

General University Information

History

From modest beginnings, Jacksonville State University has evolved into the educational center of northeast Alabama. The Alabama Legislature, in the 1882-83 session, created a state normal school when Governor Edward O'Neal signed into law a bill creating the school on February 22, 1883. Jacksonville State Normal School acquired the facilities and equipment of Calhoun College, consisting of 12 acres of land and a two-story brick building. The Board of Directors elected James C. Ryals, Jr. as the first president. The school opened with three instructors: W. J. Borden, mathematics; Eliza A. Bowen, English; and Ida J. Woodward, primary department.

The Normal School remained in operation until 1930 when it became Jacksonville State Teachers College, reflecting an increasingly higher education role for the Institution. Five years later, the College earned regional accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1957, the name again changed to Jacksonville State College when the first graduate program - the master's degree in elementary education - was created.

On August 2, 1966, the State Board of Education was authorized to elevate the College to university status. On August 17, 1967, the Legislature established an independent Board of Trustees for the University and divested jurisdiction from the State Board of Education.

In December, 2010, JSU attained Level 5 accreditation status when the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges gave approval for the University to begin offering its first doctoral degree, the Doctor of Science in Emergency Management, beginning Fall semester 2011. JSU was approved to begin offering its second doctoral degree, the Doctor of Nursing Practice, effective Fall 2017. JSU was approved to begin offering its third doctoral degree, the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, effective Fall 2022.

Presidents

Jacksonville State University has been served by 12 presidents: James G. Ryals, Jr. (1883-85); J. Harris Chappel (1885-86); Carleton Bartlett Gibson (1886-92); J. B. Jarrett (1892-93); Jacob Forney, IV (1893-99); Clarence William Daugette (1899-1942); Houston Cole (1942-71); Ernest Stone (1971-81); Theron E. Montgomery (1981-86); Harold J. McGee (1986-99); William A. Meehan (1999-2015); John M. Beehler (2015-2019); Don C. Killingsworth, Jr. (2020-Present).

Accreditation

Jacksonville State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, masters, educational specialist, and doctorate degrees. Jacksonville State University also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Jacksonville State University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

In addition to JSU's regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's, master's, education specialist, and doctoral degrees, the university offers many programs that have received specialized accreditation from state, regional and/or national professional associations and boards.

For additional information regarding accreditation at JSU, please visit our Accreditation and Licensing Information webpage located at: <https://www.jsu.edu/institutional-accreditation/accreditation-licensing.html>.

Jacksonville State University

Strategic Plan

Reach

As a thriving learning community, we depend on a strong financial foundation based on diverse student enrollment, a spirit of generosity, and a culture of accountability.

Commitment 1

As the higher education landscape is challenged with access and competition, we will commit to advance JSU's financial strength, enrollment goals, and the overall success of students.

Goals

1. Inclusive Enrollment

Attract, enroll, and support undergraduate and graduate students with unique experiences from across the region, state, nation, and globe.

Objective 1: Attract students with diversified backgrounds, experiences, and educational goals by developing innovative educational offerings and financial resources.

Objective 2: Increase the enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students.

Objective 3: Provide quality support services to undergraduate and graduate students.

2. Spirit of Generosity

Create a dynamic culture of philanthropy to inspire generosity.

Objective 1: Embed philanthropy and service into all aspects of campus.

Objective 2: Encourage stakeholders to use their professional and social networks to garner additional support for JSU.

Objective 3: Increase fundraising from private sources.

3. Culture of Accountability

Cultivate an environment that promotes and encourages effectiveness, efficiency, innovation, informed practices, optimization, value communication, and transparency while continuously measuring our progress and seeking to expand our financial resources.

Objective 1: Establish and ensure financial stewardship and fiscal responsibility.

Objective 2: Review and evaluate current procedures and research best practices to increase efficiency and promote innovation across all areas.

Objective 3: Increase and promote transparency through improved communication regarding internal decision-making and processes.

Engage

As a university, we ensure the vibrancy of our campus, community, and region through the benefit of belonging, mutual relationships, and power of place.

Commitment 2

Create symbiotic partnerships that impact the university learning environment, providing additional opportunities for the exchange of ideas, experiential learning, and community engagement, while allowing university members to give back to the community.

Goals

1. Benefit of Belonging

Improve the accessibility of a safe, equitable, diverse campus supportive of all campus and community members.

Objective 1: Expand the opportunities for campus connections through co-curricular events, organizations, and partnerships.

Objective 2: Create environments to encourage campus and community members to connect and learn from each other.

Objective 3: Provide an accessible community that promotes full participation of diverse members and ensures equity through responsive environments.

2. Mutual Relationships

Strengthen partnerships to improve quality of life through collective impact.

Objective 1: Increase reciprocal partnerships and level of campus and community engagement to achieve mutually beneficial initiatives.

Objective 2: Sustain and enrich the quality of relationships with JSU stakeholders (i.e., alumni, employers, local and state governments, parents, potential students).

3. Power of Place

Ensure a vibrant and successful campus and community that will be attractive to a diverse population.

Objective 1: Make a visible, significant societal impact in JSU's region through outreach and events in various sectors (arts, athletics, economics, education).

Objective 2: Celebrate the people, experiences, and environments that make JSU unique.

Discover

As educators, we do not provide the answers. We provide the experiences, environments, and expectations that allow learners to discover the answers.

Commitment 3

In an age of rapid educational change and innovation, we will continue to advance our capacity for creating diverse, meaningful, and accessible learning opportunities that prepare all learners (faculty, staff, students, community members) for success.

Goals

1. Experiences

Provide learning experiences that connect learners with real-world knowledge, skills, and opportunities.

Objective 1: Expand the use of High-Impact Learning in undergraduate and graduate programs.

Objective 2: Expand the utilization technology to support students, faculty, and staff.

Objective 3: Develop formal mentorship programs (e.g., faculty to faculty, staff to staff, student to student, faculty to student).

2. Environments

Create and provide new learning environments characterized by modern facilities, technological enhancements, active learning, and engaging instruction.

Objective 1: Increase the number of flexible, technology-enhanced learning spaces that promote active teaching and learning.

Objective 2: Continuously evaluate campus academic and non-academic spaces to renovate and/or build new facilities as needed.

Objective 3: Provide learners access to active learning opportunities, engaging instruction, sustainable training, and professional development.

Objective 4: Increase utilization of existing learning spaces on campus.

3. Expectations

Promote and assess critical thinking, essential employability skills, diversity and inclusion, and successful degree completion in all learning experiences and environments.

Objective 1: Enhance efforts to ensure student success.

Objective 2: Transform teaching and learning across programs and experiences.

Objective 3: Cultivate a diverse, equitable and inclusive community.

University Administration

Office of the President

President

University Auditor
University Counsel
External Affairs

Don C. Killingsworth, Jr.

Nelson D. Clark
Greg Harley
Leigha Cauthen

Academic Affairs

Provost and Senior Vice President

The Graduate School
Honors and Special Programs
Institutional Accreditation
University Registrar

Christie Shelton

Channing Ford, Dean
Lori Owens, Dean
Kim Presson, Executive Director
Emily White, Registrar

Vice Provost, Academic Affairs

Asst. Vice Provost - Inst. Research & Effectiveness

Faculty Commons
Online@JSU
Sponsored Programs
International House and Programs
Dual Enrollment, Academic Affairs

Staci Stone

Marie Valentin

Mica Mecham, Director
Chris Casey, Director
Michael Wetherholt, Senior Director
Ingrid Galinat, Director
Amie Knight, Coordinator

Vice Provost for Student Success

Asst. Vice Provost - Academic & Career Advising

Academic Support and Success
Learning Services and Analytics
Disability Resources
First- and Second-Year Experience
Student Athlete Development

Timothy King

Janet Bavonese

Debra James, Director
Courtney Peppers, Director
Sean Creech, Director
Keaton Glass, Director
Michelle Green, Director

College of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences

Dean

Associate Dean

Assistant to the Dean
Art and Design
Biology
Chemistry and Geosciences
English
History and Foreign Language
Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences
Music
Theatre and Film
Integrated Studies
JSU Bands (Marching Southerners)
Randy Owen Center
Strategic Partnerships and Special Projects
Center for Information Security Assurance
Herbarium
Planetarium
The Writing Center
Manner's Art Gallery
Longleaf Studios
Trail Science Institute

Tim Lindblom

Seth Johnson

Rodney Bailey
Bryce Lafferty, Department Head
Lori Hensley, Department Head
L. Joe Morgan, Department Head
Andrea Porter, Department Head
Paul Beezley, Department Head
Jan Case, Department Head
Renee Baptiste, Department Head
Gordon Harvey, Interim Department Head
Jennie Vaughn, Coordinator
Ken Bodiford, Director
Emily Duncan, Project Dev. Manager
Pete Conroy, Director
Eric Gamess, Director
Jimmy Triplett, Curator
Laura Weinkauff, Coordinator
Khadeira Billingsley, Director
Morgan Worsham, Coordinator
Seth Johnson, Director
Ross Martin, Director

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College of Business and Industry

Dean

Associate Dean

Applied Engineering
Communication
Gregory D. Brown Department of
Finance, Economics, and Accounting
Lyons & Company, Inc. Department of Management
and Marketing
Center for Economic Development & Business Research
Center for Manufacturing Support
Small Business Development Center
WLJS Radio/Chanticleer

Brent Cunningham

Mark Hearn

Dana Ingalsbe, Department Head
Christopher McCollough, Department Head

Julie Staples, Department Head

Mark Hearn, Interim Department Head

Jennifer Green, Director

Matt Rosser, Director

Ken Grissom, Director

Ben Cunningham, Director

College of Education and Professional Studies

Dean

Associate Dean

Teacher Education

Professional Counseling and Leadership
Career Technology Education and Professional Studies
Accreditation, Certification, and Partnership Initiatives
Teacher Certification
Learning Resource Center
Regional In-Service Center
Child Development Center

Kimberly White

Stacie Wolbert, Interim

Linda Mitchell, Interim Department Head

Christie Calhoun, Interim Assoc. Dept. Head

Kimberly White, Interim Department Head

Christi Trucks, Department Head

Stacie Wolbert, Interim Associate Dean

Kelly Murray

Penny Lane

TBA, Director

Shenikia Truss, Director

College of Health Professions and Wellness

Dean

Associate Dean/Chief Nursing Administrator

Kinesiology
Respiratory Therapy
Academic Resources
Center for Best Practices in Teaching and Learning
Clinical Services

Tracey Matthews

Betsy Gulledege

Gina Mabrey, Department Head

Ed Goodwin, Department Head

Tammy Johnson, Director

Melissa Duckett & Andrea Rains, Co-Directors

Amber Law, Director

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dean

Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation
Emergency Management and Public Administration
Military Science
Sociology and Political Science
Psychology
Social Work
Center for Applied Forensics
Center for Behavioral Studies
Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement
Center for Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience
Center for Emergency Preparedness

Maureen Newton

H. Dean Buttram, Department Head

Tanveer Islam, Department Head

LTC Travis Easterling, Dir, Prof of Mil. Science

Tina Deshotels, Interim Department Head

Paige McKerchar, Department Head

Robin Snider, Interim Department Head

Mark Hopwood, Director

Paige McKerchar, Director

Kaleb Littlejohn, Director

Jane Kushma, Director

Sky Huang, Director

University Administration (Continued)

Houston Cole Library

Dean

Library Services

John-Bauer Graham

Jodi Poe, Department Head

Athletics

Director of Athletics

Senior Associate Athletic Director
Assistant Athletic Director Academics and SWA
Assistant Athletic Director/Compliance
Associate Athletic Director/Media Relations
Cheerleading Coach
Coordinator of Athletic Operations
Director of Sports Performance
Head Soccer Coach
Head Softball Coach
Head Trainer
Head Baseball Coach
Head Football Coach
Head Men's Basketball Coach
Head Men's & Women's Golf Coach
Head Women's Tennis Coach
Head Men's Tennis Coach
Head Volleyball Coach
Head Women's Basketball Coach
Head Women's & Men's Track/Cross Country Coach
Rifle Team Coach
Strength and Conditioning Coach

Greg Seitz

Greg Bonds
Tracy Broom
Misty Ray
Josh Underwood
Brett Langston
Derrick Baer
TBA
Sean Fraser
Jana McGinnis
Mike Polascik
Steve Bieser
Rich Rodriguez
Ray Harper
Robbie Fields
Michael Helms
Trey Morris
Derek Schroeder
Rick Pietri
Jeremy Provence
Ron Frost
Blake McCall

Finance and Administration

Senior Vice President

Assoc. Vice President - Auxilliary and Business Services

Student Accounts
Capital Planning and Facilities
Controller
Human Resources
Procurement and Fixed Assets

Arlitha Williams-Harmon

Kevin Hoult

Alice Wudarczyk, Assistant Controller
David Thompson, Director
David Lyon, Controller
Allison Casey, Director
Denise Hunt, Director

Information Technology

Vice President

Enterprise Information Systems
Network Architecture and Infrastructure Support
Systems and Security
Technology Support

Vinson Houston

Kristin Johnson, Director
Mark Matthews, Director
Brad McGriff, Director
Matt Chumley, Director

University Administration (Continued)

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Vice President

Associate Vice President

Dean of Students

- Community Standards & Title IX
- Counseling Services
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Housing Operations and Residence Life
- University Police
- RMC/Jax State Health Center
- University Recreation
- Admissions, Undergraduate
- Financial Aid
- Military and Post-Traditional Student Services
- Enrollment Initiatives

Terry Casey

Jessica Wiggins

Josh Robinson, Dean

- Josh Robinson, Interim Director & Coordinator
- Julie Nix, Director
- Charlcie Vann, Director
- Brooke Lyon & Rochelle Smith, Directors
- Michael Barton, Director, Public Safety Chief
- Whitney Grimes, FNP
- Dominic DiMauro, Director
- Lauren Findley, Director
- Charlotte Cole, Director
- Justin Parker, Director
- Kelly Martin, Director

University Advancement

Vice President

Assoc. Vice President - University Development

- Advancement Services
- Alumni Engagement
- Marketing and Communication
- Strategic Communications

Alan Medders, Interim

Kelli Holmes

- Justin Quinn, Director
- Kaci Ogle, Director
- Tim Garner, Chief Marketing Officer
- Buffy Lockette, Director

University Administrative Structure

Board of Trustees

Trustee Name	District	Term
The Honorable Kay Ivey	Governor of Alabama	President, Ex Officio
Senator Vivian Davis Figures (Vice Chair)	First	2012-2023
Ms. Gale Saxon Main	Second	2012-2023
Mr. Anthony A. Smoke	Third	2019-2028
Mr. Gregory Brown	Third	2016-2027
Mr. Clarence W. Doughty III	Fourth	2012-2023
Mr. Randall Jones (Chair)	Fifth	2008-2027
Mr. Rusty Fuller	Sixth	2016-2025
Mr. Drew Linn	Seventh	2020-2025
Mr. Randy Owen	In-State At-Large	2000-2024
Mr. Tony Ingram	Out-of-State At-Large	2015-2027

President

Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr.

President's Cabinet

Dr. Christie Shelton, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Arlitha Williams-Harmon, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO
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Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice President for Information Technology
Mr. Terry Casey, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Mr. Greg Harley, University Counsel
Mr. Greg Seitz, Athletic Director
Ms. Leigha Cauthen, Chief External Affairs Officer

University Executive Council

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Dr. Tracey Matthews, Dean, College of Health Professions and Wellness
Dr. Maureen Newton, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Mr. John-Bauer Graham, Dean, Library Services
Mr. Josh Robinson, Dean of Students
Ms. Jessica Wiggins, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management
Mr. Skip Clark, Chief Internal Auditor
Ms. Allison Casey, Director, Human Resources
Dr. Marie Valentin, Assistant Vice Provost, Institutional Research and Effectiveness
Dr. Janet Bavonese, Assistant Vice Provost, Academic & Career Advising
Ms. Emily White, Registrar
Mr. David Lyon, Controller
Ms. Kimberly Presson, Executive Director, Institutional Accreditation
Mr. Michael Barton, Director of Public Safety, Chief of Police
Dr. Reginald Overton, President, Faculty Senate
Ms. Tierra Thatch, President, Student Government Association
Mr. David Washburn, Executive Assistant to the Provost, Academic Affairs