

Graduate Faculty Spotlight DR. AHMAD ALHAMMOURI

Dr. Ahmad Alhammouri is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education in the Secondary Education Department. Dr. Alhammouri joined the Friendliest Campus in the South in August 2018. He is always excited to work with preservice teachers to ensure they are wellprepared to teach students effectively and is passionate about serving the community.

Dr. Alhammouri has an established publication history and has presented at international, national, and state level conferences. Dr. Alhammouri has had the honor of presenting at the Joint Mathematics Meeting, the largest mathematics meeting in the world. In addition, Dr. Alhammouri is the member of a team that was awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to recruit and graduate STEM students.



The Umm... program visiting Piedmont Middle School.

Dr. Alhammouri runs a program, *Understanding Mathematics Matters* (Umm...), that focuses on visiting schools and engaging students in hands-on math activities that help enhance their perception of mathematics.

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Dr. Kimberly Gaiters-White, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies

Dr. Kimberly Gaiters-White currently serves as Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. Prior to joining JSU, she served as Dean of the Evelyn Reid Syphax School of Education and Interdisciplinary Studies at Virginia Union University (VUU), Dean of Academic Affairs at Ferrum College, and in varied administrative roles in the College of Education at Albany State University (ASU). She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, Master of Education Degree in Special Education, and an Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership and Supervision, all from ASU. She completed her Doctorate of Education from Georgia Southern University in Curriculum Studies.

Dr. Gaiters–White has engaged in an array of outreach at the local, state, and international levels with educators, policy–makers, experts and community stakeholders. She has been acknowledged for her leadership and has garnered awards and recognition such as a Deans for Impact Scholar (2020–21), the American Council on Education Women's Network Virginia Senior Leader (2018), Albany State University 50 Under 50 (2015), Southwest Georgia's 40 Under Forty (2009), the National Association of Professional Women (2008), Albany State University Teacher of the Year (2006–2007), and Women Making Magic Steel Magnolia Award (2005). She is committed to her community and has served on the Board of Directors for Black Father Families of Virginia, the United Way of the Roanoke Valley, Girls Inc., Albany Advocacy Resource Center, and Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. Dr. Gaiters–White is married to Frederick White. She is the proud mother of four children and the grandmother of two granddaughters.

What's happening in the College of Education and Professional Studies

In Alabama and beyond, Jacksonville State University's College of Education and Professional Studies continues to lead in innovation and push forward the boundaries of educational excellence. The mission of the college is to prepare professional educators who are equipped to lead in a changing world. The mission complements the *Strong Start, Strong Finish* education initiative to integrate Alabama's early childhood education, K–12 education, and workforce development efforts into a seamless educational journey for all Alabamians. Since its inception and first graduate offering, JSU has had a long history of preparing

teachers and other school personnel at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and helps them to develop an extensive knowledge and skills-based education appropriate for their field. Developing initial and advanced education candidates into effective, reflective, creative decision makers is the fundamental goal of all preparation programs in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

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