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**Black History Month: Diversity and the US Navy**

On Monday, February 11, JU hosted Reuben Keith Green, retired US Navy "Mustang" and author of *Black Officer, White Navy*, and CAPT Glen S. Leverette '96, Naval Academy graduate, JU alumnus and current Commanding Officer of JU's NROTC for an open forum to discuss *Diversity and the US Navy: Post Vietnam to Present*.

The event focused on the importance of having a diverse Navy; which translates to every sector of our country's workforce. The speakers encouraged students to go after their dreams regardless of their background.

[Current and former service members can connect with our JU Veteran Alumni Facebook page.](#)

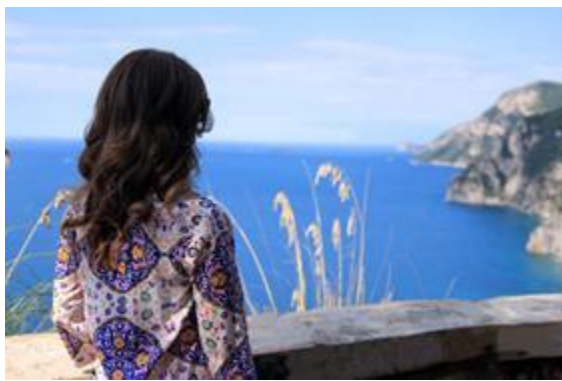


**Only Four Spots Left: Long Weekend Escape to Reykjavik**

You can still join us on an incredible trip to Iceland April 4-8! Round trip air from Orlando, transportation, transfers, lodging, excursions, most meals and a professional guide are included for just \$2,899. This could be your getaway of a lifetime!

Don't miss this opportunity to see the Northern Lights and take a dip in the Blue Lagoon with your Dolphin Family.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Pellegrino-Yokitis, Senior Director of Dolphin Travel at [mpelleq@ju.edu](mailto:mpelleq@ju.edu) or (904) 256-7928. [Check out the itinerary online.](#)



**Globalizing Our University**

Dr. Annmarie Kent-Willette, professor of communications, will be joining the Academic Affairs office as Executive Director of Global Teaching and Learning. In this role, Dr. Kent-Willette will develop signature study abroad programs through strategic global partnerships, and promote exceptional student-centered opportunities for education excellence in undergraduate and graduate programs.

Kent-Willette has already been involved in important global initiatives with the University, including our partnership with the Sant'Anna Institute in Sorrento, Italy, and we look forward to the progress she is sure to continue in this new role!



**Dr. Tim Snyder Named Dean of Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts**

Dr. Tim Snyder has been named Dean of the Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts, effective February 15, 2019.

Dr. Snyder has served as associate professor of music and Director of Choral Activities at JU since 2010, as Chair of the Division of Music since 2016 and as acting Dean of the Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts since June of 2018.

Under his leadership, the College of Fine Arts has enriched its programming in music, theatre, dance, film and the visual arts.



**President Tim Cost '81 and Bryan Cranston Take the Florida Forum Stage**

Emmy, Golden Globe, and Tony award winner and Academy Award nominee Bryan Cranston took the Florida Forum stage Monday, January 28 with President Tim Cost at his side. The enthusiastic, jam-packed crowd gathered to support Wolfson Children's Hospital.

We know Wolfson is close to many of your hearts; hundreds of JU graduates have completed clinicals, served as volunteers, preceptors, mentors, and many have joined Baptist Health and Wolfson Children's Hospital.

[Read more about the 2019 Florida Forum.](#)



**Excellence in Theatre Arts**

Two of our productions were honored by the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival this month: *String*, directed by Prof. Erik DeCicco, and *Into the Woods*, directed by Prof. Kimberly Beasley.

Carlos Adorno '20, was awarded the national David Mark Cohen award for playwriting. Carlos' prestigious award comes with a trip to Washington D.C. and a residency at the Kennedy Center, which will afford him the opportunity to connect with industry professionals, work on his play scripts, and network with peers from across the country.

Professor DeCicco '05 was also recognized for Excellence in Directing for his contribution to the production of *String*. The David Mark Cohen award is awarded only to playwrights whose work has been selected for production by the student's university - Professor DeCicco and Carlos have been

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working on the script and subsequent production of *String* for nearly two years - Carlos has been working on the script for nearly three.

**2019 Alumni Events**

**February 16:** [Jacksonville Lacrosse Center Facility Dedication](#) (10 a.m., RSVP to [juathletics@ju.edu](mailto:juathletics@ju.edu))

**March 6:** Jacksonville Mayoral Debate (8-9 p.m., Terry Concert Hall)

**March 9:** [Riverfront Celebration with JU Rowing](#)

**March 27:** Women's History Month 2019 Celebration (7:30 p.m., Terry Concert Hall)

**April 11:** [Global Toast](#)

**April 12:** Charter Day of Service and Big Green Give

**April 12-13:** [Jacksonville Men's Soccer Alumni Weekend](#)

**May 10-11:** [Philadelphia Dolphin Club](#): Dad Vail Regatta

**October 18-20:** Homecoming & Family Weekend

**October 18-20:** [ADPi Reunion and 50th Charter Anniversary Celebration](#)

**Trips throughout 2019:** [Dolphin Travel Program](#)



**Send JU Students to NCUR**

Some of our most ambitious students have been selected to represent Jacksonville University at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Atlanta, GA on April 11-13 - but now they need your help to get there! This year, 48 JU students will travel to Atlanta to present 28 undergraduate research projects on the economic impact on airline delays, methods of finding cause of death in forensic pathology, and an anti-oxidant enzyme analysis in the muscle of the Atlantic sharpnose shark.

A [donation of any size](#) helps offset the cost of registration and travel to Atlanta so our students can present their research. All gifts are 100% tax deductible.

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