



GAMECOCK PARENT & FAMILY CONNECTION

The transition to college can be exciting, stressful, unknown, and transformative for your student and your family. The transition into adulthood and independence is not an overnight process. Your student will need your encouragement and support to be successful while at JSU. We have compiled a list of helpful reminders and updates to consider for your student's success at JSU.

Parents of Future Gamecocks

Welcome Gamecock parents! The first step in your student's journey to JSU is to complete an admissions application. Upon admission, there are some important next steps. As your student's supporter through this process, please assist them with the following:

Next Steps after Admission:

- **Connect** with your Admissions Counselor for Assistance!
- Student can **apply** for JSU Scholarships (Deadlines Vary)
- Student can **apply** for Federal Aid (Beginning Dec. 2023 - for more information on the updated FAFSA, visit [here!](#))
- Student can **apply** for Housing (Beginning Oct. 10th)
- Encourage student to attend an **Admitted Student Day** or **Gamecocks on the Go Reception**
- Student can **register** for orientation (Beginning Feb. 1st)

Important Dates/Events:

October 10 - **Preview Days**

October 10 - **2024-2025 Housing Application/Exemption form available**

December 2023 - **2024-2025 FAFSA Opens**

Important Dates

- The Competitive Scholarship Application (**JAXAPP**) opened September 1 for 2024-2025. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2024.
- **FAFSA** opens December 2023 - for more information on the updated FAFSA, visit [here!](#)

- Midterm grades will post on October 5 after 10 a.m. so that students may check their progress. As we enter midterms, students may begin feeling overwhelmed as assignments and exams begin stacking up. It's not too late to get back on track! There are several resources available to help students succeed.
- The Student Success Center Offers a variety of tools, including academic success coaching and special workshops. Free tutoring is available in all general education courses and most upper-level math and science courses on Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on the second floor of the library. Appointments can be made using the Navigate app. Tutor.com is available 24/7 and is linked in every Canvas course. For help with writing assignments, make an appointment with The Writing Center.
- Spring 2024 registration dates are based on your student's registration group.
 - Be sure your student has made an appointment with their academic advisor before registration!

Click [here](#) to view the full 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.

Housing Operations and Residence Life



New Applications Opening Soon!

Spring 2024 and Fall 2024/Spring 2025 applications for students who do ***NOT*** currently live on campus will open on October 10. More information is available on our [website](#).

NOTE: Current residents will reapply for housing beginning February 1. More information will be available in December.

Thanksgiving Break is around the corner!

Residence halls will close for Thanksgiving holidays. Residents are required to vacate their rooms during hall closings by the specified date and time that will be posted in the residence halls, unless they have an approved Break Housing Request on file. Continuous housing residents (i.e., Meehan Hall, Sparkman Hall, on-campus apartments, and The Pointe @ JSU) may remain in their assignment during all breaks and holidays. Residents staying for Thanksgiving Break will be required to submit a Break Housing Request online beginning November 1. During Thanksgiving holidays, residents may leave their personal belongings in their rooms. However, the Office of Housing Operations and Residence Life is not responsible for theft or damage to personal belongings.

Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving Holidays on November 19, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.
Residence Halls reopen after Thanksgiving Break on November 26, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Student Life

Upcoming Events

SGA Tailgates - Quad

10/10/2023 - 3:30 p.m.

10/17/2023 - 3:30 p.m.

11/18/2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Jax State Harvest Festival - TMB Lawn

10/26/2023 - 5:00 p.m.

JSU Annual Veterans Day Celebration - TMB Auditorium

11/10/2023 - 10:00 a.m.

JSU in Lights

11/30/2023 - 5:00 p.m.

To view all upcoming campus events, visit the [**JSU Event Calendar**](#).

First-Generation

- **Is your student First-Gen?** A first-generation college student is defined as a student whose parent(s)/legal guardians have not completed a bachelor's degree.
- **November 8th** has been recognized by the [**Center for First-Generation Student Success**](#) as a day to celebrate first generation students.
- On November 8th, JSU will shine the spotlight on First-Gen students, faculty/staff, and alumni through events on campus and on social media outlets.

- We will be hosting a dinner for First-Gen students to connect with other First-Gen faculty, staff, and students on November 8th. Email Keaton Glass at kglass@jsu.edu for further information.
- Share your First-Gen student story or first-gen alumni story with us!
 - [Student First-Gen Story Link](#)
 - [Alumni First-Gen Story Link](#)
- If your student is First-Gen, they can become a founding member of the First-Gen Society. Email Josh Robinson at jrobinson6@jsu.edu for further information.

You can stay up to date with our First-Gen programs and support by visiting jsu.edu/first-gen.

Student Employment

Your student can view student employment opportunities [online](#).

Parent Giving



During time spent at Jacksonville State University, your students will discover dreams, develop ideas, and strive towards goals for the future. They will interact daily with JSU's outstanding faculty and staff and form lifelong friendships with other students from the region and around the world while becoming tomorrow's leaders,

creators, and problem-solvers.

Each year, the generous support of JSU parents helps the university ensure an exceptional experience for all students. Through the JSU Annual Fund, parents can help support the colleges, departments, programs, and scholarships that have helped shape the lives of JSU students just like your own for generations.

Annual Fund gifts can be designated to support your student's college or department, favorite program or initiative, or scholarships that will allow future students to experience the same quality higher educational experience. Giving is easy! Text GIVEJSU to 91999 or visit jsu.edu/givejsu to make a donation to the JSU Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation. By supporting the JSU Annual Fund, you are truly making a difference in the lives of JSU students.

Parent Tips

Encourage Independence and Problem Solving

- Your student is transitioning into adulthood, encourage that new phase of life and support them as they learn to advocate for themselves.

Keep in Touch

- You are still a large part of your student's life. They will need you as they learn to navigate the complexities of adulthood.

Provide Clear Expectations

- Be clear with your student about your expectations for grades, paying for college, behavior, and communication, as that will set them up for success.

Know your Resources

- **Campus resources** are vital to the success of your student in college. Educate yourself about the assortment of resources available at Jax State.

In Need of More Assistance?

Housing and Residence Life – 256-782-5122

Financial Aid – 256-782-5006

Student Accounts – 256-782-5458

Registrar's Office – 256-782-5400

Military Student Services – 256-782-8838

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