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DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE
JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

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 Jax State. 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 2024 and Spring 2025 relating to sense of belonging. 97% 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.



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS SGA?

The Student Government Association has been serving the students of Jax State 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 Jax State 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 Jax State administration and Board of Trustees.

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THERE ARE 5 SGA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICERS:

- **THE SGA PRESIDENT** regularly meets with the Jax State President, attends Board of Trustee Meetings, and advocates for the Jax State student body.
- **THE SGA VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SENATE** oversees Student Senate, who passes legislation for the betterment of the Jax State student body.
- **THE SGA VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES** plans and implements student events and leads the Student Activities Council, which 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 Jax State, 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

Jax State's Student Senate consists of 30 voting senators. Student Senators write bills and resolutions, lead volunteer initiatives, and advocate for the students of Jax State. Senate meetings occur every Monday at 6:00PM in the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium. Student Senate meetings are open to all students. Stop in 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.



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.

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.

MENTORSHIP FOR FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

Being the first in your family to attend college is a major achievement—but it can also come with unique challenges. From navigating campus life to understanding financial aid or finding academic support, it's normal to have questions along the way.

That's why Jax State offers a dedicated **First-Generation Mentorship Program** designed to connect you with faculty, staff, and alumni who were once first-generation students themselves. These mentors understand your experience and are here to offer guidance, answer questions, and help you make the most of your college journey.

Getting started is easy. Just fill out a short questionnaire, and we'll match you with a mentor who can support you throughout your time at Jax State. To fill out the questionnaire, [click this link](#).

This program is one of several resources available to help first-generation students thrive. Be sure to check out additional opportunities like academic coaching, student success workshops, and community-building events—all designed with your success in mind. For more information, contact Charlcie Pettway-Vann at [**cvann@jsu.edu**](mailto:cvann@jsu.edu)



STUDENT 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. They also assist students in acquiring leadership development, experience through involvement, and a sense of belonging.

Student organizations are a vital part of the educational experience here at Jax State 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.



FRATERNITY & 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, and **develop well-rounded leaders**. Jacksonville State University provides guidance and support to 22 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:** 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
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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 2024, fraternities and sororities raised over \$240, 000 and volunteered 7,895 service hours.
- Fraternity & sorority chapters continue to excel academically with an overall GPA of 3.21 compared to the undergraduate average GPA of 2.85.
- While fraternity and sorority members make up 9% of the Jacksonville State University student population, they hold more than half of the leadership positions on campus.







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 \$14,000 in scholarships and prizes.







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