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It's Exam Time

Finals are underway, which means one more week of hard work before your student is home for a long holiday break! We wish you and your family a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and thank you for being such an important part of our JU Family!

Be sure that you and your student are aware of the final examination schedule for travel and planning.

If your student is feeling any added stress due to finals, encourage them to visit the Student Counseling Center for support. They can even stop by the relaxation room to enjoy some peace while sitting in a massage chair! Study break events included Pancakes and Penguins on Monday - during which students were able to see live penguins courtesy of the Jacksonville Zoo and faculty and staff participated in the tradition of serving students pancakes, and **Dogs for Dolphins** on Tuesday - students stopped by Carl S. Swisher Library to snuggle with canine companions. Research shows that interaction with animals decreases the level of stress hormones - perfect for exam week!

Due to Hurricane Irma, the deadline for professors to submit Fall 2017 grades has been extended a week to 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27.



Celebrating JU's History in Jacksonville: Jacksonville WHO?

On November 30, more than 400 Dolphins and Jacksonville community members came together in Swisher Theatre for the first screening of the documentary "Jacksonville WHO?" which tells the story of the 1969-70 JU Dolphins Men's Basketball Team and the impact they had on the Jacksonville community. Producer and JU alum Frank Pace '73, member of the 1969-70 Men's Basketball team Artis Gilmore '71, President Tim Cost '81, and Trustee and sponsor of this film project Peter Ghiloni participated in a lively Q&A panel following the screening.

If you weren't able to make it, stay tuned for details on another screening coming up in the new year! Learn more about the film and its contributors by visiting jacksonvillewho.com.



Study Abroad Deadlines

This summer we encourage you and your student to consider one of the exceptional faculty-led Study Abroad programs offered. Your student has the opportunity to fulfill core class requirements as well as their Experiential Learning requirement while being exposed to another country, culture, and even language. This summer's programs include:

- Summer in the UK (English and Humanities) Summer in the Bahamas (Marine Science)

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Dates to Remember

December 11-15: Final Exams

December 11: Pancakes and <u>Penguins</u>

December 12: Dogs for **Dolphins**

January 17: Spring Student Organization Fair

February 7: Jacksonville Dolphin Club Sweet Pete's **Truffle Making Class**

February 10: Atlanta Dolphin Club Pre-Game Provisions and JU vs. Kennesaw Men's Basketball game

February 15: Order of the Dolphin*

February 23: President's Society Gala*

2017-18 Academic Calendar

FAFSA renewal now open for Fall 2018. Contact finaid@ju.edu with questions.

*Invitation-only

JU-Connect

We would like to invite our current parents to join JU's exclusive networking site, JU-Connect. Network with JU alumni and fellow parents, see and post open employment opportunities and events, and perhaps best of all, indicate if you are willing to help with resumes, being a mentor, and more. Learn more about JU-Connect here.



President's Corner

Globalization: Not Just a Word at JU

- Summer in Scotland (Business)
- Summer in Italy (Fine Arts, Communications & International Studies)

Deadlines for Summer 2018 range from February 14 - March 1. All program information can be found here.



Connect with Career Resources

It will be February before we know it and in keeping with the theme of Valentine's Day the Career Resource Center is excited to host our first "Perfect Match Week." During the week of February 12, 2018 we will host individual career events for each of the colleges on campus. We recognize that employers have unique hiring needs and look forward to engaging students during the hiring process in a more meaningful way. Below is our schedule for the week:

- Monday, February 12: College of Arts & Sciences, Division of Science & Mathematics
- Tuesday, February 13: College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Social Science Divisions
- Wednesday, February 14: College of Fine Arts
- Thursday, February 15: Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences
- Friday, February 16: Davis College of Business

Encourage your students to check their Handshake account to view event details and register to attend. Feel free to contact the Career Resource Center with questions at careers@ju.edu.



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JU in the News

Jacksonville University's colossal glass sculpture *Creative Current*, suspended magnificently in the lobby of Terry Concert Hall, is featured on the cover of the December/January issue of Arbus, the Arts and Business Magazine of Northeast Florida.

The sculpture was created by Brian Frus '01, associate professor of art at JU. *Creative Current* was unveiled in October 2017. Read the full article here.

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