



# GAMECOCK PARENT & FAMILY CONNECTION

The transition to college can be exciting, stressful, unknown, and transformative for your student and your family. The transition into adulthood and independence is not an overnight process. Your student will need your encouragement and support to be successful while at JSU. We have compiled a list of helpful reminders and updates to consider for you student's success at JSU.

## Parents of Future Gamecocks

The Spring is a wonderful time for students to complete their next steps after admission and confirm their plans to enroll at JSU. Completing the steps below will help to ensure your student is prepared and ready to begin classes at JSU this fall.

### Next Steps:

#### Gamecock Orientation (GO!) registration is live!

All first-time freshmen under the age of 25 are required to attend GO! and it is strongly encouraged for first time transfer students. We encourage students to register by May 1st to secure their spot and confirm their enrollment! You can register by visiting [jsu.edu/go/register](https://jsu.edu/go/register).

GO! is a one-day program designed to help students with the transition to college. During GO! students will meet other students, learn from faculty/staff, meet with an academic advisor, and register for classes.

For more information visit [jsu.edu/go](https://jsu.edu/go).

**We highly encourage students to submit their FAFSA!** The FAFSA is the only way for JSU to determine if a student qualifies for federal grants or loans. The maximum Federal Pell Grant has increased to \$7,395 annually. JSU also uses information from the FAFSA to identify students who may qualify for JSU funded grants, like the Gamecock Enhancement Grant, and state funded grants. Don't let your students miss out on funding for their college education!

[Complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA](#)

[Complete the Housing Application/Exemption form](#)

[Complete EdReady Placement Exams](#)

**Important Links and Upcoming Events:**

## [Information for Incoming Freshman Students](#) [Information for Incoming Transfer Students](#)

Need additional assistance? Contact our Admissions team at [admissions@jsu.edu](mailto:admissions@jsu.edu) or 256-782-5268.

### Parents of Current Gamecocks

If your student is looking to get involved and serve the JSU community, they can serve as an [SSC 101 Mentor](#). SSC 101 is a first-year seminar all first-year students take in the fall. The [First and Second Year Experience](#) office is recruiting upper-level students (sophomore, junior, senior students) to be paired with an instructor to mentor first-year students during their first semester of college. If interested students can contact Abbie Beatty, Coordinator for Peer Mentoring, at [abeatty@jsu.edu](mailto:abeatty@jsu.edu).

### Important Dates & Information

- Join us for our annual [Gamecock Arts Summer Program](#) June 4-9, 2023.
- Summer & Fall 2023 Course Registration began on March 13. Be sure that your student has met with their academic advisor and is prepared to make their course selections for the upcoming semesters.
- Please remind your students of the upcoming [construction projects and available parking updates](#).

Click [here](#) to view the full 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.

### Summer 2023



— [LEARN MORE AT JSU.EDU/SUMMER](http://JSU.EDU/SUMMER) —

Summer courses are a great way for your student to stay connected to JSU and get ahead on their degree progress!

There are many benefits to enrolling in summer courses, including a reduced general university fee and no distance learning fees for summer courses.

For more information on summer registration, please visit: [www.jsu.edu/summer](http://www.jsu.edu/summer)

### Parent & Family Engagement Survey

Parents and family members, please take some time to complete the [Parent &](#)

[Family Engagement Survey](#) to help JSU understand what types of information matter to you and your experience at JSU.

## Academic Support/Student Success Center Services

**Academic Support/Tutoring Services** is located on the 2nd floor of the Houston Cole Library. Their summer tutoring hours are 10a-4p Monday-Thursday and 10a-2p on Friday. Appointments can be scheduled using JSU Navigate, found in your MyJSU account, or by using the Navigate Student app. (Please check-in at the front desk with your student ID when you arrive.)

Tutor.com is also available to all JSU students and can be accessed through your Canvas courses. Tutor.com is available 24/7 and is completely free!

Success Coaching is available by appointment. If you are interested in meeting with your success coach, you can schedule an appointment using JSU Navigate.

### **Study tips for students as they move towards the end of the semester:**

1. Use your notes to create flashcards, outlines, study guides, and to predict exam questions.
2. Review your notes, PowerPoints, study guides, etc. each day.
3. Recite and restate information to enhance your memory skills.
4. Get a tutor if you need one or utilize Tutor.com.
5. Create a study group or use the Study Buddies feature in the Navigate Student app.
6. Organize your time and take breaks as needed.
7. Meet with your success coach on a regular basis.
8. Create a comfortable and distraction-free study environment.
9. Know your final exam schedule in advance so that you can set aside study times for specific courses.
10. Utilize the Student Success Center if you need a place to study.

## Financial Aid/Scholarships

- Your student must maintain an institutional GPA of at least 2.0 and earn 66.7% (2/3) of all credit hours attempted to maintain their financial aid eligibility.
- Your student may be eligible for financial aid this summer! In order to receive aid in the summer semester, your student must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours.
- Additionally, your student must earn 24 hours to have their merit scholarship renewed at the end of each academic year.

## Housing Operations and Residence Life



### **Spring 2023 Move Out Information**

Residence halls and apartments will close on Sunday, April 30, 12:00 p.m. Students must vacate their assignment by the appropriate date unless they have a summer assignment in Sparkman Hall (or on-campus apartments) or are approved to stay due to athletics still competing. They will need to be approved to stay by their Residence Life Coordinator. See summer information below for more details.

### **Summer 2023 Information**

Sparkman Hall will be available for summer housing for the summer 2023 terms. Residents are not required to be enrolled in summer classes to live in Sparkman Hall for the summer.

**Option #1:** I currently live in an on-campus apartment (Campus Inn One Bedroom, Campus Inn Efficiency, College, Colonial Arms, Jax, Mountain Street/Goodlett Avenue Apartments, Pannell, or Penn House). The Apartment Areas will remain open for summer 2023. If you live in one of the communities listed above, you will be able to remain in your assignment for the full summer term. The following requirements must be met to remain in your apartment for the summer 2023 term.

- Squat or reselect your exact same assignment.
- Submit a Summer Housing Application.
- The cost for summer is the same rate as the spring rate. Example, if you live in Pannell, you will be billed \$2650 for the summer term.
- You must be preregistered for fall 2023 by May 1, 2023, or your assignment will be voided. *\*Residents that are graduating in summer 2023 may request approval to stay.*
- However, you may relocate to Sparkman Hall for summer housing. If you choose to relocate to Sparkman Hall, you will be charged the summer rate(s), which are listed below. Classes are not required to live at Sparkman Hall for the summer terms.

**Option #2:** I live in any remaining on-campus facility (Crow, Curtiss, Dauge, etc.)

Dixon, Fitzpatrick, International House, Leadership House for Women, Kappa Sigma, Logan, Long Leaf, Meehan, Patterson, Pi Kappa Phi, Salls, or Sparkman) and want to live in summer housing.

- Sparkman Hall will be available for summer housing.
- Residents are not required to be enrolled in summer classes to live in Sparkman Hall for the summer. You will be billed for the length of stay as indicated on your summer housing application. Example, if you selected Summer I on your application, you will only be able to reside in Sparkman Hall for the Summer I term.
- The rates for summer housing are Summer I (May 16 – June 22) - **\$850**, Summer 4 Week Term (June 1 – June 29) - **\$570**, Summer II (June 26 – August 1) - **\$850**, Full Summer (May 16 – August 1) - **\$1700**.
- Residents will need to select the appropriate applications for the summer classes for which they are enrolled or plan to stay. For example, if you are only taking Summer I classes, you would need to submit the Summer Housing Application and indicate your specific term(s) online through [THD Self Service](#).

### Fall 2023 Information

Assignment information will be sent out around May 15 and will be sent to the JSU Email Account. Be sure to follow our [Important Dates page](#) for upcoming move-in information for Fall 2023!

## University Police Department - Campus Safety

### COCKY WATCH APP

The Jacksonville State University Police Department (UPD) is proud to announce a new and exciting emergency notification phone application for the campus community. The Cocky Watch App is now available. Please encourage your student to download! Instructions can be found [here](#).

### JSU ALERT

Although college campuses are usually safe places, emergencies and disasters do occur. JSU is committed to keeping the campus community as safe as possible through effective communication prior to, during and following emergencies. JSU's Emergency Alert System, the University's primary emergency notification system, allows students, parents, faculty and staff to receive emergency messages via phone, text message, e-mail, and social media. Both voice and text messages may be sent to cell phones. Sign up for JSU Alert [here](#).

## Student Employment

Your student can view employment opportunities [online](#).

## Do You Know a Graduating Senior?

The JSU Foundation and Alumni Association offer two great ways to celebrate the achievements of a special graduate in your life!



Party Packs include an alumni t-shirt, sticker, Gamecock cup, party noisemaker, and information on how to keep up with the JSU Alumni Association after graduation.



As part of the Graduating Senior Giving Campaign, 2023 graduates are encouraged to make a contribution to the school or program of their choice by making a minimum donation of \$23 and pledging to make a minimum donation of \$23 the year following their graduation. For this donation and pledge, they will receive a Gamecock medallion that can be worn at their commencement ceremony.

Click [here](#) to order a Party Pack and/or Graduation Medallion!

**Parent Giving**



During time spent at Jacksonville State University, your students will discover dreams, develop ideas, and strive towards goals for the future. They will interact daily with JSU's outstanding faculty and staff and form lifelong friendships with other students from the region and around the world while becoming tomorrow's leaders, creators, and problem-solvers.

Each year, the generous support of JSU parents helps the university ensure an exceptional experience for all students. Through the JSU Annual Fund, parents can help support the colleges, departments, programs, and scholarships that have helped shape the lives of JSU students just like your own for generations.

Help JSU students in need this holiday season! The Gamecock Market provides free resources to students in need. Whether the need is food, hygiene items, clothes, or school supplies, our JSU students rely on assistance from the Gamecock Market. Please consider partnering with JSU to ensure the next generation of Gamecocks have the resources needed to be successful in college by providing a financial gift to the Gamecock Market. All donations are used directly for student needs. Text GIVEJSU to 91999 or visit [www.jsu.edu/givejsu](http://www.jsu.edu/givejsu) to make a donation.

Annual Fund gifts can be designated to support your student's college or department, favorite program or initiative, or scholarships that will allow future students to experience the same quality higher educational experience. Giving is easy! Text GIVEJSU to 91999 or visit [jsu.edu/givejsu](http://jsu.edu/givejsu) to make a donation to the JSU Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation. By supporting the JSU Annual Fund, you are truly making a difference in the lives of JSU students.

## In Need of More Assistance?

Housing and Residence Life – 256-782-5122  
Financial Aid – 256-782-5006  
Student Accounts – 256-782-5458  
Registrar's Office – 256-782-5400  
Military Student Services – 256-782-8838



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