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JAX STATE
Jacksonville State University



November 2026 Edition

FEATURED EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thank you to our alumni and friends who came to our October events! Our Murder Mystery in Gadsden was sold out, and we had great participation at activities such as the Gamecock Gathering in Kennesaw and the Southeastern Leadership Command College Affinity Network Ruck Run.

We are thankful for the support of our Montgomery area alumni at the State of the University Presidential Address, and for everyone who attended the International House 80th Reunion. We also had a fun night at our Halloween-themed, member only Spirit Night!

To view our events over the past month, **click here**.

Congratulations again to our inaugural 22 Under 40 Honorees! Nominations for the Class of 2027 are due November 15! **Learn more and submit nominations here.**

Consider traveling with us to Germany in May 2027 along with Jax State's A Cappella Choir! The deadline to register is December 1, with all payments due in March.
Contact **Dr. Philip Copeland** with Travel Collegiate, LLC, for questions or if you need registration assistance. **Learn more about the trip and register here**.



It's Homecoming Week! We look forward to welcoming our **Golden Gamecocks** from the Class of 1976 back to campus for their Friday luncheon. We will also celebrate the 50-year anniversary of commissioning the ROTC Class of 1976 during the **31st Annual ROTC Banquet** on Friday evening. If you plan on attending either special event but haven't let us know, please **RSVP here.**

Click here for more information about **Homecoming festivities**. The parade will begin at 11:00 AM, and our Homecoming King and Queen Reunion will be at 3:00 PM. The Alumni House will be open for alumni and guests from 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM and again from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM. Kickoff against Sam Houston State is at 6:00 PM. Our 2026 Alumni of the Year Honorees will participate in the parade and will be recognized on the field during halftime.

In addition to Homecoming, we have many more opportunities to engage and network with one another this month. Our final **State of the University Presidential Address** will take place in **Huntsville** on November 12 – **register here** to make plans to attend and hear about the fantastic growth Jax State is experiencing. Join alumni, family, and friends for a **Gamecock Gathering** on Saturday, **November 14**, before the Gamecocks take on Western Kentucky. We will meet at Mellow Mushroom at 11:30 AM CT. There is no fee to attend, but we ask that you **RSVP here.** Mark your calendars this holiday season for **Cocky Claus** and **Jax Jingle**. We hope to see you soon!

Learn more and register for upcoming events here.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



We are excited to announce the Jax State 2026 Alumni Honorees.

Alumnus of the Year: Anthony Kingston, ‘93 & ‘98

Alumna of the Year: Claudette Smith, ‘72

Young Alum of the Year: Viachaslau "Slava" Katliarou, ‘12 & ‘16

Military Alumnus of the Year: Col. Scott Brannon, ‘92 & ‘93

We hope you will join us as we celebrate this year's Jacksonville State University National Alumni Association award recipients during Homecoming this Saturday. To read more about each honoree, **click here.**

COCKY BUSINESS



Apotheos Roastery in Kennesaw, Georgia, is more than a coffee roastery. According to Jax State alum **Brandon Hebert ('16)**, partner and head of sales for the company, his team provides dependable service and the right solutions for businesses looking to serve better coffee.

Apotheos Roastery offers custom roasting, private-label coffee, equipment guidance, training, and tastings. They also provide demonstrations to help patrons better understand what goes into a good cup of coffee.

Read more about Apotheos Roastery here.

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

AROUND CAMPUS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Jax State's **Pi Kappa Phi** chapter celebrated 55 years of brotherhood and service to the university with a special ceremony at the Randy Owen Center for the Performing Arts. Alumni gathered to mark the milestone and celebrate the naming of the ROC lobby in honor of the chapter.

Jax State officially dedicated the **Scott Williams Dining Room** during a ribbon-cutting ceremony recognizing a career spanning 47 years in university dining, including 37 years serving his alma mater, Jax State. **Read more here.**

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Recent graduates can become a member for $5 if they graduated in the last year. Alumni may also become members for $10 if they graduated in the last five years or for $20 if they graduated in the last 6-10 years. Membership comes with a welcome package and special association member-only activities and benefits throughout the year.

To learn more about our membership packages, visit our **membership page**.

GROWING GAMECOCKS

Cocky would like to send a special invite to our Growing Gamecocks to join him for Cocky Claus on November 15! Come take a festive photo, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, write letters to Santa, and join us for other Christmas crafts and activities.

Learn more about Cocky Claus and RSVP here!

ALUMNI CONNECTION

Have you attended a Gamecock Gathering, State of the University Presidential Address, a network event, or visited campus recently? Upload your favorite Jax State photos and share with your Gamecock family on our online platform! It's free and easy to use.

Click here to learn more and get started.

COMING TO THE ROC



The Randy Owen Center is excited to host the JSU A Cappella Choir and Civic Chorale with Chamber Orchestra for their performance of George Frideric Handel ***Messiah*** on Friday, November 6, at 7:00 PM! Then, get ready to get in the Christmas Spirit with ***Irish Christmas in America*** on Tuesday, December 1, at 8:00 PM, following the Jacksonville Christmas Parade.

GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



We continue to make significant progress toward our $1M capital campaign goal, as you can see from the chart below. Thank you to all alumni, friends, and family who have supported the university through **It's a Jax State of Mind**. If you would like to support our efforts to honor the past, transform the present, and shape our future, please visit **jsu.edu/jaxstateofmind**.

Tickets to both of these events, and many more, are available now at **jsu.edu/roc**.

Goal	Gifts & Pledges
Enhancing the Student Experience	
$18 Million	$12,219,471
Strengthening Academic Reputation	
$49 Million	$22,117,002
Winning Championships	
$33 Million	$29,533,363
Total $100 Million	**$63,869,836**

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