



## A Message from Lisa Sutherland P'24 Chair, JU President's Parents Council

### Summer Greetings from Jacksonville, Florida!

As the chair of the President's Parents Council, I'd like to welcome you to the Jacksonville University Family! I am so excited that your student has chosen JU as the place to further their education and prepare for life after college. As a JU parent, I am confident that your student's experience will be inspiring, fulfilling, and rewarding – just as it has been for my daughter Samantha.



JU has been an important part of my life since my daughter stepped onto campus as a freshman. I encourage you to find fun, productive ways to support your student during their time at JU. As a parent, you too can be a part of their college experience by building and maintaining meaningful engagement with the University. Here are just a few ways I have found to stay connected and help make Jacksonville University the best it can be for my daughter and all students:

- **Stay informed.** JU's primary method of communication with parents and families is via e-mail through the #PhinFam monthly e-newsletter. By having your e-mail on file, the University can provide you with a copy of important University Communications. **Update your contact information and sign up for e-mails by submitting the parent information form online at [www.ju.edu/parentinfo](http://www.ju.edu/parentinfo).** If you are looking for suggestions from other parents or want to connect socially online, we invite you to join the **JU Parents and Families Facebook group**.
- **Attend Move-In and Matriculation.** August will be here before you know it, and move-in is a great time to explore Jacksonville and support your student as they get settled on campus. Move-In will take place on August 2nd. While the students are getting started with their Dolphin Dive In experience on August 3rd, families are welcome to attend the **Parent Orientation in the afternoon** and the **Matriculation Ceremony at 7 p.m.** It's a beautiful ceremony you won't want to miss! Each student is permitted 2 parents/guests to attend Parent Orientation and registration is required in advance. You can register to join us at [www.ju.edu/parentdive](http://www.ju.edu/parentdive).
- **Support the school.** You'll be hearing throughout the year about the immediate impact you can make through investing in the Parents Fund. If you're in a position to do so, we hope you'll consider making a gift or joining the **President's Parents Council**— an advisory council comprised of 50+ families who receive access to University administration, invest at the leadership level, receive special invitations, and serve as ambassadors for JU. If you are interested in the council, we invite you to e-mail us at [family@ju.edu](mailto:family@ju.edu) to learn more, and view the reverse for more information!
- **Get involved.** The University has a multitude of opportunities for parents and families to get involved during their student's time here. One of the easiest ways is to visit your student during signature events like **Homecoming & Family Weekend**. We invite you to **save the date of October 21-23, 2022** and register online at [www.ju.edu/familyweekend](http://www.ju.edu/familyweekend).

Do not hesitate to reach out to the Office of Family Engagement at (904) 256-7202 or [family@ju.edu](mailto:family@ju.edu) should you need anything during your student's time at JU. Please contact me if you are interested in more information about the President's Parents Council or to share any ideas about how we can better engage our parents and families. Thank you so much for your support of Jacksonville University, and I look forward to welcoming your family to campus in the Fall.

### Go Dolphins!

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# Jacksonville University

## President's Parents Council

Jacksonville University's President's Parents Council is an important group that serves as a liaison between campus administrators and the parent body. President's Parents Council members serve as representatives in their geographic area to prospective Jacksonville University students and families and make future Dolphins feel welcomed into the JU Family. Members of the Council support the University by making annual gifts at the *Order of the Dolphin* level (\$1,000+). Members receive access to the President and executive staff, and provide the University with direction by studying issues, offering guidance, and acting as liaisons to administration on key issues for our campus and in higher education.

### Purpose - To provide parents the opportunity to:

- Provide parent perspective on issues
- Participate by serving as goodwill ambassadors
- Provide outreach to new and prospective JU families
- Promote Jacksonville University within their circles of influence
- Lead the annual Parents Campaign to support JU's Greatest Needs
- Advance the mission and interests of the University

### Membership - Parents are invited by the President to:

- Seek dynamic involvement with JU
- Become a leader among parents through philanthropic contributions to Jacksonville University
- Make an annual leadership gift to the Parents Campaign at the *Order of the Dolphin* level (\$1,000+)

### Meetings - Two meetings each year at JU (or virtual) for members to:

- Interact with the President and senior campus leaders
- Build knowledge of the University
- Connect with fellow Council members
- Dialogue with deans of the colleges, faculty, alumni and many of the University's senior administrators
- Learn about cutting-edge programs on campus as well as important University initiatives
- Provide valuable feedback and insight

**President's Parents Council members lead by example with an investment of time, talent and treasure.**

Visit [www.ju.edu/parentscouncil](http://www.ju.edu/parentscouncil) to learn more or contact Lea Fernandes at [lfernanz@ju.edu](mailto:lfernanz@ju.edu) or (904) 256-7202.



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