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## *December 2025 Edition*

### FEATURED EVENTS



### UPCOMING EVENTS



**November** provided opportunities for fun engagement and fellowship from Cocky Claus to the Marching Southerners Reunion and the State of the University Presidential Address in Huntsville. Alumni gathered for festive photos with Cocky Claus, university updates at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, and more. [To see photos from all the excitement, click here.](#)

**Surprise someone for Christmas with an Alaskan cruise this spring!** With a \$125 deposit, you can still reserve a cabin. Final payment is due by January 30. View full details at [www.funvacationstravel.com/alaska-2026-trip](http://www.funvacationstravel.com/alaska-2026-trip).

The holidays are upon us as we close out the remainder of our 2025 engagement opportunities!

We are excited for our annual **Jax Jingle 5K** this weekend. We are also hosting the Retiree Network Holiday Luncheon and the Fall 2025 Graduate Toast on December 10.

Our 2026 events will be revealed in late January! Stay connected and check back [here for upcoming events.](#)

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



It started as a dare, issued just before kickoff of Jax State's 2004 Homecoming football game. A tradition was born that day when a bunch of ROTC alumni decided to take their shirts off and "paint up." Together, they would become known among Gamecock fans as the **Elite Letterman's Club (ELC)**.

"It's a brotherhood," said ELC member Dave Bowles, who graduated in 1980. But after 20 years of leading Homecoming parades, cheers and the football teams onto the field, the Letterman's Club is hanging up the leather helmets and red football pants that have become as famous as the letters spelling out *G-O-G-A-M-E-C-O-C-K-S-!* painted across its members' chests.

[Read more here.](#)

## COCKY BUSINESS



For **Dewayne Bowen ('93)** financial planning has always been an interest.

"I opened up my **Edward Jones** office in Calhoun (Georgia) and it's been a successful and wise decision on my part," Bowen said.

He believes in hard work and says it is rewarding to help people reach their financial goals. In 2023, Bowen made the "Circle of Success," representing the top 15% of Edward Jones advisors (out of 20,000).

[Read more here.](#)

[Submit your own Cocky Business to be featured](#) in one of our upcoming newsletters here!

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## ALUMNI CONNECTION



We are thankful for all of our alumni, all around the world. No matter where you are or will be throughout the holiday season, we are thankful for you!

Whether you're searching for a friend you lost contact with or would like to connect with other Gamecocks during the holiday season, we encourage you to sign up for this free platform to help you stay connected to Jax State and fellow alumni.

Sign up for the [Alumni Connection](#) and keep in touch!

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Alumni hosted **50 events** and engagement opportunities for the 2024-2025 year. With your help, we met and interacted with more than **2,100 fellow Gamecocks!** Thank you to all of our association members and alumni who provided support to make this a wonderful, active, meaningful year. We ask that you take a couple of minutes to [fill out our survey here](#) and let us know how we're doing. The survey closes December 30.

We do encourage membership, but please know all alumni are welcome at our events. We look forward to meeting many more of you next year and wish you a joyful holiday season. Interested in becoming a member? [Click here!](#)

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## GROWING GAMECOCKS



## AROUND CAMPUS





Give the gift of Gamecock spirit this Christmas!

Enroll your young fan in the Growing Gamecocks program, and they'll enjoy a birthday card or gift from Cocky each year that makes their big day even more memorable.

**[Click here for details and to sign up today!](#)**

Jax State partnered with **Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama** to advance STEAM Education.

Located in Rainbow City, the center will be the only Challenger Learning Center in Alabama, serving as a regional hub for innovation, discovery, and workforce development.

**[Read more here.](#)**

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## COMING TO THE ROC



### Name a Seat at the Randy Owen Center

Honor and memorialize the people you love by naming a seat at the ROC.

"I've chosen to honor the faculty and staff by naming a seat in the ROC. I hope you'll consider honoring the people you love at the ROC, too." - Dr. Tim Lindblom, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Sciences

**[Learn more here.](#)**

## GAMECOCKS GIVE BACK



### It's Giving Tuesday, and Jax State needs YOU.

When Gamecocks come together, incredible things happen. Your gift today strengthens the programs and experiences that define Jax State - and ensures future students thrive.

**Join the movement.**

**[Give Now.](#)**

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