



# JU Parent and Family Programs

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## Commencement Activities

It is shaping up to be a beautiful spring at JU! While your students are completing their finals, Commencement preparations are in full swing. We are excited to welcome our Dolphin parents and families back to campus to celebrate – rain or shine!

- Tonight, April 26, 6 p.m. - Graduate & Doctoral Commencement
- Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m. - Undergraduate Commencement

You can order a [personalized video of your student receiving their diploma here.](#)

We hope to see you at Senior Stroll on Friday, April 27 at 5 p.m. on the Dolphin Plaza for a champagne toast before the Graduate Reception at the River House.

Please visit the [Commencement website](#) for a full schedule of activities and parking information.

## Dates to Remember

*April 26:* Master & Doctoral [Commencement](#) Ceremony

*April 27:* [Senior Stroll](#) and Graduate Reception

*April 27:* Last day of dining service for the semester

*April 28:* Bachelor's Degree [Commencement](#) Ceremony

*April 28:* Residence Halls and Apartments close for the semester (10 a.m.)

*April 29:* Residence Halls and Apartments close for graduating seniors (10 a.m.)

*May 15:* [Keigwin School of Nursing 100% Celebration](#)

*May 22:* "Jacksonville Who?" Screening at The Ritz Theatre

*September 5-14:* [Dolphin Travel Program](#) - Symphony on the Blue Danube

*October 12-14:* Homecoming & Family Weekend

[2017-18 Academic Calendar](#)

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## President Cost '81: State of the University

Jacksonville University is in the middle of a true renaissance having expanded not only the buildings on campus, but upon the programs we provide our students and partnerships within the community. [Read this message](#) from President Tim Cost '81 about the state of the University and our exciting plans for the future. We are just getting started!



## A Historic Day of Giving

This Charter Day Jacksonville University celebrated 84 years, and it was one amazing birthday! We were toasted in more than 25 cities around the globe, solidifying that JU Dolphins are everywhere. Plus, your generosity, service and philanthropic spirit made this year's Day of Giving our most impactful ever.

On April 13th, more than 1,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents served our local Arlington and surrounding community during our Charter Day of Service.

The #JUgives spirit is gaining momentum at every milepost. In addition to our meaningful service work, we also showed our University how much we invest in our students by surpassing our \$500,000 fundraising goal for the Big Green Give. As of today's totals we raised \$602,562 - improving upon last year's record by 96%. More than 1,700 supporters made gifts to benefit academic programs, student scholarships, campus beautifications and athletic teams. THANK YOU to our Dolphin families who participated in Big Green Give!



## President's Corner

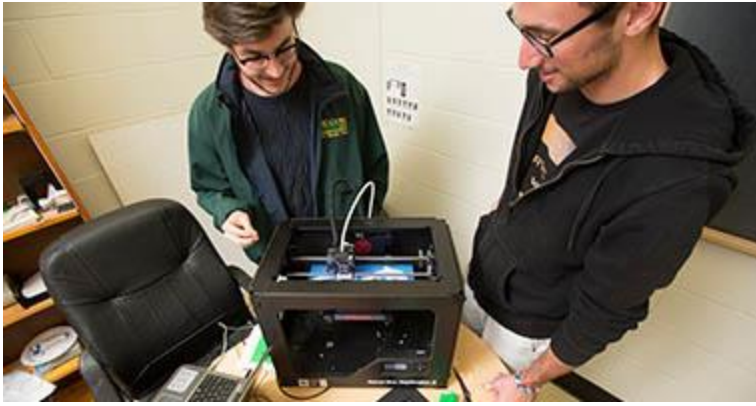
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## ASPIRE Campaign Progress

With your help, we've raised **\$117,402,087** of our \$120 million goal as of March 31, 2018 (this doesn't include Big Green Give!).

Thank you for investing in JU students and faculty!



## Support JU Students

### Career Services

Over the past two months we had 45+ employers on campus speaking to students about summer internships and current job openings, and over 3,000 jobs/internships posted in Handshake. Graduation is right around the corner and, even if your student hasn't yet visited the Career Resource Center (CRC), there is still time. Handshake has many jobs and internships that have yet to be filled and we invite your student to come by and let us help them search. We can also assist with résumés, cover letters, and career management resources like Traitify, Optimal Resume and Handshake – resources that enable students to be successful in their career efforts. Please let your student know...it's never too late!

### Financial Aid Update

**FAFSA:** As we look ahead to Fall 2018, please make sure your students have filed their FAFSA. Payment or payment arrangements are due August 1. Families who want to take advantage of the 12-month payment plan should sign up beginning May 1 and make their first payment by May 15 for Fall 2018. Information on how to sign up can be [found online](#). Parents wishing to borrow through the [PLUS loan program](#) can do so online to apply for their 2018-2019 loan.

**Electronic billing:** Electronic billing is active. Students will receive a monthly statement via email on the 15th of each month. They can always access their statement in real time through the student self-service portal. [Students can designate their parents as an authorized user](#) to have access to see the student's account and make online payments.



### Student Health Insurance

Students who have comparable health insurance can [waive out of the annual student health insurance plan online](#) by providing current insurance information. We anticipate this site to open by June 15.

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