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Alumni Newsletter



Dolphin Dash Starts Next Week!

Last year, we set records. This year, we're aiming to shatter them. From February 14-18, Dolphin Dash is back and better than ever.

Can you think of five [#JUAlumni](#) you would ask to GIVE FORWARD during Dolphin Dash this year? That's all it takes!

[Dolphin Dash homepage](#)



Farrugia to Receive Global Citizen Award

Jacksonville University is proud to present Gianrico Farrugia, M.D., with the 2022 Presidential Global Citizen Award on March 3, 2022. Dr. Farrugia is the President and CEO of the Mayo Clinic, and is the fourth recipient of this award.

The Jacksonville University Presidential Global Citizen Award is presented to an extraordinary, visionary leader whose impact is felt well beyond the bounds of their recognized responsibilities.

[Learn more](#)



Black History Month Events

This year's Black History Month celebration at Jacksonville University focuses on celebrating Black culture, encouraging wellness and self-care and connecting with others on campus.

Join the JU Black Alumni Network for a night supporting the JU Men's Basketball Team on Saturday, February 12 at 6 p.m. [Tickets are complimentary to alumni](#) who RSVP before February 10.

Join the Student Inclusion Center as it hosts a series of nine events throughout the month of February and learn more about the significance of Black culture in today's world and throughout history.

[Full schedule of events](#)

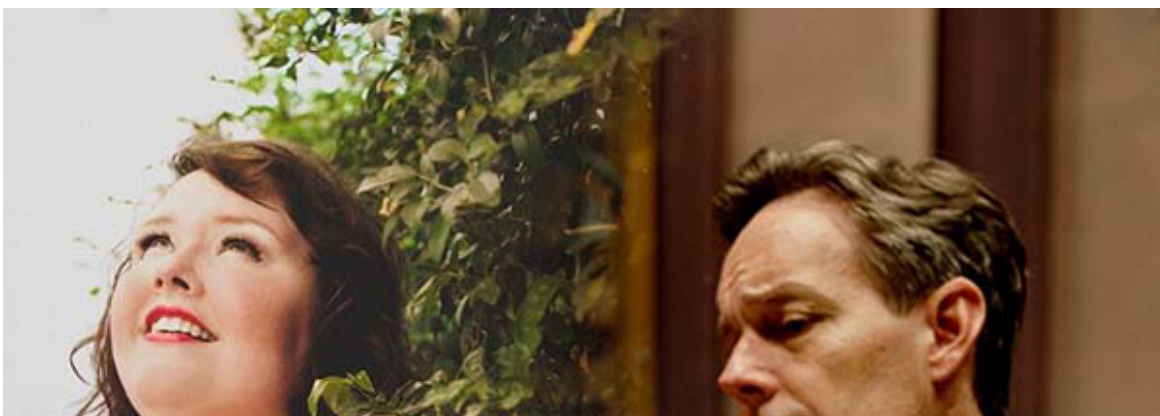
[Register to attend the JU Black Alumni Network Basketball Game](#)



[Basketball Performance Center Unveiled to Men's and Women's Teams](#)

On January 25, Jacksonville University unveiled the newly constructed Basketball Performance Center for the men's and women's teams. It features a full court, half court, weight room, and coaches offices and will have direct access to the adjacent Swisher Gymnasium.

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Stein College Celebrating 60th Anniversary

Join Jacksonville University as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts with classical music superstars Jamie Barton, mezzo-soprano, and composer/pianist Jake Heggie in recital on Saturday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m., followed by an Anniversary Gala Dinner.

Barton is accompanied by a longtime friend and collaborator, Heggie (Dead Man Walking, Moby-Dick), featuring selections from their recent recording, which explores the perspectives of the powerful women represented in Heggie's songs and operas, and with works by Florence Price, Johannes Brahms and Franz Schubert among others.

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Dr. Bryan Franks Publishes Comprehensive Great White Shark Study

Jacksonville University Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Bryan Franks published a comprehensive study in the [Frontiers in Marine Science](#) journal in November on the movement and migration habits of great white sharks in the Western North Atlantic Ocean.

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JU Design Professor Lands Project in Time Square

Recently, Assistant Professor of Design Ron Edelen saw one of his latest freelance projects land on one of the most popular areas in America - Times Square.

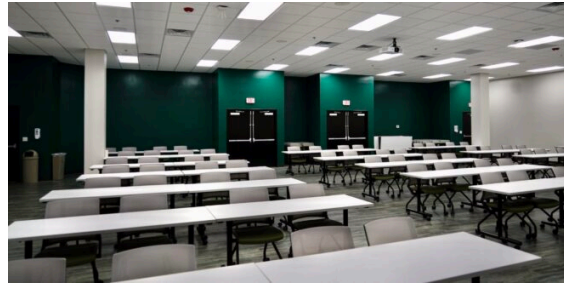
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NROTC Assistant Marine Officer Instructor Among the Top in U.S.

Receiving the Southeast region's USAA Assistant Marine Officer Instructor of the Year came as a surprise to Gunnery Sgt. Noe Ahumada-Barron, but not to those who work closely with him. The recipient of the award is an AMOI who has gone above and beyond and deserves to be named amongst the best in the NROTC program.

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Expanded Healthcare Simulation Center Ready for More Learners

What started as a 5,000-square-foot facility on Jacksonville University's campus, the Healthcare Simulation Center is now more than six times the size and able to serve more students and health professionals than ever.

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Upcoming Events at JU

February 11-12: [Baseball Alumni Weekend](#)

February 12: [JU Black Alumni Network Night at JU Men's Basketball game](#)

February 14-18: [Dolphin Dash 2022](#)

February 23: [River City Rumble, JU vs. UNF MBB game](#) at Swisher Gymnasium

March 3: [Global Citizen Award Luncheon](#)

April 7: [GOLD Phin Hops and Headshots](#)

April 10: [Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts 60th Anniversary recital](#) featuring classical music superstars Jamie Barton, mezzo-soprano and composer/pianist Jake Heggie.



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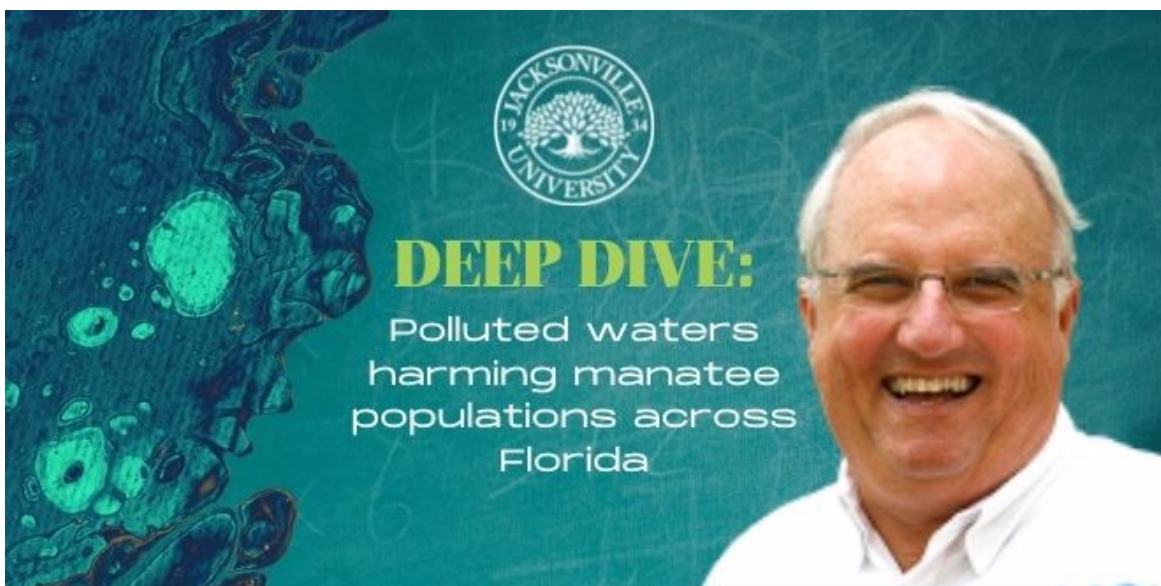
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From Our Faculty Columnists



In this month's Florida Times-Union River Life column, Quinton White, executive director of

Jacksonville University's Marine Science Research Institute, discusses how the manatee population in Florida is being threatened by polluted waters and what we can do to help.

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Big News?

Let us know! The Office of Alumni and Family Engagement would love to highlight your professional and personal accomplishments. JU alumni can submit their news including promotions, published work, awards, engagements, marriages, and birth announcements.

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