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June 2025 Edition

FEATURED EVENTS



May was packed with memorable moments as Gamecocks reconnected

UPCOMING EVENTS



We've got some exciting events on the horizon—whether you're looking to

across the Southeast at a series of exciting alumni events.

Gamecock spirit took over Truist Park

as alumni and friends gathered on a private rooftop for an unforgettable evening of baseball, breathtaking views, and a Braves win in extra innings!

A packed house of alumni enjoyed a night of swings, smiles, and spirited competition at **Topgolf Birmingham**—complete with special guests and exciting door prizes.

Alumni gathered in Auburn for a perfect evening of tailgating, camaraderie, and Gamecock baseball under the lights in our final spring installment of the Gamecock Grand Slam Series.

From a sunset shrimp boil on the bay to updates from campus leadership, **our weekend in Fairhope** was filled with connection, conversation, and coastal charm.

reconnect, relax, or support a great cause, there's something coming up for every Gamecock.

Jax State Retirees Summer Picnic

Reconnect with fellow retirees over a delicious lunch from Cooter Brown's on the Alumni House Lawn—don't miss this laid-back summer tradition!

June 17 | 11:30 AM–1:00 PM | \$25/person | *Register by June 10*

Gamecock Grand Slam: Huntsville Trash Pandas Night

Join us in Huntsville for one last night of baseball fun this summer as the Gamecock Grand Slam Series wraps up with the Trash Pandas! Food, fellowship, and first pitch all in one evening.

September 10 | 5:45 PM | \$45/person

President Killingsworth's 5th Annual Cocky Classic

Tee up for a great cause at the Cocky Classic, where golf, good times, and giving back come together in support of Jax State student scholarships.

October 24 | 9:00 AM Shotgun Start | RTJ Silver Lakes

Click here to learn more and register for future events as they become available.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



From Nagoya, Japan, to The Hague, Netherlands, Judge Tomoko Akane has built a remarkable career in international law—now serving as President of the International Criminal Court. A proud Jax State alumna, she earned her Master of Science in Criminal Justice in 1990 and credits the university with opening new horizons in her legal journey. Judge Akane is leading the ICC during a time of global tension, including high-profile cases that have captured international attention. Her story is one of perseverance, service, and global impact. **Read more about Judge Akane's path and leadership on the world stage.**

COCKY BUSINESS



Amy Smith '99 turned her passion for food and community into 25 at Main, a vibrant food truck park and marketplace in Wilsonville, Alabama. Rooted in her Jacksonville State education, Amy is creating a space where locals and visitors can connect, relax, and enjoy great food. **Read her inspiring story of 25 at Main.**

Submit your own Cocky Business to be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters here!

ALUMNI CONNECTION



Heading out on a summer adventure?

Whether you're traveling across the country or exploring a new city, Jax State Alumni Connection makes it easy to find fellow Gamecocks wherever you go. This exclusive platform helps you connect with alumni in your area—or your destination—without the hassle of endless social media searches. Use your summer travels as the perfect excuse to log in, link up, and see just how far the Gamecock family reaches! [Click here](#) to get started.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



We're excited to share what's included in our **Jax State Alumni Association membership packs**! Each pack comes with your official membership card, a Jax State t-shirt, and a variety of exclusive discounts—including deals at local businesses as well as special travel and entertainment offers. Of course, no pack is complete without a little Jax State swag, and collectibles include a custom sticker and a branded coaster—perfect for showing off your Gamecock spirit at home or on the go. Membership has its perks, and **we can't wait for you to enjoy them!**

GROWING GAMECOCKS



Summer is here, and we're sending warm wishes to all of our Growing Gamecocks! Whether you're splashing in the pool, heading to summer camp, or just soaking up the sunshine, we hope it's a season full of fun and adventure. The Growing Gamecocks program is a special way for alumni, family, and friends to keep their future Gamecocks connected to Jax State year-round.

AROUND CAMPUS



Big news for high school students looking to get a jump start on their college education! All in-state students and out-of-state online students participating in Jax State's Dual Enrollment program **beginning in Fall 2025 will now pay just \$33 per credit hour, or \$99 for a standard 3-hour course.** That's a savings of over 80% compared to the previous rate!

Learn more about the program and how to enroll a child.

Click here for more information and share the info with all the future Gamecocks in your life.

If your student has been admitted for the fall, have they registered for orientation?

Gamecock Orientation is a one-day, required program for first-year students under the age of 25 that provides valuable campus information and opportunities to connect with fellow new students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds. Dates are available in June and July only. **Register today!**

COMING TO THE ROC



Building excitement!

Check out the progress you can't see from the road with this first look from the balcony! This new stage at your center for the arts can accommodate 120 musicians and their instruments! Be the first to know who will grace the stage and learn how you can contribute [here](#).

GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



Creating a scholarship is one of the most meaningful ways to support Jax State students for generations to come.

For as little as \$83 a month, you can establish a namesake scholarship that makes a direct impact. Whether honoring a loved one or supporting a specific program, your scholarship can open doors for future Gamecocks.

To learn more about starting a namesake scholarship, contact the Office for Philanthropy at 256-782-5306 or Roseh@jsu.edu.

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