

# *Your Experience Starts* **RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW**



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**DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE**  
JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

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# STATEMENT

The purpose of the Dean of Students Office is to help students **enhance their collegiate experience** by providing co-curricular programs and activities. This promotes a better quality of life and assists students in developing personal leadership skills and community responsibility. The office is student oriented, focused, and willing to serve a diverse student body. The services provided by the Dean of Students Office are intended to complement the educational process and contribute to a well-rounded education so that students may develop physically, socially, spiritually, intellectually, and morally.

Our goal is to help students find their home at JSU. Research shows that student involvement is positively associated with academic achievement. Similar research states that student involvement is a direct indicator of students' sense of belonging. The Dean of Students Office gathered data in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 relating to sense of belonging. 93% of responses reflected that students felt a sense of belonging at student events. This sense of belonging is known to help students develop academically and socially. Let us help you get involved with SGA, student organizations, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Senate, or Student Activities Council.





# DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

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# *student* **GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

## **What is SGA?**

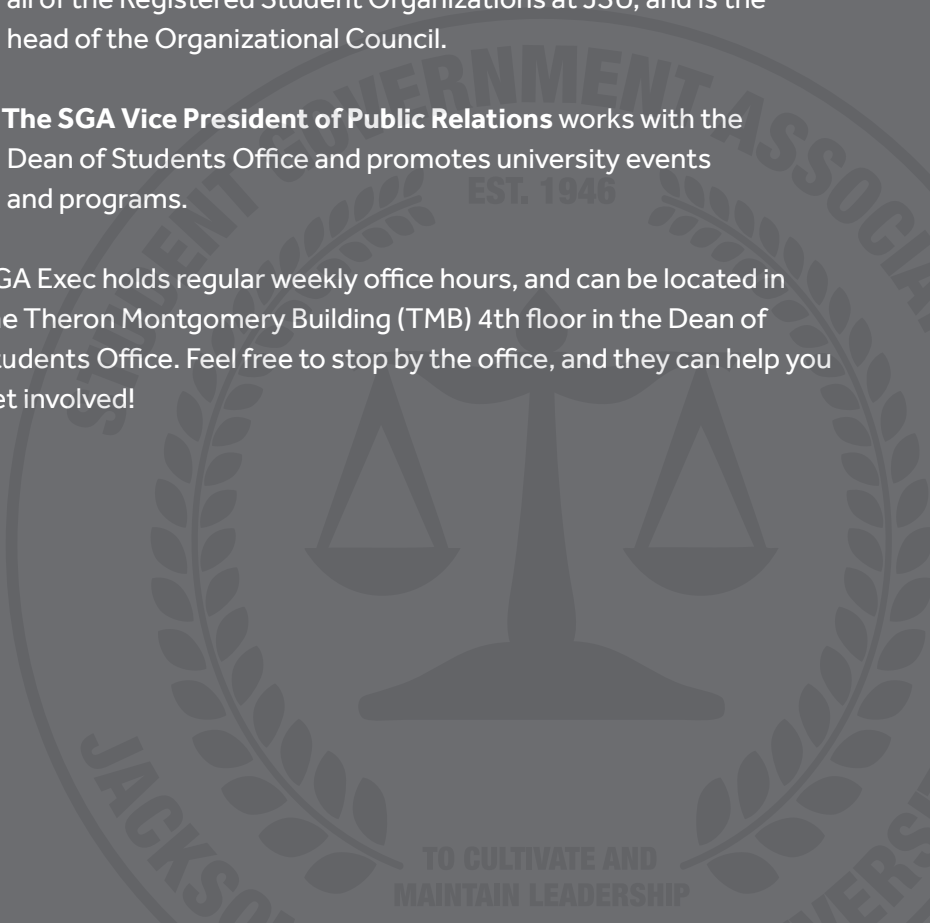
The Student Government Association has been serving the students of JSU since 1946. The SGA houses the SGA Executive team, Student Senate, Student Activities Council, and Organizational Council. The five executive officers work together as a team to serve the students of JSU through hosting student activities, passing legislation on behalf of students, assisting in the creation and record-keeping processes of registered student organizations, publicizing all functions of student life, and advocating on behalf of the students to the JSU administration and Board of Trustees.



## **There are 5 SGA Executive Council Officers:**

- **The SGA President** regularly meets with JSU President, attends Board of Trustee Meetings, and advocates for the JSU student body.
- **The SGA Vice President of Student Senate** oversees Student Senate, who passes legislation for the betterment of the JSU student body.
- **The SGA Vice President of Student Activities** plans and implements student events and leads the Student Activities Council which is the organization that carries out the events of the SGA and the Dean of Students Office.
- **The SGA Vice President of Organizational Affairs** works with all of the Registered Student Organizations at JSU, and is the head of the Organizational Council.
- **The SGA Vice President of Public Relations** works with the Dean of Students Office and promotes university events and programs.

SGA Exec holds regular weekly office hours, and can be located in the Theron Montgomery Building (TMB) 4th floor in the Dean of Students Office. Feel free to stop by the office, and they can help you get involved!



# student **SENATE**

JSU's Student Senate consists of 30 voting senators. Student Senators write bills and resolutions, lead volunteer initiatives, and advocate for the students of JSU. Senate meetings occur every Monday at 6:00PM in the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium. Stop in and join to stay up to date on the SGA Student Senate! For more information about getting involved in Student Senate, contact the VPSS at: [sgavpss@stu.jsu.edu](mailto:sgavpss@stu.jsu.edu).



# student **ACTIVITIES COUNCIL**

Student Activities Council plays a crucial role in planning, coordinating, and implementing student events at Jacksonville State University. They provide input in the planning of Spirit on Mountain Street, Family Day, Homecoming, Tailgates and many more student activities. The council is led by the SGA Vice President of Student Activities. For more information contact the VPSA at [sgavpsa@stu.jsu.edu](mailto:sgavpsa@stu.jsu.edu).

Student Activities Council Learning Objectives:

1. Members will develop skills in event planning, marketing, and implementation.
2. Members will gain leadership skills.
3. Members will gain customer service skills.
4. Members will develop skills in organizational meeting and reporting.

Student Activities Council allows students to:

- Become involved early in the college experience.
- Enhance leadership skills.
- Gain experience in service oriented leadership.
- Accrue volunteer hours.
- Develop skills that transfer into life after college.



*first generation*

# **STUDENT SUPPORT**

Jacksonville State University has long been known as a university dedicated to helping first-generation students fulfill their dreams of attaining a college degree. The faculty and staff on the Friendliest Campus in the South take pride in helping these students blaze a trail, providing mentorship and encouragement. But the university is also providing substantial financial support to this special population of students.

Jax State is implementing a plan to improve its support programs for first-generation students, focused on the following goals:

1. Establish a method for collecting information about first-generation students and their needs and experiences.
2. Develop a branded marketing initiative to inform the campus community of the programs and services developed for first-generation students.
3. Develop communities of first-generation students to foster a sense of belonging and support.
4. Develop intentional programs and activities to support the needs of first-generation students.
5. Identify first-generation faculty, staff and supporters and provide opportunities for education, engagement and mentorship.
6. Create a guide for first-generation student to demystify collegiate lingo and explain the intricacies of campus life.
7. Establish an endowed scholarship for first-generation students.



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# ORGANIZATIONS

At Jacksonville State University, we realize that there is more to college life than attending classes and studying. Student organizations provide opportunities for new friendships to be formed with individuals that share common interests and assists students in acquiring leadership development and experience through involvement.

Student organizations are a vital part of the educational experience here at JSU and serve as a catalyst for personal and professional development. The skills acquired through being involved with a student organization will benefit students throughout their college experience and life in their chosen career. For more information about getting involved in student organizations, contact the VPOA at [sgavpoa@stu.jsu.edu](mailto:sgavpoa@stu.jsu.edu).





# FRATERNITY *and* SORORITY LIFE

The purpose of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Jacksonville State University is to **strengthen the scholarship of members, foster service within the university and surrounding communities, develop leaders, and to create opportunities to participate in a structured social environment.** Jacksonville State University provides guidance and support to 23 nationally affiliated fraternities and sororities.





## Our Chapters:

- **NPHC:** Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Iota Phi Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi
- **IFC:** Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Phi, Delta Chi, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma
- **NPC:** Zeta Tau Alpha, Phi Mu, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta
- **NALFO/MGC:** Alpha Psi Lambda

# 91%

OF **FRATERNITY AND  
SORORITY MEMBERS** SAY...

- they would recommend joining a fraternity/sorority
- they have gained resources to assist them in their academic performance through membership in a fraternity/sorority
- joining a fraternity/sorority has had a positive impact on their life
- they can articulate leadership skills that they have gained through membership
- their chapters hold its members to strict academic standards

# 94%

OF **FRATERNITY AND  
SORORITY MEMBERS** SAY...

- they are able to work with people of different backgrounds
- they have increased their social skills through membership in a fraternity/sorority
- they understand that community service and philanthropy work is a core value of fraternity and sorority life.
- they are able to identify more than one way to be involved in their community

## *Did you know?*

- In 2023, fraternities and sororities raised \$180,000 and volunteered over 4,600 service hours.
- Fraternity & sorority chapters continue to excel academically with an overall GPA of 3.32 compared to the undergraduate average GPA of 2.73.
- While fraternity and sorority members make up 10% of the Jacksonville State University student population, they hold more than half of the leadership positions on campus.





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# MISS JSU

## *Scholarship Competition*

Miss Jacksonville State University is a closed, local preliminary franchise of the Miss Alabama Competition, Inc. within the Miss America organization. Miss JSU is an annual scholarship competition that awards over \$11,000 in scholarships and prizes.







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