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JU Alumni



Big Green Give and Charter Day of Service Recap

Together, we made school history by raising **\$631,851** for our students with investments from **2,876 donors** during our BIGGEST annual day of giving ever! Nearly **1,100 Dolphins** gave back to the Jacksonville community with more than **3,000 volunteer hours** on April 12.

We are so grateful for the philanthropic spirit of our Dolphin Family. As alumni, you contributed a total of **\$320,552**.

Your support fuels our progress and empowers our students to change the world!



Student Research: Forging the Future

Each year, a research symposium is held at JU as an opportunity for students to present the findings of their research and creative projects. Early this month, students presented on topics as wide ranging and relevant as *Analyzing Sustainability within Higher Education*, *Natural Disasters and Drones*, and *Developing Programming Languages*.

Following the symposium, 48 top-notch students traveled to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Atlanta, GA to present 28 impressive undergraduate research projects.

Check out the following WAVE Magazine Online articles to learn more about our students' research:

[RCAS Program Funds Innovative Student Research](#)

[RCAS Program Funds Three More Student-Led Projects](#)



Frisch Welcome Center Now Open

The spectacular Frisch Family Welcome Center now serves as a greeting space for prospective students and their families, as well as alumni, fans and other visitors to campus. Centrally located between the Howard and Gooding Buildings, this expansive facility will provide an impressive point of entry for all visitors and will house our new apparel store, JAX Outfitters.

We hope to see you on campus soon so we can show you all of the growth and development at your Alma Mater!



Healthy Campus: Going for the Gold

Jacksonville University is one of only 139 universities and colleges around the world to be honored by Exercise is Medicine® On Campus (EIM-OC) for its efforts to create a culture of wellness on campus. Our efforts to create and maintain an exceptional, healthy academic environment has helped us earn the gold level designation - the highest available - from the EIM-OC program.



Alumni Spotlight: Lucas Meers '12

Lucas Meers '12, founding member of the [GOLD Phin](#) Committee, is a conservation program officer at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. He's been involved in conservation projects right here in Jacksonville, and has traveled as far as the rainforest of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

We love this quote about his time at JU: *"There isn't just one memory from JU that is my 'favorite' simply because there are so many memories I wouldn't trade for anything. My overall JU experience provided an opportunity to break out of my shell, be myself, cultivate friendships, and find opportunities,"* Meers said.



Faculty Members Recognized for Excellence

Each year, Jacksonville University faculty members recognize peers who excel in four

[Learn more about Lucas in WAVE Magazine Online.](#)



New Staff in the Office of Alumni Engagement: Mary Anne Tuohy Jolly

Mary Anne Tuohy Jolly has joined our team as the Director of Engagement - Alumni & Families. You can send her a note of welcome by emailing mjolly@ju.edu!

["Meet" all of our staff members.](#)

areas: community service; University service; scholarship and professional activities; and teaching. This year's honorees were as follows:

- **Community Service:** Dr. Whitney George, *Department Chair and Assistant Professor of Mental Health Counseling*
- **University Service:** Dr. Mary Gipson, *Professor of Nursing in the Keigwin School of Nursing* (also named the 2019-20 Professor of the Year)
- **Scholarship and Professional Activities:** Dr. Jorge Majfud, *Associate Professor of Spanish, Latin American Literature and International Studies*
- **Teaching Award:** Dr. Sarah Parker, *Associate Professor of English*

[Read more about these extraordinary professors.](#)

[Write a Note to Your Favorite JU Professor](#)

[Submit Class Notes: Marriage and Baby Announcements, Professional Accomplishments](#)

2019 Alumni Events

May 10-11 (Philadelphia): [Philadelphia Dolphin Club: Dolphin Conversations, JU Reception](#) ft. Head Rowing Coach Jason Cottingham, [Dad Vail Rowing Regatta Tailgate](#)

August 27: JU Night at the Jumbo Shrimp

September 26: [Aviation Alumni Reunion](#)

October 18-20: Homecoming & Family Weekend

October 18-20: [ADPi Reunion and 50th Charter Anniversary Celebration](#)

Trips throughout 2019: [Dolphin Travel Program](#)

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