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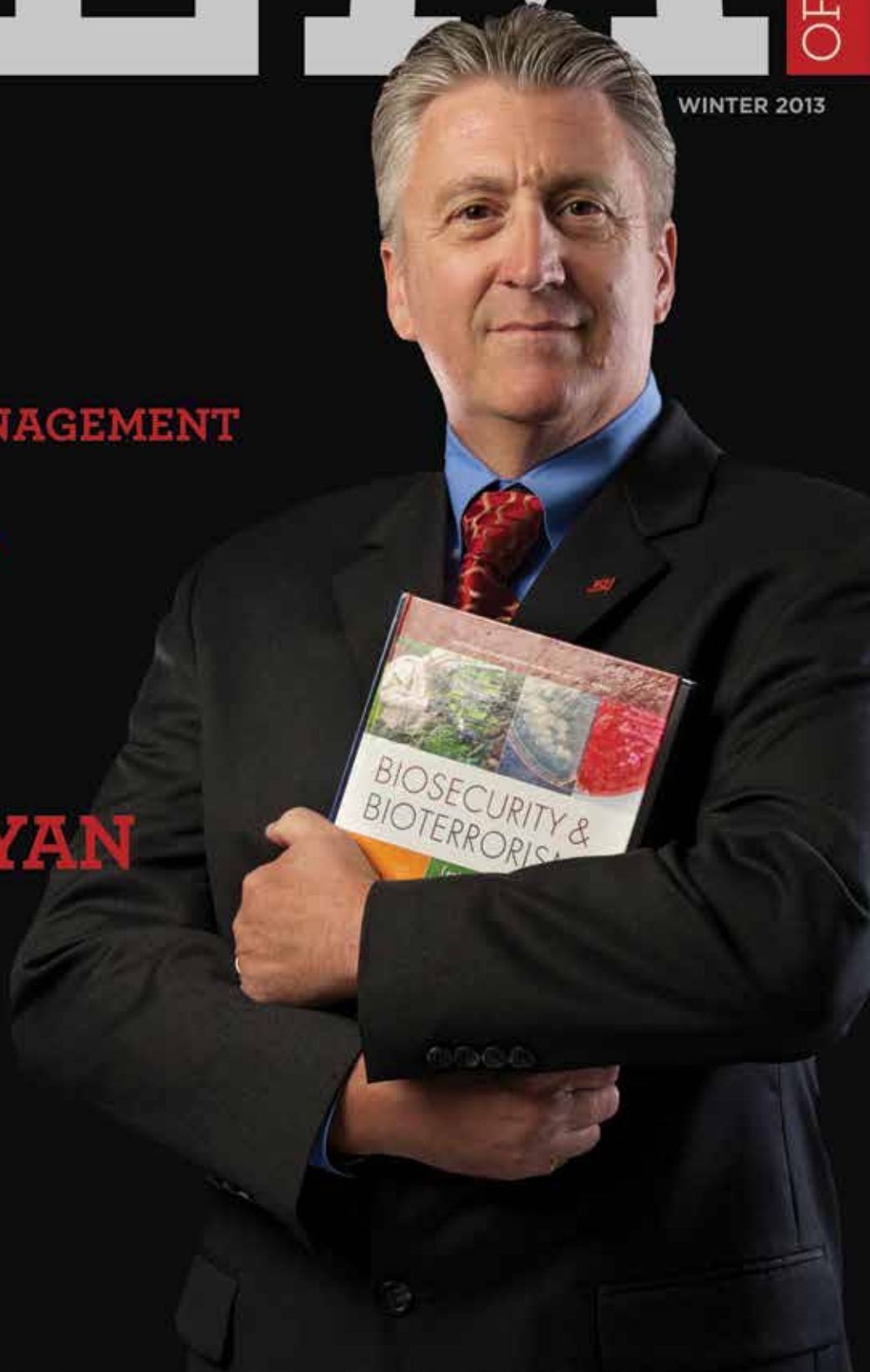
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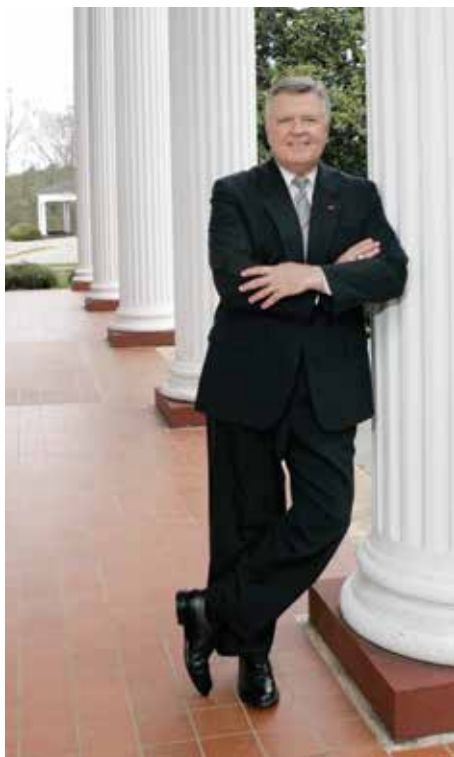
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DR. JEFF RYAN

COLLABORATION IS KEY



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DEAR ALUMNI,

As we approach the close of 2013, we are excited to share with you how JSU continues to provide our students with a path to get them where they are going! In this edition of the GEM, you will learn about our outstanding emergency management program and our collaboration with the community to prepare our students for future careers in this important vocation. You will also be introduced to Dr. Jeff Ryan, the head of the department as he shares some of his experiences that led him to this career.

On page five read about two new exciting additions to our scholarship program that now make it more affordable for our out-of-state students and community college transfers to attend JSU. We are enthusiastic about the positive impact these programs, along with our existing scholarship offerings, will provide for more students to attend JSU and reap the benefit of the exceptional educational experience we offer. I want to personally encourage each of you to share this information with prospective students in your community and assist us with getting the word out about our expanded financial aid offerings.

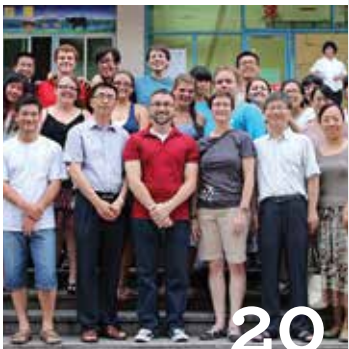
You will also be introduced to an outstanding group of 2014 Sports Hall of Fame inductees and the university's collaboration with the Northeast Alabama Entertainment Initiative and the state's largest green screen located adjacent to campus at Longleaf Studios.

With the holidays upon us, everyone here at Jacksonville State University wishes you and your loved ones a very safe and magical holiday season. We hope you enjoy this edition of the GEM. We look forward to seeing you in 2014!

Sincerely,

William A. Meehan

William A. Meehan, Ed.D.
President



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MINTON FAMILY

MADE JSU A TRADITION

On August 20, Sara Beth Minton, with her family by her side, rang in the start of the 2013 freshman class year during Freshman Convocation.

Sara Beth is the youngest of three children for Jane and Ken Minton, of Piedmont, Ala. and the last to enroll at JSU.

Jane graduated from JSU twenty-nine years ago and says she feels blessed to have all three of her children attending her alma mater. "I enjoyed my time at JSU and it proved to be an excellent education that helped me land a career that has provided a good living for me and my family." Wesley, the oldest, is a senior and plans to attend physical therapy school after graduation in the spring. He has been very involved at JSU, serving as a GO! Leader and president of his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi. Wesley says "We all know that the future is wildly unpredictable, which to me

is the fun part of life. I'm looking forward to seeing where my college experience and degree takes me."

Addie began her sophomore year this fall and says her first year experience at JSU was more than she could have imagined. She quickly became involved at JSU through Freshman Forum and her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. She is majoring in communications and says "she loves that JSU has so many different kinds of people and that everyone is accepted no matter the circumstances."

Sara Beth is following in line with her older siblings when it comes to involvement. She also is a member of Freshman Forum and active in her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta. She is very excited to finally begin her college career and says "When someone talks about JSU to me, I think of home or a family. As soon as I stepped onto JSU's campus,

I felt like I was at home. The faculty and students are so kind and encouraging that I felt a part of the JSU family immediately and knew that this was where I belonged." Sara Beth plans to major in nursing. 📱

✳️ **ABOVE:** (Left-Right) Sara Beth, Ken, Jane, Wesley, and Addie.

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Thanks to two new scholarship initiatives designed to recruit and retain the very highest quality students, Jacksonville State University is making the road to becoming a Gamecock alumnus easier for some.

"We are excited about these new opportunities to grow the JSU family through more scholarships for the best and brightest," said JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan.

"As we have increased our scholarships, we have seen our average incoming freshman ACT score climb nearly three points in recent years."

For prospective students outside Alabama, automatic in-state tuition eligibility for out-of-state recipients will be an attractive option when considering which scholarship offer to accept. This change brings the scholarships in line with the in-state tuition that JSU has already extended to all active military personnel, their spouses, dependents and to certain veterans.

For high-achieving community college students in Alabama, an expansion of the

Presidential Transfer Scholarship promises to make the transition from graduating community college student to JSU Gamecock easier as well, beginning in the 2014-15 academic year.

To be eligible for the Presidential Transfer Scholarship the student must graduate with an Alabama community college associate's degree prior to fall semester, be unconditionally accepted to JSU, meet the March 1st scholarship application deadline, and have an overall 3.5 grade point average (on a 4 pt. GPA scale). He or she also must be a first-time full-time student at JSU.

This scholarship will pay up to \$6,792 per academic year for in-state tuition, based upon 12 hours per semester for fall and spring. The scholarship is renewable for one additional year, as long as the student maintains the minimum GPA requirement.

In addition the JSU Board of Trustees endorsed President Meehan's recommendation that there will be no tuition increase for the remainder of this year and the 2014-15 academic year. This will

help new and returning students in their financial planning.

"If our alumni know students who would make great JSU scholarship candidates, please encourage them to apply," said University Scholarship Coordinator Martin Weldon. "Although the application deadline is March 1, 2014, JSU's new on-line scholarship application is open now."

For more information about JSU scholarships, contact Weldon by email, mweldon@jsu.edu.

For a complete list of JSU scholarships or to apply, visit www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships/types 📱



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DR. CHRISTIE SHELTON

NAMED DEAN, COLLEGE OF NURSING

On August 1, Dr. Christie Shelton assumed the reins as dean, College of Nursing. Her affiliation with the College of Nursing began more than thirteen years ago and during that time Dr. Shelton has performed many roles. She previously served as associate dean, College of Nursing, director of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, member of the nursing faculty, clinical associate for the nursing arts lab, and co-principal investigator/project director for \$3.2 million

grant to study health effects of PCBs in Anniston.

Dr. Shelton holds licenses and certifications as a Certified Nurse Educator from the National League for Nursing, a Registered Nurse from the Alabama Board of Nursing, and Department of Homeland Security Certified Instructor for the Center for Domestic Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Her academic credentials include two degrees from Jacksonville State University,

the BSN and the MSN, and a PhD from the University of Alabama in Birmingham where her focus was on occupational health. In addition to earning the PhD at UAB, Dr. Shelton also earned a Certificate of Teaching in Nursing. She has participated in leadership development conferences and institutes, which have contributed to her preparation for leading the College of Nursing. 



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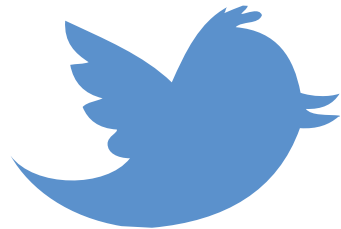
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JSU MEDIA PRESENCE CONTINUES TO GROW

At Jacksonville State University, we thrive on community. When our students, faculty, staff and alumni aren't hanging out in real JSU spaces, we can be found gathering online via social media.

Here are some social media platforms where JSU and JSU Athletics have an official presence. There are also quite a few departments and organizations that have their own social media pages. We look forward to seeing you online!

Facebook

JSU's Facebook community (facebook.com/JacksonvilleStateUniversity) is more than 15,500 strong and growing! JSU's official Facebook page not only serves as a news source, it's a place where those with ties to the university can try their hand at regular JSU trivia quizzes, jog their memories through the regular "Friday Flashback" photos, and download images that they can share on their own profiles to spread the JSU love. Want to follow the Gamecocks? JSU Athletics has an official Facebook fan page, too (facebook.com/JSUGamecocks).

Twitter

Do you prefer your news in short form? Get the best of JSU in 140 characters or less—we're on Twitter! Check us out @JSUNews for regular news, announcements, and emergency notifications. There's an account for JSU Athletics on Twitter, too, @JSUGamecocks.

YouTube

If a picture paints a thousand words, a video can capture a campus! JSU does so through our YouTube presence (youtube.com/JacksonvilleStateU), where we share a variety of educational and fun clips. From updates of university accomplishments and overviews of our programs to JSU's unique take on the latest video sensation, there will always be something fun to watch on JSU's channel. Follow the Gamecocks on YouTube, too (youtube.com/JSUGamecockSports)!

Instagram

Now there's a new way to enjoy photos from the "Friendliest Campus in the South." JSU's Steve Latham and Matt Reynolds of Photographic Services share beautiful slices of campus life through the university's official Instagram page (instagram.com/jsupix).

LinkedIn

Learn more about the latest campus happenings and connect with fellow graduates more easily through LinkedIn. JSU is there! (linkedin.com/company/Jacksonville-state-university/)

Pinterest

Are you looking for just the right tailgate party recipe or the perfect outfit to wear to homecoming? We've pinned some great resources, along with beautiful campus pics, distinguished alumni profiles, and more! Check us out on Pinterest (pinterest.com/jaxstateu)!

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For information about licensing, go to Licensing Resource Group (LRGUSA.com) and click on the "licensing" link in the upper right corner of the page.

According to their website they provide outstanding customer service from beginning to the end of the process.

Vendors, even though approved and on the purchasing list, are not automatically licensees. They must still apply for a license in order to use JSU marks.

Apply for a License

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Companies that wish to sell goods and services to JSU can do so through the Office of Purchasing. There are two ways JSU purchases goods and services—bid and non-bid.

Bids

The State of Alabama Competitive Bid Law requires that like items costing \$15,000 or more in a fiscal year be bid. The State of Alabama Finance Department bids contracts that JSU can use for items such as furniture. JSU is also able to purchase from various purchasing consortiums if the contracts from these consortiums comply with the state bid law. Some examples of items for which JSU issues bids are paper products, sports medicine supplies, bus transportation, certain equipment, and some services. Prospective vendors are invited to submit their name, mailing address, email address and type of products or services provided to purchasing@jsu.edu.

JSU sends bid requests to vendors electronically. Bid responses from vendors must still be submitted in sealed, hard-copy form. The State of Alabama Competitive Bid Law does not allow for electronic bid responses.

To see a list of current bid opportunities, visit the Purchasing website, www.jsu.edu/purchasing/current-bids.

Non-Bids

For purchases that do not require a bid contract, campus departments may select the vendor of their choice. It is the responsibility of the vendor to keep the contact information on file up to date. Pamela Findley, Director of Purchasing, says that while the university is bound by bid law and must abide by all applicable rules and regulations, JSU is always open to doing business with alumni. "JSU is proud of the continued relationships we have with our alumni and we appreciate opportunities to be part of their business success," she said.

For more information, call the Office of Purchasing at 256-782-5152 or visit the Purchasing website at www.jsu.edu/purchasing.



FOUR OUTSTANDING GAMECOCKS TO BE INDUCTED INTO

HALL OF FAME

Four record-setting performers, including two in football and two in basketball, comprise the 2012-13 Class of the Jacksonville State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Basketball's Charles Burkett and Wayne Wigley and football's Joe Kines and Rusty Fuller will be formally inducted on Friday, November 22, the night before the Gamecocks' home football regular-season finale against Southeast Missouri State.

Burkett, who is one of the best players to ever wear a Gamecock basketball uniform, earned All-American honors in 1992. During his three-year career, he led the Gamecocks to an impressive 72-13 record, a pair of Gulf South Conference Championships and two berths in the NCAA Elite Eight. He became just the fifteenth player in JSU history to score 1,000 points and finished his career with 1,317 points in just three seasons.

Burkett was named the Gulf South Conference Player of the Year as a senior after averaging 18.4 points and 10.0 rebounds, helping the Gamecocks post a 28-2 record and advance to the Elite Eight in 1991-92. He earned All-GSC honors

as a junior after finishing second in the league in scoring with 19.1 points per game and first in rebounding with 10.2.

Burkett averaged 9.2 points and seven rebounds in a sixth-man role during his first year at Jax State. He scored a career-high 37 points in JSU's 102-80 win at Athens State during his junior season, while grabbing a career-best 21 rebounds in an 118-84 win over Campbellsville his senior year.

The Montgomery native ranks in the Top 15 in JSU basketball history in career scoring and in the Top 10 in career rebounding (769), field goal percentage (.571) and field goals made (515).

Fuller was a four-year letterman for Jacksonville State who helped the team to a pair of Gulf South Conference Championships, played for JSU Hall of Fame Coach Jim Fuller, and posted a 32-10 record during his career.

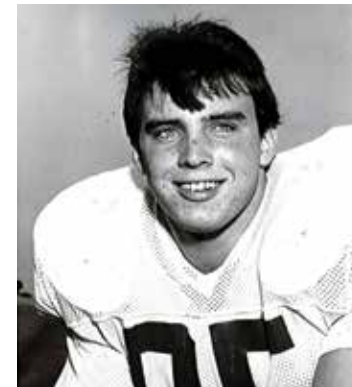
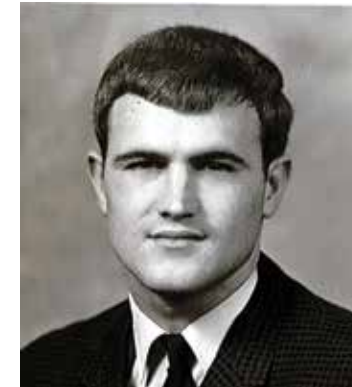
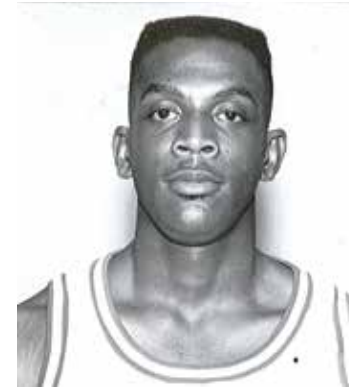
Fuller ranks near the top in JSU's receiving lists, finishing his career with 120 pass receptions, which ranked second on the school's all-time list, an especially impressive feat coming from a tight end. He ranked fourth on the school's career pass

receiving yardage list with 1,404 yards and he set the school record with seventeen career touchdown receptions in his career.

Fuller earned All-Gulf South Conference honors in both 1982 and 1983. He had seventeen catches for 189 yards as a senior and was named to the All-GSC squad. As a junior in 1982, he helped the Gamecocks post a 10-2 record and win a GSC Championship by catching thirty-eight passes for 427 yards and seven touchdowns to earn All-GSC honors.

In 1981 as a sophomore, Fuller had thirty-nine catches for 529 yards and eight touchdowns to help JSU to an 8-3 record and a GSC Championship. He finished with 259 yards and a pair of touchdowns during his freshman season. He had one of his best games in the 1981 NCAA playoffs, when he hauled in eight passes for 132 yards and a touchdown at Southwest Texas State.

Kines played football for Jacksonville State for three seasons from 1963-65 and won three-straight Alabama Collegiate Conference Championships with the Gamecocks. As a senior in 1965, he helped JSU post a 6-2 record in the first



LEFT: (Top-Bottom, Left-Right) Charles Burkett, Wayne Wigley, Joe Kines, and Rusty Fuller.

season under head coach Jim Blevins.

The Piedmont, Ala., native played for Hall of Fame Coach Don Salls in 1963 and 1964, when the team posted back-to-back 4-4-1 records. Kines earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Jacksonville State.

Kines began his coaching career at Jacksonville State, where he worked for Clarkie Mayfield from 1973-76. He was the Gamecocks' defensive coordinator and assistant head coach in 1976, before moving to Clemson to be the linebackers coach from 1977-78. He then served as linebackers coach/defensive coordinator at Florida from 1979-84 under former JSU head coach Charley Pell and then at the University of Alabama under Ray Perkins from 1985-86.

Kines coached linebackers for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the National Football League from 1987-90 prior to joining former JSU head coach Jack Crowe's staff at Arkansas as defensive coordinator, where he posted a 3-6-1 record while serving as interim head coach during the 1992 season.

Kines also served as defensive coordinator at Arkansas (1993-94) and Georgia (1995-99) and was the linebackers coach at Florida State under Bobby Bowden from 2000-02. Kines was the defensive coordinator at Alabama from 2003-06 and served as the interim head coach for the Crimson Tide's appearance in the 2006 Independence Bowl. He finished his coaching career as the defensive coordinator at Texas A&M in 2008-09 before his retirement.

Wigley played basketball at Jacksonville State and helped the Gamecocks win their fourth and fifth consecutive Alabama Collegiate Conference Championships in record-breaking fashion.

After playing two seasons at Snead State and earning Most Valuable Player honors in the Alabama Junior College Conference, Wigley signed with the Gamecocks and played his final two years for hall of fame coach Tom Roberson.

As a junior in 1968-69, he started all twenty-four games and averaged twelve points per game, despite sharing playing time with all-conference guards Gary Angel and Bill Brantely. He finished the season with 288 points and 103 rebounds,

while hitting 84 of his 97 attempts from the free throw line to help JSU post a 19-5 record.

As a senior, he was selected captain and voted Most Valuable Player in the 1969-70 season, when he and teammate Danny Brian each set the school's single-season scoring record with 509.

Wigley averaged 18.8 points and was named the Most Valuable Player on the All-Alabama Small College Team. He also scored a season-high twenty-nine points in a 109-96 win over Samford and helped the Gamecocks win their fifth-straight Alabama Collegiate Conference Championship with a school-record twenty-two wins to just five losses.

Wigley became the first player to be voted the Most Valuable Player at both the Junior College and Small College levels in the State of Alabama. 🏀

FALL SPORTS



WOMEN'S GOLF

The Gamecocks have had a successful fall season by claiming the JSU-hosted Chris Banister Intercollegiate and the Austin Peay Intercollegiate. JSU also finished second in the Golfweek Program Challenge.



CROSS COUNTRY

JSU's cross country teams have fared well during the 2013 season that has been highlighted by the women's program winning both JSU-hosted events - the JSU/Strut's Season Opener and the JSU Foothills Invitational.



VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team has started conference play on a high note and has made Pete Mathews Coliseum a tough venue for conference foes with a 4-1 mark at The Pete.



SOCCER

The Gamecocks soccer program, under first-year head coach Neil Macdonald, has wins over in-state programs Alabama A&M, Alabama State and long-time rival Troy.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

A lot of energy surrounding James Green's program after a solid 17-11 2012-13 campaign and an 8-8 mark in OVC play. The Gamecocks' 2013-14 schedule features fifteen games at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Green's 2013-14 Gamecocks open the fifteen game home schedule on Nov. 16, hosting Alabama State.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Rick Pietri era at Jacksonville State begins in November as Pietri and his first Gamecock squad will play fourteen games at Pete Mathews Coliseum during the 2013-14 campaign.



RIFLE

Top Ranked Jacksonville State Rifle opened the 2013 season on October 12 with a win over UT Martin.



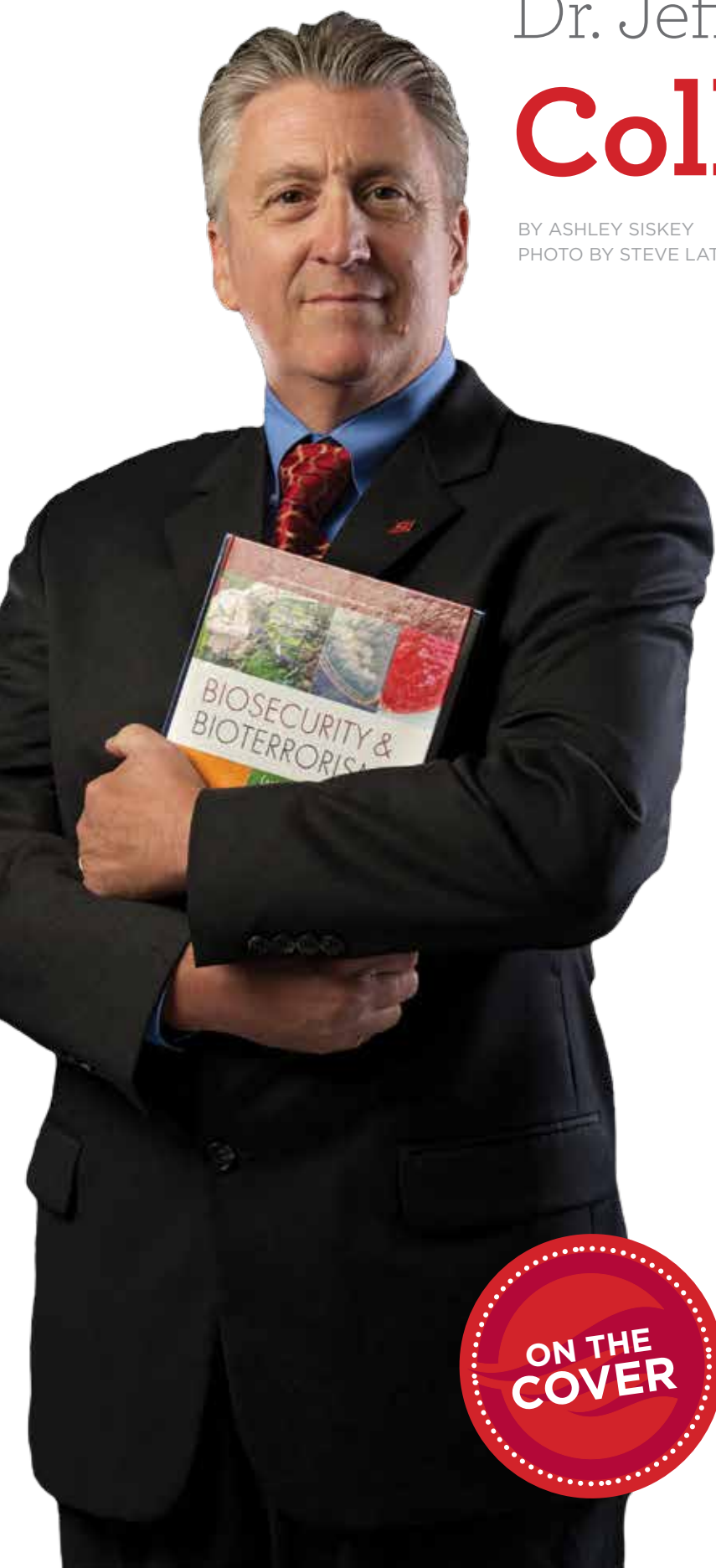
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Dr. Jeff Ryan's Leadership Style: **Collaboration is Key**

BY ASHLEY SISKEY
PHOTO BY STEVE LATHAM

“THERE'S NO MORE NOBLE MISSION THAN TO HELP YOUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,” DR. JEFF RYAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT HEAD, EXPLAINS WHEN DISCUSSING WHY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS A GOOD FIT FOR HIM, BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY. During his twenty-two year Army career, a 1992 Hurricane Andrew relief assignment gave Dr. Ryan the opportunity to work alongside local governments and FEMA to bring aid to the people of south Florida. He was tasked with leading preventive medicine efforts for the Department of Defense and was awarded the US Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal as a result.

Those few months of service in south Florida stuck with Dr. Ryan as one of the most meaningful times of his career, which made transitioning his biodetection expertise into the field of emergency management an easy one, upon his retirement as a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel in 2002.

Born in Syracuse, New York, Dr. Ryan received his BS in Entomology from Syracuse University in 1978. After joining the Army in 1980, he pursued and earned his MS in Biomedical Science from Hood College in 1984 and, in 1996 he received his PhD in Medical and Veterinary Entomology from North Carolina State

University. Areas of expertise include preventive medicine, epidemiology, clinical trials, diagnostics development, team building and leadership.

Publishing credits include authoring the textbook *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: Containing and Preventing the Biological Threat*, co-authoring and editing *Pandemic Influenza: Emergency Planning and Community Preparedness* and writing more than forty peer-reviewed journal articles. Dr. Ryan resides in Ohatchee, Ala., with his wife, Pam Sewell Ryan, a 1989 JSU alumna, and two daughters, Clara and Kate. Dr. Ryan's oldest daughter, Alexa, lives in Northern Virginia.

Before joining the JSU faculty in 2005, Dr. Ryan managed a biothreat government business program, developed courses for homeland security and served as a certified principal instructor and subject matter expert for biological threats and pandemic influenza at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (DHS/FEMA).

During his tenure, the EM department launched JSU's first doctoral program, now in its third year. The department has also been an instrumental player in the collaborative efforts of the Regional Coalition for Emergency Management for Eastern Alabama, which includes JSU, state and federal partners and EM professionals from Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Dekalb, Etowah, Jefferson, Randolph, Shelby and Talladega counties.

Two key efforts for the coalition are to improve communications and to be knowledgeable of resources each organization can provide during emergency situations. Through fostering relationships with not only the regional community, but the emergency management community as a whole, the department offers many unique internship opportunities for eager students. For its doctoral candidates, research fellowships have been created within the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP). A beta test is currently underway to allow JSU credit for certain courses completed by emergency management professionals at the CDP, as well.

Dr. Ryan attributes the EM department's success and growth to the faculty and staff saying, “We're a cohesive unit. It's all about consensus – I value and want their input and feedback. The emergency management department is not a ‘me’ thing – it's an ‘us’ thing.”

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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BY ASHLEY SISKEY



Jacksonville State University's Department of Emergency Management (EM) took over the MOUT (Military Operations on Urban Terrain) facility at the former Ft. McClellan in August to shoot a thirty-second commercial highlighting the different facets of the emergency management field and the importance education is playing as the field strives for industry standards.

MOUT is a village – a literal village – that was transformed from a Middle Eastern city to the scene of the aftermath of a devastating tornado. In developing the concept, Dr. Jeff Ryan, department head for EM at JSU, and Ford Wiles of BIG Communications, the advertising agency managing the commercial, wanted to bring in local first responders to showcase the partnership these agencies already have in place when faced with disaster situations. “We have everyone who would be

what emergency management is about for prospective students interested in careers in public safety. The commercial is a great opportunity for us to exercise some of the partnerships that make emergency management effective,” says Gaddy.

It took several months to coordinate all of the community resources and agencies, culminating in two-and-a-half days of prepping the site and six hours of continuous shooting. Dr. Ryan extended his gratitude for the agency support saying, “We couldn’t have pulled this off without our local emergency management partners. Thank you for your time, expertise and professionalism – it’s going to result in a great finished product.”

Dr. Ryan voiced special thanks to Jonathan Gaddy for playing the lead acting role, as well as for being instrumental in helping pull together the community

tions via their mobile command unit. After the camera pans the frozen scene, actors spring into action, managing their respective areas of the disaster scenario. It’s organized chaos – the kind of organized chaos that saves lives day after day.

JSU has one of ten emergency management doctoral programs in the country and offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as certifications. Undergraduate options include a Bachelor of Science in EM, an EM concentration within the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program and minors in EM, homeland security and public safety telecommunications. Graduate level options include a traditional Master of Science in EM and a master’s level certificate.

All programs are online, giving students the freedom and flexibility to complete assignments according to indi-

“We couldn’t have pulled this off without our local emergency management partners. Thank you for your time, expertise and professionalism.” - Dr. Jeff Ryan

a full complement in community disaster response. They will be here with all of their vehicles and bring realism to the set,” says Dr. Ryan.

Participating agencies included: Jacksonville Fire Department, Anniston Fire Department, Piedmont Fire and Rescue, Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency, Calhoun County Sheriff’s Department, Calhoun County Civil Defense and JSU ROTC. Family members of JSU faculty, as well as a few JSU film students, played several of the victim roles.

In order for the set to be realistic, Six Foot Five Productions in conjunction with BIG Communications brought in two truckloads of trees, two truckloads of house debris (furniture, toys, pictures and general home goods) and a destroyed vehicle to decorate the street scene. Members from the participating agencies led by Jonathan Gaddy, Calhoun County EMA director, simulated real-life response tasks.

“When we were approached by Dr. Ryan and JSU, they really wanted to show

of first responders: “We couldn’t have a better partner or colleague than Jonathan Gaddy. He continually supports our goal that EM education helps first responders be successful and more functional in their practice, especially when EM professionals find themselves in challenging disaster situations.”

The commercial, produced by Dan Atchison and directed by Jason Wallis, both of Six Foot Five Productions, was filmed by using a motion control unit on tracks – the kind of camera equipment used in major Hollywood productions. Actors (i.e. volunteers from the community and agencies) were instructed to stay frozen as the camera panned the scene. An ROTC member is unloading cases of bottled water; ranking officers on site for each participating agency are collaborating around a table; a mother and child are being tended to by a volunteer worker; rescue, fire and law enforcement personnel are coordinating search and rescue efforts; and the EMA is managing communica-

vidual schedules. “Most EM majors are non-traditional students as they are working professionals. Military, law enforcement, security, fire, EMS, public safety telecommunications, healthcare, business, education, government and emergency management backgrounds, to name a few, are enrolled in our programs. Over the years, when considering our students overall, we have had emergency management students from all fifty states and have been represented on all seven continents,” Dr. Ryan explains.

To-date, JSU has awarded 262 Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management degrees, 269 Master of Science in Emergency Management degrees and 145 Master of Public Administration with Emergency Management concentration degrees, along with a total of 151 graduate Emergency Management certificates.

For more information regarding the Emergency Management program, please contact Dr. Jeff Ryan at (256) 782-8334 or jryan@jsu.edu.



Flash Forward

JSU FILM STUDIO TO PROPEL STATE FILM INDUSTRY

BY EMIL LOEKEN

Can you imagine box office celebrities in your neighborhood? Some may say it is crazy. But, Pete Conroy, director of JSU's EPIC, Field Schools and Canyon Center, chairman of the new NE Alabama Entertainment Initiative, thinks Jacksonville could become a little Hollywood. Especially through partnerships with producers, directors and film centers like Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Conroy's involvement started when he worked for Governor Don Siegelman, heading the Alabama Commission for Environmental Initiatives (ACEI). The ACEI

was one of the largest commissions ever put together by a governor in the history of Alabama with sixty prominent members from across the state. "We were looking at what we could do in Alabama in order to develop clean industry. We were identifying the state's environmental problems and how we could fix them," Conroy said. "Never in a million years did I think that the big commission would agree to focus on the entertainment industry as a key to environmental concerns."

After the work of many, Governor Bob Riley signed the Alabama Entertainment

Industry Initiative Act of 2009 into law. It brought incentives to the film industry allowing Alabama to get on the playing field with other states looking to attract the film business. Soon, the Northeast Alabama Entertainment Initiative (NEAEI) was formed with Conroy, Rep. Lindsey, Sen. Marsh, Dr. William Fielding, dean, College of Commerce and Business Administration (JSU), and Nisa Miranda, director, Center for Economic Development (Univ. of Alabama) as its board.

According to Conroy, the NEAEI wanted to aid in the development of a

work force, so a minor in film entertainment technology was instituted at JSU. Conroy looked to Hollywood veteran Jeffrey Nichols for his expertise. Nichols was thrilled to work for JSU as an artist in residence, bringing with him more than thirty years of experience in Los Angeles as a camera operator and director of photography for the Grammy, Emmy, and BET Image awards. "Jeffrey has been perfect for the position," Conroy said. "His students are already getting jobs in the business." In addition to establishing a workforce, the NEAEI has to attract real projects.

"I look at it as a three-legged stool," Conroy said. "The first leg symbolizes the incentives program, the second is the workforce, while the third leg represents projects like television shows and film productions right here and in our neighborhood. Our state has great locations with mountains, streams, cities, agricultural fields, as well as interesting places, good looking people, and so forth. However, without a studio, it is hard for the entertainment industry to bring their productions," Conroy said. "We focused in on the development of a studio close to campus so the students would be able to use it as a teaching tool and learning resource. With the help of Mayor Johnny Smith, we found exactly what we needed."

With 18,000 square feet and 23-foot tall ceilings, the NEAEI christened it Longleaf Studios, built out four separate studio spaces, and built the largest green screen in the state of Alabama. "The green screen is where camera operators, producers, and directors make magic from the color of a wall," Conroy said. "Essentially, what happens is that an actor or actress acts in front of a green screen. With digital technology, editors can transform the shot into any graphic imaginable whether it is outer space, a cow pasture, Manhattan, or the bottom of a deep blue sea. It is almost unbelievable how the people in the editing booth create beautiful sceneries and

effects out of an act performed in front of a freaky looking lime green wall."

In a short amount of time, the Longleaf Studios has seen a lot of activity. From June 17-21, the NEAEI hosted a teacher workshop as well as a student film week where the participants gained valuable hands on skills. The film campers got to enjoy the experience and expertise from JSU instructor Nichols and Chuck Bush (former actor in *Fandango*, producer, writer, and director of several family films and television projects). The students also got to use \$2 million worth of equipment rolled in from Montgomery on an Entertainment Media Production and Crew Training (EMPACT) truck as part of Alabama Industrial Development Training's mission as a mobile training provider.

According to the students, the camp will be beneficial to their future. Film week camper, Alex McFry, believes it has been an amazing introduction to the industry. "I still have not wrapped my mind around the fact that this is going on so close to home (Jacksonville)," McFry said. All my technical questions have been answered. Everything I have learned this week about lighting, acting, and how to compose yourself will allow me to walk onto a set with some valuable experience in my back pocket." Indeed, McFry declined his acceptance letter to attend the New York Academy of Film in order to jump in at JSU.

Janá Tolliver thinks the camp was perfect. "Overall I am here to learn," Tolliver said. "Knowledge is always your greatest asset in life no matter what you are doing. I feel like nothing is ever a waste if you can take your knowledge and get what you want done. The possibilities seem endless now when I have an idea of how things work. It has been a wonderful opportunity to get to work and put my hands on all the professional equipment. It officially has my fingerprints all over it!" In addition to the teacher workshop and student film

camp, the Longleaf Studios has received significant interest from production companies.

"We have had over a dozen producers and directors ask about our space," Conroy said. "Where we will go from here is yet to be determined, but from an outsider's point of view, I'm told we are already ahead of the curve." Conroy would like to invite anyone interested in a film or a film curriculum at JSU to meet with the NEAEI and talk about how they can use Longleaf Studios for educational purposes or for the production of a video project.

To learn more about the NEAEI and the Longleaf Studios, visit the website at neaei.org/. Photos courtesy of Emil Loeken and Graham Lewis.

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JSU and Taizhou University STUDY TOUR

BY HEATHER GREENE



This summer, a group of eight honors students and two instructors from Jacksonville State University had the opportunity to travel to Taizhou University (TU) in Linhai City, China (about five hours south of Shanghai) for an unforgettable study tour.

The honors students selected for the trip were: Noah Trudeau, Lyndsey Bonner, Trent Ford, Whitney Gaut, Gregory Felch, Lea Isbell, Kayla Falvo, and Zane Alexander.

For three of the students, this was their second experience in China, as they had been a part of the study tour that went in May 2012. Dr. Teresa Reed, professor of English, and Dr. Aaron Garrett, assistant professor of computer science, are both Honors Board members and were selected to lead the study tour.

Gregory Felch, a senior art major, found the KTV to be his favorite experience of this trip.

Lea Isbell, a junior at JSU, explains she is considering working towards certification to teach English as a second language and returning to TU to teach.

In fact, a couple of the JSU students returned to America with an interest to possibly return to TU to teach English.

During their time at TU, the JSU students and instructors attended the graduation performance of the Senior Performing Arts students, which had been postponed just so that the JSU guests could be a part of it, despite the fact that this placed the performance in the middle of the Taizhou students' final exam week. So, a school of about 17,000 students delayed the biggest night of their year for their ten JSU guests.

This cultural exchange does not stop with JSU's trip to China, but is a two-way relationship with TU. JSU recently welcomed a group of two Taizhou teachers and fifteen students for their own study tour in America.

From the moment the Chinese students landed in America, their days were scheduled to give them an idea of what it would be like to be a JSU student.

A special performance by K.B. Solomon, a trip to see the JSU Storybook Theater performance of "Snow White," Zumba lessons, a tour of the new film studio in Jacksonville and shopping excursions were among the various activities planned for the visiting students.

As the JSU students were thoroughly impressed with the kindness of everyone from TU, so were the Chinese students

"JSU is beyond lucky to be able to have such a friendship with Taizhou University..." - Noah J. Trudeau, JSU Business Major

Before leaving for China, the students met in early July as a class and were required to read articles by Alain de Botton on travel literature and a book by Polly Evans called *Fried Eggs with Chopsticks*.

After a total of sixteen hours en route to China, the students arrived at Taizhou University, which is somewhat larger than JSU and situated in a city of about six million.

With lessons about Chinese music, literature, and language in addition to kung fu and tai chi sessions, the group's schedule was packed. After a day full of Chinese activities and experiences, the students would often go out around town at night to eat, shop, or explore.

One evening, some Chinese students introduced the JSU group to KTV, which is basically a large karaoke bar. They enjoyed this dining experience so much that they returned twice during their stay at Taizhou.

"This was hard to believe; we felt like rock stars," said Dr. Reed. "This is just another example of how gracious the Chinese people and specifically the faculty, staff, and students at Taizhou are."


"I can't begin to explain in so few words how much I loved this trip," said business major Noah J. Trudeau. "JSU is beyond lucky to be able to have such a friendship with Taizhou University and I hope many more students get a chance to have this experience."

Dr. Garrett, like everyone else on the trip, said, "The best thing about the trip, hands down and by far, was the people. All of the people we met were amazing! The Taizhou students and faculty and administrators were so gracious and giving of their time and assistance... The goodbyes on the last day were tearful for pretty much everyone."

impressed with the southern hospitality they met with in Jacksonville.

One TU student, a biology major who hopes to become a journalist, was greatly impressed with the JSU stadium, indoor basketball coliseum, and the apples she tried while on campus.

Not only was the trip an enhancing and enjoyable experience for the students from TU, but the TU instructors also greatly relished their time at JSU.

Wa Lan, an instructor from TU on his second trip to JSU, enjoyed their study tour as much as the students and felt that he will be leaving with many more friends this time. He feels that his students were able to greatly learn about America and what it is like living in the American culture. **For more about the JSU Honors Program please visit our website at www.jsu.edu/cas/honors.** 

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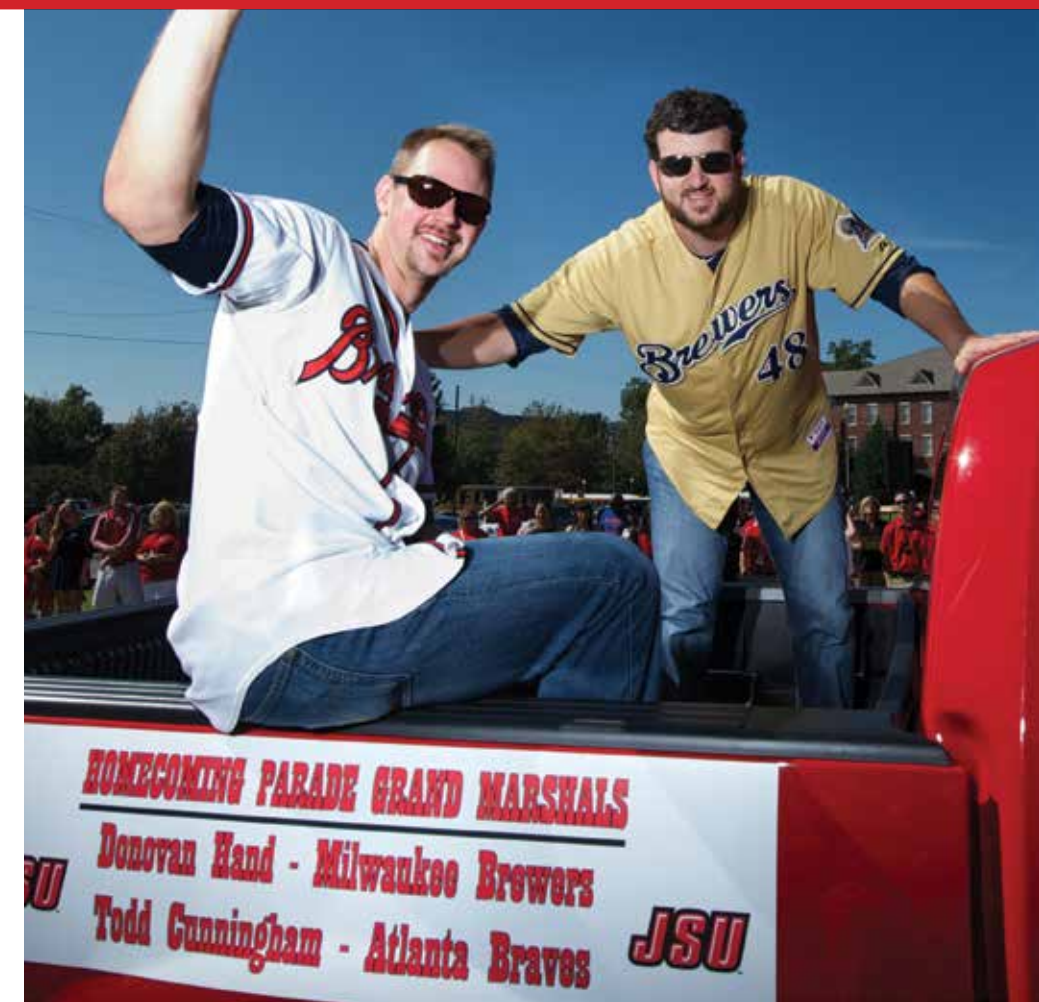
HOMECOMING 2013



Class of 1963 Golden Gamecocks
(photo courtesy of Larry and Sarah Danforth)



Criminal Justice honored the
2013 CJ Alum of the Year, Chief
Elaine Snow '74, of Rome, Ga.
(photo courtesy of Jim Epik)



'55 Football Team and friends
gathered at the alumni house for
their annual breakfast reunion



Alumni gathered after the
homecoming game for a Jazz
Mixer at the Hampton Inn



Class of 1963 "Golden Gamecocks"



Darren Douthitt presented out
going President David Hammett
with a plaque at the annual alumni
board meeting



MRS. MIRIAM HAYWOOD HONORED



ABOVE: (Left to Right) Warren Koegel, JSU Athletic Director; Don Hedden, Current Football J-Club President; Miriam Haywood; Jim Coxwell, JSU Trustee; Dr. William A. Meehan, JSU President.

On Saturday, September 7, The JSU Football J-Club honored Mrs. Miriam Haywood for her dedication to JSU for more than seventy years. From the time she enrolled at Jacksonville State in 1942, Mrs. Haywood has been a lifelong Gamecock fan. She earned her degree in 1945 and went to work for the university for thirty-five years before retiring in 1979.

During her time here, she sponsored the cheerleaders for ten years and she and her late husband, Mr. James Haywood, designed and purchased the first COCKY uniform for the university mascot.

Mrs. Haywood served as the first and only executive secretary of the football J-Club. 📞

STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



In the fall of 2005, the JSU Alumni Association created a student chapter originally called Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT). The organization started as a small grass roots effort to help students better prepare for real world experiences after graduation. STAT had thirty-six members last year but recognized there was a much greater potential to recruit more members. After attending

CASE ASAP's District 3 leadership conference in February, the organization found that many similar organizations on other campuses that were called STAT changed their name to better reflect their purpose. The executive officers for the organization approached the JSU Alumni Association's Board of Governors in March and the name change was officially approved as the Student Alumni Association (SAA).



A new logo was designed and a marketing campaign began with Gamecock Orientation sessions over the summer. With the new marketing plan in place, the organization has more than doubled its membership this fall with a current total of nearly ninety. More than half of the members are first semester freshmen, so the potential for future growth is excellent. 📞

Orientation Leaders Hold Reunion



Over eighty former Orientation Leaders converged on campus on Saturday, September 28 for a reunion. Alumni from the very first orientation team as well as current Orientation Leaders gathered at a pre-game tailgate on Dillon Field and wrapped up the day with a post-game reception at the Hampton Inn in Jacksonville. Since it's inception, the Orientation Leader program has had three directors: Dr. Alice Cusimano, Mr. Eric McCulley and Mr. Terry Casey. All three directors were able to be at the reunion and enjoyed catching up with their former students. 📞

FYI - From the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association will make an effort to conserve paper and money in 2014 and cut back on the number of mailed invitations for events. Contact the Alumni Relations office to update your email on file. Email and social media outlets will be the main source of communication in the upcoming years. Email us at alumni@jsu.edu with your current email address.



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*If you are a member of the JSU National Alumni Association, we will continue to mail you invitations as well as follow up with email and social media. To become a member, go to www.jsu.edu/giving.

UPCOMING EVENTS & REUNIONS

FEBRUARY 22, 2014

JSU Preview Day for Prospective High School Students

FEBRUARY 26, 2014

Higher Education Partnership Alumni Taskforce Dinner Montgomery

MARCH 4, 2014

Marshall County Annual Mardi Gras Dinner Papa Dubi's in Guntersville

APRIL 5, 2014

JSU Preview Day for Prospective High School Students

APRIL 17, 2014

Calhoun County Annual Shrimp Boil Alumni House Lawn

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU



Do you have a question about an upcoming event? Are you interested in joining the alumni association? Looking for information about an event or program on campus? Ready to come back for your next degree? We are here to help! Contact your alumni staff today, we are ready and waiting to assist you.

ALUMnotes

BIRTHS

**pictured below*

2000-2013

Jana Cagle Groghan '00 and her husband, Danny '03, Ft Payne, Ala., announce the birth of their daughter, Layla Grace. Both Mr. and Mrs. Groghan are teachers in the Fort Payne City School System. They also have a son, Cade Henry, who is four.

*Anita Coachman Lee '08 and her husband, Quentin J. Lee '12, Oxford, Ala., proudly welcomed Quentin Jerome Cass Lee II, June 11, 2013. Mrs. Lee was a member of the Lambda Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the Concert Chorale, the Chamber Singers, and the Show Choir at JSU. She is a doctor of physical therapy and has been treating patients in the Oxford/Jacksonville area. Mr. Lee obtained his Educational Specialist Degree from JSU. He currently is assistant principal at Childersburg Middle School in the Talladega County School System. They have one other daughter, Kiesha, who is a student at Oxford Middle School.

Amber Jolene Gillies Sharpe '06 and her husband, Charles, Southside, Ala., announce the arrival of their daughter, Tatum Ann, July 9, 2013.

WEDDINGS

**pictured below*

JSU FACULTY/STAFF

Ashley Boyd and Christopher Teems, July 20, 2013, at the JSU Alumni House. Ashley is employed by JSU in Learning Services.



2000-2013

William Zachary Kimbrough '01 and Nicole Elisa Lavender, June 14, 2013, Warner Robins, Ga. Mr. Kimbrough was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and is employed by the Peach County Board of Education.

Jocelyn E. "Josie" Connell '02 and Maj. Billy Evans, May 31, 2013, Jekyll Island, Ga. Mrs. Evans is employed as an anchor and reporter for WGCL-TV. She was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Brandon Scott Harvey '02/'10 and Valene Marie Singleton '06/'11, April 6, 2013, Piedmont, Ala. Mrs. Harvey is employed by JSU. Mr. Harvey is employed by Westinghouse in Anniston.

Jordan Brewer '04 and Jessica Brown '11, May 18, 2013. Mr. Brewer is employed by AT&T and had been a part of the radio station at JSU. Mrs. Brewer is employed by UAB Hospital as a registered nurse.

Jennifer Ann Bell '05 and Michael Adam Johnson, March 30, 2013, Weaver, Ala. Mrs. Johnson is employed by the Haralson County (Ga.) School System in Tallapoosa.

Ashley Brooke Huddleston '06 and Jordan Chase Gallahar, September 2, 2013, Alexander City, Ala. Mrs. Gallahar was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas. She is employed by Kohl's, Oxford, Ala.

Phil Nathanael Maples '07 and Emily Nicole Carden '08, June 1, 2013, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Mr. Maples works as an assistant district attorney in St. John Parish, La. Mrs. Maples teaches eighth grade advanced English and literature in Baton Rouge, La. They reside in Baton Rouge.

Anne Elizabeth Cook '10 and Joshua Thomas Tillman '12, August 31, 2013. Mr. Tillman was a member of Delta Chi. Mrs. Tillman was a member of Alpha Xi Delta. They reside in Huntsville, Ala.

Sabrina Gaines '10 and Jonathan Hall, May 11, 2013, at the JSU Alumni House. Mrs. Hall is employed by the Crawford Clinic.

Jessica Paige Stephens '10 and William James Akridge, June 29, 2013, Panama City Beach, Fla. They reside in Oxford, Ala.

Joshua Ryan Allen '11 and Brittney Lauren Kingery '13, June 1, 2013. Mr. Allen is employed by the Anniston Army Depot. Mrs. Allen is employed by JSU.

Katrea Valonne Cooley '11 and Alger-non Obene O'Brien, April 20, 2013, Oxford, Ala. They reside in Jacksonville, Ala.

Justin Kirby '11 and Hannah Hutcheson, May 4, 2013, Jacksonville, Ala. Mr. Kirby played football for JSU and is now employed by Roush Fenway Racing.

Emily Claire Ridgeway '11 and Stephen Gullede, October 13, 2012, at the JSU Alumni House. Mrs. Gullede is a case manager at Allenstein & Allenstein, LLC, Gadsden, Ala. They reside in Gadsden.

Kristen Nicole Short '12 and Kevin Scott Waddell, August 10, 2013. Mrs. Waddell is employed by Stringfellow Memorial Hospital, Anniston, Ala.

Lauren Elizabeth Gentry '13 and Casey L. Walker '13, September 14, 2013. Mrs. Walker is a former JSU Ambassador and president of Alpha Xi Delta. They reside in Kennesaw, Ga..

Abbey Katelyn Gilchrist '13 and Joseph Brandon Hanner, May 18, 2013, Alexandria, Ala.

OBITUARIES

(Unless otherwise noted, the following information was taken from newspaper obituary notices)

RETRACTION

In our spring issue, we mistakenly reported that Camille Nakia Middleton '97 had died. We had received this information during a phonathon call. Ms. Middleton is alive and well and living in Covington, Ga. We apologize to her, her family and friends for this error. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

JSU FACULTY/STAFF

Catherine L. Berry, Newnan, Ga., May 4, 2013. She retired from the JSU International House in 1991 where she had served as social director between 1980 and 1991. Some may also remember her as being the store manager for Kitchens department store in Anniston during the 1970s.

Dr. Thomas Cochis, Land Harbor, Fla., February 4, 2013, just eighteen days after his wife Catherine died. He was a retired JSU coach.

Robert "Bob" A. MacRae, Jacksonville, Ala., August 22, 2013. He was a retired JSU physics professor with twenty-eight years of service. An avid scientist, he conducted research for Oakridge Laboratories (Tenn.) for seventeen years. A certified railroad engineer, he was an innovator, pioneering new legal and mechanical concepts with his work as an expert witness in train accident cases. He was also a pilot who owned his own planes. Mr. MacRae was married to Virginia Braden MacRae '72/'78.

Dr. R. Douglas Peters, Jacksonville, Ala., April 1, 2013. He was a professor of clinical psychology from 1973 to 1998. After retirement, he did psychological testing and evaluations for the Department of Human Resources in several Alabama counties.

Margaret Richie Taylor, Wellington, Ala., April 5, 2013. She was retired from JSU.

Maj. John Calvin Turner '71/'72, Jacksonville, Ala., April 4, 2013. He was an Army veteran, having served his country for twenty-two years, including service during World War II and Korea. Maj. Turner was head of the JSU Communications Department for twenty years until his retirement.

ATTENDED ONLY OR DATE OF GRADUATION UNKNOWN

Marty Bridges, Kennesaw, Ga., December 19, 2009. Mr. Bridges played football for JSU between 1990 and 1993. The alumni office was notified by a family member during a recent phonathon that Mr. Bridges had passed away in 2009.

Kenneth Alvin Kinner, Jacksonville, Ala., July 14, 2013. Mr. Kinner served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and also served in the U.S. Navy. He had been a member of the Southerners from 1965 to 1968.

Joseph Charles Lett, Oxford, Ala., August, 29, 2013, after a long illness. Mr. Lett served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He had been a banker for thirty-five years, an ordained minister, and community servant. Mr. Lett was named Oxford's Man of the Year in 1978. As acting post commander of the Oxford American Legion he organized the annual Veterans Day celebration held in Oxford's Memorial Park.

Beatrice Saffles Maxwell, Arab, Ala., passed away several months ago. She had been a member of the Southerners in 1964. The alumni office was notified by a family member during a recent phonathon that Mrs. Maxwell had passed away.

Sarah Louise Sibert Swords, Atlanta, Ga., November 28, 2011, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. She worked for many years for the Planning Commission in Houston County (Ala.) Mrs. Swords was married to Dr. Irby Ray Swords '49/'50 for sixty years.

Christopher L. Smith, Saint Simons Island, Ga. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Smith is deceased. He was a former member of the Southerners in 1987.

Jim Dabney, Weaver, Cumming, Ga., February 16, 2013. He had been a member of the Southerners between 1962 and 1966. The alumni office was informed by a family member during a recent phonathon that Mr. Weaver had passed away.

1920-1949

Morris E. Borden '20, Delta, Ala., May 24, 2013. He had established the Borden Construction Company and for over twenty years worked clearing right-of-ways for the Alabama Power Company. He later on became a farmer and beef cattle producer and, in 1991, he built the Clay County Livestock Barn, serving as owner/operator for over fourteen years. Mr. Borden was a veteran of the Alabama Army National Guard.

Irene Hampton Graham '37/'64, Centre, Ala., passed away recently. She was ninety-eight years old.

Margueritte Fryar Hartwell '41, Jacksonville, Ala., April 6, 2013. Over several decades she taught elementary school at Woodstock, Jacksonville (now Kitty Stone) and Saks and had been employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education.

Daniel Abbott Packard III '49, Phoenix, Ariz., March 1, 2013. A World War II veteran, he had been appointed to West Point but gave it up to enlist immediately in the Army. He served as chief economist for the American Trucking Association in Washington D.C. He also served as senior vice president of personnel and labor relations for Associated Truck Lines, Grand Rapids, Mich. In 1981, he received the Life Member Award, the highest awarded presented by the United Way.

Mary Prady Porter '49, Geraldine, Ala., May 5, 2013. The alumni office was notified by a family member that Mrs. Porter had passed away. She was a retired teacher from the Dekalb County School System.

1950-1959

Sarah Barclift Bagwell '50, Union Grove, Ala., April 30, 2007. She had been a teacher with the Arab City Board of Education. The alumni office was notified by a family member that she is deceased.

John Kelly Grenga '50, Newnan, Ga., November 3, 2011. Mr. Grenga played football for JSU. The alumni office was notified by a family member of his death.

Robert Byron Shipp '50, Rainsville, Ala., December 16, 2012. Mr. Shipp served in the Philippines in World War II. He was an educator in Dekalb County for thirty-one years, serving as football coach at Ider, Dekalb County (Fort Payne) and Fyffe High Schools and developed the football program at Plainview High. He finished his career in education as the elementary school principal in Fyffe, Ala. He also served as the health administrator for Dekalb, Jackson and Cherokee counties in the Head Start preschool program and officiated high school football games. Mr. Shipped played football at JSU. He was married to Nadine Hammonds Shipp '50 for sixty-one years.

Verdis Franklin Bible '51, Opelika, Ala., June 25, 2013. Mr. Bible served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was an educator for more than forty years, teaching in the Piney Woods and Macedonia Schools, Cleburne County High School, and was elected superintendent of Cleburne County Schools in 1964. He also served as principal of Dadeville High and Lanett High. From 1985 to 1990, he was an administrative assistant in the Lanett City School System and retired from there in 1990. Mr. Bible was married to Sara Ann Riddle Bible '51.

Audrey Rogers Farrell '51, Anniston, Ala., July 12, 2013. Mrs. Farrell taught school at Ohatchee, Weaver, Saks, Piedmont and Lineville. She also taught in Cartersville, Ga. She had been married to the late Coach William J. "Bill" Farrell '47/'59.

Van Hamilton '52, Anniston, Ala., March 23, 2013. Mr. Hamilton was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. A former music educator, he was owner of Hamilton Band Instrument Company, which he had founded in 1958, and supplied many instruments for local bands. Mr. Hamilton had been a member of the Southerners.

Edward L. McDill '52, Timonium, Md., April, 25, 2013, of prostate cancer. Dr. McDill served as an U.S. Army officer in Korea. He was a member of the Vanderbilt University faculty from 1959 to 1965. He was former head of the Johns Hopkins University's department of sociology. He was also founding director of the Hopkins Center for Social Organization of Schools.

Benjamin Howard White '52, Jacksonville, Ala., April, 2013. He had been a resource management director for the Department of the Army.

Jonnise Coker Buckelew '53, Huntsville, Ala., August 16, 2012. She was retired after teaching thirty-one years in the Seminole County (Fla.) School System.

Clara Louise Willis Cribb '53, Pensacola Beach, Fla., June 22, 2013. A lifelong educator, she taught school in Falls Church, Va., Ankara, Turkey and at Alexander City (Ala.) Junior High School until 1989.

Wren Waites, '53, Talladega, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Waites is deceased.

Cecil Doyce Williams '53, Huntsville, Ala., July, 2013. Mr. Williams was a member of the first ROTC commissioning class at JSU. He was a World War II and Korean War veteran and retired from the Army National Guard at the rank of Captain. Mr. Williams was principal at Sylvania High School in the late 1950s and then became a State Farm Insurance agent until his retirement in 1995. He and his wife, Davie Thomas Williams '77, were married for twenty-nine years. He also served on the JSU National Alumni Association Board of Governors.

John M. Krochina '54, Ballston Lake, NY, January 16, 2013. He was a retired teacher/coach with the Lansingburgh (NY) Board of Education. Mr. Krochina played football, baseball, basketball and tennis for JSU and is a member of the JSU Hall of Fame. The alumni office was notified by his wife Kathy that he had passed away.

Verna Latham Abney '55, Fruithurst, Ala., March 16, 2013. She had been a teacher for the Cleburne County Board of Education. Mrs. Abney was a member of the JSU Baptist Campus Ministry.

James Richard Estes '56, Wedowee, Ala., July 24, 2013. Mr. Estes was a Korean War veteran and had been employed by U.S. Steel.

Murry C. Gregg '56, Deatsville, Ala., June 22, 2013. Mr. Gregg played football for JSU. He was a retired president of J.F. Ingram State Community College. The alumni office was notified by his wife of his death. They had been married for fifty-nine years.

Frances Kerr Hanson '56, Troy, Ala., February 10, 2013. Mrs. Hanson had been a physical education instructor at JSU for a time, but was retired from the Troy City School System. She was a JSU cheerleader and member of the Baptist Campus Ministry. The alumni office was notified by her son, Hunter, that she had passed away.

Virginia Whatley Sloan '56, Florence, Ala., October 29, 2012. She was a retired teacher with the Scottsboro City Board of Education. The alumni office was notified of her passing by her daughter, Carol Sloan Fite.

Charles W. Solley '56, Melbourne, Fla., December, 2012. Mr. Solley was commissioned through the JSU ROTC department and had played football for JSU. He was retired from the NASA National Space Tech Lab.

Elizabeth Skidmore Haas '57, Scottsboro, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that she is deceased.

John Boyd “Jobie” Johnston '57, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., June 21, 2013. He played football for JSU and was a member of the famous '55 team – the first national championship football team in school history. While living in Bessemer, Ala., he was employed as athletic director, head football coach and Bessemer City Parks Director. Mr. Johnston also served as principal at Pike County High (Brundidge, Ala.) and at Pleasant Grove High (Birmingham, Ala.). After moving to Okaloosa County (Fla.), he served as athletic director and head football coach at Crestview High. Following that, Mr. Johnston served as principal at Ruckel Junior High and then at Bruner Middle School for twenty years. He was also active in his community in Florida, especially the local YMCA.

Robert E. Payne '57, Anniston, Ala., April 29, 2013, after complications from heart surgery. He had more than fifty years of service with the Curtis 1000 company. Mr. Payne had been commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Kathryn C. Shamblin '57, Decatur, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Ms. Shamblin is deceased. She was a retired educator.

Thomas E. Langston '58, Dora, Ala., April 7, 2013. He served his country during the Korean War. While at JSU, he lettered in baseball, basketball and football and was named one of JSU's Centennial Athletes. He was later named to the football team of the first 100 years of football at JSU and was a member of the much-lauded '55 football team. He had taught and coached at Cordova High School and finished his career at Bagley Junior High.

Thomas W. “Billy” Lambert '58/'62, Oxford, Ala., June 8, 2013. He began his teaching career in Warner Robins, Ga., but returned to Alabama to be principal at Heflin Junior High. He later returned to Warner Robins and spent the following forty years as assistant principal at Rumble Junior High and then principal at both Bonaire and Miller Elementary Schools. Mr. Lambert served on the JSU Alumni Board of Governors from 1963 to 1965.

James Eugene Lightsey '58, Birmingham, Ala., March 21, 2013. He was a retired manufacturers' representative. The alumni office was notified by his wife that he had passed away.

Margaret Goodwin Richards '58, Harvest, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mrs. Richards is deceased. She was a former member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Thomas James Whittle '58, Decatur, Ala., January 20, 2013. Mr. Whittle served in the U.S. Air Force and was a World War II and Korean War veteran. He had taught business law and history at Talladega High School for four years and then worked for the Department of the Army, U.S. Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal for twenty-three years before retiring in 1985. Mr. Whittle was married to Phyllis Rice Whittle '51.

Major (Ret.) William H. “Jack” Casey '59, Laurel, Miss., June 19, 2013. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Korean War veteran. He was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Army and held various duty assignments in the U.S. and abroad. Following his retirement, Maj. Casey served as the JROTC director at R.H. Watkins High School, Laurel, Miss., from 1977 to 1996. He had played football for JSU.

1960-1969
Allen Ray Hudson '60, Ohatchee, Ala., June 10, 2013. He was Director of the Calhoun County Area Vocational Center for twenty-three years. Mr. Hudson was a U.S. Navy veteran and had served in the Korean War.

Wilka Evans Neighbors '61, Alexander City, Ala., February 29, 2012, of lung cancer. Mrs. Neighbors was a retired teacher with the Coosa County Board of Education. The alumni office was notified by her husband, Gerald, of her death. They had been married for forty-six years.

Cynthia Mozley West '61, Southside, Ala., May 17, 2012. She was a retired teacher. Mrs. West had been a member of the Marching Ballerinas.

Kenneth W. Robertson '62, Montgomery, Ala., May 16, 2013. He was the former assistant executive director of the Montgomery Housing Authority and currently was the owner/manager of Jo's Hallmark. Mr. Robertson was married to Mary Jo Richards Robertson, who attended JSU. The alumni office was notified during a recent pho-nathon call that Mr. Robertson had passed away.

Thomas Ray Young '62, Odenville, Ala., May 7, 2013. Mr. Young had served as treasurer of the Student Government Association at JSU from 1961 to 1962. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC Department. The alumni office was notified by a family friend that he had passed away.

Thomas Joseph Batey, Jr. '63, Gadsden, Ala., April 7, 2013. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. After becoming interested in ground engaging tools and after mastering that trade, he and his cousin started Batey and Sanders, Inc. in 1977 selling ground engaging tools and road building supplies. Mr. Batey also served as an Etowah County Commissioner and was inducted into the Alabama Road Builders Hall of Fame. He was a life member of the JSU Alumni Association and J-Club.

Marion Hamilton “Bud” Burrows '63/'71, Sharpsburg, Ga., May 7, 2013. He had served in the Marine Corps Reserve. He was a life insurance underwriter/CLU.

Loise Chester Morgan '63, North Little Rock, Ariz., April 2, 2012. The alumni office was notified by his daughter that Mr. Morgan had passed away.

Richard E. Powell '63, Smyrna, Ga., June 10, 2013. He was retired from the Norfolk Southern Railroad after thirty years of service. Mr. Powell was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve 310th Chemical Unit. A life member of the JSU Alumni Association, Mr. Powell was an active member of the JSU 60s Group.

Glendora Boggs '64/'78, Rainsville, Ala., February 11, 2013. Mrs. Boggs was a retired educator with more than thirty years of service. She had taught at Sylvania, Henagar Junior High, and retired from Plainview High School in Rainsville. She was married to Ilus Boggs '55/'75.

Mary Nell Wilson Mann '64/'70, Roanoke, Ala., March 12, 2013. She had worked as an elementary teacher and librarian at Iola Roberts Elementary School, Pell City, Ala.

Glynn Hoyt Hester '65, Hoover, Ala., April 8, 2013. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and served as a reenlistment officer during the Vietnam War. He began his professional career at Collateral Investment as a mortgage broker and later in real estate and construction as president/owner of Hester Realty & Construction Company.


Naomia B. Hill '65, Rainsville, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Ms. Hill is deceased.

Robert Parker Doss '66, Montgomery, Ala., February 24, 2013.

Sara Tuck Owen '67, Ashville, Ala., August 29, 2012. The alumni office was notified by her husband, Donald, that she had passed away. Mrs. Owen had been a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.


Lt. Col. (Ret.) William Douglas McCance '68, Carlyle, Ill., passed away several years ago. The alumni office was notified by a friend of his death but did not know the date. Lt. Col. McCance had been commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and was retired from the U.S. Army. He was married to Sharon Lee Brock McCance '68.

Patti Clark Lampru '69, Woodstock, Ga., September 12, 2013, of liver failure. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta and the JSU International House program. The alumni office was notified by another International House program member, Vicky Wagner Jones, of her death.




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Glen Connie Miller ’69, Rainbow City, Ala., May 23, 2013. He was married to Wendy Brackett Miller and had a daughter, Allison, who marched colorguard with the Southerners in 2009. Mr. Miller was an educator in Etowah County for most of his career. The alumni office was notified by his wife of his death.

Gloria Hope McDonald Thomas ’69, Anniston, Ala., July, 2013. She had been a psychological associate with the Alabama Department of Youth Services.

1970-1979
George Alvin Pennington ’70, Orange Beach, Ala., July 31, 2013. He was a long time businessman in North Alabama (Cullman and Anniston). He retired in 2012 from Standard Furniture Company. Mr. Pennington played football for JSU.

Brenda Joyce Ray Webster ’70/’76, Cropwell, Ala. Mrs. Webster was a teacher with the Pell City Board of Education. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that she is deceased.

James Patric Eward ’71, Birmingham, Ala., June 30, 2013, of a massive heart attack. The alumni office was notified by his mother of his death. He had been a member of Delta Chi.

Dennis Randal Falls ’71, Huntsville, Ala., August 25, 2011, after an extended illness. He was retired from Bellsouth in Birmingham.

James Daniel Buttram ’73, Piedmont, Ala., June 6, 2013. A U.S. Navy veteran, he was wounded in Vietnam in 1969 and received the Purple Heart.

Catherine Barfield Cochis ’73/’82, North Port, Fla., January 16, 2013. Mrs. Cochis had been employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education for many years before moving to Florida. She was the wife of former JSU coach Dr. Thomas Cochis who died just eighteen days after his wife.

Ruth Esslinger Crowson ’73, Heflin, Ala., March 31, 2013. Mrs. Crowson was a retired school teacher.

Lt. Col William E. Dobbs ’73/’75, Anniston, Ala., June 19, 2013. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1968 until his retirement in 2002. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He served as a police officer in Anniston and then in Dallas, Tex. He later served as an investigator in Texas until his retirement.

Ann Bobo Holbrook ’73, Lincoln, Ala., June 12, 2013. She had been a physical education teacher at Wellborn High School from 1963 until 1967 and then served as a vocational guidance counselor from the 1970s until 1993 at Wellborn, Alexandria and Ohatchee schools.

Sandra Lanier Gunter ’74/’78, Weaver, Ala., June 13, 2013, after a battle with cancer. She had spent her entire education career in the Anniston City School System. During a career that spanned nearly four decades, she taught elementary school and served as principal at Johnston, Norwood and, most recently, at Randolph Park elementary schools.

Robert Cleveland Ledbetter ’74, Birmingham, Ala., July 31, 2013. He practiced law in Birmingham and served in the U.S. Army Reserve between 1968 and 1972.

Mary Edna Wallace Naugher ’74, Piedmont, Ala., September 21, 2013. She taught school for thirty-two years in Prattville, Hokes Bluff, Spring Garden and Piedmont.

Roy Porter, Jr. ’74, High Point, N. Car., May 28, 2013. The alumni office was notified by a family member of his death.

Marian Kathryn Saelens Terry ’74, Delta, Ala., May 8, 2013, at the age of ninety-one. Mrs. Terry taught middle elementary and middle school until her retirement in 1983.

Jerry Julian Brazeal, Sr. ’75, Wedowee, Ala., July 21, 2013. He was a long time teacher and coach at Randolph County High School. Upon his retirement, he stayed busy as a small business laundromat owner, farmer and avid flower and vegetable gardener for the last twenty-five years. Mr. Brazeal played baseball for JSU.

Jeff Newsome ’75, Sylvania, Ala., September 21, 2011. The alumni office was notified by a family member during a recent phonathon that Mr. Newsome had passed away.

Wayne A. Wade ’75, McCalla, Ala., March 19, 2013, following a nearly two-year battle with ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease). He was president and co-founder of Summit Sales and Service and was a long-time member of the Alabama Oilmen’s Association. The alumni office was notified by alumna Pam Young that Mr. Wade had passed away.

Robert Alexander Nesbit ’76, Anniston, Ala., March 16, 2013, from a hemorrhagic stroke. Mr. Nesbit started his career as a machinist with DuPont in New Jersey. In 1968, he moved to Anniston and set up the Butterfly Division at Dresser Manufacturing and Gadsden Military and Defense. Mr. Nesbit served in the U.S. Navy during the Berlin Crisis, serving on the USS McNair. He continued serving in the Coast Guard Reserve until retirement. He was well known for supporting many area youth activities.

Gabriele E. Torony ’76, Alexandria, Ala., September 11, 2013.

Mary M. Chaney ’77, Concord, N. Car. She was a former teacher with the Jacksonville City Board of Education and was married to the late Elmer Lee Chaney, retired JSU faculty member. The postal service notified the alumni office that Mrs. Chaney is deceased.

Janie Nunnelley Clemons ’77/’82, Orange Beach, Ala., August 2, 2013. She had been a teacher and counselor with the Boaz City Board of Education and, prior to that, served as a guidance counselor with the Marshall County Board of Education. Mrs. Clemons was a member of Phi Mu and the Marching Ballerinas and was a life member of the JSU Alumni Association. The alumni office was notified by her daughter of her death.

Stephen Ford Dyar ’77/’95, Arab, Ala., May 19, 2013. He taught for several years at DAR School. He had been employed with Gober Funeral Chapel. An avid restorer of classic cars, he was working on an old Studebaker at the time of his death. The alumni office was notified by his sister of his death. He had been a member of the Southerners.

Elma Lee Joshua ’77, Gadsden, Ala., September 10, 2013. She had been a retired educator in the Anniston City School System.

Dorothy Anne Wilkinson ’77, Anniston, Ala., August 30, 2013, after an extended illness. A teacher, she taught for many years at Golden Springs Elementary School.

Col. (Ret.) Robin Keith Byrom ’78, Rolla, Mo., August 21, 2013, of a heart attack. He was currently assigned to the CBRN School as the Director of the Joint Experimentation and Analysis Division. Col. Byrom served in the U.S. Army for over twenty-seven years with assignments in the U.S. and abroad. He received numerous decorations and awards over the years for his service. He had also served in Operations Desert Shield/Storm, in Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Col. Byrom had been commissioned through the JSU ROTC program. He was married to Rosemary Bowdoin Byrom ’79.

Myrtle Lee Quick Bailey ’79, Villa Rica, Ga., May 1, 2013. Mrs. Bailey spent over forty years as a teacher, spending time at Fort McClellan Elementary School and Randolph Park Elementary School in Anniston, Ala. Even after moving to Villa Rica, she continued to volunteer at a school in Carrollton, Ga.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gerald Cramer Guettler ’79, Villa Rica, Ga., July 9, 2013. He was a highly decorated U.S. Army Ranger aviator and a veteran of two combat tours in Vietnam. As a certified public accountant, he later opened his own accounting firm and taught accounting as a professor at JSU.

Wilford Paul Light ’79, Greenwood, S. Car. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Light is deceased.

Margaret Ackerman Taylor Walter ’79, Norway, S. Car., July 24, 2013. The alumni office was notified by her husband that she had passed away.

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Cheryl Anne Renfroe Wade '79, Oxford, Ala., May 11, 2013. She had recently been cleared to begin her dissertation for her doctoral program at the University of Alabama. Mrs. Wade was the first ARI coach in the Anniston City School System and the first ACS teacher to earn national certification. She was a former ACS Elementary Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Wade was a member of the JSU Baptist Campus Ministry.

1980-1989
Sabrina Peel Steckline '80, Flower Mound, Tex., November, 2010. The alumni office was notified by a family member that she had passed away. Mrs. Steckline was a former member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Rodney A. Padgett '82, Dadeville, Ala., August, 2013. He had been a member of Sigma Nu.

Merle G. Tate '82, Kingsport, Tenn., October 4, 2012, following complications from an extended illness. She was a retired English teacher and received several certifications for her volunteer work with various local agencies.

Wayne Tuck '82, Hampton, Ga., March 16, 2013. Mr. Tuck had been commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Marlin Clifford McCoy '83/'85, Austin, Tex., July 4, 2013. The alumni office was notified by a family member of his death. Mr. McCoy was married to Marilyn McCoy '78/'91.

Deberel Dean Nolen '84, Roanoke, Ala., June 26, 2013. She had previously been employed as an administrative assistant with the Randolph County Health Department.

Sarah Frances Richardson '84, Richmond, Va., March 25, 2013. The alumni office was notified by her sister that she had passed away.

Patricia Bunn Tate '84, Auburn, Ala., July 19, 2013.

David S. Brewer '85, Birmingham, Ala., July 16, 2013. He was a former member of the Baptist Campus Ministry and JSU International House program.

1990-1999
Kari Brooke Swann Davidson '90, Gadsden, Ala., March 15, 2013, after a long battle with brain cancer. Mrs. Davidson taught at R.A. Mitchell Elementary, G.W. Floyd Elementary and Jessie Dean Smith Elementary Schools for many years.

Charley Val Courtney '91, Centre, Ala., July 26, 2013. He was a retired Centre police chief.

William Tracy Ervin '94/'96, Heflin, Ala., April 8, 2013.

Donna Sue Taylor '93, Lebanon, Mo., September, 2008. The alumni office was notified by her brother, J. Nathan Taylor '89, of her death. She was a former instructor at Gadsden State Community College. Ms. Taylor is a former member of Alpha Xi Delta and was a peer counselor in 1989.

Seargent First Class (Ret.) Bruce Eric Tengblad '92, Weaver, Ala., August 2, 2013. He served in the U.S. Army for sixteen years, including managing emergency wards and administering medical care in field hospitals. After retiring, he became a nurse and worked as a wound care specialist.

David Allen Hutton '93, Marietta, Ga., February 18, 2013. The alumni office was notified by his wife that he had passed away.

Kenneth Wayne Miller '96, Anniston, Ala., May 23, 2013. He had worked at the Anniston Army Depot and then transferred to the Chemical School at the old Fort McClellan until it closed in 1999. Mr. Miller co-owned Certified Network Solutions between 1999 and 2004. He was currently working as a project manager for Battelle Memorial Institute in Anniston.

Bill W. Crowe '97, Oxford, Ala., May 3, 2013. Along with fifteen years as choral director at Gadsden State Community College, he led many Sunday school classes and a lifetime of spirit-filled worship at several churches in east Alabama.

James Wallace Haynes '99, Eastaboga, Ala., April 11, 2009. The alumni office was notified by his wife, Betty Jean Haynes '90, of his death. He had been a former member of the Southerners and had worked at the Jacksonville News as an advertising manager.

2000-2013
Qualton Theron Douthitt '00, Woodstock, Ga., September 13, 2013.

Stephen Kent Behel '08, Anniston, Ala., September 23, 2013, of cancer.

Stefanie Kristen Deru '10, Southside, Ala., March 10, 2013, in an auto accident. She had been employed by Southside High School.

Liza S. Parker '13, Jacksonville, Ala., July 13, 2013. She was a licensed massage therapist and was fulfilling her bachelor's degree in social work when she passed away shortly before she was to graduate from JSU in early August. Her brother, Joshua, received her degree for her on graduation day.

ALUMNOTES

**pictured below*

JSU FACULTY/STAFF
Kim Holdbrooks Townsel '84, Glencoe, Ala., recently received the Excellence in Teaching in Undergraduate Education Award presented by the University of Alabama's Office of Research in Teaching in the Disciplines. Mrs. Townsel is a family and consumer science education instructor at JSU.

Dr. Sheila Anne Webb, professor in the Department of Educational Resources, serves as president of the Jacksonville Garden Club. She holds the designations of Master Gardener and Master Conservationist and her yard in Jacksonville is certified as a wildlife habitat.

1940-1969
E. C. "Baldy" Wilson '49, Glencoe, Ala., has been inducted into the Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame. A coach and educator for many years, he is credited with the change of JSU's mascot from the Eagle Owl to the Gamecock and helped change the school colors to red and white. Mr. Wilson played basketball and football for JSU. Other inductees with JSU connections were Jimmy Luttrell '61, Glencoe, Ala. outstanding star on JSU's 1955 football team, a longtime coach and educator; and Darrell Malone, Weston, Fla., who played football at JSU in the mid-1980s.

1970-1979
James Ronald Beaucham '73/'77, Peachtree City, Ga., a successful high school football coach, was recently inducted into the Coweta County Sports Hall of Fame. An outstanding football player at JSU, he was selected an Outstanding Defensive Lineman, All-Gulf South Conference, honorable mention Little All-American, and team captain.

Dr. Gordon Sumner '75, Springfield, Va., CEO of Gordon Sumner Consulting has been selected to receive the People of Distinction Humanitarian Award on November 8 in New York City during the Veteran's Day activities. His organization's mission is to provide trained/certified service dogs to veterans with physical and mental challenges at no cost to the veterans. Dr. Sumner was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program. He is a former member of the Baptist Campus Ministry and the Southerners. He was selected the 1993 JSU Military Alumnus of the Year and has previously served on the JSU National Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Charles Lowery Stewart '78, Poplar Bluff, Mo., has been named chief of Sparks Health System in Fort Smith, Ark. and Summit Medical Center in Van Buren, Ark. He is the new Arkansas market CEO and started his job on September 30. He previously served as the Missouri market CEO for HMA hospital's Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center and Twin Rivers Medical Center since February 2012. Mr. Stewart has worked for thirty years in hospital management in Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee.

1980-1989
Donna DiGiacomo Hedgecock '81, Vero Beach, Fla., is the executive director of the School District of Indian River County (Fla.) Teen Parent Program. The Teen Parent Program is a state mandated and funded program designed to keep pregnant and parenting students in school to complete their high school education.

Anthony D. Tucker '81, Lookout Mountain, Ga., has been named head of school and CEO of Hickory Valley Christian School, Chattanooga, Tenn. For the past fourteen years, he has served as Middle School principal, assistant head of school, and football coach at Chattanooga Christian School. A Presbyterian minister, he also serves on several boards and as a part-time consultant with EDUSource Unlimited in Chattanooga which led him to spend the early part of June leading an accreditation team on a visit to the American International School in the United Arab Emirates. This fall, he and his daughter will appear as "walkers" in season 4 episode 4 of *The Walking Dead*. Part of the episode was filmed on property he owns in Ringgold, Ga.

*Shannon T. Mayhall '85, Jackson, Tenn., had a great experience when JSU played the University of North Alabama this year! He got to watch his son, Lee, a slot receiver for the UNA Lions, catch a touchdown pass that put the game into overtime (which JSU eventually won). Having played football himself at JSU, Mr. Mayhall said it was a dream come true watching Lee score a touchdown at Burgess-Snow field because of the awesome tradition and atmosphere at JSU and the fact that the field is named after his former coach, Bill Burgess. Mr. Mayhall's brother, Chris '86 and brother-in-law, Brad Powell '88 also played football for JSU. Mr. Mayhall was selected Academic All-Gulf South Conference in 1985.

Charles Gerald Todd '86, Dalton, Ga., was selected Georgia Coach of the Year in high school swimming and diving. His Dalton High School team won state championship in swimming and diving this past season. He was selected Coach of the Year in 2003-04 and now in 2012-13. Mr. Todd was a member of Kappa Sigma and is married to Cynthia Elkins Todd '87.



(Left-Right) Shannon T. Mayhall's son, Lee Mayhall; Bradley A. Plante; Lt. Col. Stephen Clay Goff

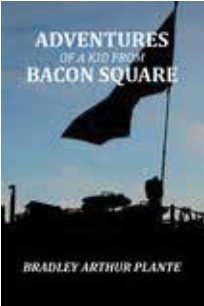
1990-1999
*Bradley A. Plante '91, Hampstead, Md., just published his first book titled *Adventures of a Kid from Bacon Square*. It's a collection of stories from his twenty-three years in law enforcement and the military police. You can find it on Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites, as well as the publisher's site, Old Line Publishing. Suggested for mature readers only. Mr. Plante is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

*Lt. Col. Stephen Clay Goff '93, El Paso, Tex., is now battalion commander at Fort Bliss in El Paso. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry. He is married to Janet Walker Goff '92. Mrs. Goff was the 2013 Teacher of the Year at Lundy Elementary School. She was a peer counselor at JSU.

Arlinda Zeigler Wormely '93/'97, Leeds, Ala., received her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, August, 2011. Dr. Wormely is currently a nurse practitioner in Pell City. She and her husband of thirteen years reside in Leeds with their daughters.

Robert Chad Hannah '96, Jacksonville, Ala., is now working in access classes and assisting with the band at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. He has worked for fifteen years as a band director and was drum major for the Southerners. He is married to Amanda McCoy Hannah '99/'00.

Jason R. Chambers '97, Sand Rock, Ala., has accepted the position of construction manager with McCord Communications, Gadsden, Ala. He is responsible for tower projects and weather alert siren installations in the continental United States and various other countries.



Michael Maniscalco '97/'99, Oxford, Ala., has been hired as principal at Coldwater Elementary School. He has worked for the district for the past fifteen years, beginning as a physical education teacher at Oxford Elementary in 1998. He later became the school's assistant principal before moving to Coldwater in 2010 as assistant principal. He is married to Amy Williams Maniscalco '97/'00/'05.

Rick Carter, Jr. '98/'99/'06, Jacksonville, Ala., is the new principal at Jacksonville High School. He is currently working on his Ed.D. from Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Carter has been principal at Wellborn High, Cleburne County, Oxford High and Talladega High Schools. He is married to Shannon Gallagher Carter '98/'08 who is also works at the high school as a guidance counselor.

Heather Kirby Lamey '98, Jacksonville, Ala., will never forget her first day on the job as executive director of the Benevolence Center in Piedmont. It was two days before destructive tornadoes hit the area and the new-job jitters were nothing compared to those that hit her after the tornadoes came through. The Center was asked by the Red Cross to open as an emergency shelter. She'll never forget being "tried by fire." Mrs. Lamey is married to another JSU alumnus, Jack Harley Lamey '00.

Tara Turnmire Trobaugh '98, Ringgold, Ga., was named the 2013 Georgia Young Mother of the Year by the Georgia Mothers Association and the National Young Mother of the Year by American Mothers, Inc. Mrs. Trobaugh was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota and the Southerners.



Abbie Danielle Freeman '99, Talladega, Ala., will serve as principal at Hall-Kent Elementary School, Homewood, Ala., starting next school year. She currently serves as Hall-Kent's assistant principal and came to Homewood from Winterboro High School, where she was assistant principal for three years. Prior to that, she was an elementary teacher, Building Based Student Support Team coordinator, and a Title I resource/reading coach. She is married to another JSU alumnus, Michael Kurt Freeman '00.

Amanda McCoy Hannah '99/'00, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching eleventh grade English at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. She previously taught for thirteen years at Choctawhatchee High School in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Mrs. Hannah was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and the Southerners. She is married to Robert Chad Hannah '96.

2000-2013
Jessica Crow Kadle '00, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching kindergarten at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala., and will receive her master's degree in December from JSU. Mrs. Kadle taught in the Calhoun County Schools from 2001 to 2004 and then was a stay-at-home mom until deciding to return to the classroom last fall. She is a former Gamecock Hostess. Mrs. Kadle is married to David Kadle '02/'05/'09, who is a teacher at Jacksonville High School.

Krista Edwards Lowe '00, Warner Robins, Ga., has been selected as the Georgia HOSA Advisor of the Year. She teaches healthcare science at the Houston County Career Academy in Warner Robins. Mrs. Lowe was a member of the JSU Baptist Campus Ministry. She is married to JSU alumnus, Joshua Lowe '99, who is assistant principal and athletic director at Jackson High School in Butts County (Ga.).

Aimee Weathers '03, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching pre-K at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. She previously taught at Stemley Elementary (Talladega) in 2000-01 and at Saks Elementary 2001-04. Ms. Weathers was a private tutor 2004-13 and taught the pre-K part-time program at Kitty Stone 2012-13.

Brandy Duhon Willingham '03, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching kindergarten at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. She previously taught at Ohatchee Elementary from 2003-10 and at Kitty Stone last year. Mrs. Willingham is currently working on her master's in elementary education, digital initiative training. She is married to Jason Ray Willingham, '04.

Ashley Leanne Wheeler '04, Birmingham, Ala., has been promoted to executive division director of the March of Dimes Birmingham District. She is the daughter of JSU alumna, Deborah V. Wheeler '99, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

*Sharla Hill Eason '07, Ohatchee, Ala., is currently the clinic director for Therapy South-Talladega Clinic. Dr. Eason was a member of Alpha Xi Delta.

*Aurelia Lavette Gooden '07/'09/'12, is a classical pianist and composer and is lucky to have been born with absolute pitch. Despite growing up in a less than mediocre area of Detroit, Mich., she developed a strong interest in science and hoped to pursue a medical career. She received a presidential scholarship to Wayne State University (Mich.) but had to leave that behind when her family relocated to Alabama. Though she started out in the cellular and molecular biology program at JSU, she changed her major to music, received several scholarships, and graduated summa cum laude. After working at the Anniston Army Depot as a contractor, she developed an interest in industrial engineering, returned to JSU and received a Master of Science in Manufacturing Systems Technology in only eighteen months. She currently is a process engineer at Honda Manufacturing, Lincoln, Ala., and recently completed the Industrial Hygiene Management Certification at Columbia Southern University. Ms. Gooden was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the JSU Chorus and the Southerners. She is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.



Philip Jenkins, Jr. '07, Talladega, Ala., has been selected for the JSU Teachers Hall of Fame. He just completed his sixth year as a math teacher at B.B. Comer Memorial High School.

Sheila Ray Montgomery '07, Pelham, Ala., has been selected as a recipient of the 2013 Helen Henry Excellence of Care Award. She also received a \$1000 stipend with the international nursing award. The award is presented annually by the Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation for Nursing. Mrs. Montgomery is a registered nurse at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

Jason Brett Rushing '07, Alabaster, Ala., received his PhD in agronomy in December, 2012, from Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss. He is presently employed by MSU and is married to Megan Hopkins Rushing '11. Mrs. Rushing is a teacher at East Webster High School. Mr. Rushing played football for JSU.

Latoya Lanette Threatt '07/'13, Cropwell, Ala., recently received an award from the JSU Counselor Education Program for special recognition of her outstanding work in the counseling program. Ms. Threatt dreams of being a mentor and working as a counselor to people with disabilities, which she can identify with since she also has a disability – cerebral palsy.

*Tashara J. Childs '08, Raleigh, N. Car., is currently a tutor of English. Her first novel, *Knocking on the Devil's Door*, has recently been published. It explores relationships with each other and with God. In the Christian fiction genre, it can be purchased online at CreateSpace and at Amazon as a paperback copy or in digital format for Kindle.



Kathy Ann Watson '08, Anniston, Ala., is teaching 8th grade special education /MSLE (reading) at Kitty Stone Elementary School. Mrs. Watson is now in her seventeenth year of teaching and has taught in the Oxford City School System as well as the counties of Dale, Shelby, Cleburne and Calhoun.

Amanda Carey Arnold-Kiser '10/'13, Piedmont, Ala., is now teaching special education at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala.

Malcolm Jarmar Dailey '10, Weaver, Ala., was awarded the Teacher of the Year for Litchfield Middle School in the Gadsden City School System. He is currently a candidate in JSU's Fifth Year Program in Secondary Education with a concentration in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Mr. Dailey was nominated for this award by his colleagues at Litchfield.

Andrew C. Havens '10, Jacksonville, Ala., is owner of Gamecock Computers on the Square in Jacksonville, a business he started in 2010. He has been interested in and working with computers since he was about thirteen. The company provides every aspect of computer repair. He also does professional web site designs for individuals, businesses and various government entities. Mr. Havens is currently working on his master's degree in business administration at JSU.

Thomas George "Tres" Buzan III '12, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching Algebra 1 at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. He is currently working on his master's of education degree at JSU. Mr. Buzan previously coached football and basketball at Weaver High School. He is engaged to Haley Henderson '12.

Jessica Cathenne Chambless '12, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching pre-K at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. She is married to Ryan Chambless '03/'07/'13.



Courtney Lynne Christopher '12, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching pre-K at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. She previously served as an instructional assistant at Kitty Stone.

Kyle Coulahan '12, Pensacola, Fla., known as simply "Coulahan" to his friends, has released his first album "Kyle Coulahan." He also writes his own songs and, to date, has written more than 350 songs. His dad gave him his first guitar when he was only five years old. For Jacksonville, Ala., locals, the song "Somewhere in Alabama" will make you want to hear the rest of the album. He also pays homage to college life at JSU with the song "Raise Hell." You can purchase his album on iTunes and can check out performance dates and get personal updates on his Facebook page at facebook.com/DrowninWorms. Mr. Coulahan played football for JSU and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order.

Jessica Ann Blount '13, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching pre-K at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala.

Morgan Elizabeth Cox '13, Wellington, Ala., was presented the Outstanding JSU Dietetics Senior Award at the Alabama Dietetics Association's annual conference in March. She also received the Dr. Virginia Yocum Award for Excellence at the annual JSU Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Department's senior reception in April.

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