Chapter Activity Report – 2008

Art Alumni:

- Chapter obtained a new president and became active again.
- Regular chapter meetings and activities were held throughout 2008.
- Chapter puts out a regular newsletter and is working on a web site.

Atlanta Area:

- Chapter held an alumni after-hours event at Buffalo Wild Wings in Dunwoody on January 24, 2008.
- Plans for an alumni golf tournament were made, invitation flyers were printed and mailed, but the event was cancelled due to low response.
- An alumni reception with Coach Crowe was held on July 28, 2008 at the law offices of Burr & Forman in Midtown Atlanta.
- A huge tailgate party was held at The Varsity prior to JSU football game at Georgia Tech on August 28, 2008 with almost 200 people in attendance.

Birmingham Area:

- Chapter has a core group of officers - an active president and planning committee.
- An alumni wine & cheese after-hours event was held on February 12, 2008 at Wine’d Down in Hoover.
- Plans were made for a Birmingham “State of the University” Dinner at Ross Bridge Resort for May 8, 2008, but were cancelled due to inclement weather in the area. Over 120 people had made reservations.
- The annual alumni luncheon at Lloyd’s on Highway 280 was held on July 19, 2008.
- A JSU football game-watching party for alumni was held at Wine’d Down in Hoover on October 23, 2008.

Black Alumni:

- Chapter has an active president and vice president.
- Annual chapter meeting/soul food dinner was held on February 23, 2008.
- An African-American Celebration Weekend was held during Homecoming week, 2008 including a golf tournament, participation in the Step Show and Homecoming Parade, and an after-game gathering at the alumni house.
- The chapter has established a scholarship fund.

Blount County:

- Chapter is currently seeking an active president.
- An Alumni Dinner was held on February 21, 2008 at O So Good Bar-B-Que in Oneonta.
- An alumni golf tournament was held was held at Greystone in Oneonta on April 21, 2008 to raise money for the chapter’s scholarship fund.
Calhoun County:

- Chapter has an active president, a vice president, and vice president of recruiting.
- The Spring Shrimp Boil was held at the alumni house on April 17, 2008. There were approximately 200 people in attendance. The steel drum band JAXPAN provided entertainment.
- The chapter held an alumni after-hours event at The Vault on the square in Jacksonville was held on June 10, 2008.
- A Calhoun County Blood Drive was sponsored by the chapter on July 1, 2008 at the alumni house.
- The chapter held its annual alumni after-hours in support of Homecoming week on October 16, 2008 in the Jim Coxwell room at the JSU Field House. Strut’s Restaurant provided 300 wings and 100 chicken fingers for the event, and Bama Budweiser provided a keg.
- The chapter held a JSU football watching party at The 19th Hole Sports Grille at Cane Creek at McClellan on October 23, 2008.

Central Alabama:

- Chapter has an active president, vice president, and vice president of recruiting.
- An alumni after-hours event was held on February 26, 2008 at Sinclair’s on Vaughn.
- An alumni luncheon was held on June 18, 2008 at the Silver Spoon Café in Montgomery.
- An alumni dinner was held at Charles Anthony’s The Pub in Montgomery on September 23, 2008. JSU’s new Athletic Director, Oval Jaynes, was the guest speaker.
- The chapter held a JSU football-watching party at Baumhower’s Wings in Montgomery on October 23, 2008.
- Plans have been made to host an alumni/prospective student event in January, 2009 and the chapter hopes to start a new scholarship.

Central Texas:

- Chapter has a president.
- Chapter has an official logo.
- No activities scheduled at this time.

Chattahoochee Valley (Auburn/Opelika area):

- Chapter has an active president, 3 vice presidents, and a planning committee.
- A JSU Night at the Columbus Cottonmouths minor league hockey team was held on March 1, 2008.
- A JSU Night at the Columbus Catfish minor league baseball team was held on July 26, 2008.

Cherokee County:

- Chapter currently seeking new leadership.
Criminal Justice:

- Chapter has a new president and an executive committee.
- Chapter held its annual alumni dinner on Friday, October 17, 2008 at the alumni house, sponsored by Calhoun County Sheriff Larry Amerson.
- Prior to the annual dinner, the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Department held a full display of their techniques and crime-fighting technologies at the alumni house throughout the day, including K-9 units, taser demos, etc.

Dekalb County:

- Chapter has a president and a vice president.
- No activity within the past year.

Etowah County:

- Chapter has an active president and recruited a new vice president.
- An alumni dinner was held at Red Lobster in Gadsden on May 13, 2008.

Florida Panhandle:

- Chapter does not currently have a president, but has a few volunteer leaders.
- An alumni after-hours was held at Anglers Waterfront Grille in Fort Walton Beach, Florida on June 5, 2008.

Grey Echelon:

- Chapter has an active chapter president
- Chapter held annual Grey Echelon Reunion on October 18, 2008.

Greater Huntsville Area:

- Chapter has a new active president and in the process of recruiting new officers.
- Chapter held an alumni/prospective student dinner at the U. S. Space & Rocket Center on April 24, 2008. There were about 70 people in attendance.
- Chapter held a JSU football-watching party at Buffalo Wild Wings in the Madison Square Mall on October 23, 2008.
- An alumni wine & cheese tasting event was held at Stem & Stein on December 4, 2008.

Greater Rome Area:

- Chapter has an active president and a leadership committee.
- An alumni outing at the Rome Braves was held on June 12, 2008.
- The chapter held a JSU football-watching party at Buffalo’s on Shorter Avenue on October 23, 2008.
Greater Washington D.C. Area:

- Chapter has a core group of officers in place that includes an active president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and a core group of supporters.
- Chapter has bylaws with a specific mission.
- The annual alumni chapter dinner was held at the Fort Myer Officer’s Club in Fort Myer, Virginia on October 3, 2008. A new chapter president was elected.

International House Program:

- The chapter has a president and vice president.
- An IHP Reunion was planned for May 16-18, 2008 at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, but was cancelled due to low response.

Marshall County:

- Chapter has an active president and a leadership committee with about four members.
- An Alumni Mardi Gras Celebration was held on February 12, 2008 at Papa Dubi’s Cajun Restaurant in Guntersville, with about 50 people in attendance.
- The chapter held an alumni dinner at Boondocks in Guntersville on July 31, 2008.
- The Marshall County Chapter won the first-ever “Alumni Chapter of the Year” award and was recognized during the halftime festivities at Homecoming, 2008. President Katie Boggus accepted the award.
- The chapter held a JSU game-watching party at Wintzell’s Oyster House in Guntersville on October 23, 2008.

Middle Tennessee:

- Chapter has an active president and two new officers.
- An alumni after-hours was held at The Flying Saucer in Nashville on Feb. 19, 2008.
- The chapter hosted a Pre-Game Tailgate gathering in Cookeville, TN prior to the JSU vs. Tennessee Tech football game on November 8, 2008.

North Texas:

- Chapter has a new president and a leadership team.
- A JSU football-watching party was held on October 23, 2008 at Wizard’s Sports Bar in Richardson, TX.
- The chapter has built and maintains its own web site: www.jsunorthtexasalumni.com.
- Chapter created a Myspace page for communication and networking.

Northwest Georgia/Southeast Tennessee:

- Chapter has a president and a few officers.
- The chapter hosted a Pre-Game Tailgate Party at the First Tennessee Pavilion in Chattanooga, TN prior to the JSU vs. UTC game on September 20, 2008.
Nursing:

- Chapter is currently seeking new leadership.
- Chapter awarded three scholarships this year at the Annual College of Nursing Honors Ceremony in April, each totaling $2,000.
- Puts out an annual newsletter.

ROTC:

- Chapter has an active president and group of officers.
- The annual alumni banquet was held on October 17, 2008 in the Gamecock Center on the JSU campus.
- Chapter puts out an annual newsletter and has a maintained chapter web site.
- Raises money annually for scholarships.

STAT Club (Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow):

- Club has an active president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and social director.
- Four officers attended the ASAP Conference in Savannah, Georgia in February, 2008.
- Held Mock Interview sessions on Friday, March 28, 2008.
- Annual Spring Shrimp Boil was held at the alumni house on April 17, 2008.
- Recruiting efforts were made during the summer freshman orientation sessions and at the Freshman Convocation.
- Held “Ice Cream & Information” Social at the alumni house on September 3, 2008 in an effort to recruit new members.
- Changed STAT’s Leadership Council into the Student Alumni Ambassadors – held interviews for the inaugural SAA members on September 17, 2008.
- Held a “Shady event” on September 17, 2008 – dodge ball & kick ball game.
- Held a Mock Interview Session on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library at 2pm on October 17, 2008. (Interviewers: DeShunn Wilkerson, Jim Epik, Lana Guthrie, Adrianne Curvin. Interviewees: Avery Spriggs, Kayla Barnes, Shalon Montgomery, Kimberly Megill, Gilbert Allen)
- Held a Mentor/Mentee Mixer on the 11th floor of the library following the Mock Interview Sessions on October 17, 2008.
- The Student Alumni Ambassadors were hosts at the President’s Home Reception on Homecoming day, October 18, 2009.
- Held several fundraisers including a babysitting day at JFUMC, selling sodas on Homecoming Day, and a 50/50 Raffle.
- Held a Hotdog & S’mores Cookout at the alumni house on November 5, 2008.
- Held a STAT Club Holiday Party at the alumni house on December 3, 2008.

St. Clair County:

- Group held an alumni dinner at The Ark Restaurant in Riverside on Jan. 26th, 2008.

Talladega County:

- Inactive
Additional Alumni Activities within the past year:

- Two Graduation Celebrations were held in the past year: one on May 2, 2008 and one on December 19, 2008.
- The JSU Retirees group held 4 events in the past year – a Spring Bar-B-Que on March 25, a Fish Fry on July 3, a Covered Dish Dinner on September 23, and a Christmas Luncheon on December 11.
- A Higher Education Alumni Advocacy Dinner was held in Montgomery on April 4, 2008.
- Three Alumni Association Board of Governors meetings were held – February 23, June 21, and October 18.
- An alumni golf tournament was held at Silver Lakes on May 10, 2008.
- A Young Alumni Cruise from Mobile to Cancun was held June 26-30, 2008.
- FAB 40s/Nifty 50s Reunion was held on September 27, 2009.
- The Class of 1958 held its 50-Year Reunion on October 17, 2008.
- The Class of 1983 held its 25-Year Reunion on October 17, 2008.
- The 60s Group held its annual reunion on October 17, 2008.
- The 1955 Football Team held a reunion on Homecoming Day morning, October 18, 2008.
- A newly-formed JSU Legal Society held its inaugural event on November 1.
- The alumni office went through a program review process. Several results followed including changing the name from “Alumni Affairs” to “Alumni Relations.”
- Alumni interest surveys were mailed to North Carolina residents and alumni who are professional educators.
- A young alumni online survey through a professional service was conducted.
- Two issues of Gem of the Hills alumni magazine were published and mailed.
- A new alumni directory was created.
- A JSU 125th Year coffee table history book was published and marketed.

* There were 63 total alumni-related events held within the past year.