



Hey Future Gamecock!

It's time for the final *Your Journey to Jax State* email for the semester. This week let's talk about the gift of college and all the ways it will benefit you – in and out of the classroom!

## The Gift of a College Degree



There are so many benefits to earning a college degree! Here are just a few of these “gifts”:

### **Expand Your Network**

- College provides opportunities to build connections with peers, faculty, and professionals through student organizations, workshops, and internships. These relationships can lead to personal growth and career opportunities.

### **Invest in Your Future**

- A college degree boosts earning potential, lowers unemployment rates, and grants access to employer-sponsored benefits like retirement plans and insurance. It's a step toward securing lifelong advantages.

### **Embrace Growth and Independence**

- College fosters independence, self-discovery, and personal development. With access to diverse cultures, experiences, and challenges, you'll gain skills to excel in your career and life.

## **Achieve and Inspire**

- Earning a degree is a significant accomplishment. First-generation students at Jax State, making up 45% of the 2024 Freshman class, exemplify the courage and dedication it takes to be a trailblazer.

## **Support and Opportunity at Every Step**

- From free academic resources to one-of-a-kind programs like JaxMix, to extracurricular programs and support, college equips you with tools for success inside and outside the classroom. With tutoring, counseling, and access to amazing recreation, you'll have the support to thrive.

We'll be spotlighting these gifts and more on our social media over the holiday season. Be sure you are following [@jaxstate\\_admissions](https://www.instagram.com/jaxstate_admissions) to see them all!

## **Student Spotlight**



Addyson, a freshman from Lyerly, GA, put it best: *“When I began my first semester as a Gamecock, it was an exciting yet nerve-wracking experience. Moving away from home is always a big adjustment and coming to Jacksonville State required me to become more independent. In high school, I was an athlete and highly involved in my community, so I knew I wanted to continue being an active student on campus.*

*During the first half of my freshman year, I had the opportunity to work with the Admissions Team and join Freshman Forum. Being at Jax State has allowed me to take advantage of incredible opportunities and form lifelong friendships. Jax State truly is the friendliest campus in the South, and my first semester as a Gamecock has been amazing. I'm already looking forward to the next semester!”*

**Involvement Opportunity: Freshman Forum »**

## **What's Coming Next...**



We'll be closed for Winter Break from December 18th to January 1st, but you can still stay on track! Check out the link below for all your next steps as an admitted student.

**And don't forget—[competitive scholarship applications](#) are due February 1, 2025!** The holiday break is the perfect time to complete yours.

[Next Steps for Admitted Students »](#)

**NEW!** We will be offering Virtual Next Step Night on January 16th and 19th where you can review next steps with us and get small group chat time with Admissions Counselors. See details and register below.

[Virtual Next Step Nights »](#)

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