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## *March 2026 Edition*

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**FEATURED EVENTS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



February provided fun opportunities for fellowship with the Etowah County Lunch Bunch, the Gamecock Grand Slam Series pregame gathering in Carrollton, Georgia, and the Men's Basketball Reunion.

The Alumni Engagement Team has moved, and we look forward to welcoming you to the new Alumni House on Pelham Road. We will announce an open house date in the next few months.

**In addition, nominations are open for our Alumnus, Alumna, Young Alum, and Military Alumnus/Alumna of the Year and will close on April 15.** If you know a Jax State graduate who has outstanding achievements in their profession, community, and/or service activities, please nominate them for one of these prestigious awards. Please note, a CV and/or resume and a letter or recommendation are required for the nominee. [View additional details here.](#)

Join us for the Grand Slam Series pregame gathering on March 24 as Jax State takes on the University of Alabama at Birmingham in baseball. Don't miss out on the upcoming games in Auburn and Troy later in the semester. Come eat, socialize, and cheer with us in the stand!

We will also be hosting a pregame gathering before one of our games at the 2026 CUSA Basketball Tournament in Huntsville. Stay tuned for more information as the date and time are released. The tournament dates are March 10-14.

Go ahead and mark your calendars for exciting engagement opportunities with Marshall County Spirit Night on April 7, our "On the Road" series to Fairhope and Mobile on April 10 & 11, and our highly anticipated 20th Annual Shrimp Boil on April 16. We are excited to announce that the Spring Game will follow the Shrimp Boil again this year and will start at 7:00 p.m.

Check [here for event details on the website,](#) or [view the schedule here.](#)

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**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**COCKY BUSINESS**



For **David and Rebecca Glenn**, their love story began in **1987** when they first met at a Jax State fall pep rally. David is a broadcast meteorologist, and Rebecca serves as a school counselor. They credit Jax State with fully preparing them for their careers.

David graduated in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in geography, and Rebecca graduated in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in English, followed by a master's in counseling in 1990.

"Truly, those were some of the most fun and meaningful times of my life," Rebecca said.

"It's also no coincidence that our oldest son is named Jack," David said.

[Read more here.](#)



Born and raised on Weiss Lake, **Jay Howell ('86)** now owns and operates Weiss Lake Concierge in Centre, Alabama, with his wife, Tonya.

"In 2020, Tonya had the idea to start Weiss Lake Concierge Property Management and Vacation Rentals, which was right during COVID-19," Howell said. "It has been exciting to work with her and to build a business from the ground up."

Howell said they are the only full-time, home-owned, and home-operated property management and vacation rental company on Weiss Lake.

[Read more here.](#)

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

## ALUMNI CONNECTION



Are you a recent graduate? Have you moved in the last few years, changed careers, or do you have a new email address? Stay connected and keep in touch!

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



As an Alumni Association member, new to our membership perks is a discounted rate at **RMC's Gift Shop**. Show your current

Sign up for our [Alumni Connection](#) – it's a free platform where you can update your information and stay connected to Jax State and fellow alumni.

membership card at checkout to receive 10% off your \$10 or more purchase before tax.

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

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## GROWING GAMECOCKS



Our Growing Gamecocks received a sweet Valentine's surprise in the mail last month, reminding them just how loved they are by their Jax State family! Even if your child is in high school, it's not too late to be included in the fun—enroll now and your Growing Gamecock will receive a birthday card or gift, as well as occasional seasonal surprises throughout the year.

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

## AROUND CAMPUS



The Gamecock Market at Jacksonville State University is partnering with Auxiliary and Business Services to launch the **Give-A-Gown Initiative!** This initiative aims to provide graduation regalia at no cost to graduating seniors who may not have the financial means to purchase their own. Any alumni who graduated from Jax State in 2022 through last semester (December 2025) may donate caps, gowns, stoles, and hoods. Donations may be given to The Gamecock Market, located in the basement of Sparkman Hall, during normal operating hours (MWF 1-5 PM OR TTH 11-2 PM). Contact [Mrs. Charlie Vann](#) or [Mr. Jonathan Summerlin](#) if you are unable to bring your donations to campus or have any questions.

During its quarterly meeting, the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees voted to approve the naming of the University's future football indoor practice facility as the **Ken and Jenny Howell Football Indoor Practice Facility**, honoring longtime supporters whose commitment to Jax State has helped shape the institution for decades. [Read more here.](#)

The **Little River Canyon Center (LRCC)**, owned and operated by Jacksonville State University, has announced the full lineup for

its 2026 Canyon Concert Series, bringing a year of live music to the rim of the canyon.

[Read more here.](#)

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## COMING TO THE ROC



Finishing touches are being installed, but there is still time to name a seat in honor or memory of someone. Seats range from \$500-2500, and pews in the church are still available as well, for \$2500-5000.

For more information, visit [jsu.edu/roc](http://jsu.edu/roc).

## GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



Did you know that you can make a difference for our students while reducing your taxes? If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA to the JSU Foundation - often called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) or IRA Charitable Rollover. This allows you to support our mission while satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) without the income tax penalty. And the best part? You don't have to write a check! Contact your IRA Administrator to get started, and then call Kim Dalesandro at (256) 782-5606 or email her at [kdalesandro@jsu.edu](mailto:kdalesandro@jsu.edu), and let her know what area on campus you would like to support. For more information, [click here](#).

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