



December 2024 Edition

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FEATURED EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



We had fun in November! More than two dozen families, children, and even pups enjoyed an afternoon with **Cocky Claus**.

Guests enjoyed hot chocolate, cookies, and fundraising for the Jax State Cheerleaders. The **Marching Southerners Reunion** was a huge success with more than 325 alumni joining us for dinner on Friday, November 15th, and over 600 alumni band members performing at halftime on Saturday, November 16th. We also wrapped up the **2024 State of the University Presidential Receptions** which took place in Birmingham, Newnan, GA, Jacksonville and Huntsville. Click [here](#) for photos from these events.



- **CUSA Conference Championship**

Tailgate: Alumni, family, and friends of Jax State are invited to tailgate with us before we cheer on our Gamecocks in the conference championship game. Join us on the Quad this Friday, December 6th from 3:00pm until 5:00pm! To register, please make a donation of any amount to the **Alumni Association**.

- **Fall Commencement:** Jax State's commencement ceremonies will take place on Friday, December 13, in the Pete Mathews Coliseum. We will have 3 ceremonies. Visit the commencement page [here](#) to see the schedule of conferral of degrees.

- **Graduate Toast:** Fall graduates and their families are invited to [join us](#) for a celebration.

Click [here](#) to learn more and register for these events.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Mark Knauss ('16, '18) came to Jax State driven by a passion for music. That passion has directed him to The American Prize, the nation's most comprehensive series of competitions in the performing arts, as *he* directs hundreds of young musicians each day. [Read more.](#)

COCKY BUSINESS



Lexy Humphrey ('16) has tumbled into success as a Cocky Business owner, and her company was recently named Etowah County Chamber of Commerce's Community Leader of the Year. [Read her story here.](#)

ALUMNI CONNECTION



DID YOU KNOW...? You can search Jax State Alumni Connection by category and city? Whether you need a beach photographer for an upcoming vacation, a pet groomer near your home, or a tutor for your child over the holidays, we can easily connect you to other successful Jax State Alumni with just a few clicks. [Learn more](#) and get started today!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Do you have travel plans this holiday season? If you are a member of the Alumni Association, you can receive discounts on car rentals and choice hotels. There are so many reasons to join! [Find out more](#) and join today.

GROWING GAMECOCKS

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



Who doesn't love FREE gifts? When you enroll a Growing Gamecock, they will receive a gift from us each year. [Click here](#) to get the details and enroll the Growing Gamecocks in your life!



Jax State Alumni and friends have enjoyed Watch Parties for the Gamecocks, received updates through the State of the University Receptions and Addresses, and have been blown away by the Marching Southerners reunion in the past month. [Click here](#) to scroll through our [Facebook page](#) and catch up on anything you missed!

COMING TO THE ROC



Looking for a thoughtful gift idea? Treat someone special to tickets for the **Jamey Johnson & Friends Jam Session** on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the Stone Center Theatre. This intimate event will feature Jamey Johnson and his talented songwriting friends in a cozy, Bluebird Café-inspired setting—a truly unforgettable evening! Tickets are limited, so get yours TODAY. [PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



Today is #GivingTuesday! Join us in empowering Gamecocks and shaping the future of our beloved Jax State. Your support drives student success, athletic excellence, and countless opportunities. Every gift makes a difference—let's make this Giving Tuesday unforgettable! **GIVE**

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