



# GAMECOCK PARENT & FAMILY CONNECTION

The transition to college can be exciting, stressful, unknown, and transformative for your student and your family. The transition into adulthood and independence is not an overnight process. Your student will need your encouragement and support to be successful while at JSU. We have compiled a list of helpful reminders and updates to consider for you student's success at JSU.

## Parents of Future Gamecocks

Welcome parents of future Gamecocks! The first step in your student's journey to JSU is to complete an admissions application. Upon admission, there are some important next steps. As your student's supporter through this process, please assist them with the following:

### Next Steps after Admission:

- [Connect](#) with your Admissions Counselor for Assistance!
- Student can [apply](#) for JSU Scholarships (Deadlines Vary)
- Student can [apply](#) for Federal Aid (Beginning Oct. 1st)
- Student can [apply](#) for Housing (Beginning Oct. 10th)
- Encourage student to attend an [Admitted Student Day](#) or [Gamecocks on the Go Reception](#)
- Student can [register](#) for orientation (Beginning Feb. 1st)

### Important Dates/Events:

October 1 & November 12 - [Preview Days](#)

October 1 - [2023-2024 FAFSA Opens](#)

October 10 - [2023-2024 Housing Application/Exemption form available](#)

October 17-21 - [Free Admissions Application Week & Transfer Student Week](#)

## Important Dates

- The Competitive Scholarship Application ([JAXAPP](#)) opens September 1<sup>st</sup> for 2023-2024 and the deadline to apply is February 1, 2023.
- [FAFSA](#) opens October 1, 2022.
- Midterms are coming, encourage your students to take advantage of our [academic support programs!](#)
- Spring 2023 registration dates are based on your student's registration group.

- Be sure your student has made an appointment with their academic advisor before registration!

Click [here](#) to view the full 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.

## Housing Operations and Residence Life



Spring 2023 and Fall 2023/Spring 2024 applications for students who do ***NOT*** currently live on campus will open on October 10. We are in the process of migrating to a new housing software portal and more information will be released soon.

### **Thanksgiving Break is around the corner!**

Residence halls will close for Thanksgiving holidays. Residents are required to vacate their rooms during hall closings by the specified date and time that will be posted in the residence halls, unless they have an approved Break Housing Request on file. Continuous housing residents (i.e., Meehan Hall, Sparkman Hall, on-campus apartments, and The Pointe @ JSU) may remain in their assignment during all breaks and holidays. Residents staying for Thanksgiving break will be required to submit a Break Housing Request online beginning November 1. During Thanksgiving holidays, residents may leave their personal belongings in their rooms. However, the Office of Housing Operations and Residence Life is not responsible for theft or damage to personal belongings.

*Residence Hall close for Thanksgiving Holidays on November 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.  
Residence Halls reopen for Thanksgiving Break on November 27, 2022, 2:00 p.m.*



**Join us for Family Day  
this weekend.**

Help us "Pink Out" Burgess-Snow in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

To view all upcoming campus events, visit the [JSU Event Calendar](#).



Parents and family members, please join us as we celebrate Family Day 2022. Our goal is to bring enjoyment, fellowship, and fun to the friendliest campus in the south.

**Donuts with the Deans**

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Dillon Field**

Come out and have donuts and coffee with some of our Deans!

**SGA Tailgate**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Dillon Field**

(food, games, and giveaways)

**JSU vs. Kennesaw State University**

**1:00 PM | Burgess-Snow Field**

Purchase game tickets at [JSUGamecocksports.com](http://JSUGamecocksports.com)

Visit [jsu.edu/familyday](http://jsu.edu/familyday) for more information!

**Lasso the Lions!**

**Homecoming 2022**

**October 22 | JSU vs. SE Louisiana**

Homecoming Parade - 10:00 AM

Homecoming Tailgate - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Homecoming Game - 1:00 PM

**First-Generation Celebration**

We are proud of and inspired by our First-Gen Gamecocks, whom we will celebrate on November 8-9, 2022!



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Click [here](#) for more information on how you and/or your student can participate!

## Student Employment

Your student can also view employment opportunities [online](#).

## Parent Giving



During time spent at Jacksonville State University, your students will discover dreams, develop ideas, and strive towards goals for the future. They will interact daily with JSU's outstanding faculty and staff and form lifelong friendships with other students from the region and around the world while becoming

tomorrow's leaders, creators, and problem-solvers.

Each year, the generous support of JSU parents helps the university ensure an exceptional experience for all students. Through the JSU Annual Fund, parents can help support the colleges, departments, programs, and scholarships that have helped shape the lives of JSU students just like your own for generations.

Annual Fund gifts can be designated to support your student's college or department, favorite program or initiative, or scholarships that will allow future students to experience the same quality higher educational experience. Giving is easy! Text GIVEJSU to 91999 or visit [jsu.edu/givejsu](http://jsu.edu/givejsu) to make a donation to the JSU Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation. By supporting the JSU Annual Fund, you are truly making a difference in the lives of JSU students.

## Parent Tips

### Encourage independence and problem solving

- Your student is transitioning into adulthood, encourage that new phase of life and support them as they learn to advocate for themselves.

### Keep in Touch

- You are still a large part of your student's life, they will need you as they learn to navigate the complexities of adulthood.

### Provide Clear Expectations

- Be clear with your student about your expectations for grades, paying for college, behavior, and communication as that will set them up for success.

### Know your Resources

- [Campus resources](#) are vital to the success of your student in college, educate yourself about the assortment of resources available at JSU.

## In Need of More Assistance?

Housing and Residence Life – 256-782-5122

Financial Aid – 256-782-5006

Student Accounts – 256-782-5458

Registrar's Office – 256-782-5400

Military Student Services – 256-782-8838



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