



# Hello March!

☀ Jacksonville State University will be closed March 20-24, 2023. ☀

## SPRING 2023 PROGRAMS FAIR

Graduate Studies is hosting our Spring 2023 Programs Fair! This is an opportunity for prospective students to explore the different graduate programs offered at JSU while meeting some of our Graduate Faculty. Students can also learn about our Faster Master's and Accelerated Senior Privilege programs.

**MARCH 1ST**  
— 11 AM - 1 PM —  
TMB AUDITORIUM

### COMING SOON

Something BIG is coming...  
More information in APRIL!



Have exciting graduate information or news to share? Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to submit.

Good luck to the Graduate Studies Dean, Dr. Channing Ford, Assistant Director Ashlee Hanvey, and Department Head of Applied Engineering Dr. Dana Ingalsbe as they present at the Southern Regional Faculty & Instructional Development Consortium. They will be presenting on *Graduate Student Expectations in the Faculty-Student Mentoring Dynamic* and will be joined by Auburn University's Dr. Kim Garza.

## HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### Graduate Faculty Spotlight

## DR. JOLIE WILDINGER



"I am an Assistant Professor in the Graduate Nursing Department, a dual-certified nurse practitioner (Family and Adult-Gerontology Acute Care), and the lead faculty of the Family Nurse Practitioner program. Before joining JSU in the summer of 2020, I worked as a hospitalist nurse practitioner and was a full-time mom of four and wife to my supportive husband. As a two-time alum of JSU's nursing program, the BSN and DNP programs, I am invested in the success, growth, and continued relationships with our students. The relationship we build with our students is a testimony to the passion and product of our graduates. My education at JSU provided career options that allowed me to travel the world, learn about other cultures, and provide first-class care to many patients and their families over the last twenty years. My vast nursing experience led me back to JSU as a graduate faculty member.

This role allows me to share my experiences in the world of nursing to encourage my students to be exceptional patient advocates and patient-centered providers who utilize evidence-based practices to care for patients at the top of their knowledge base. The graduate nursing programs at JSU encompass some of the brightest, most hard-working, compassionate, and diverse leaders our community could ask for. It is an honor and privilege to work beside the students, staff, and faculty"



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## DEAN'S CORNER

**Dr. Tracey Matthews,**  
*College of Health Professions and Wellness*

Dr. Matthews received her BS in Sports Biomechanics at the University of Connecticut and her Master's and Doctorate in Physical Education with a concentration in Research and Statistics at Springfield College in Springfield, MA. It was during this time that she realized she wanted to pursue a career in higher education. In 1997, Matthews began working at Castleton University in Vermont as an assistant professor and was honored with the Outstanding First-Year Faculty Award. In 2000, she became Chairperson of the Physical Education department. In 2002, she returned to Springfield College as an assistant professor of research and statistics. While at Springfield College she served as Department Chair and Dean. In January 2020, Matthews was appointed as Dean of the College of Health Professions and Wellness and responsible for overseeing Nursing, Kinesiology, and Respiratory Therapy programs. Her most favorite part of her job is working with students and faculty!



Professionally, Dr. Matthews served as a member of the American College of Sports Medicine ActivEarth Taskforce, in Chair roles for a Measurement and Evaluation Council, and Editorial Board of the *Measurement and Evaluation in Physical Education and Exercise Science Journal*. She received the honor award from the Measurement and Evaluation Council in 2012. She has presented internationally, nationally, and regionally on topics including assessment, measurement, and Interprofessional Education. She has also served as the statistical and research contributor to over 60 publications in exercise science and physical education. The textbook she co-authored, *Designing and Conducting Research in Health and Human Performance* is utilized in undergraduate curricula related to Kinesiology and Physical Education, and is in its second edition.

Dean Matthews resides in Oxford, AL with her husband Lee, and toy poodle, Doby (their most favorite elf). They are members of the Calhoun County Rotary Club in which they participate in a variety of community-service activities. Tracey also participates in the Cuddlers program at the Northeast Regional Medical Center. She also serves on the Leadership Calhoun County Planning Committee. Their daughter Emma is currently in the Master of Social Work program at Jacksonville State University.

The **College of Health Professions and Wellness** house many programs offered through Graduate Studies. To learn more about the programs offered through the Department of Kinesiology or through the School of Nursing, click the links below!

[School of Nursing Graduate Programs](#)

[Department of Kinesiology Graduate Programs](#)

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