

Winter December 2021 Newsletter

**Congrats
Graduates**

These graduates completed all of the necessary requirements to become an Honors Program graduate! This distinction demonstrates their dedication to excellence in education and their community. They will be specially recognized at graduation.

*JSU Honors Scholar

Britney Barker

Hannah Boozer

***Isaac Graham**

***Christian King**

Baylee Mardis

***Austin Phillips**

Gersain Rodriguez

Jacob Smith

Natalie Walls



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Alumni Spotlight

Hello and Go Gamecocks! My name is Casey Payne, and I graduated from Jacksonville State University with my Bachelor of Science in Education degree in December of 2017. Specifically, my degree equipped and certified me to teach 6th-12th grade English

language arts. After graduation, I moved back to my hometown of Oneonta, Alabama and did just that. I spent school years 2018-2021 teaching English to the 7th and 8th grades at Cleveland High School, where I did my student teaching as an undergrad. This year, I transitioned to the role of counselor at CHS, and I have loved every minute of it. It has been a new adventure every day, much like my time spent in Jacksonville.

I was heavily involved in my undergraduate days as a member of Freshman Forum, the SGA Executive Officer Team, and the Honors Program. I found both myself and my best friends in these programs. This time really helped to craft me into the woman I am today. It was challenging, exciting, and - best of all - fun. Advising multiple student organizations as an educator has brought me so much joy, as I have gotten to see students blossom and thrive in these programs as I flourished at Jacksonville State. I am so passionate about and dedicated to the mission of student involvement because my days at JSU taught me the power it can have. Finding community and purpose in groups with likeminded people who challenge you to be better every day is something that one cannot put a price on or ever replace.



Casey Payne
'17 HP Alumni

My favorite memory as a Gamecock would probably be the 2015 run for the FCS National Championship. This football season was like a dream. JSU was finally on the grand stage that we all felt it deserved. I was able to ride the wave of dynamic tailgates, home games on ESPN, a trip to Texas, and more with the wonderful people JSU brought into my life. The sense of family and excitement that this season brought into my life is just one of the many reasons that I love being a Gamecock. It solidified for me that JSU is a special place, full of opportunity for all who seek it. Jacksonville State is a family that always encourages, cheers, endures, and challenges. Once a Gamecock, always a Gamecock.



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Pictures
from the
Semester

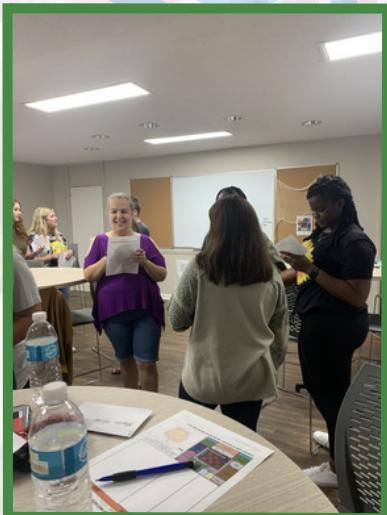
Orbix hot glass trip



Preview Day with President Killingsworth



Halloween Social- Murder Mystery Event



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Upcoming Events

PJs and Pancakes Social - January 18th at 7:30 PM

Valentines cards for Nursing Home - January 24th at 4:30 PM

Blood Drive - January 27th at 10:00 AM

Book Swap Social - February 9 at 6:00 PM

Little River Canyon trip - March 11th

Spring Formal - March 17th at 7:00 PM

President's Lawn event and food drive - April 12th at 5:00 PM

More events to be announced!

Happy Holidays!



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