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#JUalumni updates: Global Toast, new DCOB Dean, Black Alumni Network and more!



### [Global Toast is coming to a city near you!](#)

Global Toast is our way of encouraging all Jacksonville University alumni, friends and families to come together and raise a glass in honor of the University's 86th birthday. You can get together as a group of Dolphins or simply send us a selfie from your office, living room, or the best local haunt in your city throughout the day using #JUToast.

[The Office of Alumni Engagement is working with Dolphin Clubs around the U.S. to schedule toasts on April 16.](#) Contact [alumni@ju.edu](mailto:alumni@ju.edu) or (904) 256-7202 if you are interested in hosting one in a city near you.

Don't forget to make a gift in honor of JU's birthday during [Dolphin Dash](#), April 13-17, 2020.



### [Dr. Barbara Ritter to join University as new Dean of Davis College of Business](#)

Building upon the strength and long-standing success of its internationally-ranked Davis College of Business, Jacksonville University announced the selection of the College's next dean, Dr. Barbara A. Ritter.

**[Join us in welcoming Dr. Ritter to the Dolphin Family by sending her a welcome note.](#)**



### [Alumni Identified Need that Black Alumni Network Could Fill](#)

The Black Alumni Network is one of JU's newest alumni affinity groups. They will strive to empower, connect, support, and celebrate JU's black community and its rich history on our campus.

**[Connect with the Black Alumni Network](#)**

### [CBS Sports Network Chronicles 1970 NCAA Tournament Run in "Jacksonville U: Can Do"](#)

In celebration of Black History Month, the one-hour documentary recalled one of the most improbable NCAA tournament runs in college basketball history when Jacksonville University became the smallest school in the modern era to reach an NCAA Final. The documentary will re-air on CBS Sports Network 2/21 at 10:30 a.m. EST, 2/24 at 10 a.m. EST, 2/27 at 10:30 a.m. EST, and 2/29 at 11 a.m. EST.

### [Family Inspired Business School Alumna's Success as Romance Novelist](#)

Not everyone thinks of a business administration degree and creative writing career as complementary, but Brenda Jackson '89 relied on the encouragement of her grandmother and husband to blend those things into a thriving endeavor.

### [Jacksonville University Presents Rock the Docks on March 6 and JU Waterfront Family Festival on March 7](#)

Jacksonville University will celebrate Jacksonville's waterfront and our signature programs: Sailing, OCEARCH, Marine Science, and Rowing, and the future that lies ahead with a two-day event in early March.

### [Humanities Professor Majfud Wins International Literary Award](#)

Orrizonte Atlantico, the Italian literary agency that organized the competition, called Prof. Majfud's novel "an existential autobiography based on the author's experiences during the last military dictatorship in Uruguay." Prof. Majfud considers the "self" essential to writing fiction.

### [Jacksonville-Area Alumni: ExploreMORE Week March 30 – April 3](#)

JU's Career Resource Center is currently matching sophomore students with local employers in their area of career interest for ExploreMORE Week, a half-day job shadowing event. Through this career exploration event, students will be exposed to new skills, gain industry education, and build their professional network.

The Career Resource Center is seeking job shadowing opportunities from Jacksonville-area alumni. If you are interested in hosting a JU sophomore student for a half-day, please fill out the [ExploreMORE Week interest form](#).

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