

#JUalumni updates: Future Fest, Homecoming, JU's highest ranking ever and more!



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**Homecoming & Family Weekend is a Month Away!**

It's almost time to come home to your alma mater! Homecoming & Family Weekend registration closes on October 14, so [reserve your tickets for the weekend's events now](#).

- If you are travelling, [reserve your room in one of our hotel blocks](#). Cutoff dates are approaching for our discounted group rates
- Review the [schedule of events](#)
- Stock up on [JU gear](#)!

We can't wait to see you on campus and show you all of the progress at your college home.

**Register for Homecoming & Family Weekend**



**JU Achieves Highest Ever Best Colleges Ranking**

Jacksonville University achieved its highest ranking in school history in [U.S. News & World Report's](#) annual Best Colleges Rankings, jumping nearly 30 spots to place 28th among 136 schools in the [Regional Universities South](#) category.

U.S. News & World Report also ranked Jacksonville University:

- 16 (38 last year) in Best Colleges for Veterans
- 38 (48 last year) in Best Value Schools
- 42 in Best Online Nursing Graduate Programs

[Read more in WAVE Magazine Online.](#)



**JU Partner Mayo Opens Life Sciences Incubator**

Jacksonville University partner Mayo Clinic opened its \$32.4 million Discovery and Innovation Building last month which includes the [Life Sciences Incubator](#) for biotech entrepreneurs.

"This partnership provides opportunities for our students to engage in meaningful practical experience in engineering, computing and business as well as research and mentorships," says [Dr. Murat Tiryakioglu](#), Executive Vice President for JU Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) initiative, who is the university liaison to the Life Science Incubator.

[Learn more about this STEAM initiative in WAVE Magazine Online.](#)



**Future Fest Welcomes JU Community to New Academic Year**

The JU community celebrated the new school year in style at Future Fest on Thursday, Aug. 29 at River House. There were photo booths and infinity rooms, interactive installations, music performed by faculty and students, the unveiling of the new JU Dive Into Your Future video, a [chainsaw-carved dolphin sculpture](#) that gave new purpose to a storm damaged tree, and an alumni-painted mural on the patio of the River House Pub (pictured above)!

[Check out photos from the event in WAVE Magazine Online.](#)



**JAX Outfitters**

JAX Outfitters, located in the Frisch Family Welcome Center, will be open special hours during Homecoming & Family Weekend:

- **Friday, Oct. 18:** 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 19:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (They will also be inside the gates at the football game)
- **Sunday, Oct. 20:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Stock up on Jacksonville University gear with our Bold New Brand! JAX Outfitters offers a 10% alumni discount on all merchandise in store when you mention your class year.



### Alumni Spotlight

This year at Saturday on the St. Johns, alumni Paul Jackson '18 and DeAndre Lettsome '17 of [Let's Ride Brass Band](#) will be sharing their talent with the JU Family!

These Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts graduates are bringing "That Duval Sound" to the rest of the world. Founder, Paul Jackson Live, cast this 11-piece ensemble with young, experienced, talented and educated musicians. Members range from intense training in classical, jazz, music theatre, and music theory.

[Get your ticket for Saturday on the St. Johns during Homecoming & Family Weekend](#) to see these GOLD Phins perform live!

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### 2019 Alumni Events

**September 26:** [Aviation Alumni Reunion](#)

**October 3:** Dolphin Delivery to Florida Blue Deerwood Campus (Jacksonville)

**October 18-20:** [Homecoming & Family Weekend](#)

**October 18-20:** Class of 1969, 1999 and 2009 [Reunions](#)

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

**October 27:** [JUxJags Tailgate and Game](#)

**November 6:** [Atlanta Dolphin Club Social](#)

[Dolphin Travel Program 2020](#)

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