

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

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July 2026 Edition

FEATURED EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Jax State Cockey Travelers kicked off the summer with a 7-day cruise to **Alaska** aboard the Norwegian Bliss! Alumni and friends set sail from Seattle and traveled to Sitka, Juneau, Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier, Icy Straight Point, and Ketchikan.

Alumni, friends, and family enjoyed the breathtaking views, saw wildlife in their natural habitat, and met one another, making lifelong friends while onboard. The alumni office will have many more adventures, and we hope you will join us on our upcoming trips.

Gamecocks also gathered in June for an Etowah County Alumni Network Bingo Night. All proceeds benefited Etowah County Alumni Network Scholarships.

To view our events over the past month, [click here](#).



We look forward to honoring our Jax State Retirees this week with a **Summer Luncheon** and celebrating our Summer Class of 2026 with a **Graduate Toast** on July 30th.

We will host a **Lunch Bunch** in Huntsville the last week of July and a **Gamecock Gathering** in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, on August 4th. Mark your calendars! Additional details will be released soon.

We are excited to travel with Jax State alumni, friends and family throughout 2026 and 2027! Fellow Gamecocks will be traveling to **California** to support the Marching Southerners in the **Rose Parade** presented by Honda. In the spring, we will travel to **Germany** with the Jax State A Cappella Choir for the **14th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition**. Travel information will continue to be shared for the choir trip as it becomes available.

[**View events and register here.**](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



From Miss Alabama in 1984 to Ms. Senior World 60s in 2021, **Tammy Little Haynes** has performed for some of the world's leaders and top entertainers for decades. She credits her experiences at Jax State for helping her step out of her comfort zone and into a career as an entertainer.

Haynes expanded her career into the music industry. She had a country music band, toured with The Tennessee River Boys (Diamond Rio) and Ty Herndon, among others. In addition to dining with Presidents of the United States, she performed with great entertainers such as Bob Hope while traveling the world and experiencing different cultures.

[Read more about Tammy Little Haynes here.](#)

COCKY BUSINESS



Joanna Clem ('17) is finding balance in her hometown of Athens, Alabama. The proud mother of two is the owner of **Clem Photo Co.**, capturing life's biggest moments behind the camera. She graduated from Jax State in business with a concentration in marketing and a minor in art.

Clem photographs everything from newborns and weddings to graduations and funerals. She loves that her clients invite her along to all their biggest moments and milestones, and prides herself on being there for every chapter of their lives.

[Read more about Clem Photo Co. here.](#)

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

ALUMNI CONNECTION



If you've moved over the past few years, changed careers, or added a new email, make sure to update your information so that you continue to receive updates and news through mail and email. This free platform allows you to stay connected to the

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Members of the Alumni Association can receive discounts to aquariums, adventure parks, water parks and more! Summer isn't over, so make sure you take advantage of these benefits while planning any last minute trips or putting the final details into your

university, whether you're still close to home or have ventured overseas.

[Sign up today!](#)

vacation.

[Click here](#) to become a member of our National Alumni Association and to learn about membership deals.

GROWING GAMECOCKS



Did you know? 🎓

Growing Gamecocks members who are admitted to Jax State and complete the Jax App are eligible for the one-year Growing Gamecock Scholarship! This scholarship covers the remaining cost of tuition after the recipient's First-Time Freshman merit scholarship is applied. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to invest in your child's future. Enroll them in the Growing Gamecocks program today!

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

AROUND CAMPUS



Jacksonville State University's Doctor of Education (EdD) program has been accepted into the **Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate** (CPED), a nationally recognized consortium of more than 160 colleges and schools of education committed to strengthening and advancing doctoral education through collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement. [Read more here.](#)

Conference USA released its **Institutional Excellence Award and Sport Academic Awards** for the 2025-26 academic year, with **five** Gamecock teams earning the sport academic distinction. The five Sport Academic Awards were the most of any institution in Conference USA this year. [Read more here.](#)

COMING TO THE ROC

GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



We look forward to our first performance at the Randy Owen Center for the Performing Arts on July 25, 2026, at 7 PM by the **Dan Tyminski Band!**

Dan Tyminski has left his mark in nearly every corner of modern music. His voice famously accompanies George Clooney's performance of the classic song, "I Am A Man of Constant Sorrow," in the film, *Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?* and his vocal collaboration with Swedish DJ Avicii on "Hey Brother" was a global smash. His diverse solo projects and years of work with Alison Krauss and Union Station have yielded troves of award-winning music, but the live shows of the Dan Tyminski Band are the true gems of this storied career.

[To purchase tickets, click here.](#)



The **Jax State Athletic Foundation (JSAF)** champions the holistic success of Jax State student-athletes. JSAF is dedicated to advancing the mission of Jacksonville State Athletics by providing philanthropic support that enhances the student-athlete experience and strengthens the long-term success of Gamecock programs. JSAF focuses on several key areas:

- **Student-Athlete Scholarships**
- **Championship Resources**
- **Facilities and Capital Improvements**
- **Academic and Personal Development**
- **Program-Specific Support**
- **Building a Culture of Engagement**

Through these focus areas, JSAF helps provide the resources necessary for Jax State student-athletes to succeed in competition, in the classroom, and in life. Your contribution directly impacts the lives of our student-athletes, empowering them to excel in both academics and athletics.

How to get involved

You can donate and become part of the Jax State Athletic Foundation by **[clicking here.](#)**

JSAF envisions a future where Jacksonville State University Athletics is a national powerhouse, recognized for both athletic dominance and the academic achievement of its student-athletes. We will be launching our 2026-2027 NEW Giving Guide to outline Membership Levels/Benefits by August 1, 2026. The Athletic giving year will run from Aug. 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027.

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