

This is a copy of our Alumni newsletter that is sent monthly to our alumni.

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February 2026 Edition

FEATURED EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS



January brought frigid temperatures and a reunion delay, but we are still working behind the scenes to provide some great engagement opportunities for you.

Additionally, the Alumni Engagement Office is moving from Kennamer Hall to what many alumni refer to as the "Development" or "Philanthropy" House on Pelham Road. We can't wait to let you know when the move is complete so we can invite you to celebrate with us. While this will not be our permanent home, it will allow our alumni more space to gather when visiting campus.

The Marching Southerners have been invited to march in the **2027 Rose Parade** presented by Honda. We welcome alumni, friends, and family to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience. To learn more and sign up for the trip, [click here](#). Use the code JSUFFROSEPARADE2027 to log in. The deadline to reserve your space is **March 1**.

Join us as we gear up for our Spring events! This month, you can take a break from your busy day to meet Jax State alumni and friends for lunch during the Etowah County Lunch Bunch or come cheer on our softball team for the Gamecock Grand Slam Series as we travel to Carrollton and take on West Georgia. Both of these opportunities take place on February 24. Other locations for the Grand Slam Series this semester will include Jax State baseball games in Birmingham, Auburn, and Troy.

As a reminder, the Men's Basketball Reunion has been rescheduled for February 27 & 28 - registration closes February 20!

Check [here for other upcoming events on the website](#), or [view the schedule here](#).

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



COCKY BUSINESS



Dr. Theron Earle Montgomery III, a 1977 Jax State graduate and son of former Jax State President Dr. Theron Montgomery, recently released a book, *The Street of Yearning*, published by Pegasus Press. His love of books and creative writing developed at a young age, growing up in Jacksonville, Alabama, in a house filled with books and spending time in elementary school writing poems.

"I've been blessed to immerse myself and share with others in a love of language," Montgomery said.

He has published additional works, including *The End of the Legend of Jared Snead* (novel), *Driving Truman Capote* (memoir, takes place at Jax State), *The Procession* (short stories), and *Was There* (award winning short drama).

[Read more here.](#)

Tyler Sims, a 2019 Jax State graduate, recognized a need in his community and set out to meet it. In collaboration with a friend, the Walker County, Alabama, native started **FlowPros Plumbing** to serve his community.

Sims said FlowPros is built on integrity, reliability and affordability. The company offers a wide range of residential and light commercial plumbing services, including leak detection, pipe repairs, water heater installation and repair, drain cleaning, fixture installation, and general plumbing maintenance.

"The most rewarding part has been seeing the positive impact I've had on others," Sims said. "Knowing that my work has helped people and made a difference in their lives is far more valuable to me than money."

[Read more here.](#)

[Submit your own Cocky Business to be featured](#) in one of our upcoming newsletters here!

ALUMNI CONNECTION



We hope you will stay connected, whether it is through Alumni Connection or by participating in the Jax State Oral History Project with PCI. There is **no** obligation to purchase anything; we are more interested in collecting your stories and memories while updating alumni information. If you'd rather not participate in the Oral History Project, we encourage you to sign up for Alumni Connection, a free platform to update your information and stay connected to Jax State and fellow alumni.

Sign up for the [Alumni Connection](#) and keep in touch!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



With an Alumni Association membership, you can receive discounts to many activities and attractions. Join today to receive discounts on car rentals, select music festivals, and even a few Broadway and Off-Broadway Shows. Take a road trip and let your membership help support your adventures!

Interested in becoming a member or want to learn more? [Click here!](#)

GROWING GAMECOCKS



Growing Gamecocks, keep an eye on your mailbox! A special Valentine from Cocky is heading your way - just a little reminder that you're loved and part of the Jax State family!

Interested in enrollment? The program offers special touches and age-appropriate connections to Jax State, including birthday cards or gifts and occasional surprises throughout the year. Enroll your Growing Gamecock today!

[Click here for details and to sign up today!](#)

AROUND CAMPUS



Jax State student-athletes continue to succeed both on the fields and in the classroom, achieving a **record-setting 3.418 cumulative grade point average** for the 2025 fall term. Coming off the athletic department's best overall academic year in 2024-25, Gamecock student-athletes improved to punch in the highest Fall GPA on record to begin 2025-26. The 3.418 combined GPA continues a rising trend that saw Jax State earn a 3.360 in Fall 2024, preceded by a 3.269 in 2023.

[Read more here.](#)

COMING TO THE ROC



GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



Want to know what's coming to the ROC and what Music and Theatre are up to?

Opt into our ticketing newsletter!

<https://app.jaxstatearts.org/signup>

Another Record Year for Giving

Jax State celebrated another historic year of philanthropy in 2025, raising more than **\$28 million**, surpassing 2024's record year of nearly **\$20 million**. Together, these two remarkable years have propelled the \$100 million ***It's a Jax State of Mind Campaign*** to almost **\$48 million raised in just two years**, a powerful testament to the generosity and commitment of our alumni and supporters. Thank YOU, Gamecocks, for believing in Jax State, investing in our future, and making this extraordinary momentum possible.

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