

This is a copy of our Alumni newsletter that is sent monthly to our alumni.

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September 2026 Edition

FEATURED EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



In August, alumni, friends, and family gathered for watch parties in locations throughout Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, and Texas to cheer on our Gamecocks as we opened our football season against NDSU. Thanks to all who participated and to our network leadership for supporting these fantastic engagement opportunities.

We also enjoyed a Gamecock Gathering in Santa Rosa Beach, connecting over great food and casual conversation at The Chanticleer Eatery. It was great seeing alumni and friends at the beach before fall activities began! To view our events over the past month, [click here.](#)

We invite our alumni, friends, and family to travel with us to support Jax State's A Cappella Choir for the **14th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival** in Germany! Registration is open — visit Vienna, Prague, Leipzig, and Wernigerode. Contact [Dr. Philip Copeland](#) with Travel Collegiate, LLC, for questions or if you need registration assistance. Learn more about the trip and register [here](#). A **Zoom information session** will be held on **September 10 at 5:00 PM**. If you would like to participate in the session, please [RSVP](#) [here](#) to receive the link.



We have several exciting events happening this month!

We invite you to visit with us at the new Alumni House on Pelham Road for an **Open House** on September 5! Make it a part of your game day or drop in to visit with fellow Gamecocks from 2:00-4:00 PM. Please [RSVP](#) so we can plan accordingly.

Black Alumni Weekend will be held on September 19. Reunite with your college friends and other alumni while supporting the Black Alumni Network's scholarship funds.

Join us for our upcoming **State of the University Presidential Addresses**. On September 22, we will gather at The Challenger Learning Center in Rainbow City, AL, and at Vulcan Park and Museum in Birmingham on September 29.

[Learn more and register for upcoming events here.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

COCKY BUSINESS



From a young age, Jax State alumnus Mark Sanders ('97) had a passion for serving others. Graduating with a degree in secondary education, Sanders has used his time and talents to support the students and community of Helena, Alabama. He serves as a social studies teacher and the head softball coach at Helena High School and as an adjunct professor within Jax State's Department of Kinesiology. He was named the 2026 Shelby County Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year, and his impact extends beyond the field and classroom.

[Read more about Mark Sanders here.](#)



Jax State alumni **Matthew ('08 & '14) and Lori ('10 & '18) McFall** operate one of only a handful of targeted grazing businesses in the Southeast and the only **Goats On The Go®** affiliate in Alabama. Family-owned and operated, Brax-Cal Ranch, LLC, is named after their children, Braxton and Callie.

[Read more about Brax-Cal Ranch and Goats On The Go® here.](#)

[Submit your own Cocky Business to be featured](#) in one of our upcoming newsletters here!

ALUMNI CONNECTION



Alumni, you can utilize **Alumni Connection** to locate classmates at Jax State, but you can also upload your favorite photos, past and present, of favorite memories, reunions, or recently held local events. Share your photos as you capture moments with your favorite Gamecocks!

[Click here to get started.](#)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



As we enter another school year, we are eager to have a fantastic semester, but we are still celebrating our recent graduates. If you graduated this past fall, spring, or summer, you can join the **Alumni Association** for **\$5!** Additionally, if you graduated within the last five years, you can join for **\$10**. Membership benefits include visitor parking passes, Gamecock swag, and more.

[Click here](#) to learn more about our membership packages.

GROWING GAMECOCKS



Fall semester is here, and we're sending warm wishes to all of our Growing Gamecocks! We hope it's a season full of fun and adventure.

The Growing Gamecocks program is a special way for alumni, family, and friends to keep their future Gamecocks connected to Jax State year-round.

[Click here for details and sign up today!](#)

AROUND CAMPUS



Jax State received the **FAA Air Agency Certificate**, authorizing the university to operate an approved Provisional Pilot School with ratings for Commercial Pilot Ground School and Instrument Ground School courses. [Read more here.](#)

It's now even easier to donate to the **Gamecock Market!** We are excited to share the Walmart registry that allows supporters of the market to purchase items needed to serve our campus community.

Walmart Registry

- (1) Select the items you want to purchase and donate.
- (2) Choose pickup in Jacksonville, AL.
- (3) Add Charlcie Vann as an alternative pickup person. Enter her email address: cvann@jsu.edu.

You can also pick up the items yourself and deliver them to the Dean of Students Office located on the 4th Floor of the TMB. Their hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

[View the registry here.](#)

COMING TO THE ROC

GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



The Randy Owen Center for the Performing Arts is excited to host a performance of **Good Witch, Bad Witch** on October 4 at 7:00 PM.

Join us for a special show featuring former Glinda and Elphaba of Broadway's production of *Wicked*, Alli Mauzey (*Hello, Dolly!*, *Cry-Baby*, *Hairspray*, *Kristin Chenoweth: For the Girls*) and Dee Roscioli (*Titanique*, *Death Becomes Her*, *The Cher Show*, & *Cats*). These two Diva Showstoppers will be joined by Jacksonville State University faculty and students to perform songs from *Wicked* and other well-known musicals.

[Tickets are on sale now. Click here.](#)



Creating an Impact Beyond Campus

At Jax State, being a Gamecock means making a difference that extends far beyond the classroom and our campus. Through partnerships, outreach, service, and hands-on learning opportunities, Jax State students, faculty, and staff work alongside organizations throughout our region to address community needs and create meaningful change.

Donor support helps make that impact possible. Whether supporting experiential learning opportunities, community-based projects, academic programs, or initiatives that connect Jax State with local organizations, donors help create opportunities that benefit both our students and the communities we serve. For students, these experiences provide valuable real-world skills while reinforcing the importance of service and civic engagement. For our communities, they provide access to the knowledge, talent, and resources of Jax State.

Together, our donors and the Jax State community are helping build stronger communities and a brighter future. Help extend Jax State's impact. Learn more about opportunities to support our students, programs, and communities **[here](#)**.

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