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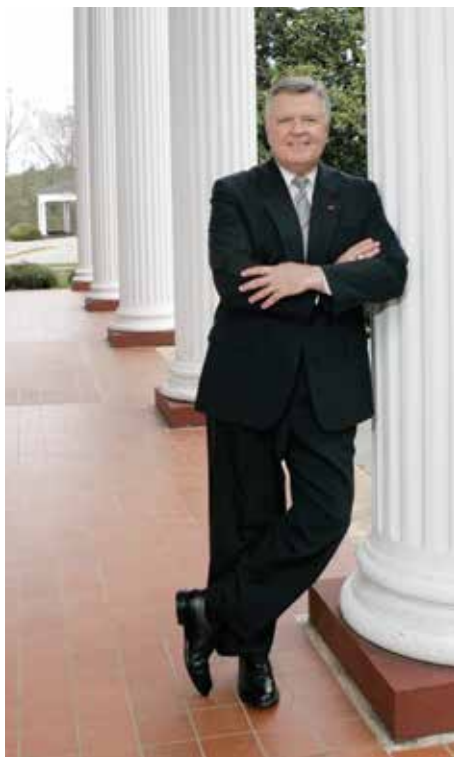
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DEAR ALUMNI,

We are pleased to bring you this special Homecoming edition of the Gem of the Hills. As we begin the fall semester, we want to update you on the exciting happenings at your alma mater.

Meet the JSU National Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni of the Year on page fourteen. We are very proud of our alumni's accomplishments and look forward to recognizing them this fall.

The faculty at JSU are committed to providing a learning centered environment that offers our students the opportunity to excel. Outside of the classroom the faculty are actively engaged in service to our community and academic research that makes important contributions to their field. In May, we recognized the Outstanding Faculty for the 2012-13 academic year. The recipients of these awards are representative of the outstanding faculty that we have across the university.

In the sports section beginning on page eight, you will be introduced to Rick Pietri, our new head women's basketball coach. You can also read about how some of our younger Gamecocks are getting their shot on the diamond in the pros.

As always, I hope you enjoy this issue of the Gem and urge you and your family to come back to campus during Homecoming weekend, October 11-13. We have planned an exciting schedule full of opportunities to visit with former classmates and share fond memories of this special place that is so deeply rooted in our lives.

Sincerely,

William A. Meehan, Ed.D.
President



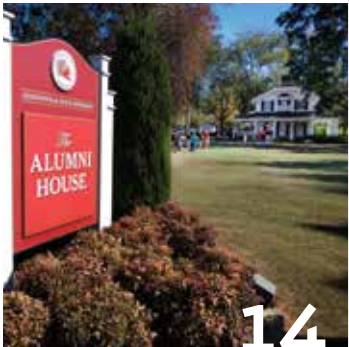
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JIM BENNETT

APPOINTED ALABAMA SECRETARY OF STATE

BY HEATHER GREENE

Jacksonville State University again can boast of a highly placed state official, as JSU Board of Trustees Chair Jim Bennett '62 has been appointed Alabama Secretary of State for the second time in his career. Governor Robert Bentley announced the appointment on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. Bennett will succeed Secretary of State Beth Chapman, who stepped down on July 31.

During his time at JSU, Bennett served as SGA representative, was band announcer for the Southerners, and was editor of the *Collegian*, predecessor of the *Chanticleer*. After graduating from JSU, Bennett went straight to the *Birmingham Post Herald* where he served as a reporter in the Alabama capital in the early 1960s. Bennett can recall interviewing such historical figures as George Wallace and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bennett later went into public relations for a period of time in Birmingham. In 1978, he was elected to the Alabama legislature.

For over thirty years, Bennett has served the people of Alabama in various government positions. A member of the Alabama State House of Representatives from 1978-1983, Bennett went on to serve in the Alabama State Senate from 1983-1993. In 1993, Bennett was appointed secretary of state. Later, he was elected twice, serving in this capacity for ten years. He became known for his work to combat absentee ballot abuse and to increase the accuracy of voter rolls by making sure names of the deceased were removed. He later served the people of Alabama as labor commissioner.

Governor Bentley said Bennett's distinguished record of service made him well qualified to complete the current term as secretary of state.

"Jim is a dedicated public servant," Governor Bentley said in the release announcing Bennett's appointment. "He was a trusted member of my cabinet where he served as Labor Commissioner until his retirement in 2012. Having previously

served as Secretary of State, Jim is uniquely qualified to lead the Secretary of State's Office through the 2014 election cycle. I know Jim will fight for every Alabamian's right to vote. I appreciate his willingness to serve and know he will be an honest and dedicated Secretary of State."

Bennett has felt very blessed in his political journey and is thankful for the many opportunities he has been given.

"It is a distinct honor to return to the Secretary of State's Office where I served for ten years from 1993-2003," Bennett said. "I appreciate Governor Bentley's confidence in my ability to lead the effort for honest elections and to support the opportunity for all citizens to actively participate in government through the voting process. This is especially important with the 2014 election cycle a short time ahead. To those who would seek to manipulate our most basic right to decide issues and elections fairly and honestly at the ballot box, my appointment will not come as good news."



DR. LORI OWENS

RECEIVES ANNUAL HIGHER EDUCATION ALUMNI AWARD

BY KENNETH SMITH



Earlier this year at the annual Higher Education Partnership (HEP) Alumni Task Force banquet in Montgomery, Alabama, Dr. Lori Owens of Jacksonville State University was given the night's highest honor. The HEP Leadership Award is based on personal contributions that help make the case that higher education is important to the people of Alabama. The Alumni Task Force, made up of the alumni directors from all Alabama universities, makes the final determination of each year's winner of the award.

Gordon Stone, director of the Partnership, stated, "Dr. Lori Owens served multiple terms as chair of the Board of Directors of the Higher Education

Partnership. In that role, she was a faithful and dedicated leader who encouraged fellow faculty members on her campus and across the state to be engaged advocates. She believed in students and often used her own resources to build their awareness of the significance of their voice." Dr. Owens has been the guest speaker at many public forums on behalf of higher education and leads seminars on the vital role students play as advocates. Dr. Owens takes a busload of students to the Higher Education Day in Montgomery every year so that they can experience the process of higher education as it pertains to Alabama state government.



2013 JSU RETIREES

SUE GARDNER
Criminal Justice

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JSU NEWS IN PICTURES



Gary Sinise and Marine Sgt. Ben Tomlinson, on stage with Ben's family, during the May 19 "Operation Ben" benefit concert at Jacksonville State University. Proceeds from the concert are being used to build Ben a "smart home" as part of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and the Gary Sinise Foundation's "Building for America's Bravest" program.



KB Solomon, former Jacksonville State University student and one of the country's most prominent basso profundo singers, performs a one-man show at the Stone Center about the life of Paul Robeson. Robeson, the son of a runaway slave, was valedictorian at Rutgers University, college and NFL football star, singer, actor and pioneer of the civil rights movement.



Dr. Lou Reinisch and students during a collaborative classroom session in Martin Hall.



Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Diane McWhorter visited JSU in March to deliver the annual Ayers Lecture hosted by the JSU Department of Communication.



At the April 26th commencement, 707 Graduates received diplomas, one of the largest classes in school history. The Honors Program graduated six of its original Elite Honors Scholarship recipients. Another of the original scholarship recipients graduated Fall 2012. The new Honors Program has been a tremendous success since its inception in 2009. Each year eight incoming students are awarded the Elite Honors Scholarship and become active members of the Honors Program.



JSU RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING FACULTY



Dr. Jaedeok Kim
Earlon & Betty McWhorter
Outstanding Teacher Award



Dr. Nixon Webi
Cleo & Carla Thomas Award
For Outstanding Community
Education & Service



Dr. Jimmy Triplett
Faculty Scholar
Lecture Award



Dr. Rob Landry
Raymond & Ruth Ringer
Faculty Development Award

Jacksonville State University recognized Outstanding Faculty Award winners, faculty research, tenure and promotion recipients as well as retirees and scholars at the annual Faculty Awards Program in May.

The Earlon and Betty McWhorter Outstanding Teacher Award, established in 1993, was awarded to Dr. Jaedeok Kim, associate professor, Department of Mathematics, Computing and Information Sciences.

Dr. Kim will receive an honorarium of \$500, a budget of \$500 for expenses, and a framed certificate that recognizes this accomplishment.

The Cleo and Carla Thomas Award for Outstanding Community Education and Service, established in the spring of 1999 and funded by Cleophus Thomas Jr., Esq., and Dr. Carla Thomas, was awarded to Dr. Nixon Mwebi, associate professor, Department of Physical and Earth Sciences. Dr. Mwebi will receive an honorarium of \$500, a \$500 budget for

expenses, and a framed certificate that recognizes this accomplishment.

The Faculty Scholar Lecture Award, established in the spring of 1998, was awarded to Dr. Jimmy Triplett, assistant professor, Department of Biology. Dr. Triplett will deliver a lecture, or an appropriate presentation, to the university community during the academic year of the award. He will also receive an honorarium of \$500 and a budget of \$500 for expenses.

The Raymond and Ruth Ringer Faculty Development Award, established in the spring of 2008 by Robert E. Ringer in memory of his parents, Raymond J. and Ruth Chisolm Ringer, was awarded to Dr. Rob Landry, associate professor, Department of Finance, Economics and Accounting. Dr. Landry will receive an honorarium in the amount of \$1000 in support of scholarship, community service, and teaching.

Also being recognized at the awards program were Dr. Emily Sims and

Dr. Rhonda Kilgo for receiving their doctorates. Dr. Sims is an assistant professor of secondary education and Dr. Kilgo is an assistant professor of mathematics.

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RICK PIETRI

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
NEW HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Rick Pietri has been named head women's basketball coach at Jacksonville State University following the resignation of Annette Watts.

Pietri spent the last thirteen seasons as the head coach at South Alabama and helped turn the Lady Jags into a contender in the Sun Belt Conference, capturing back-to-back Sun Belt West Division titles in 2003 and 2004.

South made consecutive WNIT postseason appearances both in 2003 and 2004, and Pietri is the all-time winningest coach in Lady Jaguars history with a career record of 220-167. Prior to his arrival, South Alabama had posted ten straight losing seasons.

"I'm tremendously excited about the opportunity to be the head coach at Jacksonville State," said Pietri. "The chance to move a program forward, much in the way I did when I arrived at South Alabama, is very exciting to me. I know that it is going to be a challenge, but one that I am up to."

Pietri's turnaround of the South Alabama program started with his first team, during the 2000-01 season, as the Jags finished with a record of 13-16. It was the most wins for the program in over ten years and was just two wins fewer than the fifteen wins combined over the previous two seasons.

The turnaround continued the next season, as USA raced out to a 16-5 record in its first twenty-one games and posted the first winning season since the 1989-90 season with a 17-11 record. The next year, the Lady Jags finished 22-7 after opening the season with a 14-1 record and won the division crown for the second straight year.

During Pietri's tenure, the Jags posted a 130-54 (.707) record at home, including setting an arena record with fourteen home wins during the 2008-09 season.

The Jags finished with a winning record in five of Pietri's last six years, including three straight years with a 17-13 record from 2010-11 through the 2012-13 season.

A South Alabama alum, Pietri began his collegiate coaching career as a men's assistant at Spring Hill College for four seasons (1989-93), before joining Duane Reboul's staff at Birmingham Southern in 1993-94.

Pietri's first head coaching job was as the boys' coach at B.C. Rain High School (1994-98), where he went 106-32 in four seasons, making four straight Final Four appearances and earning 5A Coach of the Year honors in 1998. He then spent two seasons coaching the boys at St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile before taking the job at South Alabama in April of 2000. 📞

DANIEL WATTS

PLAYED IN ALL STAR GAME



Former Jacksonville State pitcher, Daniel Watts was named to the Midwest League's All-Star game, which was played on June 18th in Dayton, Ohio.

Watts started, pitching one inning where he did not allow a hit and had a pair of strikeouts.

At the time of his selection to the team, Watts led the Midwest League with an 8-3 record with a 3.74 earned run average. He had started twelve games, pitched 74.2 innings and allowed just thirty-one earned runs. He had forty-eight strikeouts and only twenty-three walks, while allowing seventy-four hits.

The LaGrange, Ga., native was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 32nd round of the 2012 Major League Baseball Draft and currently plays for the Class A affiliate, South Bend Silver Hawks in Indiana.

The former Troup County (Ga.) prep star made fifty-four appearances during his Gamecock career, posting a 15-19 record in thirty-seven career starts. He tossed 200.2 innings with 193 strikeouts to just 78 walks, while giving up 141 earned runs for a career 6.32 ERA. 📞

DONOVAN HAND

MAKES MLB DEBUT



Reliever Donovan Hand was one of the final cuts coming out of spring training for the Milwaukee Brewers, ultimately losing out for the last spot in the bullpen. But less than two months into the season, Hand has earned a spot in the big leagues.

Hand, who turned twenty-seven in April, spent his first six professional seasons in the minor leagues. The Brewers took him as their thirteenth pick in the baseball draft of 2007. He finished his three-year Gamecock career with a 26-16 record, and is second on JSU's all-time career wins list.

Hand was pitching in relief for his fourth season with the Nashville Sounds when the call came. He and his wife, Haley, excitedly hopped a 7 a.m. flight out of Nashville as he joined the Brewers in Milwaukee. "I'm definitely excited to be here and hopefully help this team win," Hand told the Journal-Sentinel upon his arrival.

From Hatton, Ala., Hand was an All-OVC selection for three straight years and led the Gamecocks with seven wins and 82 strikeouts in 2007; he went 9-5 in 2006 and was 10-3 as a freshman in 2005. He was named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American in 2005 and was also named the OVC Freshman of the Year. 📞

COTY BLANCHARD

DRAFTED BY TAMPA DAY RAYS



Jacksonville State's Coty Blanchard was drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 15th round of the 2013 MLB Draft.

Blanchard becomes the 24th player in Gamecock baseball history to be taken in the Top 15 rounds and it marks the second straight year after Ben Waldrip was drafted in the 10th round last year. He is the 16th player that has been drafted under JSU head coach Jim Case.

The former Cherokee County High School product earned second-team All-Ohio Valley Conference honors this spring as a utility player and was listed as a second baseman on the MLB Draft Tracker.

Blanchard was second on the team against OVC pitching, where he hit .363 with two homers and fourteen doubles against conference opponents. He also drew twenty walks to post a .460 on-base percentage.

On the season, Blanchard posted a .305 average with nineteen doubles, four home runs and thirty-seven RBIs, while swiping seventeen bases.

Blanchard, who helped the Gamecocks earn the No. 4 seed and advance to their 10th straight OVC Tournament appearance as a junior in 2013, was the sixth highest selection under Case. 📞

Dr. Sarah Latham Retires after over **30 YEARS OF TEACHING**



After over thirty years of training the minds and impacting the lives of nursing students, Dr. Sarah Vines Latham has retired from the Jacksonville State University College of Nursing (CON) where she has been an instructor for thirty-one of her total thirty-four years of teaching.

When choosing her career field, Dr. Latham explains, “I loved math and science and was attracted to the medical field, but I also had a clear vision of the kind of family life I wanted. I wanted a career that was intellectually challenging and one that made a difference in people’s

lives, but I also wanted a profession that allowed me to put family first.”

It was not until Latham’s brother-in-law, a physician, encouraged her to consider a career in nursing that Latham even entertained the idea of majoring in nursing. Latham had only to get into her first nursing course to realize that this was a perfect career match for her.

In her career, Dr. Latham has received various awards and honors such as the Alabama League for Nursing Lamplighter Award in Recognition of Exemplary Achievements in Service to

Others (’95), Cottaquilla Council of Girl Scouts Women Committed to Excellence Award-Outstanding Educator (’99), JSU Outstanding Teacher Award (’99 - ’00), and JSU National Alumni Association Outstanding Faculty Award (’07).

Latham received her BSN from the University of Alabama School of Nursing in 1973 and went on to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing to receive her MSN in 1975, concentrating as a clinical specialist in Adult Health Nursing, Educator Role.

In 1978, Latham’s husband, who is a dentist, was recruited to Piedmont. During this time, Latham had already been teaching nursing courses at UAB, which allowed her to realize that teaching nursing classes was one of her “great passions.”

After the Latham’s move, Sarah accepted a teaching position at JSU in 1982 and went on to earn her doctorate from UAB in 1985. Latham has since taught nursing students in the traditional BSN, RN to BSN, and MSN programs.

In 2004, Dr. Latham was appointed dean and, at that time, the RN to BSN program and the MSN program in the CON were modest with only 9 and 29 students respectively. Under Dr. Latham’s leadership, those programs transitioned

Association, AARP, ACHE, the Alabama Board of Nursing and all nursing programs in the state. Team Alabama directed collaborative efforts, under the auspices of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the US Department of Labor, and AARP in implementing strategies to increase the number of nursing faculty in the United States.

Though her resume is quite impressive, it is evident that Dr. Latham is incredibly passionate about her work.

Latham explains, “Nursing is a combination of art and science...My specialty, critical care, involves high tech gadgetry. But just as important, and in many cases more importantly, I love the art of nursing which involves establishing rapport with

Trevelino Keller Communications Group in Atlanta and is a contributing reporter for NPR, *Travel +Leisure*, *Coastal Living*, *Southern Living*, *Preservation Magazine*, and *Cooking with Paula Dean*. He also hosts a storytelling podcast called “Authentic South” and is in the process of finishing a book on country music stars and their recipes.

After finishing graduate school, their younger son, Aaron Latham, worked as a communication director for a U.S. congressman in Washington D.C. Upon returning to Alabama, Aaron served as the communications director for the University of Alabama School of Law and taught classes in communications and political science at UA. Aaron is now public

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to be an effective nurse, every aspect of who we are as people is challenged.”**

to completely online and enrollment grew exponentially to 340 and 64 respectively. Student enrollment for all programs increased from 240 in fall 2004 to 666 in fall 2012. The faculty also grew from 17 to 27, resulting in the addition of a full-time clinical associate and two additional directors to the CON staff. There have also been numerous technological advancements for the classroom under Dr. Latham’s deanship.

Since 2004, JSU’s Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Rebecca Turner, and the CON have sponsored nursing faculty participation in fifty-four national conferences, fourty state level conferences and eleven international conferences.

Dr. Latham has served on a multitude of university committees and also served at the state level as chair of both the State of Alabama Association of College of Nursing and chair of the Alabama Council of Administrators of Professional Nursing Education Programs.

Dr. Latham represented the state on “Team Alabama,” a consortium of leaders representing the Alabama Hospital

individuals and families experiencing life crises...The art of nursing is connecting with the person first, reading their verbal and non-verbal messages, learning what is most important to them, teaching them what they can do to support healing or dying more peacefully. It is an honor and a privilege to be that instrumental in the quality of someone’s life...To be an effective nurse, every aspect of who we are as people is challenged. Nursing is intellectually stimulating, it requires high level reasoning and problem solving, and in its purest form, nursing is a vehicle to show compassion and caring, to affirm the worth of others.”

On her life, Latham states, “God has blessed me beyond my ability to comprehend. I’m married to the finest man I’ve ever known...Our children continue to amaze and bless us.”

Latham and her husband celebrate forty years of being together and have plenty of reason to take pride in their children.

Their older son, Tanner Latham, wrote for *Southern Living* for ten years and currently works as content director for

relations strategy and research coordinator at Alabama Power Company, where he develops strategies and messages for communicating with targeted audiences. He and his wife, Megan, are expecting a child soon.

The Lathams are very much looking forward to the birth of their first grandchild and in the meantime, Dr. Latham states she is “embracing life in retirement.”

After undergoing a “grueling” battle with cancer in 2008, Dr. Latham is in her fifth year of remission and explains, “I am savoring each moment of life, taking time to nurture relationships, digging in the dirt, and looking very carefully for what the Lord wants me to do.”

JSU would like to congratulate Dr. Latham on her over thirty years of service to the university and wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

For more information about the College of Nursing at JSU, please visit www.jsu.edu/nursing/

WITH ALUMNI



Congratulations to the JSU Alumni Association’s newest chapter, the West Alabama Area Alumni Chapter. At the annual board meeting, JSU alumnus, Mr. Charles Ponder ’04 requested approval to become an organized chapter. For information on how to start a chapter, contact the alumni office at alumni@jsu.edu.



Tab ’12 and Allison (Inglis) Brown ’05/’07/’10 are carrying on their strong JSU family history with their son, TJ, who at the age of three already has an appreciation for Cocky. Tab and Allison are both former Southerners and are a part of a multi-generational family of JSU graduates.



At the OVC baseball tournament earlier this year, Head Coach, Jim Case, poses with JSU alumnus, Jerry Gist ’67. Mr. Gist is the mayor of Jackson, Tenn.



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11th Floor, Houston Cole Library
GO Leaders/Peer Counselor
Reunion

NOVEMBER 8-9
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Cheerleader Reunion

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SAFARI
ANYONE?

In May of this year, JSU alumna, Pam Smith ’82/’83/’95, packed up her suitcase, met up with her travelling partners, Judy Glass ’71/’79, and Maury Bennett Miller ’92 then headed to Kenya with artist Larry K. Martin ’61 for his Photography/Art Safari . While this was Pam’s sixth trip to Africa with Martin’s group and Judy’s fifth it was Maury’s first African safari.

This safari lasted for thirteen days with visits to Samburu National Reserve, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli National Park and had a total of eighteen travelers. It was very special to these alums because of an up close and personal experience with a cheetah. “A remarkable experience shared with a wild creature, my husband (David Miller) and friends,” says Maury.

Pam says these trips are “like nothing else on earth” and a different experience each time she has been. She saw things on



this trip that she had not previously seen, particularly the cheetah jumping on top of their Land Cruiser and hanging out for a while. It was a photographer’s heaven for her. She says, “Larry’s trips have made me a better photographer because of the opportunity to capture so many great wildlife moments. After the first trip, I forced myself to learn more about photography so I could take advantage of the opportunities I had on these trips.”

She and Judy prefer Martin’s adventures because they are unique in the fact that they combine both art and photography components. Martin instructs several painting sessions during the excursion while including many photographic tips

and insight on the behavior of the wildlife. While Martin’s trips occur each year, these ladies opt for travelling with him every other year. And they highly recommend it for anyone who wants to simplify their life, get unplugged for a while and get back to nature in its truest form. As Judy says, “Africa is a place of peace and refuge for your soul.”

Visit Pam’s website to see the images she has captured over the years www.naturereflectionsphotography.com For more information on future safaris visit Larry Martin’s website at www.larrykmartin.com or email him at larrykmartin@wrensnestinc.com *Photo courtesy of Bill Dyal*

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ALUMNI

OF THE YEAR

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HOMECOMING GAME ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 12.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

MR. GREG HARLEY '88 Mr. Harley earned his Bachelor of Science in finance from Jacksonville State University in 1988. He went on to earn his Juris Doctor., cum laude, from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1992. Mr. Harley is a partner with Burr Forman LLP and is co-chair of the firm's commercial litigation section. His work concentrates on business litigation, class action defense and employment matters. While his practice is centered in Georgia and Alabama, Mr. Harley has represented clients in matters across the United States and frequently speaks on litigation related topics to other members of the bar. He and his wife, Manda, JSU Class of 2001, reside in Atlanta, Ga. with their seven year old daughter, Kate.

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

MS. EMILY SIDES BONDS '87 Ms. Bonds earned her Bachelor of Arts in political science from Jacksonville State University in 1987 and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1990. Ms. Bonds is a partner with Jones Walker LLP, one of the largest 150 law firms in the United States with more than 375 attorneys located in ten states and the District of Columbia. Ms. Bonds' practice focuses on the areas of litigation and alternative dispute resolution. She and her husband, Bryan, JSU class of 1987, reside in Mountain Brook, Alabama, and have a nineteen year old son, Miller, and a sixteen year old daughter, Anne Marie.

YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

MR. BLAKE ARTHUR '07 Mr. Arthur earned his Bachelor of Science in recreation administration from Jacksonville State University in 2007. He immediately went to work for Management Recruiters of Cartersville in Cartersville, Ga. as a project coordinator and account executive specializing in the senior housing industry. In April, 2011, he became a field based corporate recruiter for Golden Living in Plano, Tex. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to his current position as a leadership management recruiter for the Golden Living Centers. Mr. Arthur directs the recruitment efforts for all facility based leadership positions in eight states. He and his wife, Jill, JSU Class of 2006, reside in Cartersville, Ga. with their five year old daughter, Eva Kate.

MILITARY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

BRIGADIER GENERAL CURT A. RAUHUT '84 Brigadier General Curt Rauhut was commissioned on active duty as a second lieutenant in the Finance Corps in 1984 at Jacksonville State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting and military science. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from Syracuse University and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He is currently the director for resource management, Installation Management Command at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. His primary duty includes managing an \$11B annual budget to run and sustain our Army installations. General Rauhut is married to the former Julie Urias from Las Vegas,

Nevada and a graduate from the University of La Verne in California. They have a fifteen year old son named Chase and the family resides in San Antonio, Texas.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY/STAFF
OF THE YEAR

MR. ANDY GREEN '05/'08 Mr. Green earned his Bachelor of Science in geography with a minor in marketing from Jacksonville State University in 2005. Upon graduation, he began work in the JSU Admissions Office as an admissions counselor traveling across the state visiting high schools to attract students to JSU. Three years later in 2008, he completed his Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Spatial Analysis Management from JSU. In 2009, Mr. Green moved to the position of academic advisement director where he advised undecided majors. In 2010, he returned to the Admissions Office to assume the helm as director of enrollment management. He is married to the former Brandie Pollard ('07/'08/'12) and they have one son, Jackson Andrew Green, who is four months old. The Greens reside in White Plains, Alabama.

ALUMNI CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

CALHOUN COUNTY led by Chapter President, Mrs. Adrienne Curvin '96. There are approximately 8,700 alumni residing in the Calhoun County area.

Nomination deadline for 2014 alumni
of the year is February 1.



Mr. Greg Harley '88



Ms. Emily Sides Bonds '87



Mr. Blake Arthur '07



Brigadier General
Curt A. Rauhut '84



Mr. Andy Green '05/'08

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

HOMECOMING

JSU vs. TENNESSEE STATE

HOMECOMING & FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

6:00 PM

CALHOUN COUNTY ALUMNI WINE TASTING
COXWELL ROOM | JSU FIELDHOUSE
HOMECOMING PEP RALLY | JSU STADIUM

8:00 PM

FRIDAY

11:30 AM

12:00 NOON

'55 FOOTBALL TEAM LUNCHEON
CLASS OF 1963 50TH YEAR CLASS REUNION
11TH FLOOR HOUSTON COLE LIBRARY
SIXTIES GROUP ALUMNI DINNER
MCCLELLAN MEDICAL MALL BUSINESS CENTER
ROTC ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET
11TH FLOOR HOUSTON COLE LIBRARY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE REUNION | BREWER HALL
'55 FOOTBALL TEAM RECEPTION | ALUMNI HOUSE
JSU VOLLEYBALL VS. BELMONT

5:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:30 PM

7:00 PM

SATURDAY

8:30 AM

'55 FOOTBALL TEAM REUNION BREAKFAST
ALUMNI HOUSE
ALUMNI HOUSE OPEN TO ALL ALUMNI, FAMILY
AND FRIENDS
FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS
PRESIDENT'S OPEN HOUSE
PARADE
DEPARTMENTAL OPEN HOUSES
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING
TMB AUDITORIUM (open to all alumni)
CHASING CHAD CONCERT | DILLON FIELD
JSU VS. TENNESSEE STATE KICKOFF
ALUMNI OF THE YEAR & HOMECOMING COURT
RECOGNITION
SOUTHERNERS PERFORMANCE
JSU VOLLEYBALL VS. TENNESSEE STATE
ALUMNI JAZZ MIXER | HAMPTON INN
CALHOUN CO. ALUMNI POSTGAME | HEROES

9:00 AM

9:30–10:30 AM

11:00 AM

11:30–2:30 PM

NOON–1:00 PM

12:30 PM

3:00 PM

HALFTIME

7:00 PM

SUNDAY

1:00 PM

2:00 PM

JSU SOCCER VS. TENNESSEE TECH
UNITED NATIONS DAY TEA | INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

HOMECOMING

REUNION INFORMATION

CLASS OF 1963 50TH YEAR REUNION

Friday, Oct. 11

12:00 Noon/Lunch

Business Casual

SIXTIES GROUP ALUMNI DINNER

Friday, Oct. 11

5:00 PM Check In

5:30 PM Dinner

Casual dress \$15/person

(payable to W.E. Connell)

ROTC ALUMNI BANQUET

Friday, Oct. 11

6:00 PM Social

6:30 PM Dinner

Casual Dress \$25/person

Contact Chapter President Clayton

Scott at escott002@centurytel.net

or Chapter Secretary, Joe Serviss

at JoeServiss@aol.com

ROTC ELC REUNION

JSU Classes 1978-1983

Friday & Saturday Oct. 11 & 12

(ELCs are encouraged to contact

Gene Wisdom for more information

at finz2night2003@yahoo.com)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REUNION

Friday, Oct. 11

6:00 PM

Casual Dress

'55 FOOTBALL TEAM REUNION

Friday & Saturday Oct. 11 & 12

Friday, 11:30 AM Lunch

President's Dining Room

Friday, 6:30 PM

Reception | Alumni House

Saturday, 8:30 AM

Breakfast Alumni House

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GAMECOCK FOOTBALL 2013

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 31	AT ALABAMA STATE	5 PM
SEPT. 7	JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY	6 PM
SEPT. 14	NORTH ALABAMA (BAND DAY)	7 PM
SEPT. 21	AT GEORGIA STATE	1 PM
SEPT. 28	MURRAY STATE* (FALL PREVIEW DAY)	3 PM
OCT. 5	AT UT MARTIN*	2 PM
OCT. 12	TENNESSEE STATE* (HOMECOMING/FAMILY DAY)	3 PM
OCT. 26	AT TENNESSEE TECH*	1:30 PM
NOV. 2	AT AUSTIN PEAY*	1 PM
NOV. 9	EASTERN KENTUCKY* (SOUTHERNERS REUNION)	3 PM
NOV. 16	AT EASTERN ILLINOIS*	12 PM
NOV. 23	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE (HALL OF FAME/YOUTH SPORTS DAY)	3 PM



*OVC CONFERENCE GAMES

ALL TIMES CT (SCHEDULE AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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