are working with Jacksonville City Schools now too, and hope to expand partnerships with school systems across northeast Alabama. We are all learning together what works best and how together we can transform education to improve student learning."

Not only is JSU working with Piedmont and Jacksonville City School Systems, but JSU faculty across campus are transforming their classrooms. Two JSU classrooms are currently providing iPads for all students and evaluating their effectiveness related to types of internal technical support the university may need


to expand the program while also studying their impact on student learning. Dr. Nina King is teaching an education methods course using iPads and Dr. Gordon Harvey is teaching a history course using iPads. In both cases students are learning the course content while the application of what they are learning is expanding access to the world around them and preparing them for future employment.


Gena Christopher, instructor of English, says that being introduced to Challenge-Based Learning really changed the way some classes are now being taught. "In my own courses, I began by letting the students help me to choose the curriculum and to devise the method of assessment. Students in my EH 201 course chose which writers from a list of twenty-five they wished to study as a class. They also wrote the rubric which is used to assess their writing. Each student must choose his/her own question to research and answer concerning the readings that are assigned and write blogs which are published online in a public forum and posted on Facebook in a class group page." Christopher adds that her students have done more work and learned more about American literature this semester through this method than they have ever learned before from lecture and testing in a traditional classroom setting that she has used for the past thirty years.

Dr. Jan Case, professor of mathematics, says the math department is taking advantage of the National Repository of Online Courses (NROC) in order to provide enhancements to traditional courses or to create hybrid courses. In the summer of 2011, JSU was invited to join a pilot program that provides unlimited use of these resources to any JSU instructor. Preliminary results have indicated that students who use the resources have an increased success rate in developmental mathematics courses. Case says "These resources build on the positive elements

of the traditional classroom setting while adding interactive practice and immediate feedback. Every student who enrolls at JSU must complete a math requirement. We want math to be a positive experience for our students, not a stumbling block. For those who struggle with math, online resources can help by putting the material in a different context that the student may better understand."

So as JSU students learn, so do their faculty members and the entire Jacksonville State University community with regard to creating a learning-centered university with the goal of producing graduates who employers will seek out knowing they have the skills needed in current and future job markets.

To learn more about JSU's Twenty First Century Classroom Initiative, contact Dr. Alicia Simmons at [asimmons@jsu.edu](mailto:asimmons@jsu.edu). 

 **ABOVE: Approximately twenty Apple iPads were distributed to Dr. Nina King's Creative and Mental Development class as part of a Jacksonville State University project to prepare for the widespread deployment of mobile devices in the virtual and physical classrooms, by developing curriculum, device management processes, and infrastructure analysis that will facilitate the implementation of technology in a project based learning environment. Dr. Nina King, center.**





## COVER PHOTO

**John “J.J.” Guthrie is a senior from Cullman, Ala. who will be graduating in December with a degree in political science. Upon graduation, he plans to attend law school and specialize in environmental law with a concentration in resource conservation. J.J. says his time at JSU has been very insightful and rewarding. He played football for two years, is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, was a member of the student spirit committee, a Gamecock Orientation (GO!) team leader for 2011 and the GO! Coordinator for 2012. His advice to a prospective JSU student would be to take advantage of the services and assistance provided by the university and staff and to be proactive in their college experience. J.J. says that through his college experience, he has “gained a heightened perspective of the many possibilities of my generation and also of the diligence that must be mastered in order to achieve great things”.**

# Jacksonville State University Strategic Plan

Future Jacksonville State University students will know and love a different classroom setting and teaching style than all students before them. In today’s world, a university must become a learning-centered university to stay competitive. JSU is doing exactly that!

According to Dr. Alicia Simmons, director of institutional research and assessment, the university’s 2011-2016 strategic plan is a “fluid document that continues to define the pathway to our future.” Feedback from discussion groups across campus created the strategic plan. Like most universities, there is a strategic planning committee made up of administration, faculty and students but Simmons says that throughout the planning process, the committee also sought input from a broad cross-section of the campus community, including alumni.

The plan focuses on creating opportunities for JSU students to develop higher order thinking skills such as critical thinking, problem solving independently and as

part of a team, and effective communication. Simmons adds that national workplace surveys recently identified these skills as the most desirable for employment.

JSU faculty members are already implementing new ways to engage their students with these higher order thinking skills through use of challenge-based learning, performance tasks and other methods.

The JSU mission statement states, “As a learning-centered university, Jacksonville State University strives to challenge students academically in a responsive environment, meeting students’ educational, career and personal goals.” The strategies to be implemented as part of the plan will define JSU as a learning-centered university.

Dr. Simmons notes that any strategic plan is evaluated through the process and this plan will be reviewed annually to determine if changes are needed. And the planning committee will not stop once the

objectives of this plan have been achieved. The 2016-2021 strategic plan will start being developed in the fall of 2015.

Jacksonville State University is continually moving forward, one strategy at a time.

## A LEARNING-CENTERED UNIVERSITY

At Jacksonville State University we believe that students, faculty, and staff comprise a community of learners. We believe it is important for learners to take responsibility for their learning. This means presenting a willingness to learn, being proactive in the acquisition of knowledge, and behaving with integrity and honesty in the learning environment. We believe that learning takes place when learners are engaged, assumptions are challenged, expectations are shared, and relationships are built around the purpose of learning.

Jacksonville State University will promote a learning environment with relevant programs of study supported by current technologies, opportunities for experiential learning, and flexibility in the learning process. Faculty will use various methods of teaching to meet different learning styles and will set learning outcomes that emphasize the application of knowledge, ensuring that graduates are prepared with skills necessary for careers in a global marketplace.

## MISSION STATEMENT

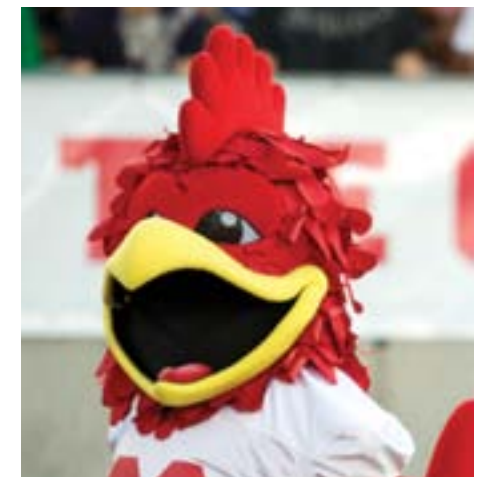
Jacksonville State University provides distinctive educational, cultural and social experiences for a diverse student population. As a learning-centered university, Jacksonville State University strives to challenge students academically in a responsive environment, meeting students’ educational, career and personal goals. As an academic institution, Jacksonville State University seeks to produce broadly educated graduates prepared for global

engagement. As a public, comprehensive university, Jacksonville State University promotes excellence in scholarly and service activities consistent with its academic and professional strengths.

## STRATEGIES

1. Employ new methodologies and technologies in the classroom
2. Expand quality online programs and services
3. Improve the campus experience
4. Increase collaboration to better serve undergraduate students
5. Ensure student job readiness
6. Recruit and retain qualified undergraduate students
7. Recruit and retain qualified graduate students and streamline the graduate admissions process
8. Increase international engagement for the university community. 🌐

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# ONE MISSION AT A TIME

BY KANDICE HALL  
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Colonel Terry L. Quarles (Ret) is a 1981 graduate of Jacksonville State University with a Bachelor of Science in military science, a 1999 Graduate of the Army War College and a 1999 Graduate of Shippensburg University MPA program.

He currently serves as a Federal Coordinating Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As the Federal Coordinating Officer he is responsible for the coordination of all the federal response in support of the State and its disaster survivors for Stafford Act Declarations.

In the fall of 2011, Col. Quarles was awarded one of the highest awards in the FEMA agency. According to FEMA Administrator, Craig Fugate, "The Administrator Awards are used to honor individuals and teams for achievements that exhibit unparalleled service and contributions toward accomplishing the FEMA mission and supporting the larger emergency management community,"

Quarles' Operation Clean Sweep team received the FEMA Administrator Innovation Award."The Operation Clean Sweep project was designed and implemented after tornados struck Mississippi in April

2011. Quarles led local, state and federal efforts to remove debris from affected areas.


The Clean Sweep program that Col. Quarles implemented removed debris from Mississippi's most devastated communities more quickly than has been done before and helped families move into temporary housing in weeks, rather than in months and aided in providing a sense of hope for storm victims."

For both the tornado disaster and the Mississippi River flooding, Quarles' team in Mississippi was recognized a second time and again awarded the FEMA Administrators Award for Innovation by launching a new model titled, Disaster Case Management-Pilot, now referred to as the Mississippi Model. This approach to case management utilized FEMA Disaster Assistance employees to manage the individual applicant cases to ensure that all FEMA assistance had been provided, then to determine remaining unmet needs of disaster survivors, assist them with developing individual recovery plans, and transition them to the established Long Term Recovery Committees for further assistance.

This model has now been implemented in many declared disasters across the nation. This effort in Mississippi resulted in additional significant FEMA Individual Assistance grant awards and for this disaster a tremendous cost savings of six million dollars.

To Quarles, it's just another day at work. He really enjoys what he does. "I would have to say it is rewarding when you know you have helped others get back on their feet after their lives have been turned upside down from a disaster," he stated.

Assisting people in need has always been a part of his military career. "For many years the units I was assigned to conducted Humanitarian Civic Action (HCA) missions in many Central and South American countries." The missions provided medical, dental, engineering and veterinarian services to villagers who had never had medical care. They also built schools, repaired roads and water systems for the villages.

Colonel Quarles says now he is in the people business and simply works for the people who need help. 





# DR. MCGEE TRIBUTE

BY JULIE SKINNER  
PHOTOS BY STEVE LATHAM

**J**ACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY'S TENTH PRESIDENT, DR. HAROLD MCGEE, PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 3, AT UAB HOSPITAL IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY-FOUR.

A native of Virginia, McGee was born and received his early education in Portsmouth, Va. He received a bachelor's degree with majors in history and education from Old Dominion University. He received both his master's and doctorate from the University of Virginia. He served as JSU President from 1986-1999.

McGee's list of accomplishments goes on and on. Before JSU was graced by his presence, he served as the vice president for administrative affairs at James Madison University. He was the secretary and administrative aide to the University Board of Trustees and supervised the Valley of


Virginia Consortium for Higher Education. Other appointments included vice president for student affairs, assistant to the president, director of graduate studies, sponsored programs, and continuing education, dean of the graduate school, and department head. Prior experience included service as the founding president of a two-thousand student comprehensive regional community college, three years as a high school history teacher and coach, and five years in public administration with the U.S. Office of Education.

Bill Hubbard, university librarian emeritus, was a pallbearer at Dr. McGee's funeral. Hubbard was hired by McGee in 1988, and remembers him well.

"He was a fellow Virginian, so we had that in common. I thought he was very straightforward when I first met him, and somebody I could work with very easily. That turned out to be the case," Hubbard

says. "He was very analytic, somewhat reserved and extremely honest. He was somebody you could deal with face-to-face and if he told you something, it was good. He could back it up."

So many positive changes happened around JSU while McGee was president. The JSU science center is named after him, after all. He renovated Stephenson Hall, built several new housing units including Patterson and Logan Halls and the fraternity houses at Paul Carpenter Village. He is also responsible for the peaked roofs on JSU buildings. Before that, Hubbard recalls, rain would accumulate on the flat roofs and caused major leakage problems. A major library face lift occurred during McGee's time at JSU, as well. McGee also was instrumental in establishing the online catalog for the library and developing the campus network that linked all computers and labs to the Internet.



**RIGHT:** Dr. and Mrs. McGee with son Andrew at McGee Science Center dedication in 2001.



"I think he was a great president and he did an awful lot for JSU," Hubbard says. "He loved this university, and was a big man both in stature and in what he accomplished."

"He was a visionary for sure," said Dr. Bill Meehan, who succeeded Dr. McGee as President and was proud to serve him in numerous roles. "His emphasis on sciences helped us begin the Little River Canyon project and he took us to Division I athletics. He also set the foundation for our distance learning courses which helped us begin the journey to our approval as a doctoral institution."

A man large in stature indeed, McGee stood at around 6'6", recalls Don Thacker, vice president of administrative and business affairs emeritus.


Thacker was very close to McGee, and considered him to be like a big brother. Though Thacker says many students were

intimidated by McGee, he cared immensely for JSU and its students.

"He was brilliant. He read all the time," Thacker says. "It's amazing how much knowledge he had. I'm going to really miss him."

Thacker recalls McGee being concerned for student safety, and says that several of the light poles and sidewalks around campus are there because of him. McGee wanted to accredit all of the colleges possible, and while he was there, the business, social work, technology and computer science programs received accreditation. Thacker recalls McGee's vision for a future in computing, and how he set up fiber optic cable and an underground infrastructure that was just waiting for future technology. During his presidency, enrollment at JSU increased by thirty percent.

While JSU continues to grow, expand and advance technologically, Dr. Harold

McGee is part of the foundation which makes JSU so sturdy, appealing and friendly. Because of his vision and love for students, JSU was able to grow and continues to grow today. A little piece of him is in every inch of sidewalk that he helped build, every peaked roof that prevents leakage, every beam of light that helps students walk safely across campus at night, and in every click of the mouse in any JSU computer lab. Thank you, Dr. McGee, for loving JSU. 





# emergency management welcomes jsu alumni to the **FIRST DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

When Dr. Barry Cox was first asked to lead a new department on the campus of Jacksonville State University, he never dreamed that this would be the program that would bring the university its first doctoral program. As the head of the Department of Emergency Management, Cox witnessed the program grow from a concentration in public administration to a stand-alone department offering a bachelor of science, a master of science, and doctor of science, not to mention several certificate programs.

“We started the Institute for Emergency Preparedness (IEP) as part of the effort to establish what is now the Center for Domestic Preparedness in 1995. If I recall correctly, it officially became an academic unit at the same ACHE (Alabama Commission on Higher Education) meeting that approved the Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management. Ironically, this meeting occurred less than a month after 9/11,” Cox said.

Ten years later, the IEP not only received a new name, the Department of

Emergency Management, but, along with the College of Arts & Sciences and the university, it welcomed its first group of doctoral students, many of which are JSU alumni.

Melody Buchanan, a student in the doctoral program, is an alumna of both the bachelor’s and master’s programs in emergency management. As an adjunct instructor of emergency management at Eastern Kentucky University, Buchanan decided to apply to the doctoral program to help fulfill her long-term goals of

conducting research and teaching. Buchanan said that the greatest asset in the Department of Emergency Management is the faculty and staff. “The faculty at JSU has a lot of experience teaching in the online environment and that is evident in the level of instruction.”

As one of the few doctoral programs in emergency management, JSU’s program has the added benefit of being conducted completely online, which is also true of its bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Terri Clay, who is currently an assistant professor in the Savannah State

Jane Kushma, associate professor and director of the doctoral program, said that the doctoral students have very impressive backgrounds, bringing diversity and experience to the program. “The current cohort members are all experienced practitioners in various aspects of emergency management. Qualities that stood out in their applications included commitment to the profession, personal leadership, and the desire to make a difference,” Kushma said.

However, bringing the program to fruition was not an easy task. “The process involved in the creation of the doctoral program involved validating the need

tion with PACER (National Center for the Study of Preparedness and Catastrophic Event Response), and the opportunity to take classes online while I continue to work full-time.”

As the training and risk management officer for the Brentwood Fire and Rescue Department in Brentwood, Tenn., Peterson’s “other” jobs are serving as the emergency manager for the City of Brentwood and as the Hazardous Materials Response Program supervisor. With such a hectic schedule, Peterson said the online format is a benefit of the program. He encouraged anyone interested in emergency manage-

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University Homeland Security and Emergency Management program, completed the master’s of public administration with a concentration in emergency management. Clay entered the DSc program in emergency management in hopes of continuing to teach and research international emergency management. “I also like the concept of the program being online, but building the foundation in the week we spend together as a cohort at the beginning of the semester,” Clay said.

As part of the curriculum, DSc students are required to attend a one-week seminar in which they are introduced to the program and its requirements, meet the faculty and staff, and spend some time building relationships with fellow students who will be experiencing the program with them. Christopher Kearns, also a DSc student and JSU alumnus, said that the online experience offers him the ability to work from home and after hours. As a manager of a 9-1-1 center in Southern Alberta, Canada, Kearns said that he appreciated the fact that he could hold a position two thousand miles away from Jacksonville while still being a student. He added, “The collaboration with colleagues from all over the country and Canada is truly valuable.”

for the program with a variety of stakeholders, including students, alumni, emergency management leaders, interest groups and others. It also involved crafting the program design and delivery methods, assessing our existing capabilities, and projecting additional resources,” said Kushma.

After submitting the required materials to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education in June 2010, Kushma said the approval was unanimous. She added, “University administration has been behind these efforts, and the emergency management program in general, since its inception. They have provided support, encouragement, and the resources necessary to see us from program design to implementation.”

Although Kushma said the creation of the program was quite meticulous and took a bit longer than expected, the current DSc students did not seem to mind. Russell Peterson, who obtained a master’s in emergency management and a master of public administration from JSU, said he waited to enroll in a doctoral program until JSU was able to offer the DSc. “This was because of the quality of the school, faculty and instruction, my interest in their research areas, the school’s associa-

ment and online instruction to “give it a try.”

He added, “The online experience is ‘outside of the box’ and not right for everyone, but if you work full-time and want to take courses from a high-quality university, JSU is the answer. Next to having excellent parents and marrying the right woman, finding JSU is one of the best things that ever happened to me.”

## **for more INFORMATION**

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# ACCREDITATION REVIEW

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) recently visited Jacksonville State University in order to review the Doctor of Science in Emergency Management program and the institution’s change from a Level IV to a Level V institution.

The Emergency Management program began accepting applications in January of 2011 and is JSU’s first doctoral program. Upon review, the SACSCOC visiting committee said there were no recommendations.

“What that means is that when the committee reviewed JSU in relation to the SACSCOC core requirements and accreditation criteria, they found us to be without concern,” says Dr. Rebecca Turner, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs at JSU. “In other words, they had no recommendations to make because we addressed all conditions of accreditation leaving no questions or concerns.”

According to the committee’s report, “Jacksonville State University’s Doctor of Science program in Emergency Management is a unique program responding to an urgent need for doctorally qualified emergency management executives, instructors at institutions of higher education, and emergency management researchers. JSU is well positioned to offer a doctoral program to meet this need.”

The report also states: “This new doctoral degree helps JSU fulfill a unique role, not only by helping to advance technological and scientific solutions to the vexing problems associated with hazards and disasters, but also by educating students who will become the next generation of professionals and scholars.”

The visit also led to a change for JSU, from a Level IV institution to a Level V institution.

“This role change opens the door for JSU to offer up to three doctoral programs,” says Dr. Turner. “The Doctor of Science in Emergency Management is

our first doctorate, but it will not be our only doctorate. We are poised to develop others in the next few years.”

“I am very proud of JSU and of this accomplishment,” she says. “We can achieve greatness when we combine our efforts and work toward common goals pertinent to JSU’s mission. I know there are bold and exciting things ahead for our beloved university.”

President William A. Meehan added, “This new degree level brings new opportunities for our students and faculty to demonstrate how unique programs at Jacksonville State University provide careers for our graduates and service to our community.”

The findings of this visiting committee represent a preliminary assessment of the institution at this time; final action on the report rests with the Commission on Colleges. For more information, contact Dr. Rebecca Turner at 256.782.5540. To learn more about JSU’s Emergency Management program, visit [www.jsu.edu/iep](http://www.jsu.edu/iep)

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The St. Clair County Alumni Chapter was officially recognized by the National Alumni Association. Mathew McEntyre serves as the chapter's inaugural president and Brittney Rashleigh serves as vice president.



Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (the S.T.A.T. Club) sent its six executive officers to Auburn, Ala. in February, 2012 to attend the District III ASAP Leadership Conference. ASAP is the Affiliated Student Advancement Programs organization. The conference focuses on leadership training and ideas about how to better your own organization on campus. Like them on facebook.com/JSUstat.



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# ALUMnotes

## WEDDINGS

### 2000-2011

James Alan Todd '01, and Elizabeth Anne Price, August 6, 2011, Florence, Ala. They are residing in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Reagan Susanne Smith '03, and Matthew Lee Tolbert '06, October 29, 2011, Odenville, Ala. Mrs. Tolbert is a teacher at Leeds Elementary School. Mr. Tolbert is a teacher at Leeds Middle School and coaches junior varsity boys basketball and archery.

Krystal Ponder '05, and Greg McMullen, August 20, 2011, in New Orleans. They reside in Fort Worth, Tex.

Jennifer Leigh Brim '06, and Stephen Earl Craig '06, November 11, 2011. Mrs. Craig is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education. Mr. Craig is a pharmacist and is employed by Target.

Regan Byrom '06, and Chad Brewer '07, November 12, 2011, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. Brewer is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education. Mr. Brewer is employed by Regions Bank, Hoover, Ala.

Jacob Lewis Gibson '06, and Kari Britt Haney '10, June 10, 2011, Fort Payne, Ala. Mrs. Gibson is employed by A.P.I. Mr. Gibson is employed by Verizon. They reside in Rainsville, Ala.

Angela Denise Reid '06, and Capt. Ross Wade Williams, December 3, 2011, Springville, Ala. They reside in Enterprise, Ala.

Daniel Wayne Nailor '07, and Tiffany Danielle Hartline '11, Oct. 8, 2011. Mrs. Nailor is employed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center. Mr. Nailor is employed at Gentiva Home Health and Marshall Medical Center South.

Kia English '09, and Ralpheal Graves '10, summer of 2011. Mrs. Graves is employed by the Oxford City Board of Education. Mr. Graves is employed by Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School.

Morgan Leigh Pope '10, and Benjamin Keith Spellman, December 3, 2011, Piedmont, Ala. Mrs. Spellman is employed by the Anniston Army Depot Child Youth and School Services.

Keith Birvle Baugh '11, and Katie Savannah Fields, October, 2011, Huntsville, Ala. Mr. Baugh is a teacher at Albertville High School and a football coach at Albertville Middle School. They reside in Guntersville, Ala.

Monique C. Bradley '11, and Kareem Jenkins, August 27, 2011. They reside in Oxford, Ala.

Andrew Ray Pankey '11, and Ashley Brooke Haney, October 22, 2011. Mr. Pankey is employed by Pankey Computer Services.

Mollie Miranda Thomason '11, and Trevor James Holliday, October 22, 2011.

Derek Gindlesperger and Kelly Raw, '07/'08, February 25, in Oviedo, Fla. Mrs. Gindlesperger is currently a technical recruiter for TEK Systems in Orlando, Fl. Derek is a former Marching Southerner and Kelly is a former member of the JSU Gamecock softball team.

## OBITUARIES

(Unless otherwise noted, the following information was taken from newspaper obituary notices)

### JSU FACULTY/STAFF

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Herschel Neil “Doc” May, Jr., Killen, Ala. December 12, 2011. He was a former ROTC professor of military science at JSU from 2001 to 2005. Lt. Col. May was killed in a collision with a tractor trailer truck near Killen, Ala. He was retired from the Army with twenty-one years of service. He most recently held a civilian position at Redstone Arsenal in Madison County as the current intelligence chief for the Aviation and Missile Command, G2.

William Timothy Romine, Jacksonville, Ala., December 28, 2011. He had been employed by the JSU maintenance department.

Sara Staples, Jacksonville, Ala., February 13, 2012.

Mildred Kyle McSpadden, Birmingham, Ala., April 30, 2012. Married for sixty-eight years, she was the wife of retired JSU professor emeritus, Clyde McSpadden. She spent thirty-two years in civil service. Mrs. McSpadden served as president of the Jacksonville National Secretaries Association, president of the JSU Faculty Wives Club and president of the Progressive Study Club.

### ATTENDED ONLY OR DATE OF GRADUATION UNKNOWN

John Thomas Arrington III, Troy, Ala., November 27, 2011. He had been president of Arrington Mining Company, Brundidge, Ala., where he pioneered iron ore mining in south Alabama. He was a pilot, musician and loved tennis.

Verona Mask Davis, Montgomery, Ala., September 27, 2011. She had been a teacher at Mellow Valley Elementary School and then worked as an office manager for the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

Joe Haskell Haynie, Alabama City, Ala., November 20, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. He played football and baseball for JSU in the 1960s. In football he earned All-Conference on both offense and defense. As a pitcher, he compiled an 11-0 record over two seasons. Mr. Haynie served in the Army in Vietnam and played quarterback for five years for the Army winning two Regional Championships. Active in JSU’s football J-Club, Mr. Haynie served as a former president of the organization. He was inducted into the Etowah County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2011. Contributions in his memory can be made to the general scholarship fund in the JSU Foundation in memory of Joe Haynie.

Alfred Hume Jones, Jackson, Miss., February 5, 2012. He was a retired civil engineer for the Mississippi Highway Department.

Baskin Landers, Huntsville, Ala., 2010. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Mr. Landers had passed away.

Douglas M. “Mac” Parsons, Bessemer, Ala., November 15, 2011, after a battle with cancer. He served in the State Legislature and was a civil court judge in Bessemer before retiring to run for an Alabama Supreme Court seat in 2010. He spent sixteen years in the Senate, heading up the Educational and Judicial Committees. As a judge, he handled mostly criminal cases but also oversaw the mental health court.

Paul Sanford Parsons, Birmingham, Ala., January 23, 2012, after battling cancer. Mr. Parsons was a member of the Southerners during the early 1970s at JSU. He had worked for Baker Dairy, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, and became manager of the Great American Cookie Company in Trussville, Ala., in 2000.

Dot C. Perry, Centre, Ala., The alumni office was informed during the annual phonathon that she is deceased.

Flodia York Powell, Birmingham, Ala., October 1, 2011. She taught at Ider Elementary, in Oak Ridge, Tenn., in Woodbury, N.J., and in Toms River, N.J., where she retired in 1977 and moved back to Alabama. Mrs. Powell taught sunday school for many years and was an active volunteer at St. Vincent’s Hospital, Birmingham, Ala.

Becky Sanders Richardson, Jasper, Ala., February 15, 2005. The alumni office was recently notified by her husband that Mrs. Richardson is deceased. She marched with the Southerners at JSU.

Johnnie Richey Thompson, Rainsville, Ala. The alumni office was recently notified by a family member that Mrs. Thompson is deceased.

Sue Fain Vondracek, Jacksonville, Ala., January 5, 2012, after an extended illness. She had been employed for more than thirty years with the *Anniston Star* as a consumer writer. Prior to that, she served as a probation officer for the Calhoun County Juvenile Court and was a teacher and guidance counselor in the Calhoun County School System.

Grover H. Whaley, Jacksonville, Ala., March 12, 2012. Mr. Whaley was a retired school administrator with thirty years of service with the Calhoun County School System. He lettered in football at JSU and was an active member of the Football J-Club and the Sixties Group.

Jack Young, Birmingham, Ala. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Mr. Young is deceased. He was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry while at JSU.

### 1930-1939

Clyde O. Westbrook '38, Montgomery, Ala., October 26, 2011. The alumni office was notified by a friend of the family that Mr. Westbrook had passed away. He had served on the JSU Alumni Board of Governors. Mr. Westbrook played football for JSU and was a member of the football J-Club.

Rubye Hyatt Hamric '39, Oxford, Ala., February 5, 2012, at the age of ninety-seven. She had enjoyed working with children in the primary department of Oxford Baptist Church. She played basketball at JSU when it was Jacksonville State Teachers College and was active in the physical education department.

### 1940-1949

Hilda Dean Norton '41/'66, Jacksonville, Ala., January 7, 2012. She had been a teacher in the Gadsden City and Etowah County School Systems from 1941 to 1965. Mrs. Norton was an instructor at JSU in the English Department for forty-six years. She had been a member of Delta Zeta.

Wheeler King Hardy '42, Huntsville, Ala., January 7, 2012. He had been a teacher with the Calhoun County Board of Education. An Air Force veteran, Mr. Hardy served in England during World War II.

William J. “Bill” Farrell '47/'59, Anniston, Ala., May 4, 2012. Mr. Farrell played football for JSU, serving as captain in 1946. He was selected JSU’s Alumnus of the Year for 1978, was a life member of the Alumni Association and was active in the football J-Club group. In 1999, he was inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame and the Calhoun County Sports High School Hall of Fame in 2007. Memorials can be made to the JSU J-Club.

Grafton D. Sharp '48, Lynn Haven, Fla. The alumni office was notified by his wife, Mary Annie Gilliland Sharp '47, that he passed away. He was a retired teacher with the Dade County (Fla.) Board of Education.

Verdie Durham Holdbrooks '49, Fort Payne, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mrs. Holdbrooks is deceased.

Betty Adams Williams '49/'76, Arab, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mrs. Williams is deceased.

### 1950-1959

MG Fred H. Casey '58/'73, Jacksonville, Ala., March 8, 2012. He worked as an education specialist at the Fort McClellan Military Police School for more than thirty years. He retired from the Alabama Army National Guard after more than thirty years of service. MG Casey played on the 1955 JSU football team, was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and was selected the JSU Alumnus of the Year in 1994.

Robert “Ray” Snow '51, Clarksville, Tenn., November 13, 2011. He was a retired Lt. Colonel with the Army and a real estate appraiser. Mr. Snow played football for JSU and was a member of the football J-Club.

Larue Gunter Formby '52/'77, Geraldine, Ala. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Mrs. Formby is deceased.

Grover Dean Raines '52, Albertville, Ala., August 31, 2011. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Mr. Raines is deceased.

Allen C. Shelton, Jr. '52, Jacksonville, Ala., February 3, 2012. A Marine Corps veteran, Mr. Shelton served as a captain during the Korean War. He served as executive vice-chairman of the Alabama Republican Party and was an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention. Mr. Shelton was a founding member of the “Round Table” group at the Village Inn Restaurant in Jacksonville.

Audie Wigington Jones '53, Rainsville, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mrs. Jones is deceased.

Ray Meeks '53, Pisgah, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Meeks is deceased.

Tulu Templeton, '54, Nashville, Tenn., December, 2011. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Ms. Templeton is deceased.

Hazel H. Payne '55, Auburn, Ala., September 24, 2009. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Ms. Payne is deceased.

Ecil Chandler '59, Centre, Ala., February, 2012.

Dennis W. Hicks '59, Crossville, Ala., September 2, 2011. The alumni office was notified by his wife, Bona Fay Pack Hicks '59, during the phonathon that Mr. Hicks passed away. He was a retired assistant principal with the Albertville City Board of Education.

### 1960-1969

Robert Dale Dyar '60, Alabaster, Ala., February 23, 2012. Mr. Dyar was a retired medical technologist for Roche Biomedical/Lab Corp. He was a cheerleader while at JSU.

Oliver Wendell Smith '60, Columbus, Miss., June 2011. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Mr. Smith is deceased.

Grove H. Whaley '60, Anniston, Ala., March 12, 2012. Mr. Whaley was a retired educator and coach and played football while at JSU. Family members have set up a scholarship fund in his name through Regions Bank.

Charles R. Bedwell '61, Glencoe, Ala., December 11, 2011, from complications from leukemia. He was a teacher, coach, restaurant owner, home builder and manufactured home dealer. Mr. Bedwell was the first football coach at what is now The Donoho School in Anniston. He served as chairman of the Alabama Manufactured Housing Association (AMHA) for many years and was selected by the AMHA as Person of the Year in 2000. He was nominated in 2011 for the AMHA Hall of Fame. Mr. Bedwell was active in the Gamecock Club at JSU.

Walter D. Farr, Jr. '61, Lineville, Ala., November, 2011.

Robert Pettus Pruett '61/'62, Oneonta, Ala., January 29, 2012. Mr. Pruett worked for the Cheney Lime Company for thirty-three years. He served as president of the Oneonta Chamber of Commerce for several years and served as director of the arts council. His proudest accomplishment was being head of the library board where he oversaw the establishment of the present facility. Mr. Pruett was an Army and Army Reserve veteran, retiring as captain, where he earned many medals for marksmanship.

James Harold Bentley '62, Hazel Green, Ala., January 16, 2012. He was retired from the Army and from Proctor and Gamble. Mr. Bentley was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and was a member of the Southerners.

Kenneth Wayne Mitchell '62, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., died in 2007. The alumni office was notified by his son that Mr. Mitchell is deceased. He had marched with the Southerners and was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry at JSU.

Martha Reaves Patterson '62/'75, Jacksonville, Ala., January 30, 2012. Mrs. Patterson taught school at White Plains Elementary for thirty-three years and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

John M. Bullock '63, Jacksonville, Ala., September 25, 2011.

James Edward Shelton '63, Jacksonville, Ala., January, 2012. A World War II veteran, he served at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and in the Phillipines. Mr. Shelton retired in 1975 as an education specialist at Fort McClellan. He was chosen Kiwanian of the Year in 1979 and received the Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award in 1992. Mr. Shelton volunteered with the local Meals on Wheels program, served as its treasurer, and was chosen its 1997 Volunteer of the Year.

Thomas Powell '64, Sandy Hook, Va., November, 2011. The alumni office was notified by his wife, Kate Roberts Powell '63, that he is deceased. Mr. Powell had marched with the Southerners at JSU.



George Washington Tucker III '64, Attalla, Ala., January, 2012.

Stanley Beavers '66, Attalla, Ala., January 28, 2012. He was retired from the steel industry after thirty-five years of service.

Mary Mickles Pettus '66, Anniston, Ala., February 23, 2012. She was a retired math teacher from the Polk County School System with thirty years of service. Mrs. Pettus had also taught at Wellborn High School in Anniston for one year. Jackie Burger Smith '66/'76, Rainbow City, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mrs. Smith is deceased. She was a retired teacher with the St. Clair County Board of Education.

Ralph Gerald Walker '68, Canton, Ga., March 10, 2012. Commissioned through the JSU ROTC program, he served as a 1st lieutenant in the Vietnam War, after which he was honorably discharged from active duty but continued to serve with the Army Reserves, attaining the rank of major. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1988. After his military career, he practiced law with his father and brother in metro-Atlanta. He also served as a councilman for the City of Acworth. Mr. Walker also worked for Kennesaw State University as Director of Information Technologies and as an adjunct professor in the Coles College of Business. After retiring from full time employment, Mr. Walker enjoyed working as a high school and softball umpire. At JSU, he was involved with the SGA, Baptist Campus Ministry and Kappa Sigma.

Daniel F. Wood '66, Gadsden, Ala., December 18, 2011. Mr. Wood was a life underwriter agent with Liberty National Life Insurance Company for more than twenty-five years.

Michael David Akin '69/'71, Gadsden, Ala., January 1, 2011. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Mr. Akin had passed away. He had been a member of Pi Kappa Phi.

1970-1979

Jessie Myrtle Meador '70, Rainbow City, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Ms. Meador is deceased.

Clyde W. Miller '71, Montgomery, Ala., July 15, 2011. The alumni office was notified by his wife, Marilyn Cooper Miller '71, during the annual phonathon that her husband is deceased. He was retired from employment with the State of Alabama.

Horace Cox '72, Landrum, S. Car., August 5, 1991. The alumni office was recently notified during the annual phonathon that Mr. Cox is deceased.

James Steve Mitchell '72, Delta, Ala., November 17, 2011. Mr. Mitchell was employed at Lee Brass since 1972. He was married to Kathryn Diane Taylor Mitchell '72/'75.

Norman Jerome Rich '72, Richmond Hill, Ga., October 5, 2011. The alumni office was notified during

the annual phonathon that Mr. Rich is deceased. He was retired from Southland Claim Services.

Daniel Lewis Small '72, Heflin, Ala., December 16, 2011. He served as pastor at six churches in Missouri and Alabama before becoming Director of Missions of the Cleburne Baptist Association for twenty-five years. He and his wife also spent more than four years as missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa, and participated in mission trips in the U.S. and abroad. Rev. Small also coordinated and taught in the Heflin Center of Southern Union Community College for ten years.

Victor Klemenok '73, Washington, Mo., October, 2011. The alumni office was notified by a family member during the annual phonathon that Mr. Klemenok is deceased.

Jackie Ray Bradley '74/'76, Gadsden, Ala., February 1, 2010. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Mr. Bradley is deceased.

Annette Young Cox '75, Anniston, Ala., November 27, 2011. She had taught in schools in Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia, and in Anniston, Ala. As a missionary in Japan, she served as an instructor in the law department at Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan. She also served as the Director of Federal Programs for the Anniston Board of Education for twenty years. Active in her community, Mrs. Cox was Kiwanian of the Year in 2002 and served on many boards and committees with local service organizations.

Lawrence Green '75/'77, Eastaboga, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Green is deceased. He had worked in production for Good News Broadcasting in Talladega, Ala.

Dorothy June Blake Wade '75/'78/'92, Anniston, Ala., February, 2012. She had spent twenty-two years as an Air Force wife, traveling the world with her family. Upon returning to Alabama, she began teaching and had taught at Ranburne, Mellow Valley, Fruithurst and retired from Cleburne County Elementary School. Mrs. Wade marched with the Southerners at JSU.

Joyce Crosby Cox '76, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. Cox had been employed at JSU in the admissions office prior to teaching in Weaver and Jacksonville High Schools. Her husband, Dr. A. Barry Cox, is the Director of Environmental Management at the JSU McClellan office.

Naomi Grier '77, Augusta, Ga., November, 2011.

Joyce Jean Middleton '77, Attalla, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Ms. Middleton is deceased.

Rhonda Snow Glidewell '78, Oxford, Ala., October 24, 2011. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Mrs. Glidewell is deceased.

Rosa June Logue Jordan '78, Pell City, Ala., February, 2012. She had been VP of MedaStat.

Ronald Ross Stisher, Jr. '78, Birmingham, Ala., January 2, 2012, from a massive stroke. The alumni office was notified by a family member that he is deceased. Mr. Stisher had been the owner of Stisher & Associates in Birmingham.

Steven David Haynes '79, Somerville, Ga. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Haynes is deceased.

Bettye Hosey Spielberg '79, Gadsden, Ala., December 3, 2011. The alumni office was notified by a family member that she is deceased. Mrs. Spielberg had been a teacher with the Gadsden City Board of Education.

1980-1989

Ronald Alan Gibson '86, Rome, Ga., 2010. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Mr. Gibson is deceased.

Robert Lurico Elijah '87, Tallahassee, Fla. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Elijah is deceased. He had been a member of Phi Beta Sigma.

Kenneth Paul Harris '89, Buford, Ga. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Harris is deceased.

1990-1999

Barbara G. Middleton '90, Adairsville, Ga. The alumni office was notified during the annual phonathon that Ms. Middleton is deceased.

Michael J. Matz '96, Anniston, Ala., February, 2012.

Teresa Pettus Hulbert '93, Anniston, Ala., November 24, 2011. She was a retired psychiatric RN at Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center.

Raymond Davis Boles '96, Altoona, Ala., November 21, 2011, from kidney disease. He was an established manufacturing engineer and was widely known for his passion for automobiles.

Derek Brandon Grissom '99, Oxford, Ala., December, 2011. He had been employed by CSX Transportation as an engineer.

Charles L. Herman '99, Oxford, Ala., November 12, 2011.

2000-2011

Nickey Layne Holtsberry '02, Fort Payne, Ala., September 6, 2011. The alumni office was notified by a family member during the annual phonathon that Mr. Holtsberry is deceased.

Nicole Cannon '03, Anniston, Ala., January 25, 2012. She worked as an RN at Riverview Hospital, Gadsden, Ala.

Robin Poore Caulder Pettus '05, Weaver, Ala., January 19, 2012.

ALUMNOTES

\*pictured below

1970-1979

Shirley Ruth Snyder '70, Talladega, Ala., retired in February, 2011, after working for thirty years with the *Daily Home* newspaper (Talladega) and eleven years as a teacher in Alabama and Georgia.

Nan Elizabeth Woodruff\* '71, professor of modern U.S. history at Pennsylvania State University, recently had a book published by the University of North Carolina Press. In *American Congo: The African American Freedom Struggle in the Delta* she compares the Mississippi River Valley area of the early twentieth century Jim Crow era to the African Congo under Belgium's King Leopold II. Both areas appeared to wear the face of science, progressivism, and benevolence, yet both were underwritten by brutal labor conditions, violence, and terror. The book follows a half century of struggles of the black sharecroppers fighting to earn their just returns on their labor, to live free from terror, to own their own property, to have legal rights, to travel at will, for citizenship of men and women, and to vote.

1980-1989

Lawrence N. Sharp, Jr. '81/'82, Stone Mountain, Ga., has been recognized as the 2011 Volunteer of the Year by the East Lake Family YMCA. He currently serves as board development chairperson at the East Lake YMCA. Mr. Sharp was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry at JSU.

Gregory F. Harley '88, Atlanta, Ga., has been selected for Georgia's 2012 Super Lawyers List in the area of Business Litigation. He is employed with Burr & Forman LLP in Atlanta. Mr. Harley played tennis for JSU and was a member of Kappa Alpha. He served on the JSU Foundation's Board of Directors, and is a member of the Gamecock Club. Mr. Harley is married to Manda Le Martin Harley '01, who also played tennis for JSU. They have one daughter, Kate.



Carol Scantland Dodgen (left), Marybeth & Anna Grace Lowe (middle), Nan Elizabeth Woodruff's book American Congo: The African American Freedom Struggle in the Delta (right)

1990-1999

Carol Scantland Dodgen\* '93/'98, Riverside, Ala., owner of Dodgen Security Consulting, recently released her new bank robbery training program "Robbery: Plan, Prevent, Prevail." This program provides financial institutions the materials needed to train their employees in robbery prevention, the safest response to a robbery, and what to do after a robbery has occurred. Mrs. Dodgen interviewed several bank robbers in her research for the program and portions of those interviews are included in the program video. Financial institutions can purchase the training program through her website at [www.dodgensecurity.com](http://www.dodgensecurity.com) where a trailer of the video can be viewed. Mrs. Dodgen founded the company in 1998 and she has been providing security training and bank ATM lighting surveys across the country.

Rebecca Thompson Grogan '99/'06, Jacksonville, Ala., is the new assistant principal at Alexandria Elementary School. She previously taught at White Plains Elementary School. She began her teaching career at Kitty Stone Elementary School in Jacksonville. She also worked as assistant director at Camp Skyline Ranch in Mentone, Ala., where she had a staff of sixty and hundreds of campers during the summer. Mrs. Grogan was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry at JSU. She is married to Matthew Paul Grogan '02, who was also a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry and Kappa Sigma.

Gale D. Story Satchel '90, Sheffield, Ala., recently finished all requirements for a doctoral degree in educational leadership with Nova Southeastern University. Conferral date is scheduled for June 12, 2012. Dr. Satchel is currently Director of Federal Programs /Academic Competitions with Colbert County Schools. She attributes her success to God. During her enrollment at JSU, Dr. Satchel was active in the SGA, Peer Counselors, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Athletic Hostesses, and the Black Student Association. Dr. Satchel and her husband Melcha have one son, MJ.



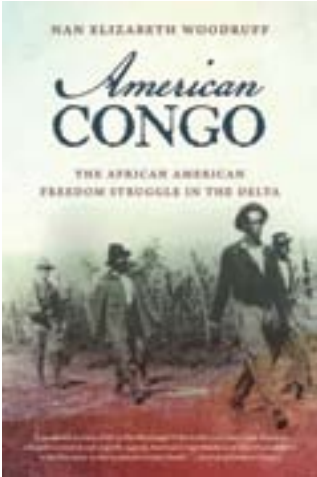
Josh Lowe\* '99, Warner Robins, Ga., recently graduated with his doctorate in educational leadership from Argosy University. He is serving as athletic director for Twiggs County Public Schools and plans to pursue a position in school administration for the 2012-13 school year. His wife, Krista Edwards Lowe '00, teaches healthcare science and serves as the HOSA advisor at the Houston County (Ga.) Career Academy. Their daughters are Mary Beth and Anna Grace.

2000-2011

Taylor L. Wiggins '00, Gadsden, Ala., is a field director for Northwestern Mutual of Omaha, the "World's Most Admired Company in 2011" according to FORTUNE Magazine. He recently was honored with membership in the company's 2011 Forum group, recognizing an outstanding year of helping clients throughout the region achieve financial security. Only five percent of Northwestern Mutual's more than six thousand financial representatives are invited to attend.

Deidra Walker Bender '04, Rainbow City, Ala., is a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Alabama. She is working toward her Ph.D. Mrs. Bender previously taught middle and high school in Georgia and Alabama. She and Elizabeth P. Thurman '05, Gadsden, Ala., have recently established The Polished Pearl, a web-based academic editing service for research papers, theses, and dissertations. Ms. Thurman is a former Women's Wear Daily marketing editor.

Keith Smith '10, Newnan, Ga., has joined Youth Villages as a teacher-counselor at the Youth Villages-Inner Harbour Campus, Douglasville, Ga., which provides residential treatment to children with emotional, behavioral and mental health issues. Mr. Smith was a member of Omega Psi Phi.





# GOLDEN BURKE

## REMEMBERS JSU IN HER WILL

Mrs. Golden Elizabeth Gray Burke graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1942. She was a lifelong resident of Calhoun County and one of the first art teachers in the area. Mrs. Burke spent most of her teaching career in the Anniston School System.

Upon her death in December, 2009, at the age of ninety, she directed a portion of her estate to be given to the JSU Foundation to establish the Golden Burke Scholarship Fund for the benefit of deserving students majoring in education, with a preference, if possible, to those students concentrating in the field of guidance.

Mrs. Burke's estate attorney, Bob Field, said she was a generous and sweet person who believed everyone to be

honest. Her passion was art and she loved to take her art students outside to paint and draw.

Dr. Charles Lewis, Vice President of University Advancement says, "We at JSU are honored to be a place where Mrs. Burke's legacy will be remembered in perpetuity through her investment in future generations of students. Gifts such as these are vital to the continued growth and enhancement of the university and the community it serves."

To find out how you can invest in the future of JSU students through your estate plans, contact Earl Warren, Director of University Development at [ewarren@jsu.edu](mailto:ewarren@jsu.edu) or 256-782-5608. ☎

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- Thank you for your support!

# JSU RV SPOT

## BRINGS BACK MEMORIES



Joseph William Leary, Jr. '95, Madison, Ala., started his computer science/math education at JSU in 1991. During the process of finding a place to live, he met a very nice lady named Elizabeth Lindsey who lived at 235 Mountain Street. She had a two bedroom house for rent located right behind her house. The place was beautiful with huge old trees in the yard. He could even see and hear the Southerners practice in the field on the other side of the creek during the summer. He lived in that house most of his four years at JSU and loved it. After graduation, he got a great job, met his wonderful wife, Terri Suzanne Ingham Leary '94, and had two children. They live in Madison, Ala. Avid campers/RVers, they jumped on the opportunity to purchase an RV space at the stadium. Joey bought it sight unseen! As he and his family drove into town for fan day 2010, Joey saw the location of his RV space for the first time. As he drove down Mountain Street, he got excited to see how his old house was doing. As he approached the intersection of Mountain and Forney near the Cock Pit and Struts, he noticed that his house, and all the other houses, were gone and had been replaced by the RV lot! They pulled in and found their spot ~ Lot 21. As he got out of his car he was a bit disoriented as most of the familiar landmarks were gone. After a few minutes it dawned on him ..... RV space

21 is located on the EXACT SPOT that his house was on all those years ago! As he backs his RV in on Friday nights on game weekends after the two and a half hour drive from Madison he always gets a little smile on his face. "Knowing that my own kids will be out playing in the very spot I earned my JSU degree just gives him a warm nostalgic feeling." RV space 21 is his spot ...after all these years he's back with his wife and two children. Joey is an information assurance manager with Davidson Technologies, Inc., Huntsville, Ala. Terri is a second grade teacher at Holy Family School, Huntsville, Ala. She was a member of Delta Zeta at JSU. ☎

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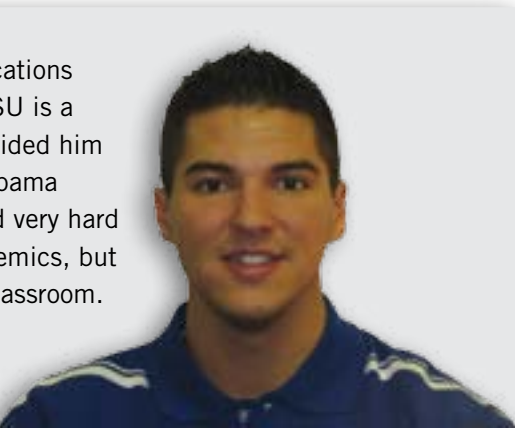
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## Adams (Bester A.) Memorial Scholarship:

Established by Ms. Bonnie Parker in memory of her uncle, Mr. Bester A. Adams, former teacher and mayor of Oxford, Alabama and graduate of JSU for a deserving incoming freshman who graduated from Oxford High School in Oxford, Alabama. The student must be enrolled in the College of Education.

## Alabama Federated Women's Clubs

**International House Scholarship:** Established by Alabama Federated Women's Club for the benefit of a deserving female international student who is a member of JSU's International House Program.

**Alabama Power Scholarship:** Established by the Alabama Power Foundation for deserving students enrolled in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

**Almaroad (Mr. and Mrs. Luther) Memorial Scholarship:** Established by Sam Almaroad in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Almaroad and will benefit an incoming freshman from Pleasant Valley High School.

## Alumni Association Annual Scholarship Fund:

Established by the JSU Alumni Association to benefit deserving full-time undergraduate students.

**Amerson (Minta) Scholarship:** Established in memory of Minta Amerson for the benefit of a deserving full-time graduate student enrolled in the College of Education and who graduated from Berry High School in Berry, Alabama. The first scholarship was awarded in 2008.

## Anniston Rotary International House

**Scholarship:** Established by the Anniston Rotary Club for the benefit of deserving students who are members of JSU's International House Program.

**Areno (Tony) Scholarship:** Established by Faye Pritchett in honor of Tony Areno for a deserving nursing student who is considering a career in the specialized field of neurology, offering services to brain injured patients.

**Arnold Memorial Scholarship:** Established in honor of Dr. Herman R. Arnold, a baptist minister for more than fifty years, and his wife, Sallie C. Arnold, a well-known artist and art instructor.

## Arrington Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of Ms. Athena Arrington, a 1954 graduate of JSU, for the benefit of a deserving senior majoring in elementary education.

**Art Achievement Scholarship:** Established by Dr. Karen Henricks, Mr. Marvin Shaw, Ms. Diana Cadwallader, and Mr. Gary Gee of the Department of Art for the benefit of an undergraduate student majoring in art.

**Athletic Scholarship Endowment:** Provides assistance through the JSU Foundation for members of the JSU athletic program.

**Bailey (Patricia C.) Scholarship:** Established by Kevin and Lee Callaway in honor of their dear friend and mentor, Patricia C. Bailey, for the benefit of a deserving, rising senior in JSU's nursing program. The student must demonstrate good character and have the potential for mentoring others in nursing.

**Bannister (Chris) Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Chris Bannister for deserving students.

## Belser (CPT Donnie R.) ROTC

**Scholarship:** Established by the JSU ROTC Class of 2001 for a deserving student enrolled in Military Science courses in honor of CPT Donnie Belser who was killed in action in Iraq. Recipient of the scholarship must be at least a sophomore and must be a contracted ROTC Cadet. Selection will be made by the PMS.

## Blount County Alumni Association

**Scholarship:** Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Blount County.

**Bolt Scholarship:** Established by Birmingham attorney A.W. Bolt, this scholarship is for the benefit of deserving students.

**Boozer Scholarship:** Established by Mr. S. David Boozer, an Anniston architect, for a deserving student.

## Boozer (James and Ethel) ROTC

**Scholarship:** Established by James and Ethel Boozer for a deserving student enrolled in military science courses and of a class standing of junior or senior. Selection is made by the JSU Professor of Military Science.

**Bragg (Margaret) Scholarship:** Established in honor of Mrs. Margaret Bragg by her son Rick Bragg, a 1996 Pulitzer Prize winner, for a deserving student.

## Browder (Glen, Becky, and Jenny)

**Scholarship:** Established by the Glen Browder family for a deserving full-time undergraduate student majoring in political science.

## Burger King/Ingram Scholarship:

Established in honor of Mr. John Ingram, a former offensive lineman on JSU's football team. Mr. Ingram was named one of Burger King's scholar-athletes during 1995.

## Burke (Golden Gray) Scholarship:

Established by Mr. William and Mrs. Golden Gray Burke for a deserving student enrolled in the College of Education. Will be available approximately 2014.

**Bush Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Newbern Bush, a retired faculty member who taught mathematics. The scholarship is to be awarded to a full-time, native-born Alabama student who has attained junior status and is majoring in mathematics.

**Judge H. Dean Buttram, Jr. Scholarship in Pre-Law:** Established by Judge H. Dean Buttram, Jr. for the benefit of deserving students majoring in political science, history, psychology, sociology or criminal justice.

**Calhoun (Charles and Doris):** Established by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun for the benefit of a deserving full-time junior or senior student admitted to the College of Education and Professional Studies who has a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

## Calhoun County Alumni Association

**Scholarship:** Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Calhoun County.

**Calhoun County Medical Alliance Society Scholarship:** An annual scholarship established by the Calhoun County Medical Alliance Society to benefit a junior or senior student enrolled in the College of Nursing and Health Science who plans to practice nursing in Calhoun County upon completion of degree.

**Calhoun/Cleburne County Bar Association (CCCBA):** Established by the Calhoun/Cleburne County Bar Association for the benefit of a deserving full-time, undergraduate student with a major in Criminal Justice. Preference will be given to a student from the Calhoun/Cleburne County area.

## Carr (Dr. William D.) Scholarship:

Established by Dr. William Carr for deserving students who previously served as an ambassador or peer counselor. Applicants must be currently enrolled in graduate school. \$1,000 per recipient will be awarded for five years to qualified candidates.

## Central Alabama Alumni Chapter:

Established for a deserving student in the Greater Montgomery, Ala. area.

## Chemistry Department Scholarship:

Established by members of the JSU Department of Chemistry for the benefit of a deserving student majoring in chemistry.

## Cherokee County Alumni Association

**Scholarship:** Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Cherokee County.

## Clark Louise Rhodes Scholarship:

Established by Dr. Louise Rhodes Clark, who retired in 1982 as the head of the home economics department. The scholarship will benefit deserving students in family and consumer sciences.

## Cleo and Carla Thomas Scholarship:

Established by Cleophus Thomas, Jr. and Carla Thomas of Anniston, Alabama. Mr. Thomas is chairman and chief executive officer of A.G. Gaston Corporation, and Mrs. Thomas is an Anniston physician. This scholarship will benefit deserving students.

## Cole (Leone) Memorial Scholarship:

Established by the Jacksonville Book Club in memory of Ms. Leone Pruett Cole. Ms. Cole, former wife of JSU President Houston Cole, died in 1949.

## Cole (Martha) Memorial Scholarship:

Established by Ms. Kitty Stone, wife of former JSU President Ernest Stone, to honor the memory of another first lady of JSU. Martha Bellinger Graves of Gadsden, Alabama, married Dr. Houston Cole in 1952. She served as a gracious hostess and contributed to the social life of Jacksonville and the JSU campus. Ms. Martha Cole was the first president's wife to reside in the President's Mansion, where she lived for nineteen years until her husband retired in 1971. The scholarship will benefit deserving students.

**Collins Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Mr. John H. Collins, a former JSU faculty member in the Department of Accounting.

**Cottingham (Harry and Jean) Scholarship:** Established by Diane C. DeSante and Deborah C. Cottingham to recognize Mr. Harry and Mrs. Jean Cottingham and their contributions



to our local community. This scholarship will benefit a student enrolled in the College of Education and majoring in math or science.

**Cox (Christopher) Memorial:** Established by Mr. Richard Mayfield in memory of his roommate and Sigma Nu fraternity brother.

**Criminal Justice Alumni Scholarship:** Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students majoring in criminal justice.

**Curley Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Mr. Andrew Curley to provide support for an upper-level student in education.

**Daugette Memorial Fund:** Established in memory of Colonel Clarence W. Daugette, Jr., a former member and chairman of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of deserving international students participating in the university's International House Program.

**Dedrick (Thomas and Angelita) Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Thomas Dedrick, a trustee of Jacksonville State University for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student from Greensboro High School.

**Dempsey Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Ms. Sharon Dempsey who, at the time of her death, taught mathematics. Recipients of this scholarship will be restricted to mathematics or mathematics education majors who have attained at least junior status. Applicants must have completed at least 30 hours of their education at Jacksonville State University.

**Duncan (Dr. John E.) Scholarship:** Established by Dr. John E. Duncan of Gadsden, Alabama, for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student from Etowah County.

**Dryden Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Mr. Robert C. Dryden for the benefit of deserving students.

**Edwards Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of A.D. (Gus) Edwards, former dean of men, for the benefit of a deserving member of the Kappa Alpha Order.

**Elite Letterman's Club Leadership ROTC Scholarship:** Established by the ELC Leadership for the benefit of a deserving contracted ROTC Cadet with an academic standing of sophomore, junior, or senior who has committed to serve an eight year military service obligation as an Army officer. Selection will be made by the PMS.

**Elliott Scholarship Trust:** Established through a bequest of Ms. Marve P. Elliott of Piedmont, Alabama, to honor her husband, Mr. Joseph Walter Elliott.

**Etowah County Alumni Association Scholarship:** Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Etowah County.

**Exchange Club of Jacksonville:** An annual scholarship established by the Exchange Club of Jacksonville for the benefit of a deserving entering freshman from the Jacksonville community.

**Farmers and Merchants Bank Scholarship:** Established by the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Piedmont for the benefit of a deserving student from Piedmont, Alabama.

**Finley (Nile Borden):** Established in memory of Nile Borden Finley, a Calhoun County, Alabama elementary school teacher, for the benefit of a junior or senior majoring in elementary education.

**Finley (Drs. Wayne and Sara) Scholarship:** Established by Drs. Wayne and Sara Finley of Birmingham, Alabama, and founders of UAB's Laboratory of Medical Genetics, to benefit undergraduate students from the Alabama counties of Clay, Coosa, or Randolph. Preference will be given to students majoring in mathematics or science, either pre-professional

or secondary education. Only students who have attained junior or senior status and have at least a B average will be eligible for the scholarship.

**Fitzpatrick Memorial Scholarship:** Established by the family of Ms. Martha B. Fitzpatrick in her memory. Ms. Fitzpatrick was a former member of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees.

**Floyd (Marjorie) Scholarship:** Established through a bequest of Ms. Marjorie Floyd to benefit descendants of her father, Mr. Bufford N. Floyd. If there are no applications from descendants, then the scholarship will be open to members of the First Baptist Church of Centre, Alabama, who plan to pursue a career in teaching, medicine, religion, law, engineering, or business.

**Ford Scholarship:** Established by Joe and Brenda Ford of Gadsden, Alabama, for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student from Etowah County.

**Fort McClellan Credit Union ROTC Annual Scholarship:** The credit union established this scholarship for deserving ROTC cadets. It is reserved for students enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

**Freeman (Charles B. and Stephanie R.):** Established by Charles and Stephanie Freeman for a deserving full-time undergraduate student majoring in accounting.

**Gadsden Music Company Scholarship:** Established by the Gadsden Music Company, Inc., for the benefit of a child or grandchild of a former Southerner.

**Gamble (Linda Gail Waldrop):** Established by Charles Gamble in honor of his wife, Linda, to benefit a deserving full-time undergraduate enrolled in the College of Education.

**Garner Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Tim Garner of McClellan, Alabama, to benefit a deserving incoming freshman student from Cherokee County High School.

**Georgia Alumni Scholarship Fund:** Established by JSU alumni living in Georgia to provide needed assistance for deserving students in the state.

**Gibbins Nursing Scholarship:** Established by the Calhoun County Medical Society to honor Dr. George W. Gibbins of Anniston, Alabama, for his enlightened and dedicated leadership and service to his community and its citizens.

**Greater Birmingham Area Alumni Scholarship Fund:** Established by the alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students in the Greater Birmingham area.

**Greater Rome Area Scholarship:** Established by JSU alumni living in Georgia for the benefit of deserving students from the Greater Rome, Georgia area.

**Greater Washington DC Area Alumni Scholarship:** Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from the Greater Washington DC area.

**Greer and Rushing (Ester and Hester) Scholarship:** Established by Harold Greer and Franklin Greer in the name of their mother, Esther Greer and her sister, Hester Rushing for the benefit of a deserving student who is a resident of Alabama and plans a career in teaching.

**Grimes (Charles and Mary) GHS Scholarship:** Established by Charles and Mary Grimes for the benefit of a deserving Gardendale High School graduate.

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**Harvey Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Brian Harvey for the benefit of deserving College of Nursing students.

**Heathcock (Col. James T.) ROTC Memorial Scholarship:** Established by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Heathcock in memory of his brother, James (Jim) T. Heathcock. This scholarship is reserved for an Advanced ROTC cadet or an ROTC contract student.

**Higginbotham Scholarship:** Established by the family of Ms. Miriam Jackson Higginbotham, who was the dean of women at JSU for many years.

**Hill (Ed) Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of William Edward (Ed) Hill, longtime photographer for Jacksonville State University. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student who either has an interest in photography or wants to pursue a career in photojournalism.

**Holaway (Gary and Sandra) Scholarship:** Established by Ms. Sandra Holaway in memory of her husband Gary, former member of the Southerners and past president of the Gray Echelon. The recipient will be selected by the JSU marching band director and will go to a full-time undergraduate student who is a member of the Southerners, is enrolled in the College of Education and Professional Studies, and is majoring in early childhood or elementary education. Only students who demonstrate academic aptitude shall be eligible for this award. Recipients of the scholarship must march in the fall semester to receive the award.

**Ingram Memorial Scholarship:** Established by the family of Mr. Stanton B. Ingram for the benefit of deserving students who are members of JSU's International House Program.

**Jackson Company Scholarship:** An Annual Scholarship established by Mr. Larry Jackson for the benefit of a Saks High School (Anniston, Alabama) student who has demonstrated good citizenship. The scholarship will be selected by the Saks High School Scholarship Committee.

**Jenkins Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Julian Jenkins, an Anniston architect, for the benefit of a JSU or transfer student who is a sophomore student or above with a designated major in art, who has demonstrated, in the opinion of the art faculty, an exceptional creative ability and dedication to the arts.

**Joey Crews Scholarship in Art:** Established by Joey Crews for a deserving full-time undergraduate majoring in art.

**Johnson (J.C.U) Scholarship:** Established by Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd Johnson in memory of her husband. The scholarship will benefit deserving junior, senior or graduate students from Calhoun County majoring in education.

**Johnson (Loaz W. and Maybeth B.) Memorial Scholarship:** Established through a trust agreement by Dr. Loaz W. Johnson and Maybeth B. Johnson to assist deserving students.

**Jones (James H. and Myra Hume) Scholarship:** Established in memory of Dr. James H. Jones and Myra Hume Jones by former members of the International House Program, friends, associates, and children of Dr.

and Mrs. Jones. Award of the scholarship shall be made to a full-time undergraduate student who is a member, in good standing, of the International House Program.

**Jones (Joseph C., Jr.) Memorial ROTC Scholarship:** Established by Reverend and Mrs. Joseph Jones in memory of their son, Joseph, Jr. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

**JSU Alumni Association Scholarship:** An endowed scholarship established by JSU's National Alumni Association for the benefit of deserving students.

**JSU Faculty Women's Club Scholarship:** Established by the Faculty Women's Club of Jacksonville State University for the benefit of a deserving young lady from Calhoun County.

**Justice Scholarship:** Established to honor Karen A. Justice '93, upon her graduation from Jacksonville State University by family friends Bill and Liz Roberts of Birmingham, Alabama. This scholarship will benefit deserving students enrolled in the College of Nursing.

**Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kendrick Scholarship:** Established for a deserving student s who are pursuing management or accounting majors, and who are residents of the state of Alabama and who graduated from an Alabama high school. The first scholarship will be awarded in fall of 2009.

**Kenamer Scholarship:** Established by Bob and Lou Kenamer of Anniston, Alabama for deserving students from Cleburne County High School, Ranburne High School, Scottsboro High School or Kate Duncan Smith DAR School (Grant, Ala.). Students must be in the top 50% of their high school class to be considered. Mr. Kenamer is a trustee emeritus of Jacksonville State University.

**King Memorial Scholarship:** An annual scholarship established by the Greater Anniston Business and Professional Association through proceeds from the Sunny King Charity Golf Classic. The scholarship, which is established in memory of Mr. E.D. "Sunny" King, Jr., will benefit a deserving student from Calhoun County.

**King Toyota Entrepreneurial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Mr. E.D. "Sunny" King, Jr., a prominent Calhoun County automobile dealer, by Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc., and Southeast Toyota Distributors, Inc., for the benefit of a deserving student in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

**Knighton Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Ms. Audrey Knighton to benefit social work majors during the field instruction phase of their instruction.

**Kroc (Ray A.) McDonald's Scholarship:** Established by McDonald's of Jacksonville to benefit deserving employees attending Jacksonville State University.

**Larry Miles Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Dr. Lawrence R. Miles, a long-time dean of admissions, for the benefit of deserving students.

**Lawler Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Ms. Carol L. Lawler by her family and friends for the benefit of a student in the College of Nursing and Health Science.

**Ledbetter Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Ms. Doris Ledbetter, a career Calhoun County educator, by her sisters, for the benefit of a student majoring in either education or nursing.

**Lee (Loy Scott) Memorial ROTC Scholarship:** Established by Major General (Ret.) and Mrs. Larry E. Lee of Ohatchee, Alabama, in memory of their son, Loy Scott. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets in

Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

**Lewis (Aaron H.) Memorial Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Lewis for students from Cherokee County.

**Lewis (Gary O.) Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Gary Lewis for the benefit of a deserving full-time sophomore that is a graduate of Gadsden City High School (Etowah County, Ala.) with a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.

**Lindsey Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Billy S. Lindsey of Anniston, Alabama, for the benefit of a deserving student.

**Morris and Essie Longshore Scholarship:** Established in memory of Mr. Morris and Ms. Essie Longshore by their daughter, Betty Longshore Cameron. The scholarship will benefit full-time undergraduate students who demonstrate academic aptitude.

**Lovett Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Opal R. and Ms. Opal A. Lovett for a deserving student majoring in history, English, or art who has achieved sophomore or higher status. Mr. Lovett was the university's photographer prior to his retirement. Ms. Lovett taught in the English department prior to her retirement. Ms. Lovett has been selected as an emerita faculty member.

**Lowery Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Ms. Mary L. Lowery for a deserving student in family and consumer sciences.

**Madison County Alumni Association Scholarship:** Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Madison County.

**Manes Memorial Fund:** Established through a Trust Agreement from the Agnes McNyre Manes Foundation to assist deserving students with emergency loans.

**Manners Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Lee and Ms. Jetta Manners for the benefit of deserving students majoring in art. Ms. Manners worked in the Office of Admissions and Records until her retirement. Mr. Manners was head of the Department of Art when he retired. Mr. Manners has been selected as an emeritus faculty member.

**Marshall County Alumni Scholarship:** Established by this alumni chapter for a deserving student in the Marshall County area.

**Matt Morris Cheerleading Scholarship:** Established in memory of Matt Morris, a JSU cheerleader who lost his life in an automobile accident. Scholarship will benefit a deserving JSU cheerleader.

**McBride (Grady E., III) Memorial ROTC Scholarship:** Established by JSU ROTC commissionees of years '68 and '69 in memory of Grady McBride, '68, who was killed in action in Vietnam. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

**McClendon (Eloise Y.) Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Mrs. Eloise Y. McClendon, a former JSU Foundation board member for the benefit of deserving students.

**McNabb (Jerry W.) Memorial ROTC Scholarship:** Established by classmates in memory of Jerry McNabb, '59, who was killed in action in Vietnam. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

**McSpadden Scholarship:** Established by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McSpadden in honor of Mr. McSpadden, JSU professor emeritus, for deserving science education majors.

**McWhorter (Earlon and Betty) Scholarship:** Established by Earlon and Betty

McWhorter of Anniston, Alabama, for the benefit of deserving upper-level or graduate students who have demonstrated academic aptitude and who have demonstrated involvement in campus functions and organizations.

**Merrill Scholarship (Dr. Martha):** Established by Dr. Martha Merrill to acknowledge the value of education and to encourage continuing that education. Preferably a graduate of a Calhoun County High School. Will be available approximately 2014.

**Miller (Bill) Memorial:** Established by Bill Miller Jr. in memory of Mr. Bill Miller. This scholarship will benefit a deserving incoming freshman from Ohatchee High School in Ohatchee, Ala.

**Miller (Richard C.) ROTC Scholarship:** Established by Dr. and Mrs. James E. Hanks and by Mr. Bobby and Mrs. Maudellen Welch and the Class of 1965 in recognition of Mr. Richard Charles Miller.

**Moersch Nursing Scholarship:** Named in honor of Dr. Barbara L. Moersch of Jacksonville, Alabama, by family and friends for the benefit of a deserving upper-level student majoring in nursing.

**Moersch Scholarship:** Established in honor of Dr. Robert and Ms. Eloise Moersch by family and friends for the benefit of a deserving upper-level finance or economics student.

**Montgomery Scholarship:** Established in honor of Dr. Theron E. Montgomery, president emeritus of JSU, for the benefit of a deserving student. The Northeast Alabama Phi Beta Kappa chapter makes the selection.

**Nabors (Wallace A.) Scholarship:** Established by Dr. Alice and Mr. Greg Cusimano for the benefit of a full-time undergraduate student who is a graduate of Glencoe High School, Etowah County, Alabama. Must be admitted to the College of Education and Professional Studies with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Nixon (Alethea) Marshall County Alumni Scholarship:** Established in memory of Ms. Alethea Nixon who was a volunteer firefighter. The scholarship is for the benefit of a junior or senior who graduated from Marshall County High School or a transfer from Snead State and who is majoring in emergency management.

**Northeast Alabama Military Officers Association (MOAA) ROTC Annual Scholarship:** The association established this scholarship for deserving ROTC cadets. It is reserved for students enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

**Nursing Alumni Chapter Scholarship:** Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students majoring in nursing.

**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Theta Eta Chapter Annual Scholarship:** Established by the Theta Eta Chapter to promote the education of a deserving full-time, freshman or sophomore undergraduate student.

**Manila Henegar Brooks Pachoud Scholarship:** Established for the benefit of a deserving student enrolled in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

**Parker Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Jeffrey A. Parker for the benefit of a deserving senior-level student in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

**Pearce, Beville, Leesburg & Moore Scholarship:** Established by the Birmingham accounting firm for a deserving upper-level student majoring in accounting.

**Peacock (Bill and Catherine Scholarship):** Established by Catherine Peacock for the benefit of a deserving full-time students enrolled in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

**Peacock Honors Endowed Scholarship:** Established by Catherine Peacock for the benefit of a deserving full-time honors student.

**Pell Scholarship:** Established in honor of Mr. Charley Pell, former JSU head football coach, by his former players and friends.

**Phi Beta Kappa Association Scholarship:** Established by the Northeast Alabama Phi Beta Kappa Association for the benefit of a deserving upper-level student.

**Physical Plant Association Scholarship:** Established by members of the university's physical plant for the benefit of its employees and families.

**Piedmont Alumni Scholarship:** Established for the benefit of deserving students from Piedmont.

**Political Science Department Scholarship:** Established by faculty of the JSU Department of Political Science for the benefit of a student majoring in political science.

**Pope Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Horace M. and Dr. Margaret J. Pope to benefit deserving students majoring in health and physical education.

**Price-Montgomery (WJSU-TV) Scholarship:** Established by Anniston Broadcasting Company, Inc., for the benefit of deserving students enrolled in the Department of Communication.

**Reid (Marcus and Jean) Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Marcus and Mrs. Jean Reid for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student who is a graduate of Jacksonville High School, Anniston High School, or Bob Jones High School.

**Reaves Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Dr. James A. Reaves, former vice president for academic affairs for the benefit of a deserving student.

**Rhodes (Janis C.) Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Mrs. Janis (Calhoun) Rhodes by her husband, Dr. Earl E. "Gene" Rhodes and friends. Must be a drama major with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be at the junior or senior level. Will be available approximately 2014.

**Richey (Tom and Freda) Scholarship:** Established in honor of Mr. Tom Richey for the benefit of a deserving student enrolled in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

**Robinson (Ernest) Scholarship:** Established by Ernest Robinson for the benefit of a deserving student majoring in nursing.

**Rogan (Major James P.) ROTC Annual Scholarship:** Established by Robert E. Rogan to benefit deserving students enrolling in military science courses and of a class standing of junior or senior.

**ROTC Alumni Chapter Scholarship:** Two chapter scholarships are awarded annually to deserving ROTC cadets. The scholarships are reserved for ROTC cadets in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

**ROTC Anniston Elks Lodge Scholarship:** Established by the Anniston Elks Lodge to benefit a deserving student enrolled in the ROTC program.

**ROTC Endowed Scholarship:** Established by the Army ROTC Alumni Chapter to benefit a deserving full-time student enrolled in the ROTC program.

**Saks High School Good Citizenship Scholarship:** An Annual Scholarship established by Mr. Larry Jackson for the benefit of a Saks High School (Anniston, Alabama) student who demonstrated good citizenship. The scholarship will be selected by the Saks High School Scholarship Committee.

**Sarrell (Lela Blocker) Nursing Scholarship:** Established by Dr. Warren and Mrs. Lela Sarrell for a deserving student enrolled in the College of Nursing. Must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and be willing to work in Calhoun County upon graduation for one year. Will be available approximately 2014.

**Savage (Kay Webb & Perry L., M.D.) Family Scholarship:** Established by Dr. Perry L. and Ms. Kay Webb Savage of Birmingham, Alabama, for the benefit of deserving students who are children of employees of Alabama Orthopedic & Spine Center. Students from Piedmont, Alabama and Calhoun County will have second preference in the award of this scholarship.

**Savage (Jerry) Memorial ROTC Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Tom Gilbreath of Boaz, Alabama, in memory of his classmate, Jerry Savage, '67, who died while on military active duty. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

**Selig (Ernst S.) Corrections Officer Scholarship:** Established to promote the education of a deserving full-time undergraduate enrolled in criminal justice with a concentration in corrections.

**Sentell (Mark A.):** Established by Mark A. Sentell for the benefit of deserving students enrolled in College of Business and a member of the Human Resources Management Society that he founded in the early 80's.

**Serviss (Joseph A. and Carolyn H.) Scholarship:** Established by Mr. Joseph A. and Mrs. Carolyn H. Serviss to benefit a deserving student from the state of Alabama who is enrolled in the nursing program.

**Shamblin Family Scholarship:** Established through a bequest of Mr. Harold C. Shamblin of Gadsden, Alabama, for the benefit of deserving students from Cherokee, Etowah, or Calhoun Counties who have been accepted into the College of Education and Professional Studies.

**Sheppard (Mildred L) Scholarship:** Established by the board of directors of the County Day School, Inc., Montgomery, Alabama, to honor Miss Mildred Louise Sheppard, the school's founder and only headmaster. Scholarships will benefit those students who will commit in writing to major in education and teach K-12 for no less than two years.

**Sodexo Scholarship:** Established by Sodexo services for the benefit and internship of a student in family and consumer science field.

**Sollohub (Justin) Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Officer Justin"Sollo"Sollohub for a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in the College of Criminal Justice.

**SouthTrust Bank Scholarship:** Established by SouthTrust Corporation of Birmingham, Alabama, for the benefit of deserving students enrolled in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

**Sowell Scholarship:** Established in honor of Dr. Elizabeth Sledge Sowell, professor of family and consumer sciences, by Ross Laboratories for the benefit of senior students majoring in nutrition and foods.

**Spain-Hickman Scholarship:** Established by Rotary International District #6860 in honor of Mr. Frank E. Spain and Mr. Roy Hickman. Mr. Spain and Mr. Hickman are former presidents of Rotary International. The scholarship will benefit deserving International House students participating in JSU's International House Program.



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## Sparrowhawk Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of Master Miles Timothee Sparrowhawk, infant son of Paul and Connie Sparrowhawk of Jacksonville, Alabama. The scholarship will benefit deserving undergraduate members of the Southerners who are enrolled in summer courses.

## Stamper (Colonel Archie) Memorial

**Scholarship:** Established by the Retired Officers Association, northeast Alabama chapter, in memory of Colonel Archie Stamper.

## Stanfield (Don V.) Memorial Scholarship:

Established by Kathy Stanfield in memory of her husband, Don V. Stanfield to promote the education of a deserving full-time undergraduate student.

## Stewart (John Morgan) Scholarship:

Established in memory of John Morgan Stewart and his wife, Vera Stewart, of Piedmont, Alabama. The scholarship will be awarded to a senior class member graduating from Piedmont High School or Spring Garden High School.

**Stewart Scholarship:** Established in honor of Dr. John R. Stewart, former director of the JSU International House Program, by his former students and friends for the benefit of a deserving International House student.

## Stone (Kitty) Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of Kitty Stone, a leader in local public education. The scholarship is to be awarded to benefit graduate study in elementary education.

## Tate (Dewey) ROTC Annual Scholarship:

Established by Mr. Dewey Tate to benefit deserving students enrolling in military science courses and of a class standing of junior or senior.

## Thompson (Robert Samuel "Sam")

**Memorial Scholarship:** Established in memory of Mr. Sam Thompson, a beloved teacher, drama coach, and music director who touched the lives of so many students. The scholarship will benefit a deserving Alabama high school graduate, who is junior or senior majoring in music or drama. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

## Trathen (Robert D.) Memorial:

Established in memory of Mr. Robert D. Trathen and in honor of Ms. Charlotte C. Trathen. Mr. Trathen was an instructor in the accounting department. This scholarship—which embodies the theme of scholarship, integrity, service—is for the benefit of senior-level accounting students.

## Vice (Teresa Cunningham) Scholarship:

Established by Teresa Cunningham Vice for the benefit of deserving full-time, undergraduate students enrolled in JSU's nursing program who demonstrate academic aptitude and reside in Alabama.

## Vietnamese/International Scholarship:

Established by Ms. Nguyen Le for the benefit of deserving Vietnamese student currently studying in the English Language Institute.

## Waldrep (Charlie D.) Scholarship Fund:

Established by Charlie Waldrep for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student for the city of Birmingham.

**Walters Scholarship:** Established in honor of Dr. David L. Walters, long-time director of the Southerners, by former members and friends.

**Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino Scholarship:** Established by Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Kimbrough, LLC for the benefit of a deserving full-time, undergraduate student who is majoring in accounting. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

**Watters Scholarship:** Established by Virginia Watters for the benefit of a deserving graduate of Fayetteville High School.

**Whitaker (Roger and Debra) Accounting Scholarship:** Established by Roger and Debra Whitaker for the benefit of deserving student majoring in accounting.

**Whitestone Scholarship:** Established in honor of Ms. Heather Whitestone, a former JSU student who was selected as Miss America for 1995. The scholarship is to be awarded to a deserving student who qualifies for support and services through JSU's Disability Support Services.

**Whorton Scholarship:** Established in honor of Mr. J.P. Whorton, a 1951 graduate of JSU, by friends for the benefit of a deserving student from the Sand Mountain area.

**Williams (Major Dwayne) Business Scholarship:** Established for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student enrolled in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

**Williams (Major Dwayne) Memorial ROTC Scholarship:** Established by Ms. Pearl Williams and friends in memory of her son, Major Dwayne Williams who was killed at the U. S. Pentagon on 9/11. Selection of the recipient will be made by the JSU PMS to contracted ROTC Cadets.

**Williams-Blair Scholarship:** Established by Ms. Rebecca Williams Blair and Mr. Forrest Randall Blair for the benefit of a deserving student.

**Williams (Ruth F. and Billy R.) Scholarship:** Established in honor of Mrs. Ruth and Mr. Billy Williams for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student. First scholarship was awarded in fall of 2011.

**Willman (Dorothy and Leon) Music Scholarship:** Established by Leon and Dorothy Willman for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student majoring in music.

**Wilson (Barbara) Scholarship:** Established by Ms. Barbara T. Wilson on her retirement from Jacksonville State University. The scholarship will benefit a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in the elementary education or secondary health and physical education. Only students who have a 2.5 through 4.0 grade point average, have been an Alabama resident for a minimum of seven years prior to applying, and have completed at least 30 hours of their education at Jacksonville State University shall be eligible for this award.

**Wilson (Clyde and Jerry) Scholarship:** Established by Dr. and Mrs. Jerry B. Wilson for the benefit of deserving students majoring in education.

**Wilson (P. O. and Margaret) Achievement Scholarship Fund:** Established by Mr. P. O. and Mrs. Margaret Wilson to promote the education of academically superior, entering freshman, full-time students. Recipients will be known as "Wilson Scholars".

**Womack (Jack and Kathy) Scholarship:** Established by Jack and Kathy Womack for the benefit of a deserving full-time student graduating from Oneonta High School. Must have a 3.0 GPA from high school and maintain a 2.5 GPA during college.

**Woodrow Scholarship:** Established in honor of Ms. Ann Jackson Woodrow, a 1977 graduate of JSU's Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing. The scholarship will benefit deserving students admitted to the nursing program.

**Yates (Melvin) Memorial Scholarship:** Established by Shirley Thornburg in memory of her uncle, Melvin Yates, a 1932 alumnus of JSU. This is a general scholarship created by Mrs. Elizabeth "Beth" Yates for the benefit of a full-time student.

**Yocum (Dr. Virginia) Scholarship:** Established in honor of Dr. Virginia Yocum to promote the education of junior level, full-time, undergraduate enrolled in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Young Scholarship:** Established in tribute to Ms. Ruth L. and Mr. Millard V. Young, Sr., for the benefit of a deserving student from Piedmont, Alabama. The Millard V. Young, Sr. family and the Martha Young Norton family established the scholarship.

**Zeta Tau Alpha Scholarship:** Established by the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority for the benefit of a deserving Zeta Tau Alpha member at JSU.



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SEPT. 1	AT ARKANSAS	TBA
SEPT. 8	CHATTANOOGA (BAND DAY)	6 PM
SEPT. 15	OPEN	
SEPT. 22	AT EASTERN KENTUCKY*	TBA
SEPT. 29	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI* (FALL PREVIEW DAY)	3 PM
OCT. 6	AT TENNESSEE TECH*	TBA
OCT. 13	AT EASTERN ILLINOIS*	TBA
OCT. 20	TENNESSEE STATE*	3 PM
<b>OCT. 27</b>	<b>MURRAY STATE (HOMECOMING/FAMILY DAY)</b>	<b>3 PM</b>
NOV. 3	AT UT MARTIN*	TBA
NOV. 10	AUSTIN PEAY* (SOUTHERNERS REUNION)	3 PM
NOV. 17	AT UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	TBA



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