In October 2003, the Houston Cole Library is rededicated after the completion of a major renovation that includes a new red granite facade and roof.

The university launches “The Power of 125...Join the Celebration,” a $17.5 million-dollar capital campaign effort to accelerate progress; empower learning and discovery; intensify our impact on people of the city, across the country and around the world.

Reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was confirmed in December 2003.

Fall enrollment reached an all-time record of 9,031 with the largest overall enrollment increase of any other 4 year institution in Alabama. Graduate enrollment increased by 7.6% over Fall 2002 and online class enrollment has grown to almost 2,000 students.

The dietetics program in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences received accreditation in 2003 for the Didactic Program in Dietetics.

JSU’s Center for Economic Development and Business Research completed an Economic Impact of the university to Calhoun and Etowah counties. The total dollar impact of JSU is $325 million and JSU also affects 7,952 jobs in the area.

There were 6,003 enrollments in distance learning classes during the fall 2003 semester.

The source of information listed is from various departmental reports.