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Save the Date: 2018 Commencement and Homecoming & Family Weekend Dates Announced

Jacksonville University's Spring 2018 Baccalaureate Commencement Ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 28. Our inaugural Graduate Commencement will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 26. Both Commencement ceremonies will take place outdoors on the Nelms Science Green. Graduates will participate in a week full of traditions including the Senior Stroll and Senior Reception (Friday, April 27), during which they'll proudly waltz across the campus they've grown to love, ending up at the River House for their first alumni celebration (can you believe they will be *alumni*?).

Alumni and parents alike can look forward to **Homecoming & Family Weekend: October 12-14, 2018!** Did you attend in 2017? If so, please fill out our [Homecoming & Family Weekend experience survey](#) so that as we plan for this year's festivities, we can take your input into account for the best. weekend. ever!

Dates to Remember

January 29: Summer registration opens

February 6: Visiting Writer: [Steve Berry](#)

February 7: Jacksonville Dolphin Club [Sweet Pete's Truffle Making Class](#)

February 10: [Sophomore Leadership Conference](#)

February 10: Atlanta Dolphin Club [Pre-Game Provisions](#)

February 12-16: Perfect Match Career Week

February 15: Order of the Dolphin*

February 15-25: [Aida the Musical](#)

February 22: River City Rumble, JU vs. UNF [Basketball](#)

February 23: President's Society Gala*

April 13-15: Charter Weekend

May 11-19: Dolphin Travel Program - [Greece](#)

[2017-18 Academic Calendar](#)

[FAFSA renewal](#) now open for Fall 2018. Contact finaid@ju.edu with questions.

*Invitation-only



File Now for Fall 2018 Financial Aid

Now is the time to file the 2018-19 FAFSA using your 2016 tax information. Don't forget to take advantage of the IRS data retrieval tool within the [FAFSA application](#) so that your income information is automatically download!

The Office of Financial Aid (finaid@ju.edu) has recently implemented an authorized user option. Students are now able to assign a proxy who is able to view their student account statement and make payments to their account. **This option must be completed by the student and can give parents their own access to the student's My JU billing statement.** Your student should have recently received an email prompting them to complete this, if they so choose - [directions on how to set up an authorized user for your students account can be found here.](#)

[JU-Connect.com](#)

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.](#)



Students Can Find Their Perfect (Career) Match This Valentine's Day

New for spring 2018, the Career Resource Center will host "Perfect Match Career Week: Get fired up for your Future." Each day there will be a unique career event geared toward different major areas of study. We are excited to provide these smaller, more targeted events to connect your student with employers. Check out the schedule below:

- Monday, February 12 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Career Day** (MSRI Lobby)
- Tuesday, February 13 from 2-4 p.m.: **Healthcare Sciences Career Day** (Lazzara 181, 182, 183)
- Wednesday, February 14 from 3-5 p.m.: **Fine Arts Career Day** (Phillips Fine Arts)



President's Corner

- Thursday, February 15 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: **Humanities and Social Sciences Career Day** (Kinne Banquet Room)
- Friday, February 16 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: **Davis College of Business (DCOB) Interview Day** (DCOB Conference Rooms)

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.



Academic Win for JU Student Athletes

JU Athletics is proud to report that our student-athletes will have achieved their highest departmental semester GPA ever during Fall 2017 at between a 3.265 and a 3.288. Since Fall 2014, Dolphin Athletics GPA has jumped up by an entire letter grade. 16 teams improved their GPA from last fall and nine teams have a 3.5 or higher - incredible!

Thank you to all of our athlete's families for your dedication to your student and their education.



When you choose or renew your license plate in 2018, show off your JU pride! 90 percent of the proceeds from JU license plates comes back to JU in the form of scholarship funds to help our students, so please consider supporting them.

Your student will be able to get a FREE JU plate when they graduate if they remain in Florida - [find details here](#).

[JU Commencement Ceremony Update](#)



ASPIRE Campaign Progress

With your help, we've raised **\$115,114,021** of our \$120 million goal. Thank you for investing in JU students and faculty!

Make a Gift

JU Parents Fund: Support the Tradition of Annual Giving

Your annual gift to the JU Parents Fund supports JU's mission through scholarships, technology, student and campus life programs, and academic initiatives. Visit www.ju.edu/give and select "Parents Fund" as your designation to make your gift today.

Study Abroad

Deadlines for Summer 2018 range from February 14 - March 1. [All program information can be found here](#).

Is your student interested in going abroad, but not sure where to start? They can [meet with a JU Study Abroad advisor](#) to discuss their options.



JU in the News

The week before your students came back to campus for classes this semester, Jacksonville saw FREEZING temperatures - quite unlike our usual subtropical paradise! Jacksonville didn't see any actual snow, except for at JU that is... [Watch the News 4 Jax video here](#). JU Staff even got a rare "snow day" on January 3rd!

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