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FEATURED EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



December brought us the final games of football, fun engagement opportunities, and an end to our fall semester. Jax State won the CUSA championship against Western Kentucky but came up a bit short at the StaffDNA **Cure Bowl** against Ohio. Alumni and friends braved brisk morning temperatures at our annual **Jax Jingle**, our retired faculty and staff joined us at the International House for their annual **Retiree Holiday Luncheon**, and President Don C. Killingsworth, Jr. gave well wishes to our graduating students at the fall **Graduation Toast** on the eve of their graduation.



We are gearing up for a fun-filled semester. Below are a few events in the near future, but spring will offer many opportunities to meet fellow Gamecocks. Information will be available soon.

- **Men's Basketball Reunion** - You're invited to join fellow Jax State basketball fans as we celebrate the 40-year reunion of the 1985 National Championship Team.
- **Softball Reunion** - February 1st and 2nd (Fan Day! Details coming soon!)
- **Women's Basketball Reunion** - February 19th and 20th
- **Annual Shrimp Boil** - Save the date for April 17th

Click here to learn more and register for future events as they become available. We hope to see you this spring as we travel and bring programming and networking to a city near you!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



When Will ('70) and Joan ('71) Butterworth traveled with Jax State alumni to Normandy, France, on the 80th anniversary of D-Day, nothing would keep them from their

COCKY BUSINESS



Savannah Bush ('17) is the creative force behind Petite Play, an indoor playground in Gadsden designed for children aged 1 to 10. **Click here** to learn what this Business

destination. [Read their heartwarming story of perseverance here.](#)

Marketing Education graduate is doing to connect parents of young ones in East Alabama through playtime and the role Jax State played in that process.

ALUMNI CONNECTION



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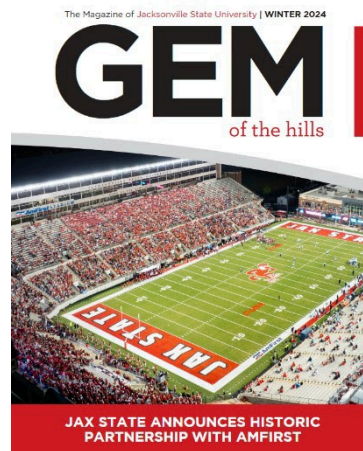
If you're looking to improve your fitness in 2025, you should join the Alumni Association! Memberships at the beautiful, state-of-the-art Recreation and Fitness Center are **only available to students, faculty, staff and alumni association members.** There are so many reasons to join, and access to this beautiful facility is one of them! [Find out more](#) and join today.

GROWING GAMECOCKS



If the New Year is bringing a new addition to your circle of friends and family, don't forget about Growing Gamecocks! [Click here](#) to get the details and enroll the Growing Gamecocks in your life. All Growing Gamecocks are encouraged to enroll, from ages 0 to 18!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



Did you receive your copy of the Gem of the Hills magazine? Mailed in late December, it should have arrived in your mailbox recently, but if not (or if you want to take it with you wherever you go) [here's a digital version](#) you can view and share with anyone, anywhere! In addition to deploying our alumni magazine in December, we cheered the Gamecocks on from Orlando, Florida, and Jax Jingled all the way to a 5K finish.

Visit our [Facebook page](#) and our [Instagram](#) to catch up on anything you missed, and be sure to follow us, too.

COMING TO THE ROC



🎸 **Sold Out!** 🎸 The Jamey Johnson & Friends Jam Session on February 18 is officially **sold out!** Thank you to everyone for your incredible support.

Don't miss out on future performances—donors to the Randy Owen Center for Performing Arts (ROC) always receive **priority access** to all events and performances. Learn more about supporting the ROC and securing your spot for unforgettable nights like this one by contacting **Joseph Munster, Senior Philanthropy Officer** at jmunster@jsu.edu or 256-782-8261.

GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



Red Tie Dinner and Auction - The Jax State Office of Philanthropy is excited to host this special event, and we need your support to make it a success! We're seeking **donated items** for our **live and silent auctions**, including memorabilia, unique experiences, travel packages, and more. Additionally, we're inviting **event sponsors** to partner with us to partner with us to create another unforgettable evening.

For more information on how to get involved, contact **Brittany White** at bhwhite@jsu.edu or 256-782-8256.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors like you, the Red Tie Event has raised more than **\$900,000**, directly benefiting Jax State students and programs across campus. Your past contributions have made a lasting impact, and we hope you'll continue to be part of our ongoing success!

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