

Update on plans for the fall, CARES Act info, new Student Health Center and more!

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY

# Parents & Families

## UPDATE ON PLANS FOR THE FALL

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Tim Cost



Jacksonville University is looking forward to welcoming students, faculty, and staff back to our beautiful campus, and we are hard at work to ensure we can do so safely.

## Noteworthy News

### [CARES Act](#)

Jacksonville University has received funding from the U.S. Department of Education through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This funding is to provide emergency financial grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Jacksonville University's tiered approach to provide funding based on the expected family contribution \(EFC\) amount from the FAFSA can be reviewed online.](#) All eligible students received communication from the University on May 14. Grants can be used to cover the costs related to housing, food, course materials, technology, health care, childcare, or other related expenses. Funds are being distributed to students via the refund preference indicated in their JU student self-service portal. Please have your student contact Financial Services at [finaid@ju.edu](mailto:finaid@ju.edu) or (904) 256-7060 with questions. [Learn more about grant amounts, student eligibility and the appeals process online.](#)

### [Student Health Center Opening](#)

For the first time in school history, [Jacksonville University will open a Student Health Center to serve the healthcare needs of our students.](#) The Student Health Center will provide a full range of primary healthcare services at no charge and assist with referrals to specialists as needed. The Center will offer a variety of laboratory tests, minor procedures and vaccinations at a rate considerably less than community providers. The center will be open to all undergraduate and graduate students attending classes on our main campus. When the Center opens this fall, it will operate from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### [Dolphin Direct Textbook Program](#)

Jacksonville University is committed to empowering students to achieve academic success by providing timely access to essential learning materials. The [Dolphin Direct Textbook Program](#) provides all undergraduate students access to required textbooks and access codes for an affordable flat rate of \$350 per semester. The opt-out deadline is August 28th, 2020 for the Fall semester.

### [Save the Date for Homecoming & Family Weekend](#)

The Office of Family Engagement shares in the University's concern for the safety and well-being of our campus community, families, alumni and friends. For now, we invite you to save the date of October 9-11, 2020 for [Homecoming & Family Weekend](#) and we look forward to sharing the details of the weekend with our #PhinFam soon!

## Resources for Families & Students

### Helping Dolphins Achieve their Career Goals

The Office of Alumni Engagement and Career Resource Center are calling upon Jacksonville University alumni to help students and recent grads achieve their career goals. While alumni are being asked to sign up to host virtual mock interviews and job shadow experiences, connect their employers with JU and recruit Dolphins for part-time, internship, and full-time opportunities, the Career Resource Center is also seeing a response from employers in JU's Handshake system. Currently, Jacksonville University's Handshake has **5,937 current job/internship postings of which 1,119 were posted in the last 30 days.** Of these opportunities, **383 are open to remote workers.**

The Career Resource Center is still open – virtually – for students, recent grads and alumni. They can help with job and internship searches, resume development

### Supporting Your Student's Mental Health

With the occurrence of such big changes for all current students, many parents and families are finding themselves in new situations and learning how to cope and adjust together. It's completely normal to have some difficulty with navigating this. Some of the most helpful things parents can do right now to support their children are to simply spend time with them, help ease their mind away from COVID-19 related stress, and check-in with how they are feeling emotionally, physically, and academically, as shared in a recent survey by Active Minds. For parents supporting students from afar, we suggest frequent connections via face-to-face video chat and encouraging them to engage in self-care as much as possible. Likewise, you yourself engaging in your own self-care can make a positive impact on the people around you.

and reviews, conduct mock video interviews, and answer career-related questions. Your student or recent grad may schedule an appointment directly through Handshake or by contacting [careers@ju.edu](mailto:careers@ju.edu).

Students seeking additional support can visit the [Jacksonville University Student Counseling Center \(SCC\)](#) website to find tips and resources about mental health, or request a telehealth appointment (via secure messaging, phone, or video) using the online form. [Watch a SCC Wellness Moment](#).

**[I want to connect my employer to the CRC!](#)**

### Quick Links for Class of 2024 Dolphin Families

- [Watch the Virtual Admissions Sessions](#)
- [Next Steps for Incoming Freshmen](#)
- [Register for Orientation](#). If you would like to participate in the Family track of Orientation, have your student register you as a "guest." Virtual Orientation event details will be shared mid-June. Contact [newtoju@ju.edu](mailto:newtoju@ju.edu) for more information.

### [The Nellie Student Support Fund](#)

The Nellie Student Support Fund is administered through the Jacksonville University Student Solutions Center. This fund assists current Jacksonville University students by providing financial support when they need assistance with unexpected emergency expenses. [Students may apply for funds](#) when they have exhausted all other resources. This funding is not intended to replace or supplement existing financial aid and does not have to be repaid. The number of students who can be served by the Nellie Student Support Fund is subject to the availability of funds. [The fund must be sustained by continual contributions from alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the University.](#)

### #JUStrong

If you [make a gift of \\$25+ to the Nellie Student Support Fund](#) between now and May 31, 2020, you will receive a free, limited-edition #JUStrong t-shirt.

**[Read the #JUStrong Newsletters](#)**

### [Office of Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#)

The DSS provides support to students with disabilities and wants Dolphin families to know that they are continuing to work with students already registered with their office, but also available to those that may have questions or concerns as to how they can receive assistance. A full list of [DSS's services can be reviewed online](#) or students can email Olga Lucia Flórez, Director of Disability Support Services directly at [oflorez@ju.edu](mailto:oflorez@ju.edu) to set up a phone meeting.

### Office of Family Engagement Top 10 Recommended Instagram Accounts

- [@jacksonvilleu](#)
- [@juswisherlib](#)
- [@dolphinproductions](#)
- [@jualumni](#)
- [@jax\\_dolphins](#)
- [@ju\\_studentlife](#)
- [@ju\\_sga](#)
- [@newtoju](#)
- [@ju\\_careers](#)
- [@jax\\_recwell](#)

### [Online Academic Support for Remote Learning](#)

The Academic Support Center's (ASC) mission is to help students become stronger, more confident learners and realize their academic goals. JU undergraduates still have access to high quality, consistent tutoring while we continue this period of remote learning. All JU undergrads can receive help via online tutoring through Brainfuse, at no charge to the student. [Encourage your students to visit the ASC online for more information.](#)

## Read More

### Jacksonville University in the News and Community:

- [Governor announces partnership with University partner Dolphin Pointe Health Care](#)
- [BRCHS contributes to a 'Wellness Wearable' on your wrist](#)
- [CEO Magazine names DCOB graduate programs among world's best](#)
- [Jacksonville University shows its appreciation for its nursing school alumni on the frontlines of the COVID-19 outbreak](#)
- [JU legacy Grace Dudley '24 receives special high school graduation celebration](#)
- ['A global toast to the Class of 2020!' Jacksonville University finds new ways to honor graduates](#)

### Student & Faculty Spotlights:

- [Virtual Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts Honors Convocation](#)
- [Francis Alip '20 named College of Arts and Science's Student of the Year](#)
- [2020 graduate named Student Veteran of the Year](#)
- [Junior physics major in NROTC chosen for submarine program](#)
- [University students serve local community as virtual volunteers](#)
- [Four faculty members earn Awards for Excellence](#)

### Athletics Corner:

- [Dolphin Tales Podcast: Life During Lockdown](#)
- [Jacksonville University Athletics 2020 JAXPYS Awards Central](#)

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Together we mourn the passing of Jacksonville University Chancellor Emerita Dr. Frances Bartlett Kinne, who passed away on May 10, 2020, at the age of 102. Known for her unquenchable optimism, her joy for life and her selfless service to others, Dr. Kinne was a guiding star for us at the University. Throughout her tenure and until her final days, Dr. Kinne

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was most proud of her connection with students, hundreds of whom she counseled and inspired year after year. She will be missed. #LiveLikeKinne

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