



# Hello October!

**DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION FOR SPRING 2023 IS NOVEMBER 1, 2022!**

Free App Day is October 1st, use the code **FDOCT22**

Valid through 10/02/2022



**Time to celebrate! JSU's MSN Population Health program was listed as the #1 Public Health Nursing program by RegisteredNursing.org!**

**October HOME Football Games:  
Saturday, October 1st @ 1 P.M. vs. Kennesaw State Owls!!  
(Preview Day/Family Day)**

**Saturday, October 22nd @ 1 P.M. vs. Southern Louisiana Lions!! (Homecoming)**

October 5th is World Teacher's Day!  
JSU Graduate Studies is thankful for every teacher and the work they do to better the future!

## GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAMS FAIR

**COME JOIN JSU GRADUATE STUDIES ON OCTOBER 5, 2022, IN THE TMB AUDITORIUM FROM 11 AM -- 1 PM.**

- Learn about the different graduate level programs offered across JSU's campus
- Visit tables to interact with different colleges and support groups across campus
- Register upon arrival for a chance to win a door prize
- First 25 attendees receive a FREE Graduate Studies T-shirt

Have exciting graduate information or news to share? Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to share some good news with us!

### Graduate Studies Tip!

*JSU is a proud Business/Industry Partner with Calhoun County Area Chamber and Visitors Center, The Chamber of Gadsden & Etowah County, Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, Honda, Jim 'N Nick's Community BBQ, and Lake Guntersville Chamber of Commerce!*

Becoming a JSU partner offers tuition discounts for employees, enhancement of employee benefits packages, waived application fees, and more!! (Contact Kelly Martin at [knmartin@jsu.edu](mailto:knmartin@jsu.edu) or [click here](#) to visit the JSU Business/Industry Partnership homepage)



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## Dean's Corner with Dr. Channing R. Ford, Graduate Studies

Greetings Gamecocks!

We are well into the Fall 2022 semester and are only 77 days from Fall Commencement. The Graduate Studies team is happy to announce a new feature within our monthly newsletter, Dean's Corner. Within this new section, we will spotlight a different academic leader each month to allow you to learn more about them and how their journey led them to JSU.

As Dean of Graduate Studies, I strive to support graduate students as they navigate their academic journey. Graduate education allows us to cultivate our own professional identity, marketability, and quality of life which allows us to specialize what we want our careers to look like over time. My goal is to ensure that JSU's academic programs prepare graduate students for the evolving and dynamic nature of the workplace and to have the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to be successful.

I came to JSU in Fall 2020 as Senior Director of Graduate Studies and was named Dean in May 2021. Prior to this, I was the Director of Assessment within the Harrison School (now College) of Pharmacy at Auburn University. I have worked in academia for over 16 years and during this time I have continued my pursuit of lifelong learning, earning a Master of Arts in Communication Management (UAB), Master of Public Administration (UAB), a Doctor of Philosophy in Administration of Higher Education (Auburn University), and am currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Integrated Studies (JSU). While it may seem that I was always a lifelong learner, this was not the case. I found myself struggling through undergrad and started my first graduate program after failing to find the type of job I had hoped to obtain following graduation. It was during this time that I identified 1-2 faculty mentors that helped me see what I could become over time. Under their guidance, I discovered the type of person I wanted to be. They also taught me the importance of creating my own academic community that would provide support and at times guidance as I discovered how I fit within the career I chose. If I could make one recommendation for students, it is to recognize that asking for support and guidance is not a weakness but a strength. Finding a mentor that you connect with can help you become the best version of yourself.

## ACCELERATED SENIOR PRIVILEGE

### ADVANCE TO EXCELLENCE WITH ACCELERATED SENIOR PRIVILEGE

- The Accelerated Senior Privilege allows a student who has completed 96 hours toward an undergraduate degree to complete a maximum of six (6) graduate credits per semester for a total of 12 credit hours prior to completing the undergraduate degree. Accelerated Senior Privilege is also extended to qualifying students at other colleges and universities, provided all conditions are met.

Fee for Accelerated Senior Privilege Program is waived during the application process!

Possibility of merit/honor scholarships to be applied to graduate level course work!

Talk to your *academic advisor* about the possibility of pursuing your graduate degree through the Accelerated Senior Privilege Program!

**Ready to apply?** Visit JSU Graduate Studies Website by clicking the link below.

→ [Graduate Admissions](#)

→ [Rising Undergraduate Applicant](#)

