

## DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

### College of Arts and Sciences

#### Art Department

To date the Art Department had a total of 25 graduates in 2007 - 2008.

Ford Wiles, BFA, 1996 graduate in Graphic Design and winner of the Outstanding Achievement Award in Art, is now Chief Creative Officer at Big Communications Advertising and Public Relations of Birmingham. Big is the consulting agency recently hired to work with JSU to realize the university's marketing objectives.

Ms. Hanna Rea, BFA 2008 in Graphic Design, was just hired by The Jacksonville News. She is responsible for the layout and design of advertising, and handling classified and legal advertising. The Anniston Star previously employed Rea.

Ms. Jessica Stephens, Senior in Graphic Design successfully completed a summer 2008 internship with Southern Bride Magazine in Memphis, TN.

Ms. Paula Braswell, BFA 1978, currently has a solo exhibit titled *Globalization Two*, at the Robert Langen Art Gallery in the John Aird Centre at Wilfrid Laurier University in West Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

*University of Montevallo Faculty Exchange Exhibition*, October 7 – 29. Opening reception October 7, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

*Imprints: Works on Paper*, a solo exhibit by the new Art Department Head, Ms. Jauneth Skinner, Professor. The opening reception was on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Skinner gave an Artist's Talk at the opening. She was featured in *Exhibit Shows Scenes of Italy*, in The Anniston Star, and for *Imprints and Impressions* in President Meehan's *Town and Gown* column in The Jacksonville News and in The Chanticleer. Skinner and her work

were also featured in an interview for the *JSU Today* show on JSU Television Channel 24.

*1<sup>st</sup> Annual Alumni Exhibition*, Hammond Hall Art Gallery, Jacksonville State University.

Mr. Doug Clark, Assistant Professor of Photography, is continuing his research in *Explorations in New Digital Media and Methodologies: Archival Printing and Color Reproduction*. This project is funded in part through a research grant from Jacksonville State University.

Dr. Karen Henricks, Professor of Art History, published an article and photographs on a Southern outsider artist titled: *Howard Finster: From God, Man of Visions* in the fall issue of Long Leaf Style magazine. She was reappointed for a four-year term to the National Register Review Board by the Alabama Historical Commission for the State of Alabama. AHC approves all state nominations for the National Register of Historic Places and sends them to the National Historical Registry.

Mr. Steve Loucks, Professor of Ceramics, received a Craft Arts Fellowship from the Alabama State Arts Council, Montgomery. Loucks had a solo exhibit at Brevard College, in Brevard, NC. He gave an Artist's Talk at the opening reception. Loucks was a Featured Artist and gave a workshop at the St. Pete Clay Company in St. Petersburg, FL. He also participated in a *1,000 Lbs of Alabama Clay*, a traveling invitational exhibition held at the Kentucky Center in Tuscaloosa. Loucks had a piece titled *Tall Spiral Pitcher* published in *The Gallery* in Clay Times magazine, September / October 2008.

Mr. Lee Manners, Professor Emeritus and Ms. Diana Cadwallader, Professor of Graphic Design, both exhibited work in *Arts Alive*, a juried competition held at the Kennedy Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence, AL.

Ms. Allison McElroy, Assistant Professor of Painting and Drawing joined the faculty this fall. Her work was featured in *C'est dans la nature des choses (It is the Nature of Things)*, a solo exhibition at the Anniston Museum of Natural History. The *Doorsnake Project* was exhibited in the Campbell Arcade at the Platform Artists Group in Melbourne, Australia. McElroy received her BFA from the Atlanta College of Art and her MFA from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She was recently admitted to the Art Works Gallery in Anniston.

Mr. Marvin Shaw, Professor of Printmaking, juried the *South Cobb Arts Alliance 21<sup>st</sup> National Juried Art Exhibition* at the Mable House Arts Center Gallery in Mableton, GA. His *Juror's Statement* was published in the catalogue, and he gave a Juror's Talk at the opening reception.

Ms. Jauneth Skinner, Professor, was hired as the new Head of the Art Department. She joins the department after a year at Indiana University – Purdue University in Fort Wayne, IN, where she was the Interim Chair of the Visual Communication and Design Department. Prior to that she was the Interim Chair of the Visual Arts Department at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, MN, where she was Professor of Printmaking and Drawing for fourteen years.

Mr. Lee Manners, Professor Emeritus, Dr. Karen Henricks, Professor of Art History, and Ms. Allison McElroy, Assistant Professor of Painting and Drawing, have works featured in the current exhibition at Art Works Gallery in Anniston.

Mr. Gary Gee, Professor of Painting and Drawing, retired in Summer 2008.

Mr. Ron Baker, Instructor, exhibited in the *2008 International Pastel Exhibition* at the Wichita Museum of Contemporary Art in Wichita, KS. He is currently exhibiting in the *2008 Gadsden Art Association Juried Exhibition* at the Gadsden Museum.

Ms. Sarah Miles, Instructor, just finished the photography for a book published as a fundraiser for the East Alabama Council of Leading Edge Institute. She photographed 56 area women who have attained some measure of success, and the portraits, along with letters from each woman, will be published in a book entitled *Dear Dani*. Ms. Diana Cadwallader consulted on the layout and supervised Tanya Phares and Hannah Rea, two graphic design students, to create the design for the book. The Anniston Museum of Natural History will hold a reception for the release of the book on October 23. Miles is currently involved in a project photographing the *not on view* collections at the Anniston Museum of Natural History. She continues to work with Venture Marketing producing photographs for advertising accounts for various businesses.

The first VAS board meeting was held in September. The first VAS reception is planned for October 7, to coincide with the opening reception for the University of Montevallo Faculty Exchange Exhibition.

*Save the Date:* the Annual Mardi Gras Creole Dinner will be held on February 26 in the Gamecock Room in Stephenson Hall and the VAS Gala and Art Auction will be held May 8 at the Anniston Museum of Natural History.

## Biology

Dr. S. H. Al-Hamdani and Cynthia B. Sirna. 2008. Physiological Responses of *Salvinia* to Different Phosphorus and Nitrogen Concentration. *American Fern Journal*. 98(2):71-82.

Dr. S. H. Al-Hamdani. 2008. Selected *Salvinia* Responses to Different NaCl Concentration. 2008. *Aquatic Plant Management*. 47:144-151.

Dr. Mark Meade received a grant from the USFW service for 'Distribution of holiday darter, *Etheostoma brevirostrum*, in Shoal and Choccolocco creeks and their tributaries' for \$26,959.80.

Association of Southeastern Biologist (ASB) – Local Arrangements Committee for the annual ASB conference, April 2009, sponsored by Jacksonville State University and the University of Alabama, Birmingham

Local Arrangements Co-Chairs: Dr. George Cline

Program Committee: Dr. George Cline and Dr. James Rayburn

Field Trips: Dr. Chris Murdock

Social Events: Dr. Mark Meade

Volunteer Coordinators: Dr. Taba Hamissou

Tri-Beta Coordinators: Dr. Robert Carter

Audiovisual Coordinator: Dr. James Rayburn

Dr. LaJoyce Debro was appointed for the second consecutive year as Program Director by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Debro is on leave from Jacksonville State University and will serve in the Biology Directorate in the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences.

Dr. LaJoyce Debro was appointed for the third consecutive year as a member of the Test Development Committee of the College Board. As a member of the committee Dr. Debro participates in the development of the CLEP Biology examination that is administered nationally.

Dr. LaJoyce Debro attended the meeting of the American Society of Microbiology in Boston, MA.

Dr. Frank Romano continues to serve on the Forever Wild Board of Trustees and attended the quarterly meeting at University of West Alabama in September. JSU will host the next quarterly meeting at the new Little River Canyon Center in December.

Dr. George Cline was a special consultant to Kitty Stone Elementary School – surveyed habitat around school for potential animal threats to students. He also provided natural history information to Gadsden Times for a photo

Dr. George Cline presented 'Snakes & Snakebite – Team Leader Safety Meeting, Alabama Power Company, Gadsden, AL. Aug. 2008

Dr. George Cline presented a talk entitled 'Animals' to Camp Cottaquilla, Girl Scouts of America, May 2008

Dr. George Cline presented a talk entitled 'Frog Pond Adventure' to Pack 19 Cub Scouts, Jacksonville, AL June 2008

Dr. George Cline presented a talk entitled 'Herps Around Your Home – Serpents, Skins, and Scholars' to the Anniston Museum of Natural History, June 2008

Dr. George Cline presented a talk entitled 'Animals' to the Anniston Public Library, June 2008

Dr. George Cline presented a talk entitled 'Animals' to the Jacksonville Public Library,

June 2008

Dr. James Rayburn - Received Certificate of Appreciation from Faculty Senate for Valuable Contributions on September 15, 2008.

Ms. Bernice Moser and Dr. James Rayburn, Received the McClung award for the outstanding research paper published in BIOS for the year 2007 for the paper "Evaluation of Developmental Toxicity of Interaction between Caffeine and Pseudoephedrine Using Frog Embryo Teratogenesis Assay-Xenopus (FETAX), Bios 78(1) 1-9 2007.

### The Criminal Justice Department

Dr. Vance McLaughlin presented a public lecture in the Houston-Cole Library on the public lecture on his most recent research project, "The Serial Killer of Quiet Dell," the account of a Depression Era murderer. The shocking tale was told in a highly fictionalized account in the film *The Night of the Hunter* (1955), directed by Charles Laughton. In the film, Robert Mitchum played the role of Harry Powell. Powell in real life was Herman Drenth, who used the alias of Harry Powers and Cornelius Pierson, and courted, married and murdered several widows for their savings. Dr. McLaughlin is writing a factual, analytic account of the case planned for publication in 2009 and was invited to give this lecture in recognition of his selection as the recipient of the 2007-2008 Faculty Scholar Lecturer Award.

Dr. Vance McLaughlin and Dr. Wade C. Mackey have collaborated to write "Police-Caused Homicides in the U.S. as a Function of Community Characteristics: Revisiting a set of Relationships From a Previous Generation" which has been accepted for publication in *A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society*, a refereed journal published by the Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group. It is scheduled to appear in Volume 22 #1 to be published January 2009.

Dr. Dean Buttram prepared and offered CJ-456 on line for the first time in Summer 2008. The department slowly is adding additional on-line versions of the required CJ classes in both the undergraduate and graduate curricula. Both Drs. Ron Mellen and Richards Davis have added and offered graduate on-line courses in the recent past.

Dr. Ron Mellen has had an article accepted for publication in the August/September issue of the *Correctional Psychologist*, "Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation (CES) as

Treatment for Non-Predatorial Violence and Aggression in a County Detention Center Inmate: A Case Study. His co-author is Ms. Stephanie Mitchell, a recent recipient of her masters degree from the Department of Criminal Justice at Jacksonville State University. Dr. Mellen and Ms. Mitchell also have been published in The Correctional Psychologist, Volume 40, #4 (October 2008). Their second joint publication, "Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation: A Case Study," looks at the successful application of this therapy in treating an aggressive older teenager in custody.

Dr. Mellen and Dr. Wade C. Mackey also had article accepted for publication in the August issue of American Jails, Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation (CES) in the Reduction of Stress Symptoms in a Sheriff's Jail Security and Patrol Officer Population: A pilot study.

We have learned belatedly that Dr. Mackey's article, "U.S. Fathers Enhance Their Children's Level of Literacy," was published in the May-June 2007 issue of Transitions.

The CJ Department has awarded the Calhoun/Cleburne Bar Association scholarship to Gary W. Price and the CJ Alumni Association Scholarship to Christy D. Gentleman. The scholarships provide \$2000 each to these distinguished CJ students.

LexisNexis Anderson Publishing has announced the publication of Dr. Richard Kania's new book, Managing Criminal Justice Organizations: An Introduction to Theory and Practice. Meant as a textbook for undergraduate criminal justice students, or with supplements for graduate students, Anderson will market the book nationally for classroom adoptions in the coming months. Dr. Kania and his department colleagues Dr. Richards Davis and Dr. Randal Wood currently are completing the instructor's manual to accompany the textbook.

### David L. Walters Department of Music

During the reporting period of July, August, and September 2008, the David L. Walters Department of Music, its students, faculty and guest performers participated in the following activities:

University Bands successfully sponsored a JSU Band Day on 6 September 2007 for area high school bands. The Southerners performed at halftime in Memphis, Tennessee for the JSU vs. Memphis game. They also performed for the Paulding (GA)

County Band Competition, the St. Clair County Band Competition and Mid-South Band Competition.

Faculty of the Department performed at a Gala Faculty Recital to benefit the Music Legacy Scholarship on 26 September 2008 in Mason Hall Performance Center. Due to patron support, the Department was able to award scholarships to seven students at the presentation.

The Department welcomed two new faculty this year. These were:

Dr. Douglas Gordon, Associate Professor of Music. Dr. Gordon will teach and direct the music theory and aural skills area in the curriculum. He received the bachelor's and master's degrees from Jacksonville State University and the doctorate from Florida State University. He has presented and published on a variety of theory topics, specializing in those on tonal theory. His instrument is trombone.

Mr. Gregory Robin, Visiting Instructor in Music. Mr. Robin is an active composer and will teach in the theory and composition areas. He received the undergraduate degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the master's from the University of South Carolina in guitar performance. He is currently completing his doctorate in composition at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

The following students in the Department received undergraduate degrees at spring graduation exercises in August 2008:

Heather Parker

Rocky Tajeda

The following students in the Department received graduate degrees at spring graduation exercises in August 2008:

Erin Keyes

Devin Lacey

Department of Drama



JSU Drama Department's 2008-2009 season will begin with the Pulitzer Prize winning play, **FENCES**, by August Wilson. The all Black cast will take the stage for an October 9-12 run.

JSU Drama's second show of the fall, **TARTUFFE**, by Moliere, has been cast and includes four new drama majors as well as a number of "seasoned" veterans to the JSU stage. Performances run November 20-23.

Mr. Randal Blades and Mr. Carlton Ward were recently paid reviewers for theatre textbooks.

JSU Drama is proud of the following graduates who are making their way up the ladder of success in theatre. Amy Porter, a 2000 graduate, who has progressed from a job designing, building, and maintaining wigs and makeup for the Houston Grand Opera to the New York City Opera, to head of wigs and makeup for the Broadway production of **MARY POPPINS**. Michelle Johnson, a 2002 graduate, began working with Birmingham Children's Theatre as a properties mistress. She begins her fourth year of touring with Feld Entertainment productions. She began as a props person and has now moved to Head of Properties for the production of Disney on Ice's **"MICKEY'S AND MINNIE'S MAGICAL JOURNEY."**

Mr. Carlton Ward, Mr. Freddy Clements, and Mr. David Keefer recently attend the United State Institute of Theatre Technology Master Class in Tuscaloosa along with eight JSU Drama technical students.

Mr. Freddy Clements recently attended the Southeastern Theatre Conference screening auditions in Tuscaloosa, Alabama along with 10 JSU Drama acting students. These are preliminary auditions for graduate schools and regional theatre jobs.

### English

Ms. Gena Christopher directed the JSU and NCN Bridge Program, August 1-16, which brought Japanese students from UNA and UAH to campus for an English-intensive interim program.

Dr. Steven Whitton announces that the JSU Writers Bowl will take place on October 29, 2008.

Dr. Teresa P. Reed attended the Sixteenth International Congress of the New Chaucer Society in Swansea, Wales, 18-22 July, 2008. Reed presented a paper entitled "In Thrall to History: A Reading of *Troilus and Criseyde*" and also attended many sessions dedicated to the study and teaching of Chaucer.

Dr. Robert Felgar delivered the keynote address on September 23rd at The Richard Wright Centennial, sponsored by the University of West Georgia; he spoke to a large audience on the enduring significance of Wright's most famous novel, *Native Son*.

Dr. Pitt Harding traveled to London this summer to present a paper titled "Milton and Lactantius: The Texture of Milton's Memory" at the Ninth International Milton Symposium, which gathered leading Milton scholars at the University of London. He was the only scholar to attend the Symposium from the state of Alabama, and one of only a handful from the Southeastern U.S.

Dr. John Jones presented a paper entitled "Blake's Diverse Texts: *Milton*" at the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism 2008 conference in Toronto, Ontario, 23 August 2008.

Dr. Raina Kostova co-authored an article, titled "Dialogic Imaginings: Stalin's Re-reading in the 1930s of *The Brothers Karamazov*," which was published in *The Dostoevsky Journal*, Summer 2008. She signed a publishing agreement with Johns Hopkins University Press to publish another co-authored article, "Posthumous Writing: Mandelstam's Poetics" in the peer-reviewed journal *Modernism/Modernity*.

Dr. Kostova's paper, "Wallace Stevens' Essays and Diaries on the Significance of Collected Artifacts" was accepted to the Northeast Modern Language Association 2009 Convention, to be held in Boston, MA from February 26-March 1. Also, she is revising two of her 2007-2008 conference presentations for submission to peer-reviewed journals and recently completed the Summer 2008 Blackboard training session, "Adding Content and Assignments."

## History and Foreign Languages

History and Foreign Languages welcomed a new Department Head for the first time in almost two decades when Dr. Gordon Harvey started work on August 1. A specialist in the recent U/S. South, Dr. Harvey has authored or edited four books, and specializes in the history and politics of the post-Civil Rights South. Dr. Gordon Harvey submitted several articles for the new Encyclopedia of Alabama, for which he also serves as a consulting editor for the education section.

Dr. Hardy Jackson spoke with several civic and education groups over the past few months, including the Anniston Rotary, the Birmingham Rotary, and to local elementary schools, including. He published the following: "Midnight at Faulkner's Grave," Longleaf Style (Fall, 2008); and continues to write weekly columns for The Anniston Star.

Dr. Jennifer Gross is serving as a mentor for one woman in the JSU Women's Leadership House Program, was appointed to the 2008-09 Membership Committee for the Southern Historical Association, presented a paper on Confederate widows at the Society of Civil War Historians, wrote four reviews for scholarly journals (Journal of Southern History, Alabama review, Kentucky Historical Registry and Military History of the west), and continues to work on her manuscript, Rising from the Ashes: Confederate widows and the Post-Civil War South, which has been offered a preliminary contract by Louisiana State University Press.

## Institute for Emergency Preparedness

The Institute for Emergency Preparedness (IEP) once more maintains growth academically as well as serves the region through contractual emergency planning services and community and scholarly activities.

The MS-Emergency Management program continues to exceed Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) viability standards in both enrollment and program completion projections. As stated in our last report, our five-year total program completion projections is 11 students, and there had been 89 MS Emergency Management graduates through spring 2008. Therefore, we had exceeded by seven times (or 709%) our total program completion projection for all five years. Enrollment projections also continue to be significantly exceeded.

Through summer 2008, to-date graduation totals for emergency management programs are as follows: 95 MS Emergency Management, 89 MPA with a Concentration in Emergency Management, and 96 BS Emergency Management. There have also been 75 recipients of the Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management to-date.

Undergraduate and graduate Emergency Management course enrollment numbers/head counts continue to show an overall increase between fall 2007 and fall 2008 course enrollment/head counts. On average, undergraduate emergency management course enrollment/head counts increased approximately 22.9% between fall 2007 and fall 2008 sessions. Likewise, graduate enrollment/head counts between fall 2007 and fall 2008 show an increase of 7.8% for emergency management courses.

Emergency management alumni have been very active in supporting JSU and have formed a formal chapter of the JSU Alumni Association. The chapter has defined its mission as encouraging networking and career advancement among program graduates and promoting the growth of JSU's emergency management program offerings. The chapter has begun to publish an alumni newsletter (quarterly) and is establishing a mentoring program for current students.

During this reporting time-frame, the IEP has 1 completed, 1 active and 2 proposed contracts totaling \$418,808.79.

Completed contract(s) include:

- Center for the Study of High Consequence Event Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Johns Hopkins University Consortium. IEP will continue to work on this project with the consortium in development of emergency preparedness awareness courses during the second year. JSU's contract for the second year is \$15,420.00.

Active contract(s) include:

- Medical Coordinator for Alabama CSEPP, ADPH (FY08). IEP will continue to work with ADPH to provide medical planning and guidance for the six CSEPP counties in Alabama with this contract totaling \$191,500.00.

Proposed contract(s) include:

- Center for the Study of High Consequence Event Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Johns Hopkins University Consortium. IEP will continue to work on this project with the consortium in development of emergency preparedness awareness courses during the second year. JSU's contract for the third year as proposed is \$15,420.00.
- Southeast Regional Research Initiative, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Community and Regional Resilience Initiative (CARRI) Project. JSU proposes to join the efforts of the CARRI project by adding a fourth community for study, focusing research on community resilience. Based on data gathered for the area of study, JSU will develop a case study to contribute to this body of knowledge. The contract proposed totals \$196,468.79.

Scholarly and Community Activities of Faculty:

Dr. A. Barry Cox:

Conference exhibition: "2008 Kentucky Emergency Services Conference." Owensboro, KY: September, 2008.

Conference exhibition: "Alabama National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Gulf Cost Conference." Orange Beach, AL: October, 2008.

Conference exhibition: "Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exposition." Kansas City, MO: August, 2008.

Conference exhibition: "Atlantic Chapter Association of Public Safety Communications (APCO) Conference." Whitefield, NH: October, 2008.

Conference exhibition: "Joint North Carolina Association of Public Safety Communications (APCO)/National Emergency Number Association (NENA) State Conference." Sunset Beach, NC: September, 2008.

Conference exhibition: "South Carolina Association of Public Safety Communications (APCO)/National Emergency Number Association (NENA) State Conference." Myrtle Beach, SC: October, 2008.

Conference exhibition: "Tennessee Emergency Number Association (TENA) Conference." Pigeon Forge, TN: September, 2008.

Dr. Jane Kushma:

Elected Board Secretary for the Emergency Information Infrastructure Partnership (Emergency Management Virtual Forum, [www.emforum.org](http://www.emforum.org)).

Appointed Managing Editor, The Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. (An electronic journal established on May 1, 2003, published by Berkeley Press).

Conference attendance: "33rd Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop." Broomfield, CO: July 2008.

Dr. Jeff Ryan:

Ryan, J.R. (Editor). Pandemic Influenza: Emergency Planning and Community Preparedness. Publisher: CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group; Boca Raton, FL. ISBN-13: 9781420060874; 2009.

### Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences Department

Dr. Guillermo Francia III, Professor of Computer Science, visited China on June 22-July 3, 2008. Also included in the visiting team from JSU were Dr. Jay Ketterer, International House Director, and Ms. Lisa Williams, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The purpose of the trip was to promote JSU's English Language Institute, to introduce JSU's academic programs, and to initiate a collaborative 2+2 academic program in Computer Science with Huayu College and Taizhou University. The team visited the cities of Shanghai, Shanqiu, Shenyang, and Taizhou.

Dr. Guillermo Francia, III served as the chairperson of a proposal review panel for the National Science Foundation's Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement (CCLI) program – Phase 1 (Exploratory Projects) competition in Washington, D. C. – July 2008.

The [Master of Science in Computer Systems and Software Design](#) (MSSD) program was ranked the number two "best buy" among sixty-seven online masters programs in computer science and information technology offered by regionally accredited institutions in the USA. This is an exciting honor for the MCIS department and a clear indication of the relative value of pursuing a MSSD degree at JSU. This is the first such ranking the MSSD program has received since offering its program entirely online last year. The list was compiled by [getEducated.com](#), a consumer watchdog and advocacy group that rates, ranks, and verifies the cost, quality and credibility of online colleges and universities.

The National Academy of Sciences approved the nomination of Dr. Guillermo Francia, III to serve a three year term on a three-reviewer panel for the Fulbright Scholar Awards in computer science – August 2008.

Drs. Andrew Ciganek and David Dempsey made a recruitment trip to Faith Christian High School, Anniston, AL to showcase the programs offered through the MCIS department – September 2008.

Dr. Guillermo Francia, III presented a refereed paper, "Visual Security Monitoring Gadgets," at the Information Security and Curriculum Development Conference, Kennesaw, GA – September 2008.

The following MCIS faculty received terminal degrees:

- Dr. Amy Franklin – Doctor of Philosophy degree in Instructional Leadership awarded by The University of Alabama, August 2008.
- Dr. David Thornton – requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Computer Science and Software Engineering were met in July 2008. The degree will be formally awarded in December 2008.

## Physical & Earth Sciences

Dr. Miriam Helen Hill was awarded a Master of Science in Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University on August 8, 2008.

Dr. Nixon Mwebi received a grant from the American chemical society in the amount of \$10,000 with a departmental matching fund of an additional \$ 2500. The grant was for the nationally acclaimed Project Seed which supports disadvantaged high school students during the summer (8 weeks) to undertake a research study under the direction of a college faculty member. This past summer, four students were supported by four faculty members in the department; Dr. Al Nichols, Dr. Jan Gryko, Dr. Andrew Helms and Dr. Nixon Mwebi. The faculty served as mentor for the students and each group worked on a project that solves a scientific problem and advances science. The grant is hoped to be the beginning of such an effort and one that Dr. Mwebi hopes to obtain yearly, since it not only exposes the students to chemistry and science but also to the benefit of scientific research and provides the unique interaction with college faculty. It is expected to help increase recruitment of excellent high school students into chemistry and science.

Dr. Nouredine Zettili is the Co-PI on a grant "Tools for Educators". Funded by NASA with an external budget of \$225,970.00 in collaboration with the College of Education and Professional Studies.

## Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Dr. Lester has a contract for a book on Transformational Leadership and Emergency Management with Taylor and Francis Publishers. Dr. Manabu Saeki has published a book entitled **The Other Side of Gridlock: Political Stability and Supermajoritarianism in U.S. Lawmaking**, by The State University of New York Press. Dr. Timothy Barnett has published the capstone chapter entitled, "The Limits of Free Exercise in America," in **Church and State Issues in America Today** by the Praeger Press in Westport, CT. Dr. Paul Hathaway published "Conduit or Contributor? The Role of the Media in Policy Change Theory," in **Policy Sciences**, Vol. 41 (2):115-138, 2008.

Dr. Lori Owens was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by the JSU Alumni Association. She will also direct the American Democracy Project for JSU. The key concern of the project is to encourage civic engagement among America's young people.



Dr. Krejci and Dr. Pugliese will attend the NASPAA Accreditation Conference in Charleston in October 2008. Dan Krejci will also present a paper titled, "Are these the Days of Future Past? 21<sup>st</sup> Century Programs."

The Second Annual Alabama Community Development Institute (AL CDI) will be held during the last week in October (27-31), 2008 on the JSU campus on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Library. Professors Veasey and Krejci will make presentations, as well as President Meehan, Dr. Turner, and Trustee Red Etheredge.

### Department of Sociology and Social Work

Dr. Tina Deshotels had the following publication with Craig Forsyth: "Sex Rules: Edicts of Income in Exotic Dance" 29(5) July 2008- Deviant Behavior.

Dr. Mark Fagan appeared as a special guest on the following television program: "JSU Today" on channel 24 in Jacksonville, AL on July 21, 2008.

Dr. Nancy Francisco Stewart had the following presentations: "Generational Perspectives; Session IV; Building Teams. How to Maintain, Retain, and Support." Presented to the Engineering Department of Southern Natural Gas, El Paso Corporation, Birmingham, AL, July 9, 2009.

Dr. David LoConto had the following publications: (1) Understanding Sociology; Horizon Textbook Publishing; with Laurence A. Basirico, Barbara G. Cashion, and J. Ross Eshleman; and (2) Study Guide to accompany Understanding Sociology; with Kathryn Mueller; Horizon Textbook Publishing.

### **College of Commerce and Business Administration**

Dean William Fielding presented the Economic Impact of the Medical Industry on the Choccolocco Economic Activity Zone (CEAZ) Exposition Meeting at the Anniston Meeting Center on Thursday, September 11, 2008.

Dean William Fielding presented an Economic Impact Analysis of the Alabama Museum of Natural History to the Museum Board of Directors on Friday, September 12, 2008

The CCBA hosted a presentation by Amy Holman, Deputy Director of the Bilateral Trade Office at the US Department of State, September 30, 2008. Ms. Holman's office manages U.S. bilateral trade relations with countries around the world, assisting with the negotiation and implementation of Free Trade Agreements, Trade and Investment Framework Agreements, and trade preference programs. Key initiatives include seeking Congressional passage of Free Trade Agreements with Colombia, Panama, and Korea and leading the Department's outreach efforts to promote free trade policy. Prior to her assignment to Washington, Ms. Holman was the Counselor for Economic and Commercial Affairs at American Embassy Islamabad, Pakistan where she was responsible for commercial advocacy for U.S. companies, monitoring Pakistan's economic developments and reform process, and encouraging economic growth. From 2005 to 2007, Ms. Holman was the Senior Economist in the Office of Russian Affairs at the Department of State. From 2003 to 2005, she was a lead State Department negotiator for the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) and the Peru and Colombia Free Trade Agreements. During her assignment to the State Department's Office of Investment Affairs, she negotiated the U.S.-Mozambique Bilateral Investment Treaty. Her previous overseas assignments include Brussels, Belgium; Caracas, Venezuela; Lagos, Nigeria; and Lima, Peru. Ms. Holman received her Masters in International Affairs from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University and her bachelor's degree summa cum laude from the University of Michigan. She also holds a degree from L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Strasbourg, France. She speaks French, Spanish and Dutch.

#### Finance, Economics, and Accounting Department

A study entitled "An Economic and Demographic Review of Etowah County and Its Major Municipalities 2006-2007" was prepared for The Chamber, Gadsden & Etowah County, has been completed and submitted to Tom Quinn. The study was prepared by CCBA faculty and done through the Center for Economic Development and Business Research. The faculty include: Dr. Doris Bennett, Dr. Brent Cunningham, Dr. Robert Landry, Mr. Gene Padgham, Dr. David Palmer, and Dr. William Scroggins.

The CCBA and Dr. Cynthia McCarty, Director of the Center for Business and Free Enterprise Education and Entrepreneurship, sponsored 8 workshops on Economic Education for area educators during Summer 2008. 100 teachers from 38 different schools attended. Topics of the workshops ranged from basic economics to financial literacy.

Dr. Rob Landry and Dr. Keren Deal, of Auburn University Montgomery, co-authored a paper entitled "More Municipalities Likely to Face Chapter 9: Is a Perfect Storm Brewing?" It was published in the August volume of the *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*.

Dr. Landry was awarded the 2007-2008 Sam F. Walton Free Enterprise Fellowship Stipend on August 31, 2008 by the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) USA Program.

Dr. Ronnie Clayton continues to serve as the editor of the general interest finance journal, *Financial Decisions*. As editor, Dr. Clayton reviews all manuscripts submitted for publication consideration. Approximately 12 manuscripts have been reviewed over the past three months. Dr. Clayton is also responsible for selecting, editing, and publishing those manuscripts that are deemed acceptable. The Summer 2008 issue was recently published. The journal can be found at [www.financialdecisionsonline.org](http://www.financialdecisionsonline.org).

Dr. Clayton traveled to the National Science Foundation's national headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia on August 27, 2008. Dr. Clayton was invited to serve as a reviewer for fourteen National Science Foundation Small Business Innovation Research grant proposals. The proposals were reviewed to assess the viability for the development of biotechnology assays. The proposals were reviewed and the reviews posted on the NSF internal server.

Dr. Clayton serves as the Executive Director of the Southern Finance Association (SFA). Planning continues for the SFA's Annual Meeting to be held in Key West, Florida November 19-22, 2008. Various activities including the completion of the program, fund raising, and working with exhibitors for the meeting are nearing completion.

Dr. Keith Lowe published a manuscript entitled “An Examination of Merit-Based Financial Aid: The Effect Upon a State’s Educational Attainment” in the *International Journal of Education Research* Volume 3, No. 8, pp. 85-94.

Dr. Keith Lowe and Dr. Ben Boozer’s paper entitled “Caveat Emptor: Sales Tax Holidays are Not Necessarily as Advertised” was accepted for publication in the conference proceedings for the 2008 International Academy of Business and Economics (IABE) Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV. This paper will also appear in a future issue of the *International Journal of Business Research*.

Dr. Chris Westley’s article entitled “The Economics of the Fiscal Stimulus” was published in the July/August 2008 edition of the *JSU Economic Update*, pp. 1-4.

Dr. Westley refereed an academic paper for the *Economic Inquiry Journal* and an academic paper for the *Journal of Private Enterprise*.

Dr. Westley’s article entitled “Fannie, Freddie, and Foreboding” was published in the September/October 2008 issue of the *JSU Economic Update*, pp. 104.

#### Department of Management & Marketing

Dr. Pat Borstorff

Dr. Borstorff attended the National Society for Human Resource Management conference in Chicago this summer.

Dr. Borstorff traveled to Russia, Estonia, and Finland. While there, she met citizens and government officials. She gathered research on the movement of Russia from a controlled economy to a market economy.

Article published during this quarter:

Lowe, Borstorff, and Landry. An Empirical Examination of the Phenomenon of Grade Inflation in Higher Education: A Focus on Grade Divergence Between Business and

Other Fields of Study. Academy of Educational Leadership Journal. Volume 12, Number 1, 2008. pp. 15-34.

Dr. Richard Cobb

Dr. Cobb prepared and presented an Analysis and update of the Tri-County Demographics, Labor Force, and Education to the Choccolocco Economic Activity Zone Exposition on September 11, 2008.

Dr. Mark Hearn

Dr. Hearn prepared and presented an Analysis and Update of the Tri-County Infrastructure, Water and Airport to the Choccolocco Economic Activity Zone Exposition on September 11, 2008.

Mr. Stan Newton

Mr. Newton prepared a Personnel Analysis for the City of Arab, consisting of Job Descriptions and a Compensation Plan, July 31, 2008.

Dr. David Palmer

Dr. Palmer completed work on the Economic and Demographic Review of Etowah County and Its Major Municipalities.

Dr. Palmer completed work on the Anniston Chemical Disposal Facility Mission Completion and Employee Needs Analysis.

Dr. Palmer began work on the Industry Employment Needs Analysis for Calhoun, Cleburne and Talladega Counties.

Dr. Palmer completed work with three other authors and submitted a research paper titled, "A Longitudinal Examination of Internet-Based Customer Service System Adoption in Small Companies" for review at the *Journal of Business Innovation Management*.

Dr. Joann Williams

Dr. Williams become a member of the editorial board of Academy of Management Education and Learning Journal in August, 2008. This is a top rank international journal in the area of management education.

Dr. Williams attended the Academy of Management meetings in Anaheim CA this past summer. While at these meetings, Dr. Williams chaired a session, served as a facilitator of a workshop and was a presenter in a session on Managing in a Global Collaborative Environment.

#### Center for Economic Development And Business Research (CED)

#### Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

#### JSU SBDC Counseling and Training

The JSU SBDC provided counseling to over 170 small businesses, and presented training to 149 individuals during this reporting quarter.

#### *JSU Economic Update*, July/August and September/October 2008 Issues

During this reporting quarter, the July/August and September/October 2008 issues of the *Update* were published and distributed to more than 8,100 subscribers.

#### Resource Center Visits

During the reporting period, JSU SBDC Consultants visited the following chambers of commerce to provide small business support on a fixed monthly schedule: Calhoun County Chamber, Blount County-Oneonta Chamber, The Chamber - Gadsden/Etowah County, Pell City Chamber, Sylacauga Chamber, Greater Talladega Chamber.

#### JSU Board of Trustees Report to Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE)

The JSU CED, on July 14, completed and forwarded JSU CED and SBDC input to the JSU Board of Trustees report to ACHE.

#### JSU SBDC presents Minority Workshop

The JSU SBDC presented a minority business development workshop at The Chamber-Gadsden & Etowah County, entitled *Starting a Small Business*, on July 22, 2008. Twenty-four individuals attended the workshop.

#### Presentation to Alabama Rural Action Commission

Mr. Pat Shaddix, Director, JSU CED, on July 24, 2008, made a presentation on entrepreneurship and small business during a meeting of the Alabama Rural Action Commission. The meeting was held in Anniston Alabama. Mr. Mike Self, Ms. Jennifer Welch and Mr. Penn Wilson, JSU CED/SBDC consultants also attended.

#### City of Arab, Alabama Personnel Analysis

On July 31, 2008, a Personnel Analysis for Arab, consisting of Job Descriptions and a Compensation Plan, was completed and invoiced. The analysis was performed by JSU CCBA faculty and JSU CED staff

#### Presentation to St Clair County, Alabama Home Builders Association

Mr. Penn Wilson, JSU CED, presented information and analysis of economic data of St Clair County, the state of Alabama and the United States to officers and general membership of the St Clair County Home Builders Association. The meeting was held in Odenville, Alabama on August 21, 2008, following the association's monthly board of directors meeting

## Professional Development Training

SBDC staff members attended Alabama Small Business Development Consortium's (ASBDC) Professional Training in Pensacola, FL, July 30-August 1, 2008. Ms. Robbie Medders, Associate Director, JSU SBDC, served as a panel member and speaker for the topic, "Client Narratives and Standardization." This presentation was part of the training on ASBDC Accreditation Compliance.

## JSU SBDC receives praise from SBA Programmatic Audit

Mr. Raymond Hembree, Alabama's Deputy District Director of the Small Business Administration (SBA), conducted the SBA programmatic audit of the JSU SBDC on August 22, 2008. In the exit report Mr. Hembree stated, "It is evident through the support provided to their Small Business Development Center that Jacksonville State University is dedicated to the economic wellbeing of the small business community. The center is managed by well seasoned professionals that do an extremely good job of providing a valuable service to the small business community in North East Alabama."

## SBDC Staff attend Association of Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) Annual Conference

Mr. Pat Shaddix, Ms. Robbie Medders, and Mr. Jeff Hooie attended the *2008 Association of Small Business Development Centers' Annual Conference* in Chicago, IL, September 2-6, 2008. Over thirteen hundred individuals attended the conference which offered professional training and renowned speakers from the business arena. The Alabama Small Business Development Consortium was notified at this Conference that they had received reaccreditation affirmation from the ASBDC Board of Directors. Accreditation continues for a four year period.

## Presentation of the Choccolocco Economic Zone (CEAZ) Exposition



On September 11, 2008, JSU CCBA staff and faculty and JSU CED Director and staff attended and made presentations at the CEAZ Exposition. Attending were JSU leaders, and civic and county leaders of Calhoun, Cleburne and Talladega Counties. The guest luncheon speaker was Ms. Linda Swann, Assistant Director, Alabama Development Office.

Economic Impact Analysis, Alabama Museum of Natural History located in Anniston, Alabama.

On September 12, 2008, the analysis was completed by JSU CCBA faculty and JSU CED staff; this included presentation to the Museum Board of Directors.

The Chamber, Gadsden and Etowah County's 2008 Small Business Awards

JSU SBDC staff members attended The Chamber- Gadsden & Etowah County's *2008 Small Business Awards* Ceremony on September 24, 2008, in downtown Gadsden. This was the fifteenth Annual Award ceremony and sixteen small businesses were recognized for outstanding achievement.

## **College of Education & Professional Studies**

Dean's Office

Dr. Cynthia H. Harper retired as Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies on July 31, 2008

Dr. John B. Hammett II was appointed Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies on October 1, 2008.

Dr. John Hammett co-presented a paper titled *A –Z: Priming Your Students for Success* at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Collaborative Conference sponsored by LiveText (Chicago IL.)

Dr. John Hammett, Dr. William Meehan, and Ms. Sissy Spence met with ALFA executives to solicit funds for the Center for Advanced Educational Instruction and Technology.

Dr. John Hammett continues to serve as the Chair of the NCAA self-study subcommittee of Governance and Compliance.

Dr. John Hammett was involved with Jacksonville City School System in developing a *Professional Development School* program for teacher education.

Dr. John Hammett was involved in developing and implementing the dual enrollment courses (ED 101 Introduction to Teacher Education and ED 102 Practicum in Teacher Education) at Oxford High School.

Dr. John Hammett participated in the Freshman Convocation.

Dr. John Hammett participated in the JSU Wellness—Anniston walk.

Dr. John Hammett was involved in the accreditation visit for the Instructional Leadership program.

### Department of Communication

The Department of Communication has received national accreditation by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, making it one of 112 programs nationally to be accredited by the agency. Three of the 112 programs—JSU, University of Alabama and Auburn University—are in Alabama. Twenty-one programs nationally went in for accreditation or reaccreditation during the 2007-08 academic year, and 16 were successful. Of the 16, only five—Jacksonville State University, Michigan State University, University of New Mexico, Indiana University, Bloomington, and University of Kansas—passed all standards.

Assistant Professor Jerry Chandler recently won the “Best Maintenance Submission” at the 2008 Aerospace-Journalist-of-the-Year competition in London. The award is presented by the World Leadership Forum, and this is the second time Mr. Chandler has received this award. He is the second person to have received this award twice in its 13-year history. Mr. Chandler’s article was on new, cutting-edge aircraft inspection technologies, written for the *Overhaul & Maintenance magazine*.

The Department of Communication hired two new faculty members this fall. Dr. J. Patrick McGrail teaches courses in Broadcast Journalism. He came to JSU from Pennsylvania State University, Altoona campus, where he served as the Director of the Broadcast sequence for several years. On many occasions, Dr. McGrail had appeared on National Public Radio to discuss issues relating to public affairs.

Mr. Chris Waddle is the new Ayers Chair of Communication. He teaches courses in print journalism. Prior to coming to JSU, Mr. Waddle held joint appointments as President of the Ayers Family Institute (*The Anniston Star*), and Director of the Community Journalism Graduate program at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. During his career as a journalist, Mr. Waddle was a two-time Pulitzer-Prize winning editor at the *Kansas City Star*.

This summer, the department successfully placed 24 students on internships across the state and nation, and graduated 12 students during that same term.

#### Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Dale Campbell attended AMSTI Training during the week of July 7-11 at Saks Middle School in Anniston, Alabama.

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction was recognized at the August 14<sup>th</sup> JSU Board of Trustees meeting for successful completion of the JSU Second Cycle of Program Review for each of its four programs. Dr. Slenda Haynes accepted the awards for the programs.

Dr. Slenda Haynes and Dr. Nina King attended the Early Childhood Education Articulation and Partners Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, on July 21, 2008.

Mrs. Sandra Sudduth attended the Jacksonville City Schools Federal Programs Advisory Panel Meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama, on July 21, 2008.

Dr. Nina King attended the AMSTI Pre-K Pilot program in Pelham, Alabama, on July 31, 2008.

Dr. Slenda Haynes was the JSU representative at the state PEPE Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, on July 25, 2008.

Dr. Steve Armstrong met with the State Department of Education on August 13, 2008, in Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. Celia Hilber and Dr. Nina King attended a seminar in Washington, D.C., entitled *Teaching Diverse Students Initiative* on September 10 -12, 2008.

Dr. Larry Beard and Dr. Teresa Gardner attended the AFCEC Meeting at Samford University on September 12, 2008.

Dr. Dale Campbell and Mrs. Phyllis Taylor AMSTI Forum for College Instructors and Professors who teach math/science methods in Montevallo, Alabama, on September 12, 2008.

#### Department of Educational Resources

Drs. Nancy Fox, Dr. Kathleen Friery, and Dr. Donna Herring attended and presented at the National Live Text Conference in Chicago.

Dr. Nancy Fox attended the National ALSCA meeting in Tucson, AZ. Dr. Fox serves as president of the association.

Dr. Tommy Turner presented a seminar on “Bullying” to JSU In-service student teachers and at the Alabama Institute for Deaf & Blind for all faculty and staff.

Drs. William Kiser, Mary Montgomery-Owens, Charlotte Eady and Isreal Eady presented the redesign on the Instructional Leadership program to the review board of the State Department of Education.

Drs. Tommy Turner and Jerry Kiser presented at the National ASERVIC

Conference In North Carolina. The title of the presentation was “Uniting Spirituality & Sexual Counseling: Theology, Ethics, & Practices”.

Dr. Jerry Kiser spent two weeks in England conducting research to write a book on Carl Jung and C.S. Lewis.

The Counselor Education faculty sponsored a continuing education course that was simulcast to several other Universities. Dr. Jan Chandler hosted the event at JSU through Distance Education. The speaker was Dr. Ted Remley.

Drs. Tommy Turner and Nancy Fox attended the Alabama Counseling Association State Executive Board meeting in Columbiana, AL and the ALCA State Executive Committee meeting in Birmingham.

Dr. Nancy Fox held the Chi Sigma Iota initiation ceremony for Counselor Education students (honor society).

Dr. Tommy Turner was selected to present at the “Family Matters” conference at McClellan.

Deidra Tidwell, a 2003 graduate of the Counselor Education program, has been named “Young Alumna of the Year” by the JSU Alumni Office. Ms. Tidwell is currently a counselor at Big Spring Lake Kindergarten School in Albertville, AL.

### Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

The department hosted a reception for Lynn Steward, JSU’s employee of the month for June, on June 25, 2008.

The FCS Department co-hosted a retirement reception for Dean Cynthia Harper on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The reception was held in the Gamecock Center.

Ms. Robbie Boggs attended AmericasMart in Atlanta on July 15, 2008. The topic of the professional development luncheon was “Color trends and directions in furnishings”.

Ms. Paula Napoli and the FCS 350, Lifespan and Human Development class attended a field trip to The Meadows, an assisted living facility in Jacksonville, on July 15<sup>th</sup>. They also plan to visit a local nursing home, NHC Place, and K.L. Brown funeral home.

Ms. Robbie Boggs presented tips for selecting clothes for your body type, choosing your best colors and accessory tips to “Be Xtreme”, a group of at risk teen girls, in Heflin, AL on July 16, 2008.

Dr. Debra Goodwin and Ms. Paula Napoli attended a meeting with Early Childhood Education Articulation and Partners, sponsored by the State of Alabama Department of Children’s Affairs, on July 21, 2008. The meeting was held in Montgomery.

Dr. Tim Roberts presented “Food Irradiation: Principles and Applications” at the Alabama Association for Career and Technical Education Professional Development Workshop on July 22, 2008 in Birmingham, AL.

Dr. Debra Goodwin presented “Feasibility of an Online M Ed in FCS Education”, a round table discussion, at the ALAFCS Conference in Birmingham on July 23, 2008. A feasibility survey was also conducted.

Dr. Debra Goodwin presented a wellness presentation titled “Thirteen Foods that Will Change Your Life” to the staff at the Federal Prison in Talladega on July 24, 2008.

Family and Consumer Sciences graduated ten students this semester. Dr. Debra Goodwin, Dr. Tim Roberts and Ms. Robbie Boggs attended.

The FCS department had a total of 240 students enrolled in summer classes, with a credit hour production of 720.

First floor renovations in Mason Hall are now complete. We have a new student lab, a new faculty office and a renovated classroom that will seat 48 students.

In order to serve the students pursuing an online degree in FCS with a concentration in Child Development, FCS is offering seven online courses for Fall 2008. Two additional classes are being taught in a hybrid format, with course content online and students meeting once weekly for lab.

On August 15, 2008, Ms. Robbie Boggs attended the ALAFCS Board meeting in Birmingham, AL. Ms. Boggs serves as sponsor for JSU’s Student FCS Association. She and Kelly Dees, JSU student and current student president of ALAFCS, will be planning the ALAFCS Fall Leadership Conference which will be hosted by JSU’s Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Family and Consumer Sciences has 743 students enrolled in classes this fall. In addition to the five full time faculty members, we have two pro-rata and four adjunct instructors.

On September 6, 2008, Dr. Goodwin and Ms. Christina Parker, president of the student Dietetics club, represented our department at the JSU Anniston Wellness Walk. Beginning September 25<sup>th</sup>, our department will present "Budget Friendly Meals" once monthly at the BRIDGE.

Ms. Paula Napoli presented "Trash to Teachables and Treasures" to the Grace Church Preschool Friends Parent Program on September 15, 2008.

The Board of Trustees recently approved the renaming of the JSU Child Development Center to the Cynthia H. Harper Child Study Center. A dedication ceremony will be held in November.

Ms. Kelley Dees, a JSU FCS major, is the current president of the student chapter of ALAFCS. As the home of the current president, our department will host the Alabama FCS Fall Leadership Conference on November 6, 2008. The event will be held in the Gamecock Center.

### Department of Health, Physical Education & Recreation

HPER is proud to welcome Dr. Glaucio Scremin and Mrs. Abby Fleetwood to the HPER Faculty this Fall.

Dr. Jeff Chandler attended the NSCA National Conference in Las Vegas and presented the Strength and Conditioning Journal Annual Report to the Board of Directors, and chaired the Strength and Conditioning Journal Editorial Board Meeting July 8-13, 2008.

Dr. Jeff Chandler attended the "Sport Training Mastery" Human Performance Workshop in Lawrenceville, GA.

Mrs. Abby Fleetwood, Ms. Gina Mabrey, and Dr. Glaucio Scremin participated in the JSU Wellness Anniston Wellness Walk, Saturday, September 6, 2008. 5 HPER students attended and assisted with the event.



Dr. Jimmy Griffin is taking his class on a canoeing and rafting trip on the Ocoee River in Tennessee September 19-20, 2008.

Ms. Gina Mabrey represented HPER at the JSU Health Fair September 17, 2008.

Dr. Glenn Roswal was on the lead grant writing team for Special Olympics in Anchorage, Alaska July 9-17, 2008.

Dr. Glenn Roswal was an invited speaker at International Convention on Science, Education, & Medicine in Sport in Guangzhou, China July 30-August 5, 2008. The topic was An Overview of Completed Research in Special Olympics and Special Olympics University Partnerships.

Dr. Glenn Roswal was an invited speaker at 2008 USTA Tennis Teacher's Conference in New York, NY August 24-26, 2008. The topic was The Time is Now! Adaptive Tennis. This was held in conjunction with the US Open.

Dr. Glenn Roswal served on USTA Adaptive Tennis National Committee in New York, NY August 31-September 2, 2008.

Dr. Glenn Roswal made a presentation at Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia University Sports Seminar in Poznam, Poland September 16-21, 2008. The topic was Special Olympics University Curriculum.

Dr. Roland Thornburg attended LiveText Users Group Training at AUM July 8, 2008.

Dr. Roland Thornburg presented at LiveText Conference in Chicago, IL July 23-26, 2008. The topic was From A-Z: Priming Your Students for Success.

## Department of Instructional Services

The Teaching/Learning Center has a new Coordinator, Ms. Andrea MacArgel. This fall Ms. MacArgel will be providing the Clinical Level II practicum for one hundred and thirty-seven JSU students involve in one thousand nine hundred and forty hours of tutoring. One hundred and fifteen community children will receive tutoring.

The Learning Resource Center will hold a book fair in October.

Room 210 Ramona Wood Hall is now a Vista computer laboratory. One Smart Classroom in Family and Consumer Sciences, four classrooms in Heath, PE, and Recreation and eight classrooms in RWH have computers with Vista OS. The computers were supplied through the Technology Replacement Fund. Three switches were also replaced by the Department of Information Technology.

Mr. Mike Zenanko has been named editor of The ATP's of Tutor Training, a book to be published this year by the Association for the Tutoring Profession.

## Department of Secondary Education

Dr. Jan Wilson served as grant coordinator & principal investigator for the "Technological Integrations in Mathematical Environments and Studies (TIMES)" workshop, presented June 23-27, at Jacksonville State University.

Dr. Linda Mitchell served as principal investigator and instructor for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Communities Camp grant workshop, presented on campus July 13-18, at Jacksonville State University, for high school juniors and seniors from surrounding area school systems.

Dr. Jordan Barkley served as an instructor for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Communities Camp grant workshop, presented on campus July 13-18, at Jacksonville State University, for high school juniors and seniors from surrounding area school systems.

Ms. Sharon Padgett served as an instructor for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Communities Camp grant workshop, presented on campus July 13-18, at Jacksonville State University, for high school juniors and seniors from surrounding area school systems.

Dr. Jan Wilson served as transportation assistant for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Communities Camp grant workshop, presented on campus July 13-18, at Jacksonville State University, for high school juniors and seniors from surrounding area school systems.

Dr. Jan Wilson conducted a follow-up seminar for in-service teachers participating in the TIMES grant workshop. Participants were enrolled in MS 549, fall 2008, as a result of their grant activities. Elmo document cameras, projectors, and SD memory cards were distributed to the participants after the LiveText session held on August 18.

Dr. Charles Notar published "A Web-based Teaching Aid for Presenting the Concepts of Norm Referenced and Criterion Referenced Testing", in Education, Vol. 129, No. 1, Fall 2008.

Ms. Sharon Padgett and Ms. Virginia Cole attended the AMSTI Educators/Professors Summit at the University of Montevallo In-service Center, Pelham, Alabama, on September 12.

Dr. Jan Wilson conducted a follow-up TIMES grant workshop for 15 in-service 6-12 mathematics classroom teachers on September 15. Classroom sets of Casio graphing calculators were distributed to the participants.

Drs. Linda Mitchell and Jordan Barkley presented a workshop to in-service teachers titled "Classroom Management," at Cherokee County High School, on August 5.

Dr. Linda Mitchell presented a workshop to in-service teachers titled "Librarians and Teachers as Partners", at Gadsden City School, on August 7.

Dr. Sheila Anne Webb is scheduled to present "Complementing Native American Science Intelligence with Scientific Literacy through a University, Community College, Business and Tribal Partnership", at the meeting of the American Institute Of Higher Education, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on September 24.

#### Department of Teacher Service Center

Trained 124 students and four (4) faculty members in the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI)

Dr. Kelly Ryan served on the Subject Area Specialist Team for the Alabama State Department of Education

Drs. Gena Riley and Kelly Ryan presented at the LiveText Collaboration Conference in Chicago.

#### Department of Technology & Engineering

The fifth session of Leadership Training for the Anniston Army Depot will begin on October 6, 2008.

Dr. Jess Godbey completed OSHA Training for certification during the weeks of July 7-11 and August 11-15, 2008.

#### Department of TV SERVICES

Completed a generic JSU commercial featuring Lawson Veasey. This spot will start airing this Fall.

Taped Dr. Tim King describing a gift of one semester of free tuition that JSU is donating to the UCP Telethon. The telethon will air on the first weekend of August on Cable One.

Taped an interview with JSU Athletic Director Jimmy Fuller. This interview will air on "JSU Today".

The Office of Admissions has been granted 3 months free advertising online at [www.metrovideopages.com](http://www.metrovideopages.com) because of advertising they purchased sometime ago. Clicking on that link will show you the schools currently using their services. TV Services put together a short JSU video for Admissions to place on the metro video pages site.

Installed a black curtain for backdrops in studio 237 Self Hall.

Taped the fireworks show sponsored by the City of Jacksonville and JSU. A segment of the fireworks display will air on "JSU Today".

Completed another new generic one minute JSU spot. This spot will begin airing this Fall.

Completed a commercial for football season tickets.

Redesigned studio 237 including rearranging JSU pictures and lighting against the new black curtain.

The video presentation for Dr. Harper's retirement party was premiered at the retirement reception. TV Services intern, Matt Whitecloud, a Senior Communication Major put the presentation together. DVD copies were given to Dr. Harper as a present. The retirement reception itself was also taped and copies of it will also be given to the Dean.

Interviewed Gordon Nelson, Educational Psychology Program Chair in Educational Resources, for "JSU Today".

Interviewed Dr. Guillermo A. Francia, III, professor of computer science, for "JSU Today".

A video tour of Jacksonville State University can now be viewed over the internet by going to Youniversity TV. TV Services provided a large amount of the footage.

Produced and broadcast the 7:30 p.m. Summer Graduation Exercises live on TV24 and live over the Internet. The ceremonies were also rebroadcast at later dates and times. DVD copies of the ceremony are being sold through the Campus Bookstore.

Taped Fan Day. This included player and cheerleader introductions, fans getting players autographs, interviews and a full team scrimmage. Footage will be used on "Inside Gamecock Athletics".

Videotaped entire football team (players) introducing themselves one by one. This footage will be used on the video display board and during the home football games broadcast.

Broadcast the soccer match between JSU and the U20 Mexican National Team. This event was carried live.

Videotaped a Nationwide Insurance commercial featuring Coach Crowe and various Nationwide agents. Nationwide is a sponsor of "Inside Gamecock Athletics".

Videotaped President Bill Meehan's greetings for the home football games. These greetings will be seen on the video display board before the games.

New JSU spots were made available to 33/40 for broadcast. These commercials are being made available as part of a promotional deal between the city of Jacksonville, JSU, and 33/40.

Interviewed Fred Smith concerning the JSU Community Wellness Walk scheduled for September 6, 2008. This interview was done for "JSU Today".

Interviewed the Dean of Library Services, John-Bauer Graham. This interview was done for "JSU Today".

Interviewed SGA President Jennifer Nix for "JSU Today". "JSU Today" regularly features SGA events.

Taped a segment with Freshman Forum Vice President Kelsey Butler. Kelsey gave an announcement that will run on the video display board during the Freshman Convocation.

Mike Parris interviewed Volleyball player Brittney Whitten for the sports segment of "JSU Today".

A :30 and :60 second psa have been produced for the SADD organization. Both spots deal with underage drinking.

Interviewed Dr. Theron Montgomery for the history segment of "JSU Today".

Kaci Ogle, Director of the Alumni Association, requested that TV Services produce a :30 second television commercial to promote sales of JSU's 125<sup>th</sup> year anniversary commemorative book. This spot will air on radio, television, and the video display screen during home football games.

Taped Cocky in front of the green screen. These segments will run on the video display board during JSU's home football games.

Taped an interview with the Young Alumna of the Year, Deidra Tidwell.

Taped "Inside Gamecock Athletics" first show of the season, the Pre-Season Show.

Produced a new spot promoting "Inside Gamecock Athletics".

Taped the Freshman Convocation. Segments of the event will be aired on "JSU Today".

Taped volleyball team members in front of the green screen. Also taped Soccer Coach Julie Davis. Both segments will play on the video display board on Saturday to promote upcoming matches.

Taped the SGA "Welcome Back" cookout. Those in attendance could sign up for JSU organizations as well as visit the groups' displays and talk with a representative. Free food and fun activities were also a part of the event. Interviews with SGA officers and b-roll of the cookout were shown on "JSU Today".

The Little River Canyon National Preserve video was approved. John Bundy, Superintendent for the Preserve and for Russell Cave National Monument, requested our services so that he could produce a video for his supervisors in Atlanta. His supervisors manage National Parks all over the United States and work for the Department of the Interior. The video addresses general management issues, legislation that will determine changes in the canyon's boundaries and the partnership between the Little River Canyon and JSU.

Taped "Inside Gamecock Athletics" second show of the season featuring JSU vs. Georgia Tech.

Taped interview with Track Coach Steve Ray. The interview will be used on the sports segment of "JSU Today".

Produced the JSU vs. Alabama A&M football broadcast. TV Services worked a 12 hour day.

Taped "Inside Gamecock Athletics" third show of the season featuring JSU vs. Alabama A&M.

Taped Coach Crowe call-in radio show. Footage will be used for a commercial promoting the show as well as for the sports segment on "JSU Today".

Taped interview with new Athletic Director Oval Jaynes. This was done for the sports segment on "JSU Today".

Taped the September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Ceremony. This event was requested by Major John Davis Reynolds Jr. of the ROTC Department. Five DVD's were made for

the ROTC and one for the Library Archives. Footage from the event will also be shown on a JSU News segment during the "JSU Today" program.

Keith Thomas met with Tim Garner, Patty Hobbs, (JSU Marketing Department) and members of the BIG Communications Advertising and Public Relations Firm out of Birmingham, Alabama. Keith showed them our latest commercials and portions of the JSU Recruiting video. He also passed out copies of our recent releases taken from the tv.jsu.edu website. Following the meeting the BIG members were taken on a tour of our facilities in Self Hall and also the production truck. The BIG firm is working with JSU Marketing in the role of consultants.

Taped the fourth "Inside Gamecock Athletics" show of the season. This was an open date so the show was a review of the season so far as well as a promotion for the upcoming game against Chattanooga.

Taped interviews with Jerry Chandler, Assistant Professor of Communication; Jauneth Skinner, Head of the Art Department; Dr. Frank King, Associate Vice President for Distance Education; and Lori Owens, Associate Professor of Political Science and Outstanding Faculty of the Year. These separate interviews were done for the "JSU Today" program.

Taped interview with Head Softball Coach, Jana McGinnis, about Fall preparations for the upcoming season. This will be included in the sports segment of "JSU Today".

Taped art exhibit at Hammond Hall. This exhibit will be featured during the interview with Jauneth Skinner.

#### Department of Wellness/JSU Anniston

To support, compliment and assist with the fulfillment of the Wellness Mission of Jacksonville State University.

To assist the Anniston community in adopting positive behaviors that will lead to healthier lives and incorporate social, physical, mental, emotional, and nutritional wellness.

To provide education and activities that will promote proper life style management.



To continue to be a trusted and visible resource in the Calhoun County community.

Received Confirmation JSU Wellness-Anniston was awarded a community grant in support of our community initiatives From the Wal-Mart foundation.

Sent promotional information to the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce to promote JSU Wellness-Anniston September 6, wellness walk.

Spoke at men's prayer breakfast in at First United Methodist Church to introduce our Wellness-Anniston program and our upcoming wellness walk.

Met with Pastor Hal Noble the new pastor of the First United Methodist church to discuss JSU Wellness-Anniston

Met with Team leader Jason Head for Parker Memorial to discuss upcoming Community Wellness-Walk on September 6, 2008

Met with Fred Mays the Executive Director of Making a Difference Counseling Agency to discuss a possible partnership with JSU Wellness-Anniston.

Attended grants information meeting with grant representatives from the office of Senator Jeff Sessions. This was held at the Cox well Room Field house of JSU.

JSU Wellness-Anniston was featured on the JSU Today broadcast, East Alabama Today, Calhoun County Community broadcast.

Attended JSU Wellness Committee meeting to discuss upcoming events, and the Community Wellness Walk.

Met with representatives from the National Social Work Association, Calhoun County Health Department, and Friendship Baptist Church, to discuss our upcoming partnership in our first Community Health Fair.

Spoke at Cobb Elementary to introduce the Wellness-Anniston program and to talk about our Wellness-Anniston Walking Club.

JSU Wellness-Anniston first Community Wellness Walk September 6, 2008.

Updated JSU Wellness-Anniston web site

Prepared mail out to be sent to the churches in support of the September 6 walk

Presented information at the JSU Nursing department about the JSU Wellness-Anniston program and the services they will provide.

Spoke to some of our wellness walker's team captains to schedule a meeting for December 13, 2008 to discuss our upcoming events and to report their miles

JSU Wellness-Anniston hosted the first annual Community Wellness Walk on September 6, 2008.

JSU Wellness-Anniston Walkers club reported 8,801.99miles walked and a combined weight loss of 288lbs. This information was also reported to the city of Anniston.

The Wellness program has formed partnerships with local agencies and organizations in an effort to provide maximum wellness programming to Anniston residents. The current agencies/organizations are as follow:

Meals of Mercy- potential meetings: every Monday at the FUMC from 12:30pm-1:30pm (educational class/screening).

Interfaith Ministries- potential meetings: the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:00are through November at FUMC (educational class/screening).

Wesley Place Apartments senior living facility complex 1 and 2 (TBA- education class/screening)

Anniston Housing Authority (TBA- education/screening)

Parker Memorial Baptist Church

Faith Outreach Ministries

Kingdom Place Ministries

Living by Faith Ministries

Haven United Methodist Church

Mount Calvary Baptist Church

## Greater Thankful Baptist Church

Jacksonville State University Wellness Program-Anniston is located at the First United Methodist Church-Anniston. The office is undergoing renovations which should be completed within the next week.

### **College of Graduate Studies**

#### Continuing Education

As of September 25, 2008, the Office of Continuing Education conducted 364 classes beginning October 1, 2007. Service was provided to 7,816 students and 46,796 contact hours were generated.

Jacksonville State University's Office of Continuing Education hosted the First Annual Community Development Institute in October 2007. The institute was held on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. The CDI is committed to the non-exclusive training of individuals in the fields of community and economic development. The 31 participants came from a wide range of occupations and interests, from elected officials to volunteers at non-profit organizations. The CDI will again be held in October 2008 with Year I students returning to complete the Year II curriculum.

Four workshops were conducted in partnership with East Alabama Regional Planning Commission.

- Websites Made Easy – Presented by Denise Rucker, Retired Senior Volunteer Program Director.
- Community Development Principles: How to Prepare for Economic Development. The presenters were Mickey Simmons, Community Development Project Manager for PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, and Dr. Lawson Veasey, Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at Jacksonville State University.

- Managing Crises: Making Our Communities More Resilient – Presented by Dr. Jane Kushma, Associate Professor of Emergency Management, and Nancy Mellen, Criminal Justice Instructor, with Jacksonville State University.
- Basic Project Management: Principles and Techniques – Presented by Jennifer Swafford, Assistant Director of Continuing Education.

UPACE, the University Partnership of Alabama for Continuing Education, continues to offer certificate programs for the Association of County Administrators, Association of County Engineers, County Revenue Officers Association of Alabama, Alabama Association of 911 District Directors and the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police. Participating in the program at this time are 269 County Administrators, 147 County Engineers, 158 Revenue Officers, 132 911 District Administrators and 892 Chiefs of Police.

The UPACE Partnership managed training programs this year throughout the State of Alabama as indicated below.

Association of County Administrators of Alabama

Association of County Engineers of Alabama

Alabama Association of 911 Districts

County Revenue Officers Association of Alabama

Legislative and Governmental Relations (17)

General Management and Supervision I (32)

General Management and Supervision II (8)

General Accounting, Financial Planning and Management I (21)

General Accounting, Financial Planning and Management II (16)

Ethics for Public Officials and Employees (22)

Orientation and Overview of Administrators' and Engineers' Duties (21)

Fundamentals of Emergency Communication District Administration II (9)

Legal Primer: Public Roads (10)  
Disaster Preparedness and Response (10)  
Business Licensing in Local Governments (18)  
Overview of County Revenue (26)  
How to Safely Perform Revenue Field Work (31)

#### Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police

New Chief's Development Seminar (18)  
Gang Awareness: MS-13, Risk Protection Factors (20)  
Cultural Sensitivity (22)  
Liability Issues: Identifying and Reducing Risk in Law Enforcement (255)  
The Changing Face of Police Work: Generational Differences (36)  
How to Create and Communicate a Vision for Your Department (37)  
Media Relations I (233)  
Media Relations II (252)  
Effective Management (23)  
Supervisory Techniques (23)  
Mandated Employment Policies and Best Practices (31)  
Harassment, Discrimination, Racial Profiling and Related Issues (30)

In November 2007, Continuing Education staff members attended the annual LERN conference where all received training and certification. This is an achievement related to much study and work in the field of continuing education during the year prior to the conference and to courses attended while at the conference. The following staff members passed their certification exams and are designated Certified Program Planners in their field of study.

- Kelly Beegle – Program Management CPP
- Lynne Nabors – Program Management CPP
- Rhonda Noah – Program Management CPP
- Ann Spicer – Program Management CPP

In April 2008, the remaining Continuing Education staff members attended the LERN Institute for training and certification. The following staff members passed their certification exams and are designated Certified Program Planners in their field of study.

- Belinda Blackburn – Contract Training and Program Management CPP
- Jennifer Swafford – Contract Training CPP
- Rita Smith – Program Management CPP
- Annette Stahl – Contract Training and Program Management CPP

Belinda Blackburn, Director, and Jennifer Swafford, Assistant Director, have played active roles in non-profit community organizations, specifically through the Anniston Rotary and the United Way's Success by Six program, which advocates and supports the need for literacy programs in early childhood education. Both also serve in leadership roles in other non-profit organizations in the community, such as the Society for Human Resource Management, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and the Anniston Lion's Club.

The ROI Institute will be offering the ROI Methodology Certification Workshop through the Office of Continuing Education. ROI impact studies measure and evaluate programs and their effect on an organization's bottom line. Workshop presenters, Jack and Patti Phillips, are world-renowned experts on accountability, measurement, and evaluation. Dr. Jack J. Phillips provides consulting services for Fortune 500 companies and major global organizations and is the author or editor of more than 50 books.

Through a partnership with the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers, the Office of Continuing Education will begin offering courses in October 2008 for experienced bookkeepers who wish to become Certified Bookkeepers.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Continuing Education Conference was held in partnership with the Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences with 141 in attendance.

The Jacksonville State University Certificate in Leadership Principles was awarded to 29 employees from Keystone Foods after completing 40 hour of training.

Wellborn Cabinet returned for the fifth year, requested the Certificate in Basic Supervisory Principles for 12 employees in October 2007 and an additional 15 employees to be completed by October 2008. This certificate requires each employee to complete 76 hours of training.

Customized computer training (Microsoft Excel, Word, Access, and PowerPoint) was conducted at JSU McClellan for the Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center staff.

Contact has been made with over 100 companies in our service area to make key personnel aware of our training product line. Contract training has been provided to nine clients. This required providing 73 courses to 1675 employees with various curriculum requirements.

The Continuing Education video conferencing lab was utilized by the State of Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences to view a demonstration of Leica Geosystems Digital Laser Mapping equipment. This demonstration was also viewed by Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, District Attorneys, and other law enforcement personnel in both New York and California.

On February 15, the Fifth Annual Auctioneer School began and continued for 10 days until graduation on February 24. The student auctioneers conducted an auction for the Gilbert Auction Company on February 23 as a part of their graduation requirements. Brian Davenport, graduate of the JSU Auctioneer School, is the 2008 Alabama State Bid Calling Champion.

Online courses continue to be popular. Seventy-six (76) students completed various online courses including real estate, accounting, computing, fitness, grant writing, medical transcription, and investing. Pronto Spanish has been added as a resource for business-specific conversational Spanish for the workplace. EdWay Online has also been added to provide over 150 web-based multimedia, interactive courses and 15 certificate programs.



Kathryn Windham Tucker, master storyteller, author of twenty-four books, playwright, accomplished photographer, and popular public television and radio personality conducted a Storytelling Workshop at JSU McClellan for 88 attendees.

Training on Drug Awareness: Update for the Real Estate Professional was offered with 42 in attendance. This course was offered in partnership with the Calhoun County Board of Realtors and was coordinated by Rita Smith, Continuing Education Program Coordinator and Licensed Real Estate Instructor.

A test prep course was provided during our summer session for 24 high school students scheduled to take the A.C.T. exam.

Continuing Education has provided administrative support for 40 athletic camps since October 1, 2007. Over 2,000 students have come to campus to participate in camps for football, volleyball, soccer, softball, basketball, and baseball. Twenty-three (23) overnight camps have been conducted since May 1, with 2,779 campers visiting our campus. Campers were housed in JSU dormitories.

Jacksonville State University held its second Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative Summer Institute July 7-18, 2008. Approximately seven hundred – fifty math and science teachers and administrators attended two weeks of training at Saks Middle School and Saks High School. Seventy trainers from across the state served as our presenters. Dr. William Carr, keynote speaker James Span, Chief Meteorologist for ABC 33/40, and Steve Ricks were the speakers at the opening session held on July 7, 2008. Dr. Judy Stiefel, superintendent of Calhoun County Schools, and members of the Calhoun County Board of Education attended the opening session as well as many community leaders.

During the 2008-2009 school year, approximately five hundred fifty math kits and six hundred science kits will serve over eight hundred teachers. AMSTI's five specialists will support these teachers as AMSTI is implemented school wide at forty-five schools. The first round of science kits will return to the AMSTI site to be restocked the first week of October and the second round will be distributed the third week in October. Two more rotations will take place in January and in March.

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During the 2008-2009 school year, approximately 550 math kits and 600 science kits will serve over 800 teachers. AMSTI's five specialists will support these teachers as AMSTI is implemented school wide at 45 schools. The first round of science kits will return to the AMSTI site to be restocked the first week of October and the second round will be distributed the third week in October. Two more rotations will take place in January and in March, 2009.

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## In-Service

The In-Service Education Center provided 137 training sessions between July 1 and September 30, 2008 for 2,271 participants.

Four training sessions were provided for ARI coaches in the JSU Region school between August 19 and August 25, 2008.

Alabama Reading Initiative Comprehension training was conducted in Etowah County and at JSU McClellan for 122 fourth grade teachers in the JSU In-Service Region during the month of September.

JSU, McClellan was the site of two meeting for the School Improvement teams for the regional school systems. Over sixty educators participated in each meeting.

JSU In-Service Center provided consultants for Gadsden City, Cherokee County, and Randolph County Back-to-School Institutes.

### **Houston Cole Library**

#### Publications:

Ms. Bethany Latham (2008). Review of A Celebration of Women Writers website. *Reference Reviews* 22 (5), 31-32.

Ms. Bethany Latham (2008). Internet column: Open Access. *Reference Reviews* 22 (5), 5-6.

Ms. Bethany Latham (2008). Internet column: Petrol Pain. *Reference Reviews* 22 (6), 4-5.

Ms. Bethany Latham (2008). Review of *The Spiritualist*. *Historical Novels Review* 44 (May), 31.

Ms. Bethany Latham (2008). Review of *The House at Riverton*. *Historical Novels Review* 44 (May), 50.

Ms. Bethany Latham (2008). Review of *Mad About the Boy?*. *Historical Novels Review* 45 (August), 42.

#### Presentations:

Ms. Laurie Charnigo. "Popcorn n' Picture Books for Creative Writing." Presentation and activities with children's books for the JSU Writing Project. Houston Cole Library, Jacksonville State University, June 11, 2008.

Ms. Bethany Latham and Ms. Jodi Poe Alabama Virtual Library Teacher Resources. Alabama Educational Technology Conference, Birmingham, AL (June 17, 2008).

Ms. Charlcie Vann presented "Basic Library Instruction." Brown Bag Lunch, Houston Cole Library Smart Lab (September 8, 2008).

Ms. Jodi Poe presented "Remote Library Use." Brown Bag Lunch, Houston Cole Library Smart Lab (September 15, 2008).

Mr. Harry Nuttall presented "Basics of MLA Documentation Style." Brown Bag Lunch, Houston Cole Library Smart Lab (September 25, 2008).

## Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Student Enrollment. The College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) continues to experience extraordinary growth. The following table illustrates the pattern of growth since Fall 2001:

Fall 2001	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
BSN: 174	BSN: 194	BSN: 202	BSN: 244	BSN: 238	BSN: 229	BSN: 240
STEP: 9	STEP: 12	STEP: 9	STEP: 54	STEP: 100	STEP: 149	STEP: 187
MSN: 27	MSN: 20	MSN: 29	MSN: 36	MSN: 44	MSN: 56	MSN: 61
				UNA	UNA	UNA
				MSN : 21	MSN: 27	MSN: 29
				Total: 403	Total: <b>461</b>	Total: <b>517</b>
Total: 210	Total: 226	Total: 240	Total: 334			

Assistant Professor, Dr. Phyllis Waits is serving as Acting Dean during Dr. Sarah Latham's leave of absence. Dr. Latham plans to return for half-days in October.

Dr. Carrie Elkins completed her Doctorate of Health Science degree at Nova Southeastern University in June 2008 and has been promoted to Assistant Professor.

Mr. David Hofland and Dr. Phyllis Waits were in attendance for the renewal of the dual degree partnership between JSU and Talladega College on September 11, 2008. The upper division core courses of the nursing program will be offered at JSU.

On July 25, 2008 the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Continuing Education Conference "Nursing Update 2008" was held in Wallace Hall. There were 151 total participants including sponsors, exhibitors, support staff, speakers, and paid registrants.

Ball State University College of Nursing was host to Instructors Ms. Kim Helms and Ms. Christie Shelton on May 28-29, 2008. The visit included a tour and demonstration of the simulation lab. Ms. Helms and Ms. Shelton were preparing to teach the new course NU 455 Transition to Professional Nursing.

Assistant Professor/STEP Program Director Dr. Phyllis Waits and Instructor Ms. Christie Shelton presented "The Role of the Nurse in Both Natural and Man-made Disasters: Establishing the Evidence" at the International Nursing Research Conference in Jerusalem, Israel on June 30-July 3, 2008.

Instructor Ms. Christie Shelton and Assistant Professor Dr. Phyllis Waits attended the Army ROTC Nursing Program Nurse Educator site visit in Seattle, WA on July 21-25, 2008.

The Maternal Child Health Bureau awarded Nursing Instructor Ms. Betsy Gulledge the Leadership and Education in Child Health Nursing (LECHN) fellowship in the amount of \$12,000 per year. As part of the grant opportunity Ms. Gulledge will be able to continue her doctoral course work and community outreach at UAB.

Instructor Ms. Betsy Gulledge received notification this week that she has been selected to receive the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) scholarship for the academic year 2008-2009.

The ABN also awarded a \$5000 scholarship to JSU MSN student Ms. Wendy Higginbotham.

Assistant Professor Dr. Phyllis Waits will attend the American Association of Colleges of Nursing 2008 Fall Semiannual Meeting in Washington, DC on October 18-21, 2008.

Instructor Ms. Sherron DeWeese will attend the Annual Contraceptive Technology: Quest for Excellence Conference in Atlanta, GA on October 29-31, 2008.

### **Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Accelerated high school enrollments for classes offered in the local high schools grew by 8% over the previous year, increasing from 608 enrollees in 2006-2007 to 657 in 2007-2008. Participating schools were as follows: Alexandria, Cedar Bluff, Donoho, Jacksonville, Oxford, Pleasant Valley, Sacred Heart and Saks.

The Institutional Review Board reviewed 72 research proposals during the academic year 2007-2008 (as of date of report submission). This is an increase of 80% over the previous year. Of these, 63 were exempt, 7 were expedited and 2 were fully reviewed. Minutes of fully reviewed applications are included in part "III.a." of the IRB Annual Report, (available on the JSU website under "Academics: Academic Affairs: Human Subjects Review"). The names of all applicants and projects are also attached in "III.b." of the IRB Annual Report (available online). All applications were approved.

Of greatest fiscal significance to report from the Office of the AVPAA is the increase in Sponsored Projects dollars awarded for the year. Out of approximately \$9.85 million in proposed projects, \$6.71 million of external funding was awarded. This compares quite favorably with the \$4.48 million awarded last year, for an increase of nearly 50% over last year's figures for external funding to the university.

#### Department of Military Science

Commissioned 8 quality officers in fiscal year 2008.

JSU remains the leader in 6th Brigade and ranks in the top 15% of all ROTC programs in the nation.

Through aggressive marketing and recruiting, increased freshmen enrollment in the Military Science program by 41% compared with enrollment for the 2006/2007 school year.

Positive developmental environment resulted in JSU ROTC retention rates for freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior Cadets that exceeded 2008 U.S. Army Cadet Command National averages.

Sent twenty Cadets to the Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Washington (Summer of 2008), five Cadets to the Leaders' Training Course at Fort Knox, KY, three Cadets to airborne training at Fort Benning, GA, one nurse to NSTP in HI, and one Cadet to Air Assault Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Four JSU Cadre Members supported US Army Cadet National Leadership Assessment Course at Fort Lewis Washington

JSU ROTC sent two JSU nursing professors to the US Army Cadet National Leadership Assessment Course.

MAJ Shackelford, 2LT Lowrance, and 2LT Payne attended JSU Freshman Orientation Sessions with display table and informational packets to distribute to interested applicants on 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, and 26 June.

2LT Lowrance and 2LT Payne were invited by the local Alabama Army National Guard Recruiting Station to conduct and supervise a Combat Water Survival Test for incoming soldiers into the National Guard.

MAJ Reynolds and 2LT Payne on the Fourth of July attended the "Downtown Gadsden Event" with a display table and recruiting items to pass out to attendees.

MAJ Shackelford hosted an open house for the Albertville High School JROTC Commander and cadets. They were given a tour of the University and the facilities of Rowe Hall, and received a briefing on the financial assistance available through ROTC.

A Commissioning Ceremony was held on 8 August, prior to graduation for our summer term graduate.

MAJ Shackelford, 2LT Payne, and 2LT Jones conducted a briefing for the first semester nursing students and provided them with lunch and informational pamphlets.

MAJ Shackelford, 2LT Payne and 2LT Jones conducted briefings and passed out recruiting items for students interested in ROTC during "Get On Board Day".

The ROTC Department provided security, personnel to work the gates, and parking assistance during the JSU vs. AAM football game.



JSU ROTC organized and conducted a memorial ceremony for the University and community honoring the fallen victims of 9-11.

MAJ Shackelford, 2LT Payne gave a presentation on the U.S. Constitution to the Calhoun County Tech School.

MAJ Shackelford attended Pell City High School for a College and Career Fair to provide briefings and information pamphlets to interested high school juniors and seniors.

MAJ Shackelford and 2LT Payne attended Clay County and Sylacauga High Schools for their College and Career Fairs to provide briefings and information pamphlets to interested high school juniors and seniors.

Major Reynolds achieved Distinguished Toastmaster Status with Toastmasters International.

### **Office of Distance Education**

#### Faculty/Staff Accomplishments:

Dr. Frank King attended the ACCESS sessions to discuss various initiatives and opportunities, including dual enrollment prospects, as a representative of the university.

Dr. Sherri Restauri represented JSU at the Education Fair at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, in July 2008, along with Mr. Tim Garner from Marketing.

#### Organizational Items

Ms. Carey T. Smouse was employed as the Research Assistant for the Office of Distance Education. In that distance education requires that new strategies as well as technologies be employed, research is an ongoing requirement to ensure that JSU students receive the most effective instruction possible.

The Office of Distance Education successfully completed the written portion of their Program Review. On-site visitation from the Program Review committee for Distance Education is scheduled for September 22 through September 24.

#### Online Programs:

MyJSUOnline.com--Seventeen programs are currently offered online through Jacksonville State University's Distance Education program. These programs are advertised through the use of the <http://myjsuonline.com> website. The *Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Child Development* was the most recently added program, beginning in Fall 2008. Enrollment into this program has been greater than expected, and student feedback regarding the quality of the coursework offered online has been exceptional. The following online degree programs are now offered:

#### *Arts and Sciences*

BS in Emergency Management with a minor in Homeland Security

BS in Emergency Management with a minor in Public Safety Telecommunications

Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management

MPA in Emergency Management

MS in Emergency Management

Graduate Certificate in Spatial Analysis and Management

MPA in Spatial Analysis and Management

MS in Computer Systems and Software Design

MPA in Athletic Administration

#### *Commerce and Business Administration*

Master of Business Administration

#### *Education and Professional Studies*

BS in Family & Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Child Development

MSEd in Physical Education

MS in Manufacturing Systems Technology

*Nursing and Health Sciences*

Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

MSN in Nursing (in Community Health Nursing)

RN to BSN (STEP Program)

RN/BSN/MSN in Nursing (STEP Program)

New Initiatives:

In September 2008, the Office of Distance Education acquired a plot of educational island space in the virtual world of Second Life® (SL™). The island is called *JSU*

*SLOnline Campus*. The JSU SL™ Virtual Land will be used for Advertising, Marketing,

and Recruiting; Synchronous and Delayed Virtual Presentations via in-world educational technologies such as slideshows, video and audio streaming, podcasts, and demonstrations; and Virtual Simulations involving immersive learning experiences, among many other activities. A formal roll-out of the *JSU SLOnline Campus* will begin in late Fall 2008.

With the continued growth in the use of the Blackboard Course Management System as a supplement as well as in online courses and programs, a need for increased virtual storage space for arose within this past academic year. Therefore a purchase of an additional 250GB on the Bb production server was authorized for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, which will accommodate the overages that have been faced throughout the past year and beyond. Continued monitoring of the Bb system usage with removal of courses on the 2-year cycle will allow DE to manage the new level of virtual storage for a period of time successfully.

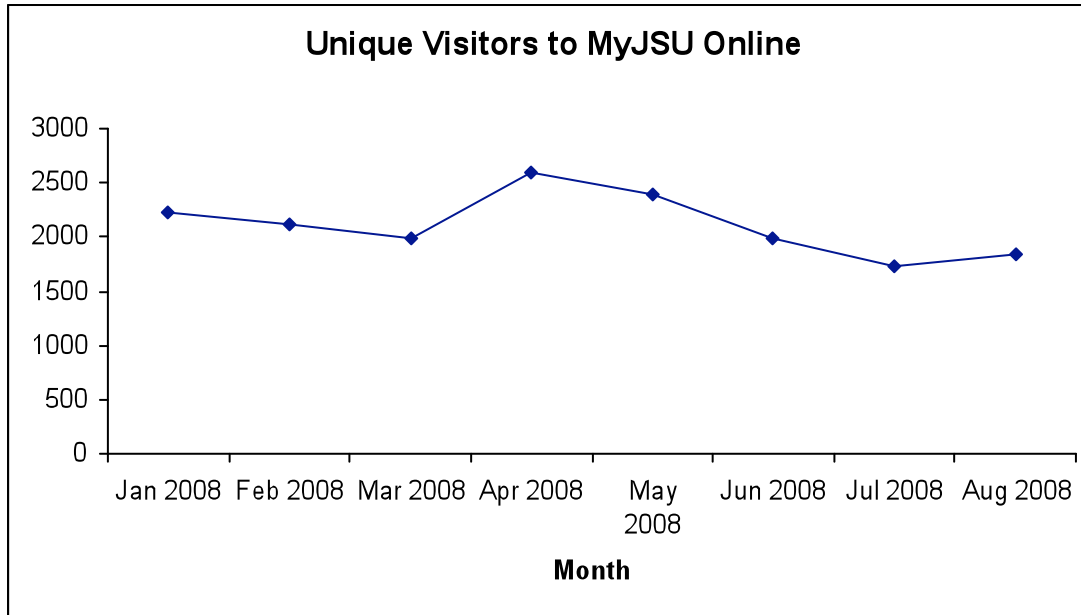
## Advertising:

In October 2008, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual DE Educational Technology Showcase will be held. This Showcase has been slightly redesigned to allow a longer period of time for each presenter. This Showcase will feature 4 DE faculty members presenting for approximately 25 minutes on topics pertinent to the field and to their peers in DE today. The Showcase is open to the JSU campus community and multiple forms of advertising to promote this activity have been adopted.

An article including Distance Education was published in the *Gem of the Hills* for the Fall 2008 semester; as well, the Fall 2008 edition of the Office of Distance Education Newsletter, *Eminus*, was also completed.

A total of twenty-six new online courses were approved through the Alabama coordinator of the Southern Regional Electronic Campus for the Fall 2008 term, and these courses were then included in the SREC online database. Continued advertising of the MyJSU Online Distance Education initiative in areas such as the SREC ensure knowledge of these programs to students outside of the local area, thereby growing the DE program and overall student enrollment at JSU.

The MyJSU Online domain (<http://myjsuonline.com>) continued to receive student interest via internet hits during the January 2008 – August 2008 time period, as well. The graph below indicates the unique visitors to the MyJSU Online website, along with the number of “hits” to the site from this calendar year. Student interest in programs indicates increased website usage of MyJSUOnline at peak enrollment times, such as prior to summer term enrollment, as indicated below.



Data from the MyJSU Online website is collected to provide indicators of student access (how these students are locating the website), and also a host of student characteristics. Some of those characteristics noted from an analysis in August 2008 indicate the following:

- 63.1% of our visitors thus far in the month of August 2008 bookmarked/selected as “favorite” our site upon visiting it. Bookmarking or adding as a “Favorite” (depending on the browser configuration used by the student) allows students easy access to returning to the website for review at a later time.
- The #1 key word that was entered into a search engine that brought students to our MyJSU Online website was “online”.
- Google is the most popular search engine for our students who are searching for online programs and connect into MyJSU Online.
- 84.8% of our visitors to MyJSU Online are utilizing Microsoft Internet Explorer as their browser, while 9% are using Firefox.
- 20.3% of our visitors to MyJSU Online spend between 30 seconds and 2 minutes on our website, while 49.7% spend 30 seconds or less viewing materials.
- The most popular day of the week for browsing our MyJSU Online website is Tuesday, and the most popular times for visiting are between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- An online poll was also added to the homepage of MyJSU Online to determine students’ experience in taking online classes. From the 592 students who have taken our poll, 60% stated that they have previously taken at least one online course.

Enrollment:

The number of distance education programs and courses continued to grow, aiding the University in reaching the highest enrollments in JSU history. DE showed a 12% increase between Fall 2007 and Fall 2008 enrollments, as indicated in the tables below.

Fall 2008 Distance Learning Course and Enrollment Data – With Blackboard Supplements

<b>Format</b>	<b>Course Sections</b>	<b>Enrollments</b>
All Online (Bb, Other, STEP)*	227 (145 courses) 250 sections offered	5,278 ( 3,174 unique students)
Bb Supplements**	419 Bb courses, 1 was Videoconferencing (497 sections, 3 were Videoconferencing)	
Videoconferencing*	4 (2 courses) 8 sections offered	56 (53 unique students)
Video-Based*	1 (1 course) 1 section offered	32 (32 unique students)
All distance formats*	232 (148 courses) 259 sections offered	5,366 (3,234 unique students)
All formats and supplements**	726 sections	<i>Not available</i>

*\*Data provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.*

*Source: BANINST1\_AS\_STUDENT\_REGISTRATION\_DETAIL and BANINST1\_AS\_CATALOG\_SCHEDULE from 09/04/2008*

*\*\*Data provided by the Office of Distance Education.*

Source: Blackboard Interface – 09/09/2008;

Data entered based on information provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

#### Fall 2007 Distance Learning Course and Enrollment Data

<b>Format</b>	<b>Course Sections</b>	<b>Enrollments</b>
All Online (Bb, Other, STEP)*	197 (145 courses)	4,492 (2,776 unique students)
Bb Supplements**	390 Bb courses (may represent more sections)	10,078 (5,843 unique students)
Videoconferencing*	22 (9 courses)	157 (136 unique students)
Video-Based*	1 (1 course)	36 (36 unique students)
All distance formats*	220 (155 courses)	4,685 (2,899 unique students)
All formats and supplements**	At least 610	14,763 (7,392 unique students)

\*Data provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

Source: BANINST1\_AS\_STUDENT\_REGISTRATION\_DETAIL from 09/12/2007

\*\*Data provided by the Office of Distance Education.

Source: SQL Queries run against Blackboard Advanced System Reporting (ASR) Database – 09/18/2007;

Data entered based on information provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

Marathon S 2008 Distance Learning Course and Enrollment Data (with Bb supplements)

<b>Format</b>	<b>Course Sections</b>	<b>Enrollments</b>
All Online (Bb, Other, STEP)*	1 ( 1 course) 1 <i>section offered</i>	1 (1 unique student)
Bb Supplements**	6 (6 Bb courses) – all Videoconferencing (some sections merged)	72 (64 unique students)
Videoconferencing*	11 ( 4 courses) 14 <i>sections offered</i>	72 ( 64 unique students)
Video-Based*	0 ( 0 courses)	0 ( 0 unique students)
All distance formats*	12 ( 5 courses) 15 <i>sections offered</i>	73 (65 unique students)
All formats and supplements**	12 (Bb supplements not counted since sections same as Videoconferencing)	73 (65 unique students)

*\*Data provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.*

*Source: BANINST1\_AS\_STUDENT\_REGISTRATION\_DETAIL and BANINST1\_AS\_CATALOG\_SCHEDULE from 08/08/2008*

*\*\*Data provided by the Office of Distance Education.*

*Source: Blackboard User Interface – 08/14/2008;*

*Data entered based on information provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.*

**The Jones International House.**



An interesting note this year is that there are 28 nationalities represented in the Jones International House due to the fact that some U.S. students and a number of international students represent multiple nationalities (ie., parents from different countries). We are please with the diversity of the group, and happy to report that they are lively and adapting well.

This year, the Jones International House students began a Big Brother-Big Sister program with the students of the English Language Institute with the goal of assisting the latter group in its integration with the JSU community and to help them feel more at home. To this end, the students were invited to attend the Annual Orientation and Rafting Trip to the Ocoee River in Tennessee. It was a great success.

On September 27, the International House Students participated in the Gene Fair Rally for People with Disabilities at the Oxford Lake. Dr. Ketterer participated in the planning committee for this event and was the master of ceremonies. International House students performed dances and music. The welcome at this event was given by Oxford Mayor Leon Smith.

The U.N. Day Tea will be held on October 19 at 2:00 p.m. This year this traditional activity will be part of the Homecoming Weekend Activities. A special poster commemorating the event has been prepared, and will be made available to the Trustees.

### **JSU Gadsden**

This year JSU Gadsden is participating in the current Program Review cycle. The review team that visited August 12, 2008 consisted of Dr. Gena Riley, JSU College of Education, Dr. Linda Johnston, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga College of Education, and Mr. Wayne Findley, from the Department of Social Sciences at Gadsden State Community College. Their anticipated findings will present new challenges and better ways to serve our students.

A grant proposal has been submitted by JSU Gadsden to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, to offer programs to senior citizens in our service area. This fit well with our community service role and our statement that education

does not end with a degree. The purpose is to offer an array of stimulating programs including computer skills (job training), investments, fitness, nutrition, grief support, and lectures featuring faculty from JSU. With the funding we will embark on an additional mission in the Etowah County area.

## **Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs**

### Student Life

Jacksonville State University held its first ever Freshman Convocation on August 26, 2008 at Pete Mathews Coliseum. The Freshman Convocation was a unique welcome ceremony filled with elaboration, tradition and marked the beginning for the incoming freshmen academic career at Jacksonville State University. Just as Commencement is a ceremony that marks the completion of study, the Convocation celebrated the student's entry into higher education. It was also the first formal event where new students and JSU Faculty and Staff Members were welcomed back to the Gamecock Community. The ceremony gave the opportunity for the freshmen to reunite with fellow students, faculty, and staff members from summer orientation as well as remarks from our University President-Dr. William A. Meehan, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs-Dr. Rebecca O. Turner, and Jennifer Nix, Student Government Association President.

### Freshman Forum

The JSU Freshman Forum has undergone the selection process for the 2008-2009 academic year. The purpose of the JSU Freshman Forum is to represent the interests of all freshmen on the JSU Campus while developing personal leadership skills for its members. The Forum, made up of 50 incoming freshman who meet weekly to ensure the general welfare of the student body at Jacksonville State University and to provide services to the community. Participation in Freshman Forum allows for further opportunities to get involved on campus and in the SGA, and the opportunity to take part in group and individual projects. There were 137 applications turned in which was the second largest in the history at JSU. The first Freshman Forum meeting was held on September 22, 2008. Below is a listing of those members and their hometown.

### Freshman Forum Members

### Hometown

Marcus Adams

Douglasville, GA

Jarrod Alexander

Fairhope, AL

Kennon Askew	Auburn, AL
Taylor Baird	Decatur, AL
Erin Beasley	Houston, TX
Jenna Bowden	Ohatchee, AL
Mary Brown	Heflin, AL
Marvis Burrell	Birmingham, AL
Ashley Cofield	Camp Hill, AL
Karla Dixon	Clanton, AL
Charles Dixon, III	Trussville, AL
Chelsea Draper	Elkmont, AL
Danielle Ewing	Huntsville, AL
Jessica Fleming	Alexandria, AL
Rebecca Fletcher	Huntsville, AL
Angelina Ford	Talladega, AL
Dorothy Forsyth	Double Spring, AL
Tommy Gardner	Birmingham, AL
Orlandra Gilbert	Nashville, TN
Joseph Halloran	Lafayette, GA
Haley Houser	Stevenson, AL
Logan Huggins	Anniston, AL
Toddrick Johnson	Atlanta, GA
Audryana Kelley	Vincent, AL
Meagan Kelly	Piedmont, AL
Jasmin Love	Camden, AL
Spencer Lynch	Weaver, AL

Joshua Maloch	Douglasville, GA
Cedric Mane	Anderson, SC
Akeavia Mays	Carterville, GA
William A. McCall	Auburn, AL
Rodney Minton	Oxford, AL
Courtney Mitchell	Prattville, AL
Melissa Morris	Oxford, AL
Andrea Nix	Kennesaw, GA
James Parker	Attalla, AL
Robin Parker	Centre, AL
Sierra Phillips	Piedmont, AL
Thomas Pitts	Anniston, AL
Brittany Pollard	Hokes Bluff, AL
Ashleigh Ricker	Prattville, AL
Jaquita Roberts	Wetumpka, AL
Josh Rush	Jacksonville, AL
Kyle Seagraves	Powder Spring, GA
Ninmo Sheshi	Lokga, Nigeria
Dameon Smith	Mobile AL
Adam Treadwell	Bremen, GA
Dexter Vines	Centre, AL
Cameron Wilson	Sylacauga, AL
Jonathan Wise	Attalla, AL
Vivian Walton	Huntsville, AL
Megan Younce	Foley, AL

## Student Government Association/Multicultural Programming

Student Government Association Executive Officers attended the STARS Leadership and University Advocates Conference in Sandestin, Florida on August 10-12, 2008.

The SGA Senate Retreat was held on August 18-19, in Talladega, Alabama.

Welcome Week 2008 began in August with Cook-Out/Get On Board Day, Pool Party, Gamecock Game Night, Foam Party, All Sports Pep Rally, Tailgate Party for the first home game, Organizational Council Meeting at the President's House and Poster Sale.

## Fraternity and Sorority Life

During the summer, several of our chapters attended conventions for their respective organization and received awards and recognitions. The Zeta Psi Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority received the Crown Chapter and Financial Excellence awards. The Jacksonville State Chapter of Delta Chi Fraternity received Certificate of Achievement, Outstanding Campus Leadership and Outstanding Intramural Sports Program.

## Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment

On August 24 – 27, 2008, Panhellenic held their annual formal recruitment. 115 women registered and 91 attended. 83 of 91 women who attended accepted bids to join a sorority during recruitment. This is an increase from 2007 formal recruitment. Since formal recruitment, 22 women have accepted bids.

## National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Approximately 200 students attended our annual NPHC Greek Convocation. NPHC Greek Convocation is held for students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority under

JSU's National Pan-Hellenic Council. Our guest speaker was Dr. Stacy Jones from the University of Alabama. Dr. Jones spoke to the attendees about the importance of lifelong commitment to service and community engagement.

#### Interfraternity (IFC) Recruitment

Each Chapter organized their own informal recruitment activities during the week of September 15 – 19. At the conclusion of the week, 65 men accepted bids to join a fraternity.

#### Gamecock Orientation (GO!)

Gamecock Orientation will be mandatory for first-year students beginning JSU in the fall semester 2009. Below are the Orientation dates for 2009:

January 6, 2009	Spring Semester Orientation
May 5, 2009	May Term Orientation
June 4, 2009	Summer I Orientation
June 18-19, 2009	Session A (First-Year Students)
June 22-23, 2009	Session B (First-Year Students)
June 25-26, 2009	Session C (First-Year Students)
July 7, 2009	Summer II Orientation
July 13-14, 2009	Session D (First-Year Students)
July 16-17, 2009	Session E (First-Year Students)
July 21, 2009	Transfer Student/Non Traditional Student Orientation
July 23-24, 2009	Session F (First-Year Students)
July 30-31, 2009	Session G (First-Year Students)

August 3-4, 2009

Session H, (First-Year Students)

### Admissions Office

The Office of Admissions is pleased to announce that undergraduate applications are at a record high for the 2008 fall semester with 4774 students applying for admission. The number of new undergraduate students enrolled for the fall semester is the highest since admission requirements were implemented in the early 1990's with 2013 new students enrolled.

### University Police

Yearly crime statistics for JSU were updated on the Department of Education website In August UPD. The total number of reports crimes showed minor changes and total arrests decreased by ten.

Sgt. Mann attended Agency Information and Security Officer training on the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC) system in Montgomery.

Sgt. Preuninger attended the interview and interrogation class on August 11-15, 2008 at the Counter Drug Academy in Meridian, Mississippi.

Officer William Lowe attended the tactical handgun for the patrol officer course at the NEA Police Academy.

All UPD officers completed the Defensive Tactics Pressure Point Control Tactics system in the month of August earning 32 hours training credits and certification by the PPCT.

Chief Giddy and Sgt. Rob Schaffer obtained 16 CEUs at the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) conference on July 23-26, 2008 in preparation for reaccreditation in 2009.

Mr. Tony Mabrey is the new part-time Security Officer assigned to open buildings and Officer Buddy Smith was reassigned to parking enforcement.

The bid for purchase and installation of the emergency call boxes was awarded to Sullivan Communication.

A test of the University Notification System was performed on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The results of the test were 649 called, 604 answered, 125 confirmed, 524 unconfirmed, 330 humans answered, 274 machines answered and 45 unknown. The test took 56 minutes from first to last call. Procedures for updating cell phone and address information on MyJSU will be emailed to JSU Faculty and Staff which should increase the number of contacts on the notification system.

Campus Safety Programs were presented to students and faculty/staff in partnership with University Housing and Counseling and Career Services.

UPD has increased parking enforcement since classes began which has resulted in just over \$30,000.00 collected in citations and \$108,150 in decal sales.

### Career Services

Career Services formed new partnerships with Nationwide Insurance, Walter Industries, Elbit Systems, and United Way, posted 79 new teaching jobs and 58 non-teaching jobs, and scheduled 100 appointments last quarter.

A new data management system was purchased with grant funds provided by Honda Manufacturing of Alabama (HMA).



Ms. Becca Turner was named to the Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers (AAACE) Board, as the Vice President of Colleges and Universities and Membership Director.

Career Services assisted Developmental Services to educate scholarship recipients on appropriate attire and conversation between students and donors, partnered with Counseling and Career Services in providing University Housing Resident Assistants with programming for a Career Fair for part-time employment held on September 23, 2008. Ten local company recruiters attended.

Ms. Becca Turner delivered presentations to the following groups: Resident Assistants during a browse session for Ms. Andrea Pruitt, senior students in the College of Education and Professional Studies for Dr. Gina Riley, freshman students in learning skills 100(LS100) for Dr. Andrea Porter and Ms. Jennifer Foster, and senior social work students for Ms. Robyn Snider. Ms. Turner also provided mock interviews for 44 senior nursing students in conjunction with St. Vincent's Health System, Jacksonville Medical Center, and Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center.

#### Disability Support Services

Mr. Dan Miller attended Mega Conference July 14-17, 2008. Ms. Cindy Camp attended the National AHEAD conference in Reno, Nevada July 15 to 19, 2008 where she serves as co-chair for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing SIG (Special Interest Group).

Ms. Katy Goodgame participated in a panel of AL DSS Postsecondary Providers who met with high school graduates and seniors participating in the AL State Vocational Rehabilitation College Prep for Students with ADHD and LD held at Samford University on July 18, 2008.

Ms. Cindy Camp exhibited for PEPNet South at the statewide deaf educational conference in Galveston, TX on July 22 - 24, 2008. DSS hosted the annual Deaf/Hard of Hearing College Prep from July 27 - August 2, 2008 with fourteen participants.

Ms. Jennifer Yocum captioned convocation for the Alabama School for the Deaf (ASD) on August 4, 2008.

Mr. Dan Miller officially retired his position as Director on July 31, 2008.

### Student Health Center

Mrs. Nancy Edge-Schmitz was interviewed by Ms. Courtney Peppers-Owen concerning the Excel Program, by Ms. Julie Skinner of The Chanticleer for an article regarding immunizations for incoming freshmen, and by Ms. Amanda Foshee for her Learning Skills100 class.

Mrs. Nancy Edge-Schmitz participated in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing College Prep 2008 Camp held in Ayers Hall, the JSU Peer Educators Fall 2008 Training Session, and the Resident Assistant Training Student Services Session, Ms. Edge-Schmitz also met with the Calhoun County Health Department at the Student Health Center to discuss mandatory immunizations in higher education.

The Student Health Center participated in the JSU Health Fair sponsored by Career and Counseling Services by setting up a table on Breast Cancer Awareness. Six manicure kits were given away as door prizes.

Mr. Tyler Parris, UAB Medical Student participating in the Summer Internship Program, observed with Dr. Michael Herndon at the Student Health Center.

Mrs. Nancy Edge-Schmitz presented an educational program to the Women's Basketball Team on Women's Health Issues.

Mr. Robert Mills presented to Ms. Andrea Porter's LS 100 Class on the services of the Student Health Center and Meningitis.

Mrs. Nancy Edge-Schmitz continues to serve on the University Substance Abuse Program Committee, the University Safety and Environmental Health Committee, the Housing Appeal/Petition Review Board, the Intervention Committee and the Wellness Committee. Mr. Robert Mills continues to serve on the University Personnel Counsel and the Alumni Board.

The total number of client visits this quarter was 743. This total includes 561 student visits, 181 faculty/staff visits and 1 other visit. The primary care physicians provided services at the SHC 6 hours per week during the months of July and August; 12 hours per week during the month of September 2008. The gynecologist did not provide services during the months of July and August; the gynecologist returned in September and provided 4 hours per week.

	JUL-SEP 2008	
Freshmen	171	
Sophomore	127	
Junior	105	
Senior	121	
Graduate	37	
Student Contacts		561
Staff		181
Other		1
Total Contacts		743

MD		391
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Students		
Staff		104
Other		1
MD - total		496

Nurse		
Students		129
Staff		76
Other		0
Nurse - total		205

GYN		
Students		41
Staff		1
Other		0
GYN - total		42

New Patients		148
Return Patients		595
Total Patients		743

Appointments		518
Walk-ins		225
Total Contacts		743

Prescriptions Dispensed		560
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EENT	201
URI	49
Rash / Bite / Skin	63
Injections	87
Back / Muscular / Skeletal	34
Male Problem	9
Female Problem / Annual	52
Neurological	20
Prescriptions	27
Labs	18
HCG Pregnancy Test	3
Bladder / Kidney / UTI	30
Injury	35
Physical	7
Stomach / Bowel	24
Blood Pressure	35
Follow Up	27
Other	11
Blank	11

## University Housing and Residence Life

### Staff Report:

Ms. Shavonn Nowlin was hired as the new Residence Life Coordinator of Fitzpatrick and Curtiss Halls. Ms. Nowlin is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Ms. Brooke Bell is the new Assistant Director of Student Development and Educational Programming. Ms. Bell has been employed with the Department of University Housing and Residence Life since August 2004 as the Residence Life Coordinator of Logan and Patterson Hall.

### Facilities Report:

In conjunction with the Physical Plant, the Department of University Housing and Residence Life has completed the following summer maintenance projects.

#### Daugette Hall:

VCT (tile) was installed in the remaining rooms. All residential rooms in Daugette now have new VCT.

#### Sparkman Hall:

Privacy doors in the shared bathroom areas were installed on the fourth and fifth floors.

#### Leadership House for Women:

The carpet was removed from all individual rooms and VCT was installed. The interior and exterior was painted.

#### Campus Inn Apartments:

New windows were installed.

### Jax Apartments

Approximately 97% of all units were renovated. Our goal is to be 100% by the end of the academic year.

### Programming:

Resident Assistants provided numerous programming opportunities for residents during the month of September. Approximately 24 RAs presented 18 programs on topics such as time management, study skills, body image, September 11 remembrance, part time job fair, vaccinations, and healthy living.

The first annual BUSTED! Program was held in conjunction with September's National Campus Safety Awareness Month. The program began in the residence halls and apartments with RAs inspecting rooms to check if residents were locking their doors. If the door was found to be unlocked, residents were given a busted flyer, informing them they must attend the program held on Wednesday, September 24th. Pictures were taken of the items that could have been stolen. The main program consisted of speakers from UPD, Daybreak Crisis Recovery Center and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance, Inc. Sergeant Carl Preuninger spoke on campus safety and theft prevention. Kirsten Stephenson, Executive Director of Daybreak Crisis Recovery Center spoke on rape prevention and the services that are offered to victims. Susan Shipman, Director of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance, Inc. spoke on domestic violence and the different types and warning signs. Approximately 200 residents and staff members attended the program and received pamphlets on each agency. Refreshments were served to those who attended.

The first University Housing and Residence Life sponsored program for the Leadership House was held September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. The topic was Community Service opportunities under the Life Skills dimension. During the program, the residents were given information about different volunteering opportunities in the county.

The first resident sponsored program was held September 29. The residents held a mix and mingle program in which residents could get to know each other more.

Residence Hall Association (RHA):

RHA Executive Board officers were selected on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board is planning for the monthly "Let Your Voice Be Heard" for the month of October.

RHA interest meeting was held on September 22, 2008 with ~30 attendees.

RHA held a car wash on September 27<sup>th</sup> and raised \$220.

RHA is registered for the SACCURH 2008 conference to be held in Clemson, SC from Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are implementing a new marketing tool this semester. New student packets will be sent out to each new and transfer student that is admitted to the university. The packets will contain a welcome letter encouraging students to apply now, the housing brochure and a virtual tour disc.

We opened the doors of the Leadership House for Women this fall and currently 14 women are living in the house. The 2008-2009 Leadership House for Women mentor team has been selected. Twenty-eight faculty, staff and alumni volunteered to serve as mentors; fourteen were ultimately chosen. A reception honoring the mentors was held on September 28 from 3-4 p.m. Mentor pairings were chosen during this time and all participants seemed very pleased with the outcomes.

Occupancy Report

Fall 2008



Halls	Available Beds	Total # of Res	Occupancy %
Crow	183	165	90%
Curtiss	177	175	99%
Daugette	147	135	92%
Dixon	189	182	96%
Fitzpatrick	223	214	96%
Logan	121	112	93%
Patterson	103	100	97%
Sparkman	209	206	99%
Subtotals	1352	1298	96%
Apartments	Available Beds	Total # of Res	Occupancy %
Campus Inn (Eff)	48	47	98%
Campus Inn (1Bd)	32	32	100%
College	22	22	100%
Jax (1Bd)	28	25	89%
Jax (2Bd)	11	10	91%
Pannell-1	66	65	98%
Pannell-2	5	4	80%
Pannell-3	2	2	100%

Penn House	31	31	100%
Subtotals	245	238	97%
Houses	Available Beds	Total # of Res	Occupancy %
All Houses	7	6	86%
Leadership House	17	14	82%
Subtotals	24	21	88%
Totals	Available Beds	Total # of Res	Occupancy %
Totals	1621	1557	96%