



2004-2005 Highlights

The College of Graduate Studies continued to experience growth in the number of enrolled graduate students. This growth has been steady and consistent over the last ten years. The graduate enrollment increased from 1,607 graduate students in fall 2002 to 1,742 graduate students in fall 2003. This was a new record for graduate enrollment and represents an 8.4% increase. In the 2003 fall semester, graduate enrollment was 19% of the total enrollment, which was the largest percent in the institution's history. The graduate enrollment for 2004 fall semester was 1,792. This was a new record for graduate enrollment. This graduate enrollment represented 20% of the total enrollment, which now is the largest percent in the institution's history.

The College of Arts and Sciences founded the English Language Institute, which offers non-credit programs to assist non-native English speakers who want to learn English for academic and professional purposes. The institute enrolled its first students this past summer.

The Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) awarded accreditation to Jacksonville State University's Department of Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences for its bachelor degree programs in computer science and computer information systems.

The retention rate of students who are tutored through the ACE tutoring services increased 13 percent from last year.

After a 2 year waiting period, the JSU sports programs are officially part of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The JSU Board of Trustees approved the creation of a commemorative car tag with the proceeds being used for the general scholarship fund.

The Jacksonville State University Office of Continuing Education relocated its offices to the newly renovated 3181 building at JSU McClellan in February. By moving to JSU McClellan, the continuing education program gained five newly furnished classrooms with projection equipment, sound systems, smart boards and computers. Included are a 30-station computer lab and a video conferencing system to be used for the community as well as business and industry.

For the second year in a row, JSU's ROTC program is rated in the top 10 percent in the country.

The Institute for Emergency Preparedness has had enrollment from all 50 states in its programs and continues to have the largest program enrollment in the entire United States.

Dual enrollment numbers were up nearly 50% over last year's, with a total of 496 students for Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 combined.

The source of information listed is from various departmental reports.