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June 2026 Edition

FEATURED EVENTS



May was filled with great views, delicious food, joyful gatherings, and plenty of Gamecock spirit!

Alumni and friends hit the road with Coach Kelly for the **Coaches Caravan** in Cartersville, Nashville, and Gadsden. Coach Kelly shared program updates, had one-on-one conversations with guests, and posed for photos with alumni and fans. We had a fantastic time in the **Nashville** area as well! With activities from magic shows and fine dining to conversations with Coach Kelly to a lovely spring afternoon at Arrington Vineyards, we couldn't have asked for a better weekend. Memories were made, and we love that the Gamecock spirit brings us together wherever we go! We ended the month in **Seattle**, before our Cockey Travelers Alaskan cruise, where we were able to connect, mingle, and reminisce with fellow Gamecocks at one of the city's best rooftop spots.

To view our events over the past month, [click here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



We are traveling to **Germany in May 2027 with the Jax State A Cappella Choir** to support our amazing student vocalists as they perform in Wernigerode, Germany, for the 14th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition. We'll visit Vienna, Prague, Halle, and more. Alumni, family, and friends may choose to visit Vienna a few days prior to meeting up with the choir (May 11-23, 2027), or they can choose to arrive when the choir does (May 13-25, 2027). Registration, pricing, and activities will be released in the upcoming weeks.

Summer engagement opportunities will be announced soon! These will include area and network alumni lunches, a retiree gathering, an Alumni Association member-only special event, and our Summer Graduation Toast.

[View events and register here.](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



What started as a fascination and a personal challenge to conquer computers ended up launching Jax State alum **Jennifer Christopher** ('99) into a long-standing career with NASA. With a degree in computer science, she was able to support the Artemis II mission as an aerospace engineer from the Mission Control Center in Houston, Texas.

Christopher has worked at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL, for 26 years in both contractor and civil servant roles. She said supporting the Artemis II mission has been one of the most rewarding experiences of her career because it represented years of hard work and dedication by many talented people working together on the historic mission.

[Read more about Jennifer Christopher here.](#)

COCKY BUSINESS



It all started in 2019 with an idea and a skillset that led **Antonio Bonner** to begin his business, **The TV Mount Men**, which now serves customers across Metro Atlanta. With classes in business management at Jax State from 2006 to 2011, Bonner said he wanted to take a chance on entrepreneurship.

The TV Mount Men help customers create clean and modern entertainment spaces that fit their home and lifestyle. They specialize in professional TV mounting and home entertainment installations. The company offers soundbar mounting, in-wall wire concealment, outlet installation, home theater setups, and outdoor patio TV installations.

[Read more about The TV Mount Men here.](#)

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

ALUMNI CONNECTION



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Jacksonville State University

Congratulations to our Spring graduates! We are so excited about the future of our newest alumni! We hope you will stay in touch and share your achievements with us.

Join the Alumni Connection to update your information - email, mailing address, and employment. Please make sure we have your non-JSU email so you receive all invitations and updates. It is a free platform to help you stay connected to Jax State and fellow alumni.

[Sign up today!](#)

The Jacksonville State University National Alumni Association welcomes our newest graduates to our alumni family. While all of our alumni family are invited to our events, our members do receive special discounts and perks. Take advantage of being our newest graduating class and join the Alumni Association for only \$5 for your first year. Additionally, Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) still receive discounted membership rates. We encourage you to **[click here](#)** to learn more about our member benefits.

We will also be featuring our **22 Under 40 Young Alumni** honorees on our social media pages this month. Check out our **[Facebook](#)** and **[Instagram](#)** for upcoming spotlights.

GROWING GAMECOCKS



Wishing our Growing Gamecocks a happy summer!

Want a chance to be featured on our social media? Sport your Jax State gear and share your photos with us! We also encourage you to share photos from your summer fun and travels.

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

AROUND CAMPUS



Following approval at the March meeting of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, Jax State will offer a **Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship** beginning in Fall 2026—equipping students with the tools to launch businesses, grow organizations, and create economic impact in their communities. **[Read more here.](#)**

Jax State has signed a new 3+3 partnership agreement with **Samford University's Cumberland School of Law**, creating an accelerated pathway for qualified students to earn both their undergraduate and law degrees in just six years. **[Read more here.](#)**

After winning the CUSA regular season crown, the Gamecocks earned the program's first Conference USA Tournament Title with a 10-0 run-rule victory over No. 2 seeded

Liberty. Jax State baseball traveled to Hattiesburg, MS, to play in the 2026 Hattiesburg Regional to open the **Division I NCAA Baseball Championship**, advancing to the regional final. [Read more here.](#)

COMING TO THE ROC



We officially celebrated the grand opening of the **Randy Owen Center for the Performing Arts (ROC)** with the ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 26, and the sold-out Live in Concert: Randy Owen and Friends on May 27. We are excited that this new space will serve our students, faculty, and the region for years to come!

Upcoming 2026-2027 performances:

- July 25 – The Dan Tyminski Band
- August 13 – Sixpence None the Richer and Augustana
- October 4 – Good Witch/Bad Witch: The Broadway Witches featuring performers from the Broadway company of Wicked
- November 16 – Candlelight Celtic Christmas
- January 23, 2027 – The Secret Sisters
- February 2, 2027 – Glenn Miller Orchestra
- April 2, 2027 – Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents: World on a String – Swinging Songs of Broadway
- April 10, 2027 – Vienna Girls Choir

GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



There are still opportunities to support the Randy Owen Center for the Performing Arts:

Brick Pavers – \$500
- Includes 3 lines of 14–20 characters per line

Name a Seat (Includes up to 3 lines of text, 35 characters per line)

\$500 (Choir Loft)

\$1,000 (Balcony and back of orchestra level)

\$2,500 (first five rows of orchestra level)

\$2,500–\$5,000 (pews in the church)

[Click here](#) for more information on opportunities or to give today.

Additional educational and student-centered programming will be part of the season. Tickets go on sale June 15.

[Read more about the ROC Grand Opening and upcoming performances here.](#)

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