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October 2025 Edition

FEATURED EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



September held many fun and memorable activities, such as Homecoming Festivities. That included the parade – featuring the [Elite Letterman's Club](#) as grand marshals – followed by highlighting our [Alumni Award honorees](#), an alumni tailgate and open house, our Golden Gamecock Reunion, and our ROTC Banquet. We also presented Bowling with the O'Keefes and traveled to several cities with our State of the University Presidential Address. [To see photos from all the excitement, click here.](#)

Have you heard? Alumni and friends are headed to Alaska aboard the Norwegian Bliss! Join us and bring your friends aboard a 7-day cruise as we set sail from Seattle. Enjoy the camaraderie and the views of Sitka, Juneau, Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier, Icy Straight Point, Ketchikan, and Victoria, British Columbia. Visit www.funvacationstravel.com to learn [more about the trip and to reserve](#) your cabin for only \$125/person. All payments are due by January 30, 2026.

It's not too late! Join us tonight for the [Atlanta State of the University Presidential Address](#) at The Roof at Ponce City Market from 6 PM to 8 PM EDT. Enjoy a buffet dinner and hear the latest from campus by Jax State President Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D. We also hope you'll make plans to join fellow Gamecocks in our upcoming engagement opportunities provided:

- Oct 14: Birmingham Bowling with the Best with Shannon and Bryan O'Keefe
- Oct 28: Nashville State of the University Presidential Address at 5th and Taylor
- Oct 29: Gamecock Gathering for MTSU
- Nov. 8: Ambassador Reunion
- Nov 9: Cocky Claus photos
- Nov 14 & 15: Marching Southerners Reunion
- Nov 18: Huntsville State of the University Presidential Address at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center
- Dec 6: Jax Jingle 5K
- Dec. 10: Retiree Network Holiday Luncheon

[View these events and more, and register for your favorites here](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



COCKY BUSINESS



For decades, Jax State alum **David Nast ('81 and '82)** has been building relationships and friendships dedicated to serving his Huntsville community. This September, Nast was awarded the inaugural Huntsville Sports Commission Star of Sports Award and was honored by Mayor Tommy Battle with David Nast Day, September 10, 2025.

David graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and received his Master of Business Administration in Finance in 1982. He credits Jax State for giving him the foundation to be successful and considers his time at the university among the most formative years of his life. [Read more here.](#)

For 2019 Jax State alumna Ashley Stephens, being able to give back to her hometown community holds a special place in her heart. Growing up in Dadeville, Alabama, she always dreamed of owning a brick-and-mortar store. When she developed the concept for Two Ghosts Coffee, her wish was to create a space where everyone could feel welcome and enjoy good coffee, good food, and good people. [Read more here](#)

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

ALUMNI CONNECTION



Alumni Connection is your one-stop-shop to keeping you engaged with your university and fellow alumni.

In addition to searching for alumni, staying up-to-date on events, and updating your information with the alumni office, you can also catch our latest social media posts — all in one place!

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Exciting news! Our new alumni membership cards have been mailed to all our lifetime members (if you signed up prior to October 1), along with a new perks card. If you have not received yours yet, please let us know by emailing alumni@jsu.edu. For annual and lifetime members, don't forget, you can receive a discount when using your card at The Caf. Interested in becoming an alumni association member? [Learn more here.](#)

GROWING GAMECOCKS

AROUND CAMPUS



Make every birthday extra special! Enroll your Growing Gamecock (ages 0–18) and let Cocky help celebrate their birthday each year with a special gift or card. Alumni, family, and friends are welcome to enroll the Growing Gamecocks in their lives.

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



For the first time in its history, Jax State has surpassed 10,000 students, a milestone long envisioned by the institution.

This trend of steady growth has positioned the university as one of the fastest-rising institutions in the region. [Learn more about the all-time enrollment record here.](#)

COMING TO THE ROC

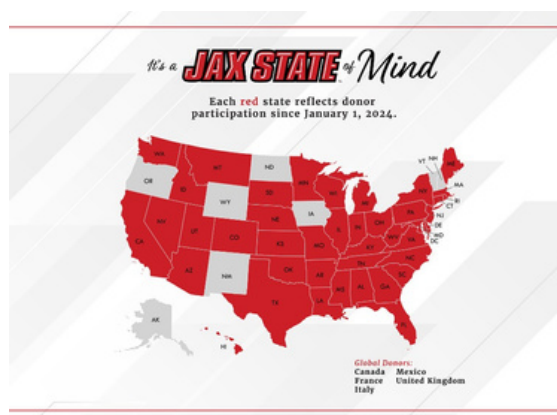


What is the Randy Owen Center, and what is the vision behind the new spaces for campus?

The new Randy Owen Center for the Performing Arts, also known as The ROC, will impact both the on- and off-campus communities.

New, enriching cultural experiences will transform the educational opportunities for Jax State students and P-12 students in the region.

GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



Since January 1, 2024, supporters from across the country and around the world have stepped up to be part of the **"It's a Jax State of Mind"** campaign, and the impact is growing every day! We're proud to share that **donors from 42 U.S. states and 5 countries** have already made a gift. Each red state on the map above represents donor participation, and every gift makes a meaningful difference. Together, we're transforming student lives, opening doors to new opportunities, and building a stronger future for Jax State! [Learn more](#)

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