



2005-2006 Highlights

A contract for \$930,000 was received from the Alabama Department of Education to establish an Alabama Math, Science, Technology Initiative (AMSTI) at Jacksonville State University.

Books for Baghdad concluded its second book drive, collecting and shipping nearly 19,000 textbooks and many scientific journals. Dr. Safaa Al-Hamdani made the arrangements with the International Relief and Development Agency to ship the books to Baghdad.

The commissioning of 22 quality officers in fiscal year 2006 made JSU the top Army officer producing university of any four year institute in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

JSU Online (<http://jsuonline.jsu.edu> OR <http://jsuonline.com>) was created, and intended to provide a single online 'storefront' distinctive from the university's web site. Prospective students can identify all complete distance education degrees and programs offered by the university on this site.

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences experienced incredible growth in student enrollment during the 2005/2006 academic year. There was a 92% increase in student enrollment from fall 2001 to fall 2006.

The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment supported the initiation of the first of seven cycles of Program Review, with 10 academic and non-academic units completing self-studies by June 2006. The findings from Program Review will inform the unit's departmental goals and objectives, which will be documented in PRISM.

Jacksonville State University's largest graduating class to date, with more than 700 students in attendance, assembled at Paul Snow Stadium on Friday, April 28.

A complete online course of study leading to a M.S.Ed in Physical Education was successfully implemented.

JSU's Accelerated High School/Dual Enrollment program entered into a new age with the establishment of a fiber-optic connection with Jacksonville High School. Also part of this project, Gadsden State Community College will connect to Oxford High School and Anniston High school will be provided a direct Internet connection with JSU. The project was made possible by a \$100,000 federal grant matched with \$100,000 from two local high schools and a generous gift from the Stewart family foundation. The resulting benefit of connecting Anniston, Jacksonville and Oxford High Schools with JSU is the ability to offer college-level courses to high school students on their own campuses.

A new record high was set for the graduate enrollment in the fall semester of 2005. The graduate enrollment in fall 2005 was 1,825, which was a slight increase over the previous record enrollment in fall 2004 of 1,792. In both fall semesters of 2004 and 2005, the graduate enrollment represented 20% of the total student enrollment.

JSU's International House Program celebrated its 60th year reunion in Paris, France on July 7th and 8th. With over 140 attendees, the reunion was a huge success! Alumni from all over the world traveled to reunite with fellow classmates.