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November 2025 Edition

FEATURED EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS





October held a range of engagement opportunities, from Murder Mystery with Joseph Scott Morgan to State of the University Presidential Addresses in Atlanta and Nashville. Alumni enhanced their bowling game with tips from our National Championship Bowling Coaches Shannon and Brian O'Keefe, and we cheered on the football team at our pregame Gamecock Gathering against MTSU. **To see photos from all the excitement, click here.**

If you want to surprise someone for Christmas, think about gifting them with an Alaskan cruise this spring! Alumni and friends are welcome to join us on a 7-day cruise as we head to Alaska aboard the Norwegian Bliss! 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. Join the webinar **tonight at 6 PM CST** to learn more about the trip. **Make sure to register here to attend.**



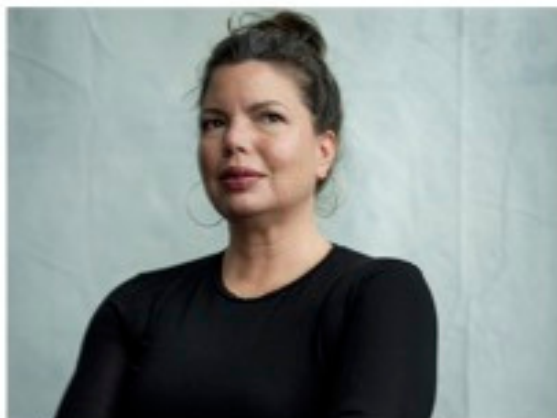
Fall excitement is in the air as we get ready for Cocky Claus, the Southerners Reunion, and the Ambassadors Reunion. If you haven't been able to join us, we hope you will be able to attend the final State of the University Presidential Address of the year in Huntsville.

For the remainder of the events listed below, we hope you will make plans to join us!

- 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
- Dec. 10: Fall 2025 Graduate Toast

Register for upcoming events here.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Bess Fifer ('03) could be a spokesperson for aptitude tests. The two-time Emmy-nominated casting director and former member of the Jax State Marching Southerners found her life's calling in the standardized test designed to be a North Star

COCKY BUSINESS



Mackenzie Harris Corbin ('17) has been serving the Jacksonville, Alabama, community at Mad Hatter Cupcakes since she was a student at Jax State. When the opportunity to purchase the business came in 2023, she couldn't pass it up.

for those seeking career direction.

Over the last 20 years, Fifer steadily built her reputation and her resume. She's earned two Emmy nominations for Outstanding Casting in a Drama Series for her work on the Apple+ series, *Severance*. "What I love about my job is seeing people succeed that I've helped put into a part and watching their careers soar," Fifer said.

[Read more about her career journey and Hollywood success here.](#)

"It always held a special place in my heart," Corbin said. "I love the idea of keeping this local favorite thriving and continuing the tradition of bringing a little sweetness to our community." Mad Hatter Cupcakes specializes in themed cupcakes, featuring weekly flavors as well as cookies, homemade marshmallow bars, custom cakes and cake pops. **[Read more here.](#)**

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

ALUMNI CONNECTION



The **Jax State 22 Under 40 Young Alumni** nominations are now open through November 30! Deserving young alumni may self-nominate, or they may be nominated by someone. Thinking of a fellow classmate to nominate? Search for alumni and connect through the **[Alumni Connection](#)**!

To view criteria and submit nominations for the Jax State 22 Under 40 Young Alumni Recognition Program, **[click here](#)**.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Already a member but want to become a lifetime member? Fees are \$500 for individual membership and \$750 for joint membership. In addition to other benefits, you will also receive Gamecock swag to show your spirit!

With the holidays right around the corner, you can give a gift of lifetime membership to your graduating senior. Interested in learning more? **[Click here!](#)**

GROWING GAMECOCKS



Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Give the gift every little Gamecock fan will love by enrolling them in the Growing Gamecocks program!

As a member, they will receive a birthday card or gift from Cocky sure to make their birthday a little more special.

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



Fall rankings have been released, and we are excited that Jax State continues to be recognized on a national stage!

Jax State has been named the top-ranked employer headquartered in Alabama by Forbes. [Read more here.](#)

Once again, Jax State has been ranked among U.S. News & World Report's Best Regional Universities in the South. [Read more here.](#)

COMING TO THE ROC



Name a Seat at the Randy Owen Center

As Giving Tuesday (December 2) and the holidays approach, consider a unique way to honor or memorialize someone you love by naming a seat or a pew in the Randy Owen Center (ROC).

The link below allows you to actually click the seat(s) and enter the inscription you wish to engrave (3 lines of 35 characters each).

[Learn more here to Name a Seat.](#)

GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



We are thankful for YOU! This year, the Jax State family has contributed to creating **36 new scholarships, 15 new program funds, 17 new named spaces** and countless unique opportunities for students, and the year is not over yet! The results of your generosity are visible across campus, most notably in the record enrollment of **10,339 students**, many of whom benefit from scholarships and programming made possible by your giving.

Since launching the ***It's a Jax State of Mind*** campaign in January 2024, YOU and others have come together to raise more than **\$33 million** towards our \$100 million goal. Together, we're shaping the future of Jax State and creating opportunities for

generations to come!

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