

# General University Information

## History

From modest beginnings, Jacksonville State University has evolved into the educational center of northeast Alabama. The Alabama Legislature, in the 1882-83 session, created a state normal school when Governor Edward O'Neal signed into law a bill creating the school on February 22, 1883. Jacksonville State Normal School acquired the facilities and equipment of Calhoun College, consisting of 12 acres of land and a two-story brick building. The Board of Directors elected James C. Ryals, Jr. as the first president. The school opened with three instructors: W. J. Borden, mathematics; Eliza A. Bowen, English; and Ida J. Woodward, primary department.

The Normal School remained in operation until 1930 when it became Jacksonville State Teachers College, reflecting an increasingly higher education role for the Institution. Five years later, the College earned regional accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1957, the name again changed to Jacksonville State College when the first graduate program - the master's degree in elementary education - was created.

On August 2, 1966, the State Board of Education was authorized to elevate the College to university status. On August 17, 1967, the Legislature established an independent Board of Trustees for the University and divested jurisdiction from the State Board of Education.

In December, 2010, JSU attained Level 5 accreditation status when the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges gave approval for the University to begin offering its first doctoral degree, the Doctor of Science in Emergency Management, beginning Fall semester 2011. JSU was approved to begin offering its second doctoral degree, the Doctor of Nursing Practice, effective Fall 2017. JSU was approved to begin offering its third doctoral degree, the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, effective Fall 2022.

## Presidents

Jacksonville State University has been served by 12 presidents: James G. Ryals, Jr. (1883-85); J. Harris Chappel (1885-86); Carleton Bartlett Gibson (1886-92); J. B. Jarrett (1892-93); Jacob Forney, IV (1893-99); Clarence William Daugette (1899-1942); Houston Cole (1942-71); Ernest Stone (1971-81); Theron E. Montgomery (1981-86); Harold J. McGee (1986-99); William A. Meehan (1999-2015); John M. Beehler (2015-2019); Don C. Killingsworth, Jr. (2020-Present).

## Accreditation

Jacksonville State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, masters, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Questions about the accreditation of Jacksonville State University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([sacsoc.org](http://sacsoc.org)).

In addition to JSU's regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's, master's, education specialist, and doctoral degrees, the university offers many programs that have received specialized accreditation from state, regional and/or national professional associations and boards.

For additional information regarding accreditation at JSU, please visit our Accreditation and Licensing Information webpage located at: <https://www.jsu.edu/institutional-accreditation/accreditation-licensing.html>.

# *Jacksonville State University*

## *Strategic Plan*

## **Reach**

*As a thriving learning community, we depend on a strong financial foundation based on diverse student enrollment, a spirit of generosity, and a culture of accountability.*

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### **Commitment 1**

As the higher education landscape is challenged with access and competition, we will commit to advance JSU's financial strength, enrollment goals, and the overall success of students.

### **Goals**

#### **1. Inclusive Enrollment**

Attract, enroll, and support undergraduate and graduate students with unique experiences from across the region, state, nation, and globe.

*Objective 1:* Attract students with diversified backgrounds, experiences, and educational goals by developing innovative educational offerings and financial resources.

*Objective 2:* Increase the enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students.

*Objective 3:* Provide quality support services to undergraduate and graduate students.

#### **2. Spirit of Generosity**

Create a dynamic culture of philanthropy to inspire generosity.

*Objective 1:* Embed philanthropy and service into all aspects of campus.

*Objective 2:* Encourage stakeholders to use their professional and social networks to garner additional support for JSU.

*Objective 3:* Increase fundraising from private sources.

### 3. Culture of Accountability

Cultivate an environment that promotes and encourages effectiveness, efficiency, innovation, informed practices, optimization, value communication, and transparency while continuously measuring our progress and seeking to expand our financial resources.

*Objective 1:* Establish and ensure financial stewardship and fiscal responsibility.

*Objective 2:* Review and evaluate current procedures and research best practices to increase efficiency and promote innovation across all areas.

*Objective 3:* Increase and promote transparency through improved communication regarding internal decision-making and processes.

# Engage

*As a university, we ensure the vibrancy of our campus, community, and region through the benefit of belonging, mutual relationships, and power of place.*

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## Commitment 2

Create symbiotic partnerships that impact the university learning environment, providing additional opportunities for the exchange of ideas, experiential learning, and community engagement, while allowing university members to give back to the community.

## Goals

### 1. Benefit of Belonging

Improve the accessibility of a safe, equitable, diverse campus supportive of all campus and community members.

*Objective 1:* Expand the opportunities for campus connections through co-curricular events, organizations, and partnerships.

*Objective 2:* Create environments to encourage campus and community members to connect and learn from each other.

*Objective 3:* Provide an accessible community that promotes full participation of diverse members and ensures equity through responsive environments.

## 2. Mutual Relationships

Strengthen partnerships to improve quality of life through collective impact.

*Objective 1:* Increase reciprocal partnerships and level of campus and community engagement to achieve mutually beneficial initiatives.

*Objective 2:* Sustain and enrich the quality of relationships with JSU stakeholders (i.e., alumni, employers, local and state governments, parents, potential students).

## 3. Power of Place

Ensure a vibrant and successful campus and community that will be attractive to a diverse population.

*Objective 1:* Make a visible, significant societal impact in JSU's region through outreach and events in various sectors (arts, athletics, economics, education).

*Objective 2:* Celebrate the people, experiences, and environments that make JSU unique.

# Discover

*As educators, we do not provide the answers. We provide the experiences, environments, and expectations that allow learners to discover the answers.*

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## Commitment 3

In an age of rapid educational change and innovation, we will continue to advance our capacity for creating diverse, meaningful, and accessible learning opportunities that prepare all learners (faculty, staff, students, community members) for success.

## Goals

### 1. Experiences

Provide learning experiences that connect learners with real-world knowledge, skills, and opportunities.

*Objective 1:* Expand the use of High-Impact Learning in undergraduate and graduate programs.

*Objective 2:* Expand the utilization technology to support students, faculty, and staff.

*Objective 3:* Develop formal mentorship programs (e.g., faculty to faculty, staff to staff, student to student, faculty to student).

## **2. Environments**

Create and provide new learning environments characterized by modern facilities, technological enhancements, active learning, and engaging instruction.

*Objective 1:* Increase the number of flexible, technology-enhanced learning spaces that promote active teaching and learning.

*Objective 2:* Continuously evaluate campus academic and non-academic spaces to renovate and/or build new facilities as needed.

*Objective 3:* Provide learners access to active learning opportunities, engaging instruction, sustainable training, and professional development.

*Objective 4:* Increase utilization of existing learning spaces on campus.

## **3. Expectations**

Promote and assess critical thinking, essential employability skills, diversity and inclusion, and successful degree completion in all learning experiences and environments.

*Objective 1:* Enhance efforts to ensure student success.

*Objective 2:* Transform teaching and learning across programs and experiences.

*Objective 3:* Cultivate a diverse, equitable and inclusive community.

# University Administration

## Office of the President

### President

University Auditor  
University Counsel  
External Affairs

### Don C. Killingsworth, Jr.

Nelson D. Clark  
TBA  
Leigha Cauthen

## Academic Affairs

### Provost and Senior Vice President

The Graduate School  
Honors and Special Programs  
Institutional Accreditation  
Academic Resources and Business Operations

### Christie Shelton

Channing Ford, Dean  
Lori Owens, Dean  
Kim Presson, Executive Director  
Kim Turner, Director

### Vice Provost, Academic Affairs

Faculty Commons  
Online@JSU  
International House and Programs  
Jax MIX

### Staci Stone

Mica Mecham, Director  
Chris Casey, Director  
Ingrid Galinat, Director  
Ben Gross, Director

### Associate Vice Provost

Dual Enrollment  
University Registrar

### Andrea Porter

Amie Knight, Coordinator  
Emily White, Registrar

### Assistant Vice Provost

IRB  
IACUC  
Office of Sponsored Programs  
Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

### Marie Valentin

Sarah Donley, Chair  
Rusty Nalls, Chair  
Michael Wetherholt, Senior Director  
Marie Valentin, Assistant Vice Provost

### Vice Provost for Student Success

#### Assistant Vice Provost, Advising

Academic Support and Success  
Learning Services and Analytics  
Disability Resources  
First- and Second-Year Experience

### Timothy King

#### Janet Bavonese

Debra James, Director  
Courtney Peppers, Director  
Sean Creech, Director  
Keaton Glass, Director

## College of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences

### Dean

#### Associate Dean

Assistant to the Dean  
Art and Design  
Biology  
Chemistry and Geosciences  
English  
History and Foreign Language  
Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences  
Music  
Theatre and Film  
Integrated Studies  
JSU Bands (Marching Southerners)  
Randy Owen Center  
Center for Information Security Assurance  
Herbarium  
Planetarium  
The Writing Center  
Manner's Art Gallery  
Longleaf Studios  
Trail Science Institute

### Tim Lindblom

#### Seth Johnson

Rodney Bailey  
Bryce Lafferty, Department Head  
Lori Hensley, Department Head  
L. Joe Morgan, Department Head  
Raina Kostova, Interim Department Head  
Paul Beezley, Department Head  
Jan Case, Department Head  
Renee Baptiste, Department Head  
Gordon Harvey, Interim Department Head  
Paul Beezley, UG Coordinator  
Ken Bodiford, Director  
Emily Duncan, Project Dev. Manager  
Eric Gamess, Director  
Jimmy Triplett, Curator  
Laura Weinkauff, Coordinator  
Khadeira Billingsley, Director  
Morgan Worsham, Coordinator  
Seth Johnson, Director  
Ross Martin, Director

# University Administration (Continued)

## College of Business and Industry

### Dean

#### Associate Dean

Applied Engineering  
Communication  
Gregory D. Brown Department of  
Finance, Economics, and Accounting  
Lyons & Company, Inc. Department of Management  
and Marketing  
Center for Economic Development & Business Research  
Center for Manufacturing Support  
Small Business Development Center  
WLJS Radio/Chanticleer

### Brent Cunningham

#### Mark Hearn

Mark Hearn, Interim Department Head  
Christopher McCollough, Department Head

Julie Staples, Department Head

Celestino Valentin, Interim Department Head  
Jennifer Green, Director  
Matt Rosser, Director  
Ken Grissom, Director  
Ben Cunningham, Director

## College of Education and Professional Studies

### Dean

#### Associate Dean

Teacher Education

Professional Counseling and Leadership  
Career Technology Education and Professional Studies  
Accreditation, Certification, and Partnership Initiatives  
Teacher Certification  
Learning Resource Center  
Regional In-Service Center  
Child Development Center

### Kimberly White

#### Nilufer Guler

Linda Mitchell, Department Head  
Ahmad Alhammouri, Assoc. Dept. Head  
Kimberly White, Interim Department Head  
Christi Trucks, Department Head  
Nilufer Guler, Associate Dean  
Kelly Murray  
Penny Lane  
Valerie Curtis, Director  
Amy Crotts, Director

## College of Health Professions and Wellness

### Dean

#### Associate Dean/Chief Nursing Administrator

Kinesiology  
Respiratory Therapy  
Academic Resources  
Center for Best Practices in Teaching and Learning  
Clinical Services

### Tracey Matthews

#### Betsy Gullede

Gina Mabrey, Department Head  
Ed Goodwin, Department Head  
Tammy Johnson, Director  
Melissa Duckett & Kelsey McEntyre, Co-Directors  
Amber Law, Director

## College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

### Dean

Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation  
Emergency Management and Public Administration  
Military Science  
Sociology and Political Science  
Psychology  
Social Work  
Center for Applied Forensics  
Center for Behavioral Studies  
Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement  
Center for Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience  
Center for Emergency Preparedness

### Maureen Newton

H. Dean Buttram, Department Head  
Tanveer Islam, Department Head  
LTC Eddie Walker, Dir, Prof of Mil. Science  
Tina Deshotels, Department Head  
Paige McKerchar, Department Head  
Kimberly Wickersham, Department Head  
Mark Hopwood, Director  
Paige McKerchar, Director  
Kaleb Littlejohn, Director  
Jane Kushma, Director  
Sky Huang, Director

# University Administration (Continued)

## Houston Cole Library

### Dean

Head of Library Services

### John-Bauer Graham

Jodi Poe

## Athletics

### Director of Athletics

Senior Associate Athletic Director  
Assistant Athletic Director Eligibility and SWA  
Asst. Athletic Director/Compliance & Student Athlete Svcs.  
Associate Athletic Director/Media Relations  
Cheerleading Coach  
Coordinator of Athletic Operations  
Head Soccer Coach  
Head Softball Coach  
Head Trainer  
Head Baseball Coach  
Head Football Coach  
Head Men's Basketball Coach  
Head Women's Golf Coach  
Head Men's Golf Coach  
Head Women's Tennis Coach  
Head Men's Tennis Coach  
Head Volleyball Coach  
Head Women's Basketball Coach  
Head Women's & Men's Track/Cross Country Coach  
Head Bowling Coach  
Rifle Team Coach/Head Rifle Coach  
Strength and Conditioning Coach

### Greg Seitz

Greg Bonds  
Tracy Broom  
Misty Ray  
Donnie Smith  
Brett Langston  
Derrick Baer  
Sean Fraser  
Julie Boland  
Mike Polascik  
Steve Bieser  
Rich Rodriguez  
Ray Harper  
Robbie Fields  
Sylas Elliott  
Michael Helms  
Michael Helms  
Derek Schroeder  
Rick Pietri  
Jeremy Provence  
Shannon O'Keefe  
Ron Frost  
Parker Whiteman

## Finance and Administration

### Senior Vice President

Assoc. Vice President - Auxilliary and Business Services  
Student Accounts  
Capital Planning and Facilities  
Controller  
Human Resources  
Procurement and Fixed Assets

### Arlitha Williams-Harmon

Kevin Hoult  
Alice Wudarczyk, Assistant Controller  
David Thompson, Director  
David Lyon, Controller  
Allison Casey, Director  
Denise Hunt, Director

## Information Technology

### Vice President

### Associate Vice President

Enterprise Information Systems  
Network Architecture and Infrastructure Support  
Systems and Security  
Technology Support

### Vinson Houston

### Brad McGriff

Kristin Bright, Director  
Mark Matthews, Director  
Jimmy Surrent, Manager  
Michael Sanders, Manager



# University Administration (Continued)

## Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

### Vice President

### Associate Vice President

### Dean of Students

Community Standards  
Counseling Services  
Housing Operations and Residence Life  
Public Safety & University Police

RMC/Jax State Health Center  
University Recreation  
Admissions, Undergraduate  
Financial Aid  
Military and Post-Traditional Student Services  
Enrollment Initiatives  
Title IX

### Terry Casey

### Jessica Wiggins

### Josh Robinson

Paige Rochus, Coordinator  
Lola Johnston, Director  
Brooke Lyon & Rochelle Smith, Directors  
Michael Barton, Director, Public Safety & Chief of Police  
Whitney Grimes, FNP  
Dominic DiMauro, Director  
Lauren Findley, Director  
Charlotte Cole, Director  
Justin Parker, Director  
Kelly Martin, Director  
TBA

## University Philanthropy

### Vice President

### Associate Vice President

JSU Foundation/Philanthropy Services  
Alumni Engagement  
Marketing and Communication  
Strategic Communications

### Alan Medders

### Kelli Holmes

Justin Quinn, Director  
Wendy Cash, Director  
Tim Garner, Chief Marketing Officer  
Josh Underwood, Director

# University Administrative Structure

## Board of Trustees

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Term</b>
The Honorable Kay Ivey	Governor of Alabama	President, Ex Officio
Senator Vivian Davis Figures (Vice Chair)	First	2012-2023
Ms. Gale Saxon Main	Second	2012-2023
Mr. Anthony A. Smoke	Third	2019-2028
Mr. Gregory Brown	Third	2016-2027
Mr. Clarence W. Doughty III	Fourth	2012-2023
Mr. Randall Jones (Chair)	Fifth	2008-2027
Mr. Rusty Fuller	Sixth	2016-2025
Mr. Drew Linn	Seventh	2020-2025
Mr. Randy Owen	In-State At-Large	2000-2024
Mr. Tony Ingram	Out-of-State At-Large	2015-2027

## President

Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr.

## President's Cabinet

Dr. Christie Shelton, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Arlitha Williams-Harmon, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO  
Dr. Alan Medders, Vice President for Philanthropy  
Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice President for Information Technology  
Mr. Terry Casey, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management  
TBA, University Counsel  
Mr. Greg Seitz, Athletic Director  
Ms. Leigha Cauthen, Chief External Affairs Officer

## University Executive Council

Dr. Christie Shelton, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (Chair)  
Dr. Arlitha Harmon, Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration/CFO  
Dr. Alan Medders, Vice President, Philanthropy  
Dr. Tim King, Vice Provost, Student Success Center  
Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice President, Information Technology  
Mr. Terry Casey, Vice President, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management  
TBA, University Counsel  
Mr. Greg Seitz, Athletic Director  
Ms. Leigha Cauthen, Chief External Affairs Officer  
Dr. Kimberly White, Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies  
Dr. Tracey Matthews, Dean, College of Health Professions and Wellness  
Dr. Maureen Newton, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Mr. Josh Robinson, Dean of Students  
Ms. Jessica Wiggins, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management  
Mr. Skip Clark, Chief Internal Auditor  
Ms. Allison Casey, Director, Human Resources  
Mr. David Lyon, Controller  
Dr. Kevin Hault, Associate Vice President, Auxiliary and Business Services  
Mr. Michael Barton, President, Staff Council  
Dr. Heidi Dempsey, President, Faculty Senate  
Ms. Kaitlyn Letson, President, Student Government Association  
Mr. David Washburn, Executive Assistant to the Provost, Academic Affairs