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Introducing our new
MBA Program Advisor,
**DR. CELESTINO
VALENTIN**



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DATES**

AUGUST 17
Fall Classes Begin
AUGUST 23
Payment Due Date
Last Day to Apply for Fall
Graduation
OCTOBER 5
Graduate Programs Fair

Dr. Celestino Valentin is the current MBA Program Advisor and Assistant Professor, Lyons & Co., Department of Management and Marketing at Jacksonville State University. His educational background includes a Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration and Human Resources Development from Texas A&M University in College Station, a Master's in Business Administration and Bachelor of Business from Texas A&M University San Antonio.

Dr. Valentin has several journal article publications in nationally recognized journals and has authored several book chapters. His affiliations include Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE) where he served as the Central Region Representative, Phi Theta Kappa alumni, Delta Mu Delta alumni, Academy of Human Resource Development (AHRD), and Kappa Delta Pi Alumni at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Valentin's research interests include Hispanic Serving Institutions, Diversity, Relational leadership, Organizational Development, Advanced Manufacturing, Construction Management, Project Management, Statistics, Non-Profit Management, Human Resource Development, Leadership, and Business Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Valentin's advice for students is that everyone is on an individual educational timeline, and it is ok to start at different times in your life. Life happens, stay safe and be blessed.

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GRADUATE FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

DR. KENNETH G. BODIFORD

Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music



For nearly three decades, I have proudly served as the Director of Bands at JSU, starting in 1994. As I embark on my 30th year in this esteemed position, I reflect on the incredible journey that brought me here. Being an alumnus of JSU myself, becoming the director of the band program has truly been a dream come true. Throughout my tenure, I have witnessed the confirmation of four university presidents, three fine arts deans, four music department heads, and the appointment of eight football coaches. It has been a rollercoaster of highs and lows, but I have remained steadfast in my commitment to the students and the art of music.

My educational journey has been instrumental in shaping me into the teacher and mentor I am today. After earning my Bachelor of Science in Music Education from JSU, I pursued further academic excellence at East Carolina University, where I obtained my master's degree.

Determined to expand my knowledge and expertise, I went on to complete my doctorate at The University of Alabama in instrumental conducting. Each degree program not only honed my musical abilities but also enhanced my teaching skills. I owe a great debt of gratitude to my mentor and predecessor, Dr. David L. Walters. He was not only my band director during my time as a JSU student but also a remarkable educator who equipped his students with the tools to succeed as band directors. Moreover, he imparted valuable life lessons to each student, molding us into better individuals. Throughout my career I have frequently revisited a quote that he was known for, "Be kind, it's really important... be kind."



The Master of Arts degree in General Music is a two-year graduate program where one may tailor courses to one's needs and interests. Courses include the areas of music literature, music theory, applied performance/ensemble, and music electives which allow exploring diverse course offerings. One may also choose to complete a thesis as a capstone project if so desired. JSU offers the only MA degree in General Music when compared to our state competitors.

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