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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT : BAILEE BRYANT

**Bailee Bryant** is a first-time freshman from Birmingham, Alabama. She is the daughter of Brandon and Rhonda Bryant and has one younger sister, Brooklyn.

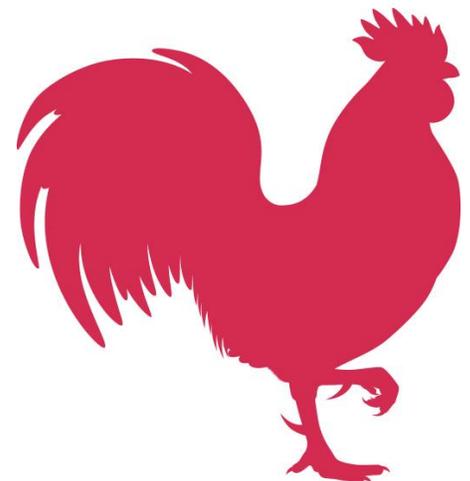
She graduated from Pinson Valley High School in 2016 and was awarded a Leadership Scholarship to attend Jacksonville State University. She is majoring in Communication with a concentration in Public Relations and has a 3.5 Grade Point Average.

Bailee was chosen to be the Freshman Convocation Bell Ringer last fall [as seen in the above photograph].

She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, Freshman Forum and the Student Government Association's Student Activities Council.

Bailee chose to attend JSU because she felt at home since JSU truly is the 'Friendliest Campus in the South.' She enjoys the campus community because

they make her feel like she is a part of the JSU family. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in advertising.



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT:



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### How to manage the disruptive, distressed or threatening student

by Dr. Timothy B King

I receive calls or email messages frequently from concerned faculty and staff about a student who is exhibiting behavior that is not consistent with normative expectations. Thus, what should faculty and staff do when a student is not acting in a manner conducive to learning and development? How should faculty and staff respond? The first step is to ascertain what is going on. Is the student being disruptive? Is the student distressed? Or is the student engaged in threatening behavior?

Disruptive behaviors in the classroom or office interrupt the learning and development process but do not rise to the level where an intervention is necessary. Examples of disruptive behavior may

include: eating in class (unless approved by DSS), cell phone use during instruction, persistent interruptions in class or in the office, demands for an immediate response or answer, and so forth and so on. If disruptive behaviors persist, faculty and staff can notify the Director of Community Standards & Student Ethics, Ms. Lauren Lowell for guidance.

Distressed students, on the other hand, require an intervention. Distress can take many forms, for example, inconsistent work submissions, infrequent class attendance, marked changes in personal hygiene, impaired speech and disjointed thoughts, repeated requests for special considerations and bizarre behavior that is inappropriate or incongruent with the situation. Remember that distressed students are not violent students! They merely need assistance. If you encounter a distressed student, ensure that student knows about the many resources on campus for assistance such as: Counseling Services, Disability Support Services, RMC Student Health Center, Dean of Students Office, Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Behavioral Concerns Team.

There has been a great deal of media attention in recent years about violence on college campuses, particularly active shooter violence. These violent outbursts have impacted higher education and created anxiety for faculty, staff and students. Most students are not violent, and university communities must be

careful before labeling a student as violent. The key point to remember is that any encounter with a student that induces fear for personal safety or safety of students needs to be addressed. Examples of threatening behavior may include: use of profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, direct or implied threats of violence, physical violence, stalking, intimidation and destruction of property.

The first response for faculty and staff who feel unsafe is to contact 911. If the situation is not an immediate threat, but is concerning, contact the University Police Department or the Behavioral Concerns Team for an assessment. If a student needs to be removed from class, contact the Director of Community Standards & Student Ethics for a consultation. Or contact the Vice President for Student Affairs for a review.

Reporting concerning behavior is critical for students and employees. If you wish to make a report of concerning or threatening behavior complete a Concerning Behavior Form at <http://www.jsu.edu/studentaffairs/behavioral-concerns.html>

If your department or office would like a more in depth presentation about this topic, please contact the VPSA at **5020**.

# ACROSS CAMPUS

## CAREER SERVICES

### **Which Employers Are Reported Hiring Our Graduates?**

Enterprise Holdings, better known as, Enterprise Rent-A-Car (ERAC) has reportedly hired 14 full-time JSU Gamecocks in 2016. JSU is ranked 2nd among all of the colleges that ERAC recruits from in the U.S. Positions range from Area Manager, Senior Truck Account Specialist, to Internships.

Enterprise Holdings has hired a total of 28 employees that are JSU graduates in Group 55; Group 55 is the entire state of Alabama, entire state of Mississippi, the southern part of Georgia and the panhandle of Florida.

Alabama Board of Pardon and Paroles, hired 4 JSU graduates in April 2016 and 1 in October for the Anniston, Gadsden and Pell City offices, respectively.

District G is made up of Calhoun, Cleburne, Etowah, Cherokee, and St. Clair counties and of that district of 31 employees, 15 are JSU graduates; that's almost half!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **March 28<sup>th</sup>** - *Learn How to Search for Jobs Pizza Party* from 2:30<sup>PM</sup> - 4:00<sup>PM</sup> in **Merrill Hall Room 251**

- **April 13<sup>th</sup>** - *Education Fair, a Reverse Career Fair* at **Pete Mathews Coliseum**

## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Anmarie Chandler, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner and JSU Alum, is the newest member to the JSU/RMC family. Her medical specialization is Adult/Geriatric Health with a dual-degree in Occupational Health. She has a compassionate understanding of the university community and is excited to offer her services as the health center's primary care provider. Current students and faculty/staff will receive the excellent care they deserve as well as future students. We look forward to her continued partnership with Jacksonville State University and Regional Medical Center.

## VETERAN SERVICES

### **Operation Reveille**

Recently the Jacksonville State University Office of Veteran Services participated in an outreach mission for homeless Veterans in the Birmingham area. The Veterans Administration (VA) organized Operation Reveille, which is part of an effort to end Veteran homelessness. Operation Reveille was a community-coordinated event that called on government agencies, housing providers, and other organizations to work together

to connect homeless Veterans to permanent housing. Thirty homeless Veterans in the Birmingham area qualified for permanent housing through the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Voucher program. VASH Vouchers provide permanent housing for eligible homeless Veterans with or without families.

It was an honor and privilege to help our brothers and sisters in their time of need and lend a helping hand.

With gratitude, we would like to recognize everyone who contributed to our 1st donation drive.

### **Local Businesses and Community:**

- Walgreens of Jacksonville
- Dr. Gibson Dental office of Anniston
- University Inn of Jacksonville
- City of Munford Alabama
- Tredegar C.H. Church of Jacksonville

### **JSU Campus Support from Faculty, Staff, and Students:**

- The Lurleen B. Wallace Department of Nursing
- Ramona Wood Building Counselor Education Department
- Brewer Hall Social Work & Sociology Department
- Student Veterans of America
- TMB- Student Life
- Housekeeping
- Counseling and Disability

Support Services  
Veteran Services

We look forward to continued support from the community and JSU faculty, staff, and students. Many thanks,  
Veteran Services Staff

## **DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE:**

### **ORIENTATION:**

Seven new members have been selected to be part of the Gamecock Orientation Team for 2017, which include:

Skylar Fontaine  
Patrick Hubbard  
Kuvvat Jorayev  
Megan Ogle  
Reyna Ramirez  
Anna Whitworth  
Jalia Wilkins

Returning orientation leaders include:

DeLena Harris (Coordinator)  
Jared Davis (Coordinator)  
Joseph Dothard  
Mark Thrower  
Andy Hoang  
Sabrina Martin  
Elsie Ritchie

The theme for this year is “The Road Home” with an emphasis on JSYOU. We plan to make sure that all students feel connected and at home when they arrive on campus. The new team accomplished a 3.64 GPA for the Fall semester which is significantly higher than the undergraduate average (2.74) at JSU.

### **Welcome!**

Lauren Lowell, is the new Director of Community Standards & Student Ethics.

Lauren came to us from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA where she worked closely between Housing & Residence Life and the Office of Student Conduct for 6 years. Lauren studied Sociology and Gender Studies at the University of North Georgia for her undergraduate work and then received her Master’s degree from Western Carolina University in Education; college student personnel. Lauren is originally from the Atlanta area and enjoys any and all outdoor activities. In her personal time, she will usually be seen with her pup, Gwen, likely chasing squirrels. Lauren’s office is currently located in Stephenson Hall, room 214; stop by and say hello!

## **UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS**

200 campus tours have been completed thus far in the 2016-2017 academic year with 1,131 prospective students attending. Group tours are scheduled each week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning and ending at the Library at 10 am and 2 pm. Individual family tours are scheduled each week on Tuesday and Thursday beginning and ending at the Visitor Center at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm.

Many prospective students and their family members visited the campus during the fall and spring semesters as follows:

- 2,069 attended Preview Days
- 462 attended Accepted Student Days
- 152 attended Transfer Day
- 202 attended Emerging Leaders Day

Fall 2017 Preview Day is scheduled for October 14.

Admissions Advisors attended 564 events during fall 2016 and have attended or are scheduled to attend 366 events so far this spring. Additionally, the Admission Advisors hosted the Counselor Luncheon on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Houston Cole Library where 43 high school counselors attended.

The CORE Scholars Coordinator and Specialists have visited 246 high schools thus far this 2016-2017 academic year.

## **UNIVERSITY RECREATION**

University Recreation has added Outdoor Adventure to its list of activities! This program will provide resources that allow students to access our local outdoor areas more effectively. The areas around JSU boasts of an unbelievable selection of outdoor recreational opportunities. From kayaking and fishing to mountain biking and hiking, JSU's surrounding area will provide you with an outdoor itinerary that can please any outdoor enthusiast. The region also contains beautiful state parks and numerous rock climbing opportunities. The goal is to connect students with these outdoor areas by providing information and organizing trips.

Group Fitness Classes:

<http://www.jsu.edu/recsports/Fitness.html>

Intramural Sports:

<http://www.jsu.edu/recsports/Intramuralsports.html>