Honors students dance the night away

Megan Wise
Staff Writer

This past Friday, October 10, under the string-light glow of the Alumni House, Jacksonville State University’s Honors Program celebrated their first, and hopefully annual, “Meet and Greet.”

Here, graduates, Elites and current members of the JSU Honors Program gathered around for the chance to mingle, dress to the nine’s and boogie on the dance floor for the ground-breaking event.

Jacksonville State offers many honors classes for its student body, and while many students on campus take these honors courses and are members to the honors program, it was soon realized how spread out the ones involved seemed to be.

In order to bring a sense of familiarity and togetherness for those outside of the Elites or those who have graduated from the program, the desire to bring the students together for a night of fun was born.

This was also the first event in which alumni of the program and current students have the opportunity to connect and catch up in the going-ons of those who have graduated and have moved into the grad school or working world.

Aside from seeing familiar faces, events such as these allow students to gain new perspectives as to what the honors program has to offer them as students as well as networking with alumni of the association.

The evening began with the formal routine of any social event. After hunger had been satisfied and everyone was seated, President Emily Smith and Vice President Alex McFry addressed the members and announced the plans in store for the program for the duration of the year, such as service projects and events.

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Sigma Nu fraternity hosts Hotrods for Heroes car show

Brittany Robertson
Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 11, the men of Sigma Nu hosted a car show at the Alumni House to raise funds for their charity Wounded Warrior Project.

Sigma Nu is a military-based fraternity with deep roots in volunteer work and an honor code to themselves and their community.

Marshal Kenneth Smith ran the event.

13 car models were on display, hoods raised and trunks open, showing off the complex inner workings of the cars.

The cars ranged from Camaros, Ford trucks, a 65’ Impala, an orange Challenger R/T and even a hillbilly truck.

“We pick a charity and we represent and raise money to give back to their organization. It’s our main philanthropy that we do every year to support our troops who serve our country,” Smith said.

Sigma Nu’s charity, the Wounded Warrior Project, is a program that was started to help injured men and women, provide programs to help meet their needs and to raise awareness to others to aid our soldiers.

One of the cars present was a camouflaged Ford truck whose original owner was Phil Robertson of Duck Dynasty.

True to the truck’s original owner, the interior is the same camouflage pattern as the exterior. Current owner Michael Kinos.

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Chiropractor Dr. Carol Evancho gave people attending the event spinal adjustments.
If you've ever seen AMC's Emmy Award winning television show “Breaking Bad,” then you're familiar with RJ Mitte. In the show, Mitte plays Walt Jr., the protagonist's son who suffers from a mild case of cerebral palsy — a role very personal to Mitte as he suffers from cerebral palsy himself.

Mitte has inspired those to become leaders in what can be a cruel world. He is a spokesperson for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, where he was a patient during his childhood. Mitte was also a patient during his childhood. He is a spokesperson for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, where he was a patient during his childhood. Mitte was also a patient during his childhood. He is a spokesperson for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, where he was a patient during his childhood. Mitte was also a patient during his childhood. He is a spokesperson for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, where he was a patient during his childhood. He is a spokesperson for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, where he was a patient during his childhood. He is a spokesperson for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, where he was a patient during his childhood. He is a spokesperson for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, where he was a patient during his childhood.

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Mitte is a large number of people who suffer from cerebral palsy, a role he was extremely passionate about. Mitte felt that he was the best candidate for the job. “This was the first time I spoke on television. I read the synopsis and this character described me. I went in with so much confidence that I was there to claim my job. I had five auditions which many people would find discouraging. Not me. I knew I was on the home stretch and I can't be discouraged. That's how you have to go about everything. I had a lot of fun and it was great experience,” said Mitte. Mitte’s insight showed that he had a determination beyond his 22 years. Regardless, if the fight against bullying is ongoing, Mitte will continue to inspire those around him and lead a revolution of change among the many young adults worldwide.

Actor RJ Mitte speaks out about bullying in Charlotte

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showed off his truck and the awards the truck received at many different car shows. “I didn’t know it was Phil Robertson’s, I just bought the truck. It was named the 2014 Top Truck of the Year at the last show we attended. I am hoping to sign a contract soon that will allow me to meet the Robertson’s in Rome, Ga. to help sponsor a truck show,” Kines said. Sigma Nu also hosted a raffle at the event. Prizes ranged from Yamaha, gift certificates and CDs to a cone in Orange Beach, Fla. There was also live music by Kelli Johnson and Lindsey Hickler under the pavilion. Also in attendance was chiropractor Dr. Carol Evancho who was giving adjustments to the people in attendance.

Members of the community came to show their support for Sigma Nu and Wounded Warrior Program. The event was overall successful despite the rain that had arrived earlier that morning. “We are proud to serve our veterans who have made such a great sacrifice while serving our country,” Sigma Nu President Torsten Dryden said. HONORS, from page 1

Some events include the program catering at local nursing homes, a toy drive and future renovation to the Honors House.

Taking advantage of the raised moral, the enthusiasm of the room was met with questioning as everyone was excited through a series of party meet-and-greet games which soon had the entire facility buzzing with laughter.

Rain signified the conclusion of the event, but as the members of the JSU Honors Program, both past and present, proceeded out the door, even the downpour was unable to dampen the enjoyment of its members in attendance that evening.

Meet The Chanticleer’s 2014-2015 Staff

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From the Student Senate session on Monday, October 13:
Alexa Daughtery became Associate Justice.
Marjory Lin became a Student Senator. She is the first international student serving on the senate this term.
The SGA’s Twitter and Instagram pages can be found at @JSU_SGA. All its information on Facebook is found on Jacksonville State University Office of Student Life’s page.

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Freshmen Forum tie-dyes T-shirts on Dillon Field

Taylor Brown
Staff Writer

Dillon Field was filled with the sounds of music and celebration last Thursday as members of Freshman Forum got together to throw their own Tie-Dye party. Each Freshman Forum member brought their own white t-shirt to color. To dye the shirts, students laid down tarps on the grass, then dunked the t-shirts in cold water. After dunking, the shirts were rolled up and secured with rubber bands to make different sections. Finally, students added food coloring to get the tie dye look. The students present seemed to enjoy the event. “It’s a lot of fun,” said Aaron Bostick. Social events like the Tie-Dye party are put on every week for Freshman Forum members. “We try to do events like this every week. It’s fun and exciting for them, and they can get together and hang out with each other,” explained Joshua Robinson, Graduate Assistant at the Office of Student Life. According to Robinson, Freshman Forum members are required to attend at least half of all events. Freshman Forum has more events planned for the future, according to Freshman Forum mentor Blake Wilson. “We’re working on getting a community service project planned for November, and we will have our One Day Without Shoes event in the spring as well,” said Wilson.

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Chamber of Commerce to host “Get Linked”

Special to The Chanticleer

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is again partnering with Jacksonville State University to provide students the opportunity to connect with area professionals of all levels. To help us accomplish this, we’re holding our semi-annual “Get Linked” event at the Hampton Inn in Jacksonville on Monday, November 10, from 5:30-7:30 pm. The first hour of the event consists of a panel discussion, with students participating in a Q&A on “Building Your Resume and Networking.” The second hour will be a meet and mingle time for students to meet area business professionals, consisting the panel members and other Chamber Members in attendance, as well as fellow students. Our four member panel consists of Jacki-Lyn Thacker of Alabama Power, Sonde Coleman of BHVA Compass, Rodney Snider of Cheaha Brewing Company and Anthony Kingston of Jacksonville City Schools. With various Chamber members in attendance, doors of opportunity could be opened for those who attend. We want to link students with area business leaders and help them create connections that will aid them in clinching this semester’s internship or tomorrow’s dream job.

Steve Latham/JSU

Chicken Scratch

This story is fascinating, but can you please let the professor get back to his lecture?

When a well-dressed hot guy confronts you and you try to be cool but you’re wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt with a cow on it. That’s my luck today.

The feeling when you get off the elevator and walk a little ways then you realize you are on the wrong floor but when you press the button the elevator hasn’t moved.

I always turn the volume down in my car when I’m looking for a certain building so I can see better.

Mini-Bibles: Gotta catch ’em all!

The trick is not to let people know how weird you really are until it’s too late for them to turn back.

That moment when you don’t want to check your bank account because you don’t want to see how much money you don’t have.

Olive Garden breadsticks are the real MVP.

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#chanticleer
A few weeks ago, The Chanticleer went behind the curtain and brought its readers the inside scoop on the year’s theatre season.

Today, October 16, marks the beginning of the 4 shows that the Jacksonville State University Department of Drama will be performing.

‘The Seagull,’ a play by Anton Chekhov who is one of Russia’s most celebrated playwrights, will open tonight in the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center beginning at 7 p.m.

The show was first written in 1895 and produced for the first time in 1896 and is considered to be the first of Chekhov’s four major plays but the first production was a complete failure.

The show only later became a hit when Constant Stanislavski, who was the seminal Russian Practitioner of the time, directed it in 1898 to make it one of the greatest events in the history of Russian theatre and one of the greatest new developments in the history of world drama.

Of the Chekhov, Department of Drama head Randy Blades says, “We haven’t done a Chekhov here before. He’s one of the greatest playwrights in history. It’s a big thing for us to tackle as our first show of the season.”

The show, populated with imperfect, fascinating characters, is a darkly funny play that is poignant and entertains the exploration of love and the power of art.

The modern translation by Paul Schmidt highlights the comic elements in Chekhov’s masterpiece.

‘The Seagull’ follows the story of four characters and the romance and artistic conflicts between them.

Irina Arkadina, a fading theatre star, and her love interest, the young Trigorin who is also a tortured and famous writer, visit her brother’s estate to watch a play written by Arkadina’s son, Konstantin, who is very idealistic.

Konstantin hopes to be able to create a new form of drama that will cause the art to break away from everything that his mother symbolizes as a star of the old and conventional shows.

Nina is the young, up and coming star of Konstantin’s show and yearns to be famous and in the spotlight.

All of these characters collide to create a show that is both poignant and explores love and the power of art. The collisions of the characters threaten to ruin the idyllic surroundings of the estate and the characters discover something about themselves and show business.

Blades says “It’s complicated, but a good kind of complicated that we’re really excited about.”

The cast is made up of JSU students and faculty members and Michael Boynton will be directing.

The scenic design was done by Jennifer Ivey, who has tried to create an abstract setting that will convey the idea of the transparent façade of traditional artistic conventions.

The new resident Lighting and Sound Director Robert Graham has also tried to weave a charged atmosphere using both sound and lighting effects to full advantage to help create a setting that tries to reflect the turmoil that the quiet countryside is experiencing while the four characters that make up the meat of the play argue and experience change together.

Members of the drama department have made all set designs and creation, along with period costumes.

Performances will be October 16, 17 and 18 beginning at 7 p.m. and October 19 at 2 p.m. with JSU students, personnel, senior citizens, and military ticket prices at $8 and general admission at $12.
When they began performing as an exhibition band at the Atlanta Regional Competi-
tion, three years ago, BOA asked if JSU would be interested in hosting a regional championship,
and Bodiford’s answer was yes. Joc Byrd, a janitor at JSU and one of the current drum majors for the Marching Southerners, has a unique
perspective on Saturday’s contest. She was a drum ma-
r at Lassiter High School and competed in several BOA
competitions. “It was definitely intense,” she admits.
Now, as a member of the host band, she gets to see
how many future Southerners and parents on their feet, the
competition in a different light. “I definitely think the exhibition portion is a big
thing, to start with, and, really, it’s to see everyone thinking that they’re not good
just a tenth of a point, and they’re phenomenal.
I hate for them to leave with a toss up who’s going to win first place, and, really, it’s
don’t ever let that completely
take over your whole being.

Boo to you from JSU
With a nip in the air and leaves beginning to change color up on Chimney Peak, there’s no “bones” about it – Halloween is right around the corner! At JSU, more events are planned than you can shake a broomstick at to celebrate the “spirt” of the haunted holiday. From frightful to family friendly, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

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Band ing together at Jacksonville

Katie Cline

Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 11, the Marching Southerners hosted Bands of America and Music For All’s regional championship. 38 exceptional high school bands from across the South-
est rocked to Burgess-Snow field to compete for the cov-
ed title of Regional Cham-
ption. The day began with the preliminary competition, and after an exhibition from the Marching Southerners, the top ten highest scoring bands that would be moving on to finals were announced.

After one long day, two out-
standing performances, and
unmeasurable pressure, the
finalist bands lined the field for the awards ceremony and waited.

Harrison High School from Kennesaw, Ga. received first place. Following Harrison was Kennesaw Mountain High School and Fort Mill High School. Awards drew up to tenth place.

Dr. Ken Bodiford has been the Director of Bands at JSU since 1994, and it was he who got the Southerners involved with Bands of America as a recruiting tool back in 1998.
If I were to go around campus and ask students what they thought of AEA, they’d probably give me that college student glee-  

lous-eyed-quesition-mark-face we’ve all had before. But the real  

truth is that AEA has likely left a stamp on the lives of every stu- 

dent that we’ve all had contact with at some point in their lives.  

The Alabama Edu- 

cation Association is the oldest and largest education  

association in the state of Alabama. It’s stated mission is to promote  

education and AEA’s mission. In  

order to secure the Education  

Trust Fund budget which funds  

schools and universities like JSU. In  

1972, the organization became  

the first in Alabama to form a politi- 

cal action committee (PAC) to sup- 

port and campaign for public  

education and AEA’s mission. In  

1974, the PAC raised about $76,000  

for candidates. In 2010, the PAC  

spent more than $9.4 million on  

noses in Alabama and expects to  

be reckoned with. In 1990, Paul  

Hubbert ran for Governor  

looking to capitalize on a coalition he built as the  

head of AEA. He garnered an  

impressive 48 percent of the  

vote against incumbent Gov- 

ner Guy Hunt, but ultimately lost.  

In 2011, Hubbert wrote to  

105,000 educators in the  

Alabama School Journal that his health would not allow him to  

continue the fight for education as the AEA chief. That year  

marked his retirement as one of the most influential men in Al- 

abamian politics for over 40 years.  

In that time, AEA led the fight for education initiatives such as  

the Alabama Reading Initiative focused on ensuring Alabama  

students are reading at grade-level. It also fought for the  

Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative  

aimed at improving teaching in those fields.  

This past Tuesday, the long-time leader of the education  

movement and one most powerful  

political forces in Alabama, Dr. Paul Hubbert passed away of natu- 

ral causes. Though he is gone and his  

day in power has passed, his legacy lives on and will be a part of  

history story continued to be felt by students and citizens in Alabama.  

Brett Johnson is a senior dou- 

ble-majoring in political scien- 

tce and communication. His  
column is published weekly.  

Alex McFry  

is a sophomore majoring in  

communication. His column is  
published biweekly.  

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silicone earbuds offer a comfortable fit for  

extended periods. They also have a single- 

balanced soundstage. These are the earphones I use for music,  

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and I couldn’t be happier with them.  

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Driver: 8mm  

Frequency response: 5-20,000 Hz  

Impedance: 16 ohms  

Cable length: 1.2m  

Jack: 3.5mm  

Price: $20 on manufacturer’s website  

For those who want an upgrade on a budget, JVC’s “Extreme Xplosives” should do the trick. These are “far and away the most comfort- 

able fit for a variety of ear shapes than the previous model, the  

FX90.” [jvc.com]
In the Ohio Valley Conference

match-up last Sat-

day, the Jackson- 
sville State Tige-

rs (5-1, 3-0 OVC) defeated the Ten-

ssee State Tigers (4-3, 1-4 OVC) 27-20.

With the win, the Game-

cocks improve to 6-2 against Ten-

nesse State and 4-0 in Nashville.

Both teams had over

400 yards of total of-

fense. JSU had 213 rush-

ing yards and 190 pass-

ing yards. TSU had 364 passing

yards and 43 rushing.

The Gamecocks scored

three of their four touch-

downs on the ground where

DaMarcus James had

two touchdowns and 93

yards. James has moved to

second place on Jackson-

sville State’s career rushing
touchdown list with 42.

He trails David Gillidge’s

school record of 48.

The JSU defense forced

six turnovers with four

interceptions and two

fumble recoveries. LaMi-

chael Fanning forced a fumble while Ten-

nessee’s Felson and John-

son had fumble recover-

ings. Jermaine Hough had

two interceptions from

Debastian Miller and one

from Debarriaus Miller. Miller and

Sugler were the first career interception.

Tennessee State put the

first points on the board.

where they scored a field goal.

First set was the worst as JSU never

scored back to back

touchdowns in the sec-

ond quarter on a 2-yard

touchdown pass to Wel-

ton. The Gamecocks

would ultimately fall in five

sets to their next conference foe,

Jacksonville State. They will now

face off in a battle of un-

beaten teams.

Steve Gross/JSU

The JSU defense was

brilliant in their victory.

They held the Tennessee State

offense to a total of 396

yards and 21 points.

The Tigers wouldn’t

give up that easily, as they

would score back to back

touchdowns. Michael Ger-

man completed a 15-yard

touchdown pass to Wel-

ton, bringing the score to

27-13. German would run for one yard to

bring the score to 27-20.

The third quarter was

probably the most effec-

tive quarter in the game.

After a couple of runs

from James and Jenkins,

James would finish the

drive off with a 7-yard
touchdown run to make

the score 28-3 with 12:23

left in the third quarter.

On the next drive, Ten-

nesse State would march

downfield to get the score
to 34-3. It wouldn’t take

long for Jacksonville State to

score again. On their next
drive, the Gamecocks ex-

tended their lead to 27-6

with a 16-yard touchdown

run by Troy Simone Pope.

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was strong in the fourth quarter. There were two important

possessions in the fourth quarter where JSU turned back two

interceptions by Si-

glers and Hough. Hough’s interception closed the
down and sealed the victory for the Gamecocks.

Jacksonville State had now won five-straight games this season after

losing the first game of the season to Michigan State.

The Gamecocks will now have an open week, but will

return home to action against Ten-

nesse State on October 25.

Rebekah Hawkins

Staff Writer

The JSU volleyball team came into their
two-game weekend at Belmont unfa-
dated after a sweep of Tennessee State, but left with their first conference loss of the season.

On Friday night, the Gamecocks met Ohio Valley Conference

opponent Tennessee State and played a well fought match to sweep the visiting Tigers.

The final set was

evolved despite JSU’s ear-

ly lead of seven and eventually the

Gamecocks were able to put it away.

The second set had nine ties that

set the Gamecocks up to win de-

pite being down by four. The final

set was an easy one for JSU to clinch de-

spite it being tied at one. After

the initial six, JSU only allowed TSU to

score three more points while they

racked up 25 to make the sweep.

The Gamecocks had a fantastic

.305 attack percentage overall, with

.433 in set two alone. The leader

was Emily Randles with a .444 percentage by herself.

Nicole Merget came in second be-

hind her teammate with eight kills and a .333 attack percentage. Two

Gamecocks had doubles in digs with Samantha Bohne’s 16

the highest followed by Rutherford’s 10. Jennifer Hart continued with

her assists and had 34 on the night.

The finals for the match were 25-23, 26-24, and 25-17.

Despite the glorious sweep of

their OVC opponent, the Game-

cocks would ultimately fall in five

sets to their next conference foe,

Belmont. It was a tough battle for

them as they fell to the first set

before a win in the second set.

The third was the best in overall attack

percentage for the Gamecocks at .344 which helped them come out

victorious. The following fourth set

was the worst as JSU never even

broke a .000 percentage, and they

would fall in that set and in the

final to seal Belmont’s victory.

The game may have been a loss, but the Gamecocks still proved to be a force on the court. Three

Gamecocks had kills in the double
digits. Allyson Zulke, who had a .395 attack percentage on the day, led the team with 15 and 10 respectively. Bohne

was one of two Gamecocks with digs in the doubles. She had 25 and Brie occurrence added 11.

The finals for the match were 22-

25, 22-18, 26-15, and 21-12.

JSU moves to 9-10 on the sea-

son with just one loss in confer-

ence play. They will play a non-

conference matchup against Alabama A&M for the third time

on October 15. After that, they will

return to conference play against

Eastern Kentucky in Richmond.
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Rush’s hat trick leads JSU to victory

Alyssa Cunningham
Staff Writer

Jackie Rush was the superstar of Sunday’s soccer game as she propelled the Jacksonville State Gamecocks to a 3-1 victory over the Eastern Illinois Panthers. Rush scored three goals in the game, lifting her to seven on the season and making her the first player to score a hat trick since Lindy Bohmiller in 2008 against Alabama State.

The win makes four out of five home game wins for the Gamecocks and makes their Ohio Valley Conference Record 3-2. The loss drops EIU’s record to 2-19-0.

The Gamecocks carded a fourth-place finish in the Kenny Perry Invite. Senior Tomasz Anderson, a native of Bogota, Columbia, missed a three-hole stretch on the back nine. Posting three bogeys on the front and another on the 10th hole before a solid finish saw him race up the leaderboard. Back-to-back birdies on the front and another on the 10th hole before a solid finish saw him race up the leaderboard.

Tomasz Anderson helped the JSU Men’s Golf team finish fourth in the Kenny Perry Invite.

BOULDER, Colo.—Sophomore Pablo Torres shot the Panthers 23 to 10 that day. After a solid finish last weekend in the JSU-hosted Foot Hills Invitational, both squads continued their winning stretch on the back nine.

The Jacksonville State men’s and women’s cross country teams finished third in the Gene Mul-In Invitational, hosted by Furman University. After a solid finish last weekend in the JSU-hosted Foot Hills Invitational, both squads continued their winning stretch in the Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championships.

All three goals by senior Jackie Rush were achieved in the first 35 minutes and all goals of the game were completed by the 38 minute mark. This makes her seventh goal of the season and also makes her the first player to score a hat trick since Lindy Bohmiller in 2008 against Alabama State; this is the first one since the Gamecocks joined the OVC.

The Gamecocks were determined for a victory as Kari Dowd attempted the first goal at the 5:18 mark which was blocked by EIU goalie Emily Hinton. The Gamecocks stayed with the attack as Rush scored her first goal quickly under 11 minutes into the game. The Gamecocks wasted no time as Rush scored again at just under 19 minutes from a header off of a free kick from the left side. She was assisted by both Courtney Hurt and Kelsey Bright on her second goal of the game. The last of Rush’s goals was scored at 52 minutes. Eastern Illinois scored one goal at 38 minutes, but it was not enough as The Gamecocks were just too good. The Gamecocks outshot the Panthers 23 to 10 that day.

The Gamecocks go on to play Austin Peay on Friday, Oct. 17 and then have a home game on Sunday, October 19 at 1 p.m.

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For the second consecutive outing, sophomore Jules McLeod paced the women’s squad with a top-10 finish. The McDonough, Georgia native covered the 5K in 18:46.90. Closeby behind her again this week was senior Whiteley Towns. Towns turned in a top-20 finish in 18:52.66. Towns was a part of a trio of JSU runners that finished 21st through 25th.

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The rest of the JSU women finished bunched up, placing from 19th through 25th place. Briana Jackson crossed the finish line in 21:46.56 and in the 16th spot. Dajia Simon, Gina Casnovale, Taylor Uberti, Hannah Pelham and Celia Wigram rounded out the team scoring for Jax State.

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