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DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE
JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY



MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Dean of Students Office is to help students **enhance their collegiate experience** by providing co-curricular programs and activities. This promotes a better quality of life and assists students in developing personal leadership skills and community responsibility. The office is student oriented, focused, and willing to serve a diverse student body. The services provided by the Dean of Students Office are intended to complement the educational process and contribute to a well-rounded education so that students may develop physically, socially, spiritually, intellectually, and morally.

Our goal is to help students find their home at Jax State. Research shows that student involvement is positively associated with academic achievement. Similar research states that student involvement is a direct indicator of students' sense of belonging. The Dean of Students office gathered data in Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 relating to sense of belonging. 97% of responses reflected that students felt a sense of belonging at student events. This sense of belonging is known to help students develop academically and socially. Let us help you get involved with SGA, student organizations, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Senate, or Student Activities Council.



DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

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WHAT IS SGA?

The Student Government Association has been serving the students of Jax State since 1946. The SGA houses the SGA Executive team, Student Senate, Student Activities Council, and Organizational Council. The five executive officers work together as a team to serve the students of Jax State through hosting student activities, passing legislation on behalf of students, assisting in the creation and record-keeping processes of registered student organizations, publicizing all functions of student life, and advocating on behalf of the students to the Jax State administration and Board of Trustees.

THE SGA PRESIDENT

regularly meets with the Jax State President, attends Board of Trustee Meetings, and advocates for the student body.

THE SGA VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SENATE

oversees Student Senate, who passes legislation for the betterment of the student body.

THE SGA VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

plans and implements student events and leads the Student Activities Council, which carries out the events of the SGA and the Dean of Students Office.

THERE ARE FIVE SGA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICERS

THE SGA VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS

works with all of the Registered Student Organizations at Jax State, and is the head of the Organizational Council.

THE SGA VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

works with the Dean of Students Office and promotes university events and programs.

SGA Exec holds regular weekly office hours, and can be located in the Theron Montgomery Building (TMB) 4th floor in the Dean of Students Office. Feel free to stop by the office, and they can help you get involved on campus!

STUDENT SENATE

WHAT IS STUDENT SENATE?

Jax State's Student Senate consists of 30 voting senators. Student Senators write bills and resolutions, lead volunteer initiatives, and advocate for the students of Jax State. Senate meetings occur every Monday at 6:00PM in the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium. Student Senate meetings are open to all students. Stop in to stay up to date on the SGA Student Senate. For more information about getting involved in Student Senate, contact the VPSS at: **sgavpss@stu.jsu.edu**.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES COUNCIL



Student Activities Council plays a crucial role in planning, coordinating, and implementing student events at Jacksonville State University. They provide input in the planning of Spirit on Mountain Street, Family Day, Homecoming, Tailgates and many more student activities. The council is led by the SGA Vice President of Student Activities. For more information contact the VP SA at sgavpsa@stu.jsu.edu.

Student Activities Council Learning Objectives:

1. Members will develop skills in event planning, marketing, and implementation.
2. Members will gain leadership skills.
3. Members will gain customer service skills.
4. Members will develop skills in organizational meeting & reporting.

Student Activities Council allows students to:

- Become involved early on in the college experience.
- Enhance your leadership skills.
- Gain experience in service oriented leadership roles.
- Accrue more volunteer hours.
- Develop skills that transfer into life after college.

FIRST GENERATION STUDENT SUPPORT



Jax State has long been known as a university dedicated to helping first-generation students fulfill their dreams of attaining a degree. The faculty and staff on the Friendliest Campus in the South take pride in helping these students blaze a trail, providing mentorship and encouragement.

MENTORSHIP FOR FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS Being the first in your family to attend college is a major achievement—but it can also come with unique challenges. From navigating campus life to understanding financial aid or finding academic support, it's normal to have questions along the way.

FIRST-GENERATION MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

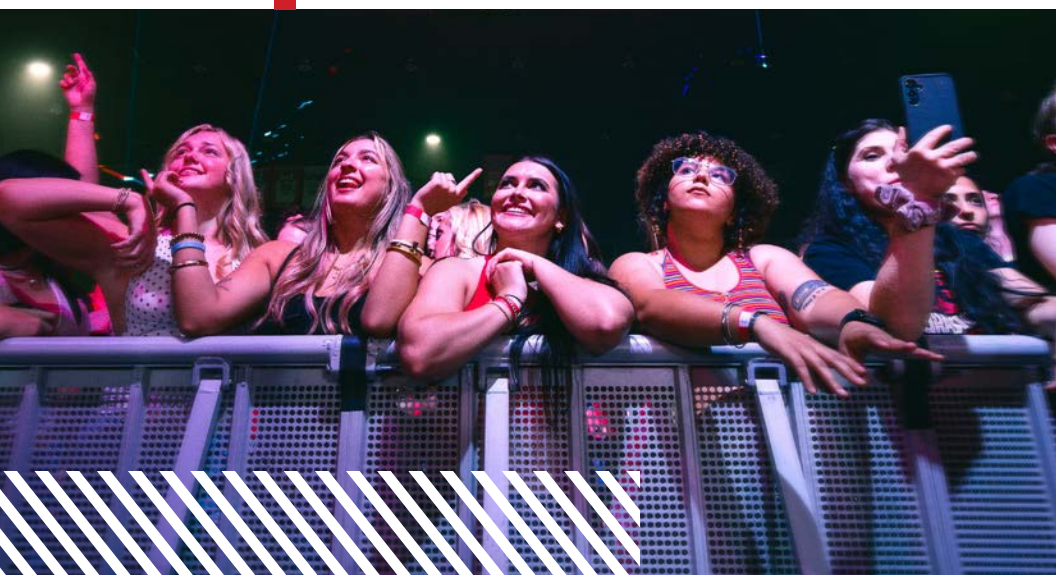
As a first-generation college student, you don't have to navigate your journey alone. Jax State's First-Generation Mentorship Program connects students with faculty, staff, and alumni who understand the first-generation experience and can provide guidance, support, and encouragement throughout your time on campus.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY! Simply complete a short questionnaire, and we'll match you with a mentor. In addition to mentorship, our department offers a variety of resources and programs for first-generation students, including academic support services, student success initiatives, and a week-long First-Generation Celebration designed to build community and recognize your achievements. For more information, contact **cvann@jsu.edu**.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

At Jacksonville State University, we realize that there is more to college life than attending classes and studying. Student organizations provide opportunities for new friendships to be formed with individuals that share common interests and assists students in acquiring leadership development and experience through involvement.

Student organizations are a vital part of the educational experience here at Jax State and serve as a catalyst for personal and professional development. The skills acquired through being involved with a student organization will benefit students throughout their college experience and life in their chosen career. For more information about getting involved in student organizations, contact the VPOA at **sgavpoa@stu.jsu.edu**.





The purpose of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Jacksonville State University is to **strengthen the scholarship of members, foster service within the university and surrounding communities, and develop well-rounded leaders.** Jacksonville State University provides guidance and support to 23 nationally affiliated fraternities and sororities.

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE



OUR CHAPTERS:

NPHC:

- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Omega Psi Phi
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Zeta Phi Beta
- Sigma Gamma Rho
- Iota Phi Theta

IFC:

- Delta Chi
- Kappa Alpha Order
- Kappa Sigma
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Phi Epsilon

NPC:

- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Delta Zeta
- Phi Mu
- Zeta Tau Alpha

MGC:

- Alpha Psi Lambda



93 % of *FRATERNITY & SORORITY* members say...

- They would recommend joining a fraternity or a sorority.
- They have gained resources to assist them in their academic performance through membership in a fraternity/sorority.
- Joining a fraternity/sorority has had a positive impact on their life.
- They can articulate leadership skills that they have gained through membership.
- Their chapters hold its members to strict academic standards.

96 % of *FRATERNITY & SORORITY* members say...

- They are able to work with people of different backgrounds.
- They have increased their social skills through membership in a fraternity/sorority.
- They understand that community service and philanthropy work is a core value of fraternity and sorority life.
- They are able to identify more than one way to be involved in their community.



DID YOU KNOW?

- In 2025, fraternities and sororities raised over \$271, 000 for charitable organizations and volunteered 13,000 service hours. Fraternity & sorority chapters continue to excel academically with an overall GPA of 3.22 compared to the undergraduate average GPA of 2.83.
- Fraternity and sorority members make up 10% of the Jacksonville State University student population, and they hold more than half of the leadership positions on campus.

WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS



The Office of Student Affairs offers a variety of workshops, trainings, and programs designed to help students thrive both inside and outside the classroom. Through the **Leadership in Action Microcredential Program**, students can develop and demonstrate essential leadership skills in areas such as self-reflection, ethical decision-making, communication, collaboration, global citizenship, and community engagement while earning a digital badge that recognizes their achievement.

Students also have access to online training opportunities through **Vector LMS**, covering important topics such as alcohol and drug abuse prevention, bystander intervention, communication skills, consent, hazing prevention, mental well-being, sexual violence prevention, and more. These courses help create a safer, healthier, and more informed campus community.

In addition, the **Gamecock Wellness Initiative** works to intentionally embed wellbeing into the culture of Jacksonville State University by promoting holistic wellness and fostering collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and campus partners. Together, these programs provide meaningful opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, and student success

GAMECOCK MARKET

The Gamecock Market is an initiative on Jax State's campus that serves Faculty, Staff, and Students in need. We offer a variety of free services to our campus community that include food, clothing (professional and casual), hygiene products, school supplies.

The Gamecock Market is available via online request and visits by reservations only.

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MISS JSU SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Miss Jacksonville State University is a closed, local preliminary franchise of the Miss Alabama Competition, Inc. within the Miss America organization. Miss Jacksonville State University is an annual scholarship competition that awards over **\$16,000** in scholarships and prizes.





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