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Dr. Tim Snyder Named Dean of Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts

Dr. Tim Snyder has been named Dean of the Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts, effective February 15, 2019.

Dr. Snyder has served as associate professor of music and Director of Choral Activities at JU since 2010, as Chair of the Division of Music since 2016 and as acting Dean of the Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts since June of 2018.

Under his leadership, the College of Fine Arts has enriched its programming in music, theatre, dance, film and the visual arts.

Gearing Up for Graduation

If your student is a senior, Commencement is on the horizon! [Check out the schedule of events, graduation checklist, FAQs and more.](#)

Highlights:

- Thursday, April 18 at 5 p.m.: Multicultural Graduation Celebration
- Thursday, April 25 at 5 p.m.: Master & Doctorate Commencement Ceremony
- Friday, April 26 at 5 p.m.: Senior Stroll & Class Photo, followed by the Graduate Reception
- Saturday, April 27 at 8 a.m.: Undergraduate Programs Commencement Ceremony

Financial Aid Checklist

It's time to file the [FAFSA](#) for federal financial aid for the 2019-2020 school year.

Upcoming Tuition Payment Deadlines

- **May 1:** payment deadline for Summer 2019 enrollment
- **August 1:** payment deadline for Fall 2019 enrollment (*payment plans for Fall 2019 will open May 1*)

Collaborate JU Provides Platform for \$25,000 in Research Grants

More than \$25,000 was recently awarded to three interdisciplinary teams at JU through Collaborate JU. This internal grant opportunity was offered by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Projects include Metal Accumulation and Antioxidant Effects in Sharks, Spatial Patterns of Resident and Transient Margays in Ecuador, and Assessing Water Chemistry and Metal Pollution in the Lower St. Johns River.

[Learn more about Collaborate JU and these supported research projects.](#)

Career Resource Center (CRC) Update

Top employers from around the country recently met with JU students at the Career Resource Center's Perfect Match events. Recruiters from over 25 organizations discussed internship and job opportunities at the two-day event, a scaled-down version of the annual fall career expo. This spring's Perfect Match events at the Davis College of Business and Kinne University Center Banquet Room saw a significant spike in attendance, while the CRC saw an increase in traffic during walk-in hours in the days following the event.

From resume reviews to mock interviews, the CRC offers a plethora of professional services for students and alumni. Walk-in hours are Tuesday – Thursday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.. Students and alumni can also make appointments by phone at (904) 256-7054, or by emailing careers@ju.edu.

It's Midterm Time at JU

Midterm exams are coming to a close here at JU. Here are some ways you can help to support your student during and after stressful times in their academic year:

- Encourage them to seek out faculty office hours
- Encourage them to utilize the Academic Support Center and Tutoring opportunities
- Ask them about what they are learning in class rather than what grades they are earning. This will help reinforce material

When midterms or exams are underway, be sure to give your student the space they need to stay focused. You can lift their spirits with an email, letter or care package — no response required. They'll know you're thinking of them, and that you believe in them.

Contact the Office of Parent and Family Engagement

Phone: (904) 256-7535

Email: family@ju.edu

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2019 Dates to Remember

March 6: [Alumni Career Couch](#)

March 9: [Riverfront Celebration with JU Rowing](#)

March 11-15: Spring Break

March 12-17: TPC Volunteer Opportunity

April 4-8: Dolphin Travel Program: [Iceland](#) (limited space available!)

April 11: [Global Toast](#)

April 11: Athletics Brew-val Tour (Jacksonville Global Toast)

April 12: **Big Green Give/Charter Day of Service - no scheduled classes**

April 18: Frisch Welcome Center Dedication

April 22-26: Final Examination Week

April 25: Commencement for Graduate and Doctoral Programs

April 26: Senior Stroll and Graduate Reception

April 27: Commencement for Undergraduate Programs

August 25 - September 2: [Dolphin Travel Program: London](#)

October 18-20: Homecoming & Family Weekend

[2018-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

Community Table

On Valentine's Day, President Tim Cost '81 hosted a Community Table at Starbucks. The Community Table event series provides students with an opportunity to engage and connect with the President and senior level administrators in a casual environment. Attendees enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate, and cake pops while interacting with JU Academic Leadership. Students were able to get concerns addressed and questions answered while building a rapport and relationship with professional staff members.



Resident Assistant (RA) Leadership and Learning

Jacksonville University's Office of Residential Life hosted the Florida Resident Assistant Symposium February 1-3, with more than 230 RAs and their advisors from 24 different colleges and universities across the state of Florida. RAs networked and learned new skills with their peers.

If your student is interested in becoming an RA, Summer 2019 applications will be available in March and applications for the 2020-2021 school year will become available this Fall. Contact housing@ju.edu with questions.

President Tim Cost '81 and Bryan Cranston Take the Florida Forum Stage

Emmy, Golden Globe, and Tony award winner and Academy Award nominee Bryan Cranston took the Florida Forum stage Monday, January 28 with President Tim Cost '81 at his side. The enthusiastic, jam-packed crowd gathered to support Wolfson Children's Hospital.

[Read more about the Florida Forum.](#)

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