



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! JSU is pleased to share detailed information about our 2023-2024 merit scholarship structures for incoming students. Merit scholarships are awarded to students upon their admission to JSU. If your student has not applied to JSU, they can do so for FREE during the entire month of November. If your student has not been admitted to JSU, please encourage them to connect with their [Admissions Counselor](#) who can assist them with any missing items and their next steps. Please also encourage your student(s) to complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA as our Financial Aid Office has begun sharing financial aid awards.

Scholarship Information:

[First-Time Freshman Merit Scholarships](#)

[First-Time Transfer Scholarships](#)

[JSU Competitive Scholarships](#) - Deadlines Vary

Important Links and Upcoming Events:

[Admitted Student Days & Gamecocks on the Go Receptions](#)

[2023-2024 FAFSA](#)

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

Important Dates

- The Competitive Scholarship Application ([JAXAPP](#)) is now open for 2023-2024 and the deadline to apply is February 1, 2023.
- Spring 2023 classes start January 9, 2023, please encourage your student to register as soon as possible

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

Academic Support/Student Success Center Services

Academic Support/Tutoring Services is located on the 2nd floor of the Houston Cole Library. Their hours of operation are 10am - 9pm, Monday - Thursday, and 10am - 2pm, Friday. Appointments can be scheduled using JSU Navigate, found in your MyJSU account, or by using the Navigate Student app. (Please check-in at the front desk with your student ID when you arrive.)

Tutor.com is also available to all JSU students and can be accessed through your Canvas courses. Tutor.com is available 24/7 and is completely free!

Success Coaching is available by appointment. If you are interested in meeting with your success coach, you can schedule an appointment using JSU Navigate.

In preparation for Finals Week, here are some study tips to share with your student!

- Use your notes to create flashcards, outlines, study guides, and to predict exam questions.
- Review your notes, PowerPoints, study guides, etc. each day.
- Recite and restate information to enhance your memory skills.
- Get a tutor if you need one or utilize Tutor.com.
- Create a study group or use the Study Buddies feature in the Navigate Student app.
- Organize your time and take breaks as needed.
- Meet with your success coach.
- Create a comfortable and distraction-free study environment.
- Know your final exam schedule so that you can study in advance.
- Utilize the Student Success Center if you need a place to study.

Financial Aid/Scholarships

- Complete the [2023-2024 FAFSA](#) by December 31st for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship!
- Complete the JAXAPP through your myJSU by February 1, 2023 to apply for 250+ institutional scholarships!
- Reminder: Your student must maintain an institutional GPA of at least a 2.0 and earn 2/3rds of all credits attempted in order to keep their financial aid!

Housing Operations and Residence Life



Current Resident Info

Thanksgiving Break is upon us! Residents must submit a Break Housing Request through THD Self Service if they would like to stay in their assignment during the break. The deadline to complete this is November 17th. If students plan to leave for Thanksgiving Break, we suggest they do the following:

- Unplug devices in their room; fridges may stay plugged in.
- Take out all trash and make sure no open food containers are left out over break.
- Students will need to ensure they have everything needed for the break! This includes electronics, medications, valuables, etc. that may be needed.
- Close and lock any windows.
- Lower the blinds.
- Turn off all lights when leaving for the break from your room/apartment.
- Sign out at the desk - Resident Assistants (RA) will have a QR Code at the front desk to scan when leaving for the break.

Winter Break Closing information will be emailed to students after Thanksgiving Break.

- Halls close for *nongraduating* residents on December 14, 12:00 p.m.
- Halls closes for *graduating* residents on December 17, 12:00 p.m.
- Spring 2023 – Halls open on January 8, 2:00 p.m.

The Resident Assistant application for Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 is now available! Be sure to follow us on our social media platforms, @JSUHousing to learn more!

New Resident Info

- Spring 2023 applications are available online through [THD Self Service](#) with a December 1 priority deadline. Assignments will be emailed to the JSU email address in mid-December.
- Fall 2023-Spring 2024 applications are available online through [THD Self](#)

Service. Students will use their MyJSU username and password to log on.

- First-year students will self-select their assignments in April. More information can be found at [here](#).
- Living and Learning Community Applications are also available [online](#). Deadline to apply is February 6, 2023.

Student Life



JSU IN LIGHTS

JSU invites the community to join them for JSU in Lights on December 1! The Campus Lighting will be at 5 PM, with "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" immediately following! Bring a blanket and/or chairs to enjoy the movie starting at 5:30 PM! We will be accepting donations for Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (unwrapped toys, underwear, gift cards, etc.). Come join us for cookie decorating, hot chocolate, horse and carriage rides, and the movie!

CRAM JAM

Hosted by Sodexo & SGA

Join us in Jack Hopper Dining Hall on December 6th from 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM for our Winter Wonderland Midnight Breakfast and fuel up for finals!

Tell your student to wear their best ugly holiday sweater!

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

University Police Department - Campus Safety

COCKY WATCH APP

The Jacksonville State University Police Department (UPD) is proud to announce a new and exciting emergency notification phone application for the campus community. The Cocky Watch App is now available. Please encourage your student to download! Instructions can be found [here](#).

JSU ALERT

Although college campuses are usually safe places, emergencies and disasters do occur. JSU is committed to keeping the campus community as safe as possible through effective communication prior to, during and following emergencies. JSU's Emergency Alert System, the University's primary emergency notification system, allows students, parents, faculty and staff to receive emergency messages via phone, text message, e-mail, and social media. Both voice and text messages may be sent to cell phones. Sign up for JSU Alert [here](#).

Student Employment

Your student can 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.

Help JSU students in need this holiday season! The Gamecock Market provides free resources to students in need. Whether the need is food, hygiene items, clothes, or school supplies, our JSU students rely on assistance from the Gamecock Market. Please consider partnering with JSU to ensure the next generation of Gamecocks have the resources needed to be successful in college by providing a financial gift to the Gamecock Market. All donations are used directly for student needs. Text GIVEJSU to 91999 or visit www.jsu.edu/givejsu to make a donation.

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 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.

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



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