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## INTERNATIONAL UPDATE YOUR RESUME MONTH

September is International Update Your Resume Month. Have you considered adding a graduate degree or certificate to your resume?

## DID YOU KNOW?

JSU Graduate Studies participates in #FreeAppDay on the first day of every month. Follow us on Facebook to find a promo code to waive the application fee!



MFA Student, Conner Gayda, becomes the second student in JSU history to win a national ADDY Award from the American Advertising Federation

## BREAKING NEWS

JSU Board of Trustees voted to change the name of Graduate Studies to the "Graduate School." More details to come.

## GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAMS FAIR

COME JOIN JSU GRADUATE STUDIES ON **OCTOBER 5, 2023**, IN THE **TMB AUDITORIUM** FROM **11 AM - 1 PM.**

- Learn about the different graduate level programs offered across JSU's campus
- Interact with different colleges, faculty, and support groups across campus

SEPT 13  
LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW  
AND RECEIVE A 50%  
REFUND

Have exciting graduate information or news to share? Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to submit.



**GRADUATE FACULTY SPOTLIGHT****DR. JENNIE VAUGHN****Integrated Studies Graduate Program Director,  
Assistant Professor of English**

I am a 2-time JSU graduate, BA in Communication and English 1997 and an MSE in English Language Arts 2010. During my Masters work, I had 3 small children and a busy life. I also had the privilege of working for Dr. Kathleen Friery in the department of Counseling and Instructional Support in the College of Education and Professional Studies. Dr. Friery encouraged me to consider pursuing a PhD and supported me during the application process. I will forever be grateful for her mentorship! From the moment I was accepted to the University of Alabama English PhD program, I was determined to come back and teach at JSU. The path was winding, I taught for 5 years in northwestern PA before coming back to JSU. Now, I hope that I can support my graduate students in both Integrated Studies and English to think big and pursue goals they had not considered before.

I actually come from a JSU family. Both of my parents are JSU grads; my dad is a retired professor of computer science. One of my four sisters graduated from JSU as did my husband and two brothers-in-law. Now, two of my three children are JSU students. We love JSU in our family! My husband and I even had our wedding reception at the Alumni House nearly 25 years ago!

Personally, I love to read, garden, and swim. I plow through books! Last year, I read 144 books. I'm somewhere around 130 so far this year. I'm not sure if this counts as hobby or addiction! I've always said gardening is my therapy, but really, I feel like it's my birthright as a middle-aged Southern woman. As Ouiser Boudreaux says in *Steel Magnolias*, "...I'm an old Southern woman and we're supposed to wear funny looking hats and ugly clothes and grow vegetables in the dirt...I don't know why, I don't make the rules!" Finally, swimming is my newest hobby; I just started lap swimming 3-4 times a week over the summer. It's a good physical workout and meditation combined. When I'm swimming there is nothing else to think about but breathing and moving.

The Master of Arts in Integrated Studies program allows students to obtain a graduate degree while pursuing advanced coursework in two or more disciplines. Characterized by its flexibility, this degree can be completed on-campus or online and from various departments. It provides advanced credentials and a curriculum designed by the student, in conjunction with an advisor.



*Spring 2024 Application  
Deadline for Most  
Graduate Programs will be  
November 1st!*

Upcoming Home Games:  
Sept 2: Tennessee State 1 PM  
Sept 23\*: Eastern Michigan 4 PM  
\*HOMECOMING  
see the Schedule of Events

