

WELCOME BACK



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From left to right, SGA executives Kathleen Seibert, Veronica Bjorkman, Ulises Herrera, Desmond Thomas, Jerod Sharp and Will Bowen gather in the Theron Montgomery Building on Wednesday, to provide students returning to classes with free coffee and doughnuts.

LOCAL

Calhoun County under "enhanced" risk for severe storms Saturday

Madison Bailey
Correspondent

The National Weather Service out of Birmingham has defined an "enhanced risk" of severe storms for Alabama on Saturday, January 11.

All modes of severe weather will be possible with this event; including hail, straight line winds up to 70 mph, localized flooding and a possible tornado. There will be heavy periods of rain from Friday to Saturday that could total two or three inches.

As of Wednesday, there hasn't been much change to the forecast, according to Myles Chamblee, an emergency manager for Calhoun County EMA.

"The timeline for this event is from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday," said Chamblee. "That will be updated the closer we get to the event. Most likely tomorrow [Thursday] the weather service will start breaking down the forecast a little more."

James Spann, a local meteorologist and respected weather

authority for Alabama, stated that Saturday could be a significant weather event.

"Based on the forecast large, synoptic scale state of the atmosphere, this could be a fairly significant severe weather threat for our state," Spann said in a statement on his Facebook page. "But, we won't know how the small, mesoscale features line up until we get closer to the weekend."

Is a tornado threat in January unusual? Not really, according to Spann. Since 1950, Alabama has recorded 139 tornadoes during the month of January. Is it time to panic? No, but it is a good time to prepare, according to Chamblee.

"The main thing to know right now is that there is a risk of severe storms for the state on Saturday," said Chamblee. "Now is a good time to know your plan for severe weather and make a plan if you don't have one in place. Know where to go if your home isn't safe."

Be sure to have a reliable way of getting weather warn-

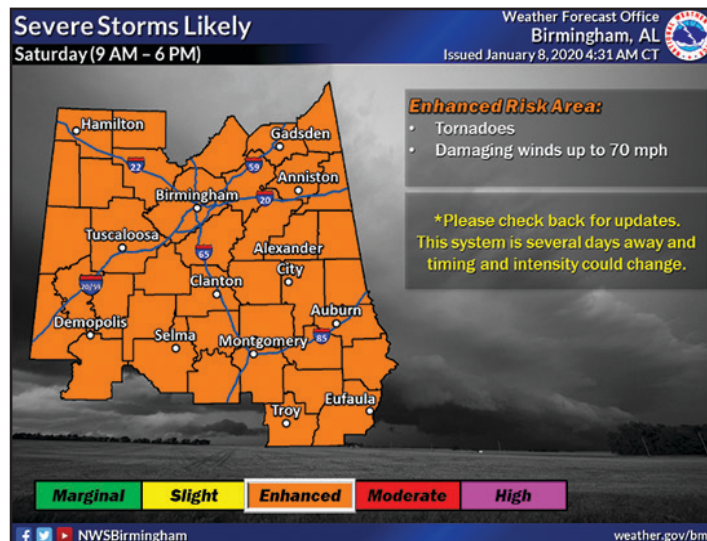
ings and receiving updates on the storms and have a designated safe place from storms in your home, and ensure that all family members are aware of where the safe place is. Cellphones and televisions are great ways of getting information, but every home and business should have an operational NOAA weather radio.

If you are a Jacksonville State University student or faculty member, you should

make sure you are signed up to receive alerts from JSU, so you don't miss important information about safety plans.

Should Jacksonville be placed under a tornado watch, local shelters will open to offer safety to those who need it. There are several public places in the city of Jacksonville that have open safe rooms for people to stay when there is a tornado watch or warning

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NEWS

Tensions between U.S. and Iran escalate

Scott Young
News Editor

The United States conducted a drone strike near the Baghdad International Airport on Friday, January 3 that killed Iran's top general, Qassem Soleimani, an airstrike that the Department of Defense called a "decisive defensive action to protect U.S. personnel abroad."

Soleimani was the commander of the Quds Force, a unit within the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps dedicated to Iran's covert operations.

Soleimani coordinated several of Iran's military interventions throughout the Middle East, including one that the U.S. says killed hundreds of American soldiers in Iraq since the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003.

"General Soleimani and his Quds Force were responsible for the deaths of hundreds of American and coalition service members and the wounding of thousands more," said a statement from the Department of Defense announcing the death of Soleimani.

President Trump defended the strike that

killed Soleimani, saying that his killing was necessary to stop a war.

"Soleimani was plotting imminent and sinister attacks on American diplomats and personnel," Trump said.

Trump further clarified that the U.S. strike was not designed to enact regime change and that his administration does not seek regime change.

After the airstrike, Trump took to Twitter to defend his decision and said:

"General Qassem Soleimani has killed or badly wounded thousands of Americans over an extended period of time, and was plotting to kill many more...but got caught! He was directly and indirectly responsible for the death of millions of people, including the recent large number of PROTESTERS killed in Iran itself. While Iran will never be able to properly admit it, Soleimani was both hated and feared within the country. They are not nearly as saddened as the leaders will let the outside world believe. He should have been taken out many years ago!"



The strike has heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran even more following an attack on the U.S. embassy compound in Baghdad on New Year's Eve.

"The great nation of Iran will take revenge for this heinous crime," Iranian President Hassan Rouhani tweeted after Soleimani's death was confirmed.

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in place. One of these places include the Jacksonville Public Safety Complex, where the Jacksonville police and fire departments are housed. There are also several JSU buildings across campus that can be accessed and used as a safe space during storms if needed.
Visit www.calhounema.org/tornado-shelters to get a list of local shelters.

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Several anti-war protests have spawned across the U.S. following Soleimani’s killing, including outside of the White House and New York City’s Time Square.
“No justice, no peace. U.S. out of the Middle East.” said around 200 protesters chanting outside of Trump Tower in Chicago, USA Today reported.
Iranian officials have threatened retaliation for Soleimani’s death, suggesting that they would strike several American military targets.
The Iraqi parliament voted to expel U.S. troops from the region after the air-strike, approving a non-binding resolution to urge Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi to rescind the invitation by Iraq for U.S. troops to rescue the country after the Islamic State took control of about one-third of its territory in 2014.
Trump responded by threatening Iraq with “very big sanctions”.
Many Democrats have blamed Trump for escalating tensions with Iran and have introduced legislation in the House of Representatives to limit him from initiating further hostilities with Iran without seeking authorization from Congress.
“Last week, the Trump administration conducted a provocative and disproportionate military airstrike targeting high-level Iranian military officials,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said. “For this reason, we are concerned that the administration took this action without the consultation of Congress and without respect for Congress’s war powers granted to it by the Constitution.”
The Pentagon confirmed on Tuesday, January 7 that Iran fired ballistic missiles at two targets housing both U.S. military and coalition forces in Iraq.
The Defense Department said that more than a dozen ballistic missiles had been launched from Iran at two Iraqi military bases.
“All is well! Missiles launched from Iran at two military bases located in Iraq. Assessment of casualties & damages taking place now. So far, so good! We have the most powerful and well equipped military anywhere in the world, by far! I will be making a statement tomorrow morning,” Trump tweeted shortly after the news broke of an attack.
Trump addressed the nation the morning after the attack to provide an update on his administration’s path forward and confirmed that there were no casualties.
“As long as I’m president of the United States, Iran will never be allowed to have a nuclear weapon,” said Trump.
Trump also said that he plans to impose a fresh round of sanctions against Iran in response to the attack.
“These powerful sanctions will remain until Iran changes its behavior,” said Trump.

SELF HELP

Stress Management

Why is it so important to manage stress?
If you’re living with high levels of stress, you’re putting your entire well-being at risk. Stress wreaks havoc on your emotional equilibrium, as well as your physical health. It narrows your ability to think clearly, function effectively, and enjoy life. It may seem like there’s nothing you can do about stress. The bills won’t stop coming, there will never be more hours in the day, and your work and family responsibilities will always be demanding. But you have a lot more control than you might think.
Identify the sources of stress in your life: Stress management starts with identifying the sources of stress in your life. This isn’t as straightforward as it sounds. While it’s easy to identify major stressors such as changing jobs, moving, or a going through a divorce, pinpointing the sources of chronic stress can be more complicated. It’s all too easy to overlook how your own thoughts, feelings, and behaviors contribute to your everyday stress levels. Sure, you may know that you’re constantly worried about work deadlines, but maybe it’s your procrastination, rather than the actual job demands, that is causing the stress.
To identify your true sources of stress, look closely at your habits, attitude, and excuses.
Until you accept responsibility for the role you play in creating or maintaining it, your stress level will remain outside your control.
Practice the 4 A’s of stress management: While stress is an automatic response from your nervous system, some stressors arise at predictable times: your commute to work, a meeting with your boss, or family gatherings, for example. When handling such predictable stressors, you can either change the situation or change your reaction. When deciding which option to choose in any given scenario, it’s helpful to think of the four A’s: avoid, alter, adapt, or accept.
The fastest way to reduce stress is by taking a deep breath and using your senses—what you see, hear, taste, and touch—or through a soothing movement. Of course, not everyone responds to each sensory experience in the same way. The key to quick stress relief is to experiment and discover the unique sensory experiences that work best for you. For more information, visit <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/stress/stress-management.htm>

UPCOMING
CAMPUS EVENTS

- January 9, 2020 - International House Presentation DR Congo, 11 a.m.
- January 10, 2020 - International House Welcome Back Pizza Party, 11:30 a.m.
- January 10, 2020 - Miss JSU Competition, 6 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium
- January 16, 2020 - International House Presentation Guatemala, 11 a.m.
- January 23, 2020 - International House Presentation Vietnam, 11 a.m.
- January 24, 2020 - Grand Opening and Open House for Respiratory Therapy, 2 p.m., Second floor of JSU RMC
- January 30, 2020 - International House Presentation South Africa, 11 a.m.
- February 5, 2020 - Safe Zone Ally Lunch, 12 p.m., Houston Cole Library
- February 6, 2020 - International House Presentation Honduras, 11 a.m.
- February 7, 2020 - Accepted Student Day, 8:30 a.m., Leone Cole Auditorium
- February 7, 2020 - Military Students in College Training, 1 p.m., Self Hall
- February 7, 2020 - Free Practice LSAT, 1:30 p.m., Martin Hall

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

- January 7, 2020, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Sparkman Hall
-
- December 29, 2019, Information Report, JSU at McClellan
-
- December 26, 2019, Information Report, Pannell Apartments
-
- December 24, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Penn House
-
- December 23, 2019, Information Report, The Pointe
-
- December 20, 2019, Information Report, Sparkman Hall
-
- December 17, 2019, Information Report, Bibb Graves
-
- December 13, 2019, Criminal Mischief, Campus Inn
-
- December 11, 2019, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, The Pointe
-
- December 11, 2019, Information Report, JSU RMC
-
- December 9, 2019, Theft of Property, Meehan Hall
-
- December 9, 2019, Theft of Property, Curtiss Hall
-
- December 8, 2019, Information Report, Dixon Hall
-
- December 7, 2019, Information Report, Off Campus
-
- December 6, 2019, Information Report, Logan Hall
-
- December 6, 2019, Domestic Violence, Mountain Street
-
- December 6, 2019, Information Report, Off Campus
-
- December 5, 2019, Possession of Marijuana, Meehan Hall
-
- December 5, 2019, Theft of Property, Crow Hall
-
- December 3, 2019, Information Report, JSU Campus

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NEWS



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Pictured is Bibb Graves Hall at Jacksonville State University.

JSU rape lawsuit set for 2021 trial

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Correspondent

Federal Judge Annemarie Carnie Axon ordered both parties in the lawsuit against Jacksonville State University to be prepared for a trial to take place in October of 2021, which would be three years after the filing of the lawsuit and four years after the alleged accident took place.

In October 2019, a woman filed a lawsuit against the university after she alleged she was raped on the campus of Jacksonville State University in Logan Hall by former JSU basketball player Marlon Hunter. The woman, who was 17 at the time of the alleged event, was participating in an on-campus summer program.

Hunter transferred to JSU after an incident at Western Kentucky University (WKU) that led to him and two other players being removed from WKU’s basketball team. Prior

to Hunter’s removal, his former WKU coach Ray Harper also transferred to JSU as the men’s basketball coach.

The lawsuit claims that university willfully and deliberately did not investigate the assault per Title IX, and in fact encouraged the victim not to pursue legal action. The university also allegedly violated the victim’s rights by not informing the victim’s mother of her assault for weeks after the initial incident.

Roger Appell, the attorney for the alleged victim, stated that it is fairly common for civil cases such as this one to take a long time to go to trial. He also stated that there is a possibility that the woman and JSU could reach a settlement agreement before the case goes to trial, but that it has not yet been discussed with JSU’s attorneys.

Laura Dunn, an attorney who has previously represented survivors of sexual assault on campus, said that the majority of civil cases are settled before

they reach their trial dates, and that there is more than a 90 percent chance that this case will be settled before then as well.

“Litigation is expensive and normally a settlement is a compromise between the two parties,” said Dunn to the Anniston Star.

According to Dunn, the average settlement for colleges accused of violating a plaintiff’s Title IX rights is \$350,000. According to Appell the amount can potentially be higher if there is a strong enough case against the defendant, however.

In a different filing, the woman’s attorneys wrote that they are planning on seeking depositions from up to 20 people, including JSU officials, police and WKU officials who knew the reasons for Hunter’s transfer to JSU.

Appell stated that he was unable to comment further on the case, and an attorney for JSU, Lisa Atkins, declined to comment.

This Week in Headlines

No more Momma’s Love: Jacksonville deli restaurant to be renamed — Jacksonville State University students returning to class Wednesday after winter break are set to find an old food favorite with a fun new name. Momma Goldberg’s Deli, a sandwich chain that has been operated by JSU since its donation to the university last year, is set to open Wednesday as Red Rooster Funtime Eatery, according to manager Matthew Frankum. Frankum said hungry students or Jacksonville residents should expect few changes in the operations or menu at the Mountain Street restaurant right away. (Courtesy of The Anniston Star)

Police in Australia are accusing 24 people of deliberately setting bushfires - The Australia wildfires are a countrywide catastrophe, mainly caused by drought and extreme heat, but dozens of people are directly to blame for some of the problem, officials say. Police have charged at least 24 people for intentionally starting bushfires in the state of New South Wales, according to a statement the New South Wales Police released Monday. NSW Police have taken legal action against 183 people, 40 of whom are juveniles, for fire-related offenses since November 8, the statement said. The legal actions range from cautions to criminal charges. (Courtesy of CNN)

Ukraine-bound Boeing jet crashes in Iran, killing all on board - A Ukraine International Airlines jetliner crashed shortly after takeoff from Tehran, killing all 176 passengers and crew members on board, an incident that comes amid military clashes between the U.S. and Iran. The Boeing Co. 737-800 single-aisle jet crashed after departing the Iranian capital’s Imam Khomeini International Airport en route to Kyiv, Ukraine, with photos of the crash site showing thousands of pieces of scattered and charred debris. While officials are seeking to determine the cause of the crash, the incident threatens another reputational headache for Boeing, already engulfed in the fallout from two fatal jet crashes that have grounded one of its models. (Courtesy of The Wall Street Journal)

Harvey Weinstein charged with rape in LA as New York trial begins - Harvey Weinstein has been charged with rape and sexual assault in Los Angeles on the same day he appeared in a New York court in a separate case. The Los Angeles County district attorney’s office said the charges related to the alleged sexual assault of two women over two days in 2013. If convicted, he could face up to 28 years in prison. Jury selection in the New York case began on Monday, with the trial expected to begin properly in about two weeks. (Courtesy of BBC News)

Puerto Rico declares state of emergency after quake rocks residents awake - People across southern Puerto Rico awoke to find broken brick walls and felled power lines Tuesday, after a 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck before dawn. The major temblor hit a coastal stretch near the communities of Ponce and Guanica at about 4:24 a.m. local time, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The quake, just the latest in a series of temblors to hit the region, crumbled walls, destroyed houses and knocked out most of the island’s power after an automatic protection system kicked in, shutting down all of Puerto Rico’s power plants. (Courtesy of NPR)

FEATURE

Inside the heart and mind of your freshman RA

Matt Reed
Special to the Chanticleer

Moving to college can be a terrifying thing for freshmen. In a transition from years under the roof of parents to being totally alone in a new environment, nothing is certain except the uncertainty of what comes next. With nowhere to look except towards the staircase leading up to a busy Crow or Fitzpatrick Hall on move-in day, the possibilities of what comes next are truly endless. Who will be there to help? Who has been through this before and knows the ins and outs of the freshman experience? The answer lies no further than a freshman Resident Assistant (RA).

Serving as the foot soldiers of JSU Housing and the advocates for enriched residence life, RAs work night and day to craft a warm, welcoming environment for freshmen on campus. Residing in every residence hall, RAs are tasked with the duty of developing a community among residents and inspiring positive mindsets during the transition from high school to college. With extensive training in conflict management, emergency response and guidance towards involvement, residents will always have a friendly face to turn to. Whether it be in need of assistance or just a receptive soul to vent to, there is always an open spot in the life and mind of a



Matt Reynolds/JSU

RA holds sign explaining why she decided to become an RA.

JSU RA.

Why are RAs in freshmen halls so important? What is expected of a freshman RA in comparison to one in perhaps a strictly upper class area? The key is a heart for genuine situational understanding and a desire for the resident’s success.

“For most people, this is their first time moving away from home and truly be adults,” said Keyana Robinson, a veteran RA serving in Logan Hall. “So I think to have someone who is quite literally there for you is extremely comforting. The love for residents and the

understanding of the ability to make a lasting impact in lives drives RAs to a high standard of service in building a welcoming community in which residents can thrive.

The duty to act as a role model for first-year residents plays a crucial role in the overall nature of the environment that RAs work to build and sustain.

“The most impactful thing for an RA to do is to be a good listener and mentor,” said Joe Allen, a Crow Hall RA. “Not because that’s necessarily our job every day, but because it

can really change a residents day.”

When the bad days come, and eventually one or two will, the availability of RAs to help comfort that stress acts as an outlet for decompressing the strain.

“We can be that listening ear,” said Allen, and sometimes a listening ear will do just the trick.

In addition to JSU RA’s open arms and refreshing sense of home, a primary goal of all RAs on campus is health and safety. As residents settle in and begin to make JSU home,

it is imperative that the developing community stays safe. With summer training from JSU Housing, University Police, Calhoun County EMS, Jacksonville Fire Department, Alabama Harm Reduction Coalition and JSU Counseling Services, RAs are equipped with the knowledge and skills to identify hazards in both the community and individuals.

“Many people don’t realize that an RA’s job is to make sure residents are safe, happy and healthy,” said Giovanna Hernandez, a Fitzpatrick Hall RA. “It’s great to know that you always have someone there to go to, all the time. As safety ranks first in the priorities of building a positive environment for resident and RAs, working together to stay aware of potential hazards is the best way of ensuring a healthy community.”

As a mentor, advocate and friend, RAs simply serve to inspire success. Whether it be a short pick-me-up conversation about a hard math test or a desire to further oneself in involvement and influence, RAs have the resources to help. So go ask that question that has been floating around; go mention that concerning situation, because one inquiry from the resident can quickly become a solution for the community. Most importantly, the next time an RA asks how you are doing, know that they really do care.



Chicken Scratch

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1. Ready for the dentist's drill

5. Calf told to "git along"

10. Big game heroes

14. Plastic ingredient

15. ____-off (intermittent)

16. End in ____ (finish evenly)

17. Trickery

19. Russian river

20. One who tries

21. Breathes out loud

22. Winter storm need

26. Rescue, as a pet

30. Mutinies

34. Syrup flavor

35. Asserts

36. Psychic Geller

37. Feature of a Las Vegas "bandit"

39. Petty

42. Neighbor of Rus.

43. Antiquated oath

47. Live to ____ old age

Down

1. Pantyhose shade

2. "Battle Cry" novelist

3. Boot camp grub

4. "Who Let the Dogs Out" group ____ Men

5. "Damn Yankees" co-director Stanley

6. Burdensome

7. Part of ANGA

8. Acct. accrual

9. Last name in ice cream

10. Zambia neighbor

11. Powerful car engine

12. Guinness pour

13. Sailor's septet

18. Bar snack

21. Shortstop or pitcher, i.e. (abbr.)

23. Depression Era agcy.

24. Butt in

25. Aid to Santa

26. Love, in French

27. "Bitte" preceder

28. "Don Giovanni," for example

29. Chinese mil. force

31. Ancient kingdom on the Nile

32. Handlebar attachments

33. Lots and plots

38. Vegetarian's no-no

40. "____ Cannonball" (Roy Acuff song)

41. Legendary Bruin

44. Health supplement store

45. Past

46. Made up one's mind

49. Monkey used in medicine

50. Reel partner

53. Dad's brother, in Bordeaux

54. Descriptive wds.

55. Christmas in Cannes

56. Like taking candy from a baby

58. Goes with French toast?

59. Greek salad topper

60. Be that ____ may

61. Fam. tree folks

63. Get going

64. 911 responder

65. Kwik-E-Mart operator, on TV

Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

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Weekly Word Search Puzzle

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I	E	X	T	L	R	W	R	E	T	A	E	U	V
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G	Y	B	S	E	V	A	R	C	G	L	O	V	E

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Adorable

Again

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Applauds

Assumed

Blurt

Borne

Bowing

Brute

Cameo

Craves

Dingy

Dinners

Eater

Feels

Ferns

Fused

Genies

Glove

Hatreds

Heart

Juggling

Mange

Manually

Meanings

Meekly

Melting

Mingles

Pansy

Pigpen

Polls

Prong

Reins

Scorn

Skirts

Slots

Spanned

Sprig

Tales

Tanking

Tenacity

Trial

Triggers

Volatile

JOKES

What’s the best thing about Switzerland?
I don’t know, but the flag is a big plus.

What did the Buddhist ask the hot dog vendor?
“Make me one with everything.”

You know why you never see elephants hiding up in trees?
Because they’re really good at it.

What is red and smells like blue paint?
Red paint.

Where does the General keep his armies?
In his sleeves!

Why aren’t koalas actual bears?
The don’t meet the koalafications.

A bear walks into a restaurant and say’s “I want a grillllllled.....cheese.”
The waiter says “Whats with the pause?”
The bear replies “Whaddya mean, I’M A BEAR.”

What do you call bears with no ears?
B

I went in to a pet shop. I said, “Can I buy a gold-fish?” The guy said, “Do you want an aquarium?”
I said, “I don’t care what star sign it is.”

QUOTES

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”
-William James

“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”
-Oscar Wilde

“Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupid-ity; and I’m not sure about the universe.”
-Albert Einstein

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.”
-Bernard M. Baruch

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ellen DeGeneres wins Carol Burnett award at 77th Golden Globes

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A&E Editor

The 77th annual Golden Globes took place on January 6, 2020 in Beverly Hills, Cali. The atmosphere for the awards was light and amusing considering the host was comedian Ricky Gervais, who hosted the popular awards show four times previously.

The awards show was a standard award show, complete with staged humor and the occasional bump in the road. The awards portion of the three hour long special was fairly dignified, and was able to give high profile actors and actresses a chance to be recognized for their pristine and honorable work on the big screen.

Below are a list of the awards and the award winners, and a quick synopsis of the award decision.

Best performance by an actor in a television series--Comedy: Ramy Youssef (“Ramy”). “Ramy” is about a first-generation Muslim who is on a spiritual journey in a tiny neighborhood set in New Jersey.

Best performance by an actor in a limited series or a motion picture made for television: Russell Crowe (“The Loudest Voice”). “The Loudest Voice” is a mini-series that is centered around the founder of Fox News, Roger Ailes. It talks of how Roger made his way to the top of the Republican Party.

Best performance by an actor in a supporting role in a series, limited series or motion picture made for television: Stellan Skarsgård (“Chernobyl”). This is a mini-series that is produced by HBO that centers around the history of the nuclear disaster that occurred in 1986.

Best television series--drama: “Succession”. This show revolves around the wealthy Roy family and their enormous media empire. One of the major plot points is how to divide the empire between the Roy children.

Best performance by an actress in a television series--comedy: Phoebe Waller-Bridge (“Fleabag”). This comical television series follows a woman known as Fleabag as she struggles to deal with tragedy and love. The addicting loveable show is set in London, and shows how tough and courageous Fleabag is.

Best motion picture--foreign language: “Parasite”. Can’t say that I have enough information about these films to agree or disagree. I’ve only watched one, it being “Les Misérables”, and it was truly breathtaking. I believe “Les Misérables” is more widely known than the others, so I would have ended up choosing that one. This movie shows discrepancies between social class when two families, quite the opposite, meet and issues arise.

Carol Burnett Award for Achievement in Television: Ellen DeGeneres. I agree with this award decision whole-heartedly. Ellen DeGeneres has graced televisions across the nation for decades and has done so much for others. She has accomplished so much, especially when you realize that she started off as just a stand-up comedian.

Best performance by an actor in

a television series--drama: Brian Cox (“Succession”). I disagree with this quite a bit, just because it won against an actor from “Game of Thrones”. I said what I said.

Best screenplay--Motion picture: Quentin Tarantino (“Once Upon a Time in Hollywood”). This film focuses on a washed-up movie star and his stunt double trying to achieve stardom once again in the last few years of what was known as the Golden Age in Hollywood.

Best motion picture--animated: “Missing Link”. “Missing Link” is about an animated character named Mr. Link who recruits fellow friends to help track down some of his long lost family members in a mysterious land.

Best performance by an actress in a supporting role in any motion picture: Laura Dern (“Marriage Story”). This is a compassionate, and endearing story about a marriage ending and the struggle to keep the family as normal as possible.

Best television series--musical or comedy: “Fleabag”. Everybody could watch more comedies, including me. I haven’t had the chance to watch “Fleabag” yet, but Rotten Tomatoes rates it at a whopping one hundred percent.

Best original song--motion picture: “I’m gonna love me again” Elton John, Bernie Taupin- Rocketman. I was fortunate enough to go to the movie theatre when this insane movie was released. It blew me away, but I will admit that I don’t remember this song. It must not have impacted me. I have not had the chance to see “Frozen 2” which was also up for this award, and I have heard and appreciated the song “Into the unknown”. It impacted me, and I believe it was pretty deserving of this award.

Best performance by an actress in a supporting role in a series, limited series or motion picture made for television: Patricia Arquette (“The Act”). This is a Hulu Original mini-series starring Patricia Arquette with fellow costar Joey King. It tells the truly horrific, real story of Gypsy Blanchard killing her mother, DeeDee Blanchard after being forced to play along with the charade that she is very sick.

Best performance by an actress in a television series--drama: Olivia Colman (“The Crown”). This is a historical drama web television series about the 25-year-old Queen Elizabeth II and her reign.

The Cecil B. deMille award: Tom Hanks. This loveable actor deserves such a pristine award for his many iconic roles, no doubt.

Best director--motion picture: Sam Mendes. Respectable decision, but the director of ‘Joker’ definitely should’ve took this award home for the tremendous production.

Best performance by an actress in a limited series or a motion picture made for television: Michelle Williams (“Fosse/Verdon”). “Fosse/Verdon” is an epic love story based on the lives of Bob Fosse and Gwen Verdon. A romance between a filmmaker and the best of the best choreographers.



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Best television limited series or motion picture made for television: “Chernobyl”. I have to disagree with this one also. I have seen a bit of “Unbelievable” which was also up for this award and the message it shares along with the ability to bring such a dark subject to light is incredible.

Best original score--motion picture: Hildur Guðnadóttir (“Joker”). I love everything about this sick, uncut film, including the music. I support this one hundred percent.

Best performance by a supporting actor in any motion picture: Brad Pitt (“Once Upon A Time In Hollywood”). All actors that were up for this award are very deserving, but Brad Pitt gave viewers an incredible performance in this film, and I’m glad it paid off for him.

Best performance by an actor in a motion picture--musical or comedy: Taron Egerton (“Rocketman”). “Rocketman” follows the brilliant, and somewhat unbelievable life story of Elton John. While sharing some of Elton’s biggest life moments, it manages to play some of his biggest hits and keep audiences very entertained.

Best performance by an actress in a motion picture--musical or comedy: Awkwafina. I love anything to do with Awkwafina. She is just down right hilarious and very fitting for such an award.

Best motion picture--musical or

comedy: “Once Upon A Time In Hollywood”. Two of my favorite actors are part of this movie, and seeing them work together and have it flow so effortlessly really set them up for receiving an award such as this. No complaints.

Best performance by an actor in a motion picture--drama: Joaquin Phoenix (“Joker”). This brilliant addition to the supervillain franchise shares the life story and the reasoning behind the Joker and his sick choice to wreak havoc.

Best performance by an actress in a motion picture--drama: Renee Zellweger (“Judy”). Judy stars Renée Zellweger as Judy Garland who, thirty years after starring in Wizards of Oz, performs and reminisces over her career. Whilst doing so she begins a notable relationship with her soon-to-be fifth husband.

Best motion picture--drama: “1917”. This movie tells a tale of two British soldiers who are given seemingly impossible orders to deliver a life-saving message to their fellow soldiers. While making this trek they have to be stealthy and safe when crossing enemy territory.

A complete list of candidates, winners and the titles of the awards can be found at this link: <https://www.cbsnews.com/live-updates/golden-globes-awards-show-2020-01-05-nominees-winners-highlights-performances-today-live-updates/>

MUSIC

Keep an eye out for these upcoming 2020 album releases

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2020 just kicked off and that means a ton of upcoming releases in the entertainment industry. Here are just a few releases to keep an eye out for this year.

Halsey is releasing a new album titled ‘Manic’ on January 17. This album will include her most recent songs: ‘Graveyard’, ‘Clementine’, ‘Finally // Beautiful Stranger’, ‘Suga’s Interlude’, and her number one single ‘Without me’ released back in 2018.

Greenday is releasing what is rumored to be one of their shortest albums ever titled ‘Father of All...’ on February 7. This should be a completely bewildering album because it’s said to be influenced by Kendrick Lamar. I have to admit, I never saw that coming.

Selena Gomez is finally coming off her musical break that lasted almost five whole years and she will be

releasing a new album titled ‘Rare’ on January 10 of this year. She released a single just a few weeks ago ‘Lose you to love me’, giving the world a sneak peak of her latest creation.

Ke\$ha is releasing her fourth studio album titled ‘High Road’ on January 31. One of her most recent hits ‘Raising Hell’ is known to be one of the songs on the much anticipated upcoming album. Other songs to be part of the album include ‘Chasing Thunder’, ‘Honey’ and ‘Tonight’.

Meghan Trainor is also releasing an album on January 31 titled ‘Treat Myself’. This album was pushed back from August of 2018 because Trainor wanted to add more songs to improve the album even more. Songs that are to be included on the album are ‘Workin’ on it’, ‘Wave’ and ‘Evil Twin’.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming albums. They are sure to get all the listeners and fans jamming out. Are you excited?



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Arts & Entertainment

REVIEW

Season two of ‘You’: worth the hype?

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The highly anticipated Netflix Original series ‘You’ released its second season on December 26, 2019, and gained quite the attention along with a substantial viewership. This intensely dramatic crime series stars Gossip Girl’s own Penn Badgley as Joe, the main character. Joe is seemingly an average guy, but beneath his believable nice guy persona is a dark and disturbing character flaw. The series follows Joe as he ventures out and attempts to find true love. Joe finds himself fearing that his relationship is threatened by close friends of his love interest at the time, causing his mind to go haywire and get rid of them in the best way he knows how: killing them.

Due to consequences in the first season, Joe is forced to relocate from New York to Los Angeles. and use an alias -- Will Bettelheim. Joe, or Will, completely reinvents himself and tells himself that what happened to his previous relationship will never happen again. In fact, Will doesn’t even adopt the idea of starting a new relationship anytime soon, until he meets Love, played by Victoria Pedretti. He becomes instantly infatuated with Love Quinn and the quirkiness of her character. The cycle repeats itself and Will finds himself doing things he had done in his previous relationships with Candace and with Beck.

Season one of this series was captivating and horrifying, but the second season added a new element that transcended it to new heights. In season one it was told as if Joe’s ex girlfriend, Candace was dead. It builds up that idea till the very end when she graces Joe with her presence, shocking him beyond belief. The lovely actress

who was casted as Candace, Ambyr Childers, returns for season two to get Penn’s character to remain paranoid and skeptical.

Will believes all is well and that leaving New York meant escaping his past, his baggage and any suspicion that plagued his life, but Candace ends up tracking him down and making it known to Will that she is there to warn and protect Love, and her twin brother Forty from the possible, more-than-likely ugly outcome.

This season is truly phenomenal. It brings back all of the charm from the first season while throwing in several plot twists that no viewer would see coming. There is more murderings--which aren’t all committed by Joe--and foul play, along with some rather beautiful moments that cause viewers to be a bit sympathetic to some of the more questionable characters on the show.

Much like season one, season two left on a bit of a cliff-hanger which earns up, at least we hope, a season three of this hit show. The way that the second season ended leads me to believe that if there is a season three, it’ll be a tad bit different for a couple reasons which are the fact that Love is still in the picture and she’s pregnant. Who knew that Joe, or Will or whatever you want to call him wouldn’t be the only crazy person in the series?

I can say with all certainty that season two of ‘You’ is definitely worth the hype. There is more drama, more plot twists, more crime, more everything which is everything a crime-loving audience could ask for in this type of situation. I recommend watching this show to everyone I meet, and I don’t hesitate when I rate it a 10/10. Check it out.



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HOT TAKE



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Count down of top ten movies released in 2019

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In 2019, the movie industry was booming and prospering beyond recent years. There were so many good releases -- truly iconic releases -- that caused me to head to the movie theater at least once or twice a month, which is well above average for me. I’m breaking down my top ten favorite movies released in 2019 below, and who knows, maybe I’ll binge them all in the weeks to come.

“**Avengers Endgame**” was released in April and blew Marvel fans away. The movie ran over three whole hours, and contained tons of exemplary footage of the popular superheroes the world has come to know and love. I had no idea how much I was going to appreciate this movie considering I’m not the biggest fan of superheroes, but I have to admit that it exceeded my expectations and even caused me to have a few tears slip out at the end.

“**Joker**” was released back in October, a very fitting time in my opinion, just because of how dark and disturbing it can be. I promise not all of these favorite films have superhero/super villain personalities in them, no worries there. I believe that the incredible casting, and the way that Joaquin Phoenix was able to bring his character to life was enough to make it high up on this list.

“**Toy Story 4**” was released in late June and brought the inner kid in me back out. I absolutely adore this phenomenal movie franchise, and seeing the actors and actresses come back together to share one last adventure before saying goodbye was remarkable.

“**Ready or Not**” was released in August and I have to say that it will forever be one of my all time favorite thrillers. I don’t take to the thriller genre very often. A movie has to have a pretty big scare factor for me to truly appreciate this, but even though there weren’t that many jump-scares, it did have me on the edge of my seat and my eyes glued to the screen. Great film.

“**Good Boys**” was released back in August as well, and though I’m not usually one for comedies, I have to admit that I was eager to see this one and it definitely did not disappoint. It’s one of the best comedies that I’ve ever seen. It has some risky humor and some ‘what the heck’ moments, but definitely worth a watch if you can move past those factors.

“**Pet Semetary**” was released in March, and the only word I can think to describe this movie is heart-stopping. I love the original version that was released in 1983, but seeing how much more of a scare element that they were able to bring to this reinvented version was pretty impressive.

“**Rocketman**” was released at the beginning of summer in May, and let me just tell you, it lives up to the hype. I didn’t really know much about Elton John before watching it. I didn’t know his life story, just a few of his songs. This movie educates you on how remarkable Elton’s life has been, and it talks about all of the trials and tribulations he went through to get to where he is now. While telling his story, the movie manages to play some of his best hits while keeping you entertained.

“**IT: Chapter Two**” was released in September, with my fear of clowns in mind I was careful when deciding whether or not to take a leap of faith and watch the highly anticipated sequel. I mustered up enough courage and watched it, and I’m thankful I did. I was not disappointed, maybe a little frightened by the end, but not disappointed. I definitely liked it a lot more than the first one, possibly because this was the portion with the adult versions of the Derry gang.

“**Isn’t It Romantic**” was released, shockingly, in February. This movie stars the hilarious Rebel Wilson alongside Liam Hemsworth and Adam Devine. I love this movie because it’s pretty unique. It makes fun of the entire romantic-comedy social norm and yet, somehow, ends up creating the perfect romcom in the end. It’s hilarious and a 10/10.

“**Jumanji: The Next Level**” was released recently in early December. Though I hadn’t made a plan to see this one, I cracked up time and time again watching this. The actors and actresses in this movie played their roles very well, and really made it a tremendous film.

There you have it, my top ten favorite movies that were released this past year. I highly recommend watching all of these. This list is pretty diverse so I’m sure anyone could find one, or more of these films highly entertaining and worth the watch. Did any of your favorites make the list? Make sure to check these out.

MEN’S BASKETBALL



Juwan Perdue posted up in triple threat position in a game against Montevallo earlier in the 2019-2020 season.

Courtesy of JSU

Men’s Basketball defeats the Coronels

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The Jacksonville State men’s basketball team is off to a red-hot start in conference play after an 80-71 win over Eastern Kentucky at the Alumni Coliseum in Richmond, Ky., on Saturday, January 4. The Gamecocks now hold a 7-8 overall record and 2-0 OVC record. The first half was dominated by Kayne Henry, helping his team to a 13-point lead going into half-time. The junior scored 12 points on 4-for-4 shooting with a couple shots from long range. He finished the night with 14 points. The Gamecocks entered the second half up 44-31, but saw the Colonels surge back in the second half, eventually tying up the game at 69-69 with just under five minutes to play. However, the Colonels

couldn’t overcome their poor shooting average in the first half, where the Coronels only made 37 percent of their shots. The tied game was broken when Jax State senior Jacara Cross hit back-to-back free throws, which sparked an 11-2 scoring run by the Gamecocks. Derrick Cook also contributed two more free throws to push the lead to five following Cross’s two. The game was sealed when Cross put in three more free throws, along with a layup shot by Cook and Elias Harden to finish off the Colonels. Cross led his team with 20 points with 14 coming from the second half of the game, and six within just the final five minutes from free throws. Following cross was Kayne Henry and De’Torrior Ware with 14 points each and Derrick Cook with 13 points for the Gamecocks. “We have good free-throw shooters, but we’ve

struggled to hit them up until this point,” said head coach Ray Harper. “For the second game in a row, we basically won the game at the free throw line. My hat is off to those kids because they’ve been in the gym getting shots up. It’s paying dividends.” Kayne Henry also contributed in the first half of the game with 12 points. He went 4 for 4 shooting and had two three-point shots. He finished the game with 14 points to his name. Cook was the team’s third-leading scorer in the game with 13 points, six assists, and eight rebounds. The Gamecocks will return home Thursday, January 9, when they take on the Murray State Racers (9-5, 2-0 OVC) at Pete Matthews Coliseum. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. Fans can watch the action on ESPNU or listen to a live play-by-play of the action on 91.9 FM WLJS.

FEATURE

A Gamecock and a Volunteer fan

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Knoxville has always had a special place in my heart. I have always considered it to be my home away from home. The memories that I have cherished representing the colors of orange and white in the Volunteer state will remain a part of who I am today. However, on Saturday, December 21, 2019, I managed to do the unthinkable. To understand where all of this is coming from, we need to take a trip back to October of 2004 when I was eight years old and in the second grade. It was a Friday morning and I was riding on a bus on the way to Valley Elementary School in my hometown of Pelham, Ala. It was a typical bus ride. However, what happened right before I got off the bus had a very significant role in what took place up to as of right now. My bus driver, Sony Chapman, had stopped me right before I was getting off the bus. Genuinely curious, he asked what I was doing that weekend. At that time, my grandparents were living in Knoxville, and it just happened to be so that I was going up there for the weekend for a visit. “I’m going to Knoxville this weekend!” I said excitedly. Mr. Chapman had a big grin on his face and said, “Really? I am too!” I then proceeded to ask why. He explained that he was going to the Alabama vs. Tennessee game. Before I could get anything out, the homeroom bell rang and it was time for class. I dashed out of the bus and got to class in the nick of time. As the day went on, I eagerly anticipated the final bell to ring to be dismissed from class and make the four-hour trip up to Tennessee. Finally, the school day ended and I loaded up my luggage and rode up I-59 North. It was rather late at night when my sister and I finally arrived, but of course, it was all excitement from there. My grandmother eagerly came out and bear-hugged me and was very jubilant to see me and my sister. We ended up chatting and visiting for a couple of hours catching up on what was going on with family. By then, it was late and I headed off to bed. The next morning, I woke up to a delightful smell of cinnamon rolls being made. I got up, got dressed, and headed downstairs to eat a huge buffet breakfast that my grandfather prepared. As I was eating, the television happened to be on. During the telecast, three simple words were uttered out. Alabama. Tennessee. Game. It then hit me, Mr. Chapman was going to be at the game. Being eight years old and not knowing any better, I asked my grandfather if we could go to the game. To my very surprise up to this day, my grandfather grabbed his Tennessee cap, jacket, and car keys, and said, “Let’s go!” Before we went to the stadium, my grandfather said that we needed to get our picture taken in front of the stadium main entrance. Thinking nothing of it, I agreed. As for the game, something about the atmosphere of the Tennessee fan-base in Neyland Stadium stuck with me. Whether it be the Running through the T, the song “Rocky Top”, or the orange and white checkerboards, it was an experience like no other. Ultimately, Tennessee ended up winning the game 17-13, but what happened after the game would change my life forever. My grandfather and I arrived home, but then my grandfather informed me that he was going to Walgreens to get the pictures we took in front of the stadium developed. Oh, how times have certainly changed. Afterward, he came back, sat down, turned his face, and looked eye to eye at me. “Garrett, all my life, it has been my dream to take your father and your uncle to Tennessee Football games in every single SEC Football stadium and have the memo-



Courtesy of JSU

Chanticleer correspondent Garrett Sanders supporting the JSU Gamecocks at the matchup against the Tennessee Volunteers. ries of it to pass on for generations of this family. But being the father I was, family came first before anything else. Now that I am retired, I am free to do that. I want to experience this with you. You just have to promise me one thing.” That promise? To be a Vol For Life. Ever since that day, I have committed myself to be a Tennessee Vol., even living in Alabama and experiencing the good, bad, and ugly years of Tennessee Football. With that, my grandfather and I have been to every single SEC Football Stadium and the Rose Bowl as well. With that all being said, fast forward to Saturday, December 21, 2019, the Jacksonville State Gamecocks, my alma mater, was going up to Knoxville. I managed to have tickets to the game and had a choice to make. Stick with pride and loyalty to the team I have represented throughout 16 years of my life, or be loyal to the school that has given me nothing but opportunity, and has built me into the writer I am to be in my future career. While it may have been conflicting, the choice was clear and obvious to me. While I will always be a Vol For Life, on Saturday, December 21, I stayed Cocky. Needless to say, it ended up being a very special moment that I will never forget.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Courtesy of JSU
Junior guard Taylor Hawks dribbling the ball down the court in the game against Eastern Kentucky that resulted in a 10-point win for the Gamecocks.

JSU makes comeback over ECU

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Jacksonville State University came out victorious in Saturday’s game against Eastern Kentucky with a final score of 43-33.

While the Gamecocks started out slow in the first half, they came back stronger in the second, eventually sealing the game with a win.

This was the Lady Gamecocks’ ninth win of the season. This brings their overall record to 5-8 and their OVC record to 1-1.

This matchup was a game of defense, with both teams struggling to get the ball in the basket. This game produced the fewest total scored points in a game in the program’s history with just a total of 76 points for the game.

Things started very slow early in the game for JSU, shooting 2-for-15 from the field and 0-for-9 from the three-point line in the first quarter. Overall, the Gamecocks scored only four points in the first-

quarter compared to Eastern Kentucky’s 12 points.

The Gamecocks came back both offensively and defensively in the second quarter with Jax State bringing in another 15 points, while Eastern Kentucky only managed another six points. The game went into half-time with 19-18 on the scoreboard, with the Gamecocks just one point ahead.

Coming into the second half, the Gamecocks continued to play hard defense and made sure that Eastern Kentucky never reached double-digit points for either of the last two quarters. While ECU came up short, they also played undeniable defense.

The Gamecocks only came up with 11 points over ECU’s nine in the third quarter and 13 over the Colonels’ six points in the final quarter of the matchup. The game came to a close with a nine-point scoring run by the Gamecocks with just five minutes left in the matchup, followed by one last lay-up by Eastern Kentucky that put the game to an end.

Junior Kiana Johnson led the Gamecocks in points scored with 13 points, 10 of which came in the second half. Junior Taylor Hawks also scored double-digit points for the Gamecocks with a total of 10 points for this matchup. Meanwhile, redshirt senior Chloe Long led the team defensively as she pulled down a season-high of 12 rebounds, just two behind her career high of 14.

Redshirt freshman Karleigh Sledge came off of the bench strong and finished the game with a total of five rebounds, four points and two steals. With 18 minutes off of the bench, this was her most playing time of the season so far.

The Gamecocks will be hosting OVC rivals Murray State and Austin Peay at the Pete Mathews Coliseum. JSU will be playing Murray State today, January 9, at 5 p.m. and Austin Peay the following Saturday, January 11, at 1:45 p.m. Fans can stream both games on the ESPN Plus app or listen to the games live on 91.9 FM WLJS.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL



Courtesy of JSU
Shayla Schmidt in a 2018 matchup against Huntingdon College at Jacksonville State’s home court. The 2020 beach volleyball season will kick off on March 3.

JSU releases first OVC beach volleyball schedule

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For the first time ever, the Ohio Valley Conference has added beach volleyball as one of their championship sports.

Jacksonville State University’s beach volleyball will be one of the first teams to play in the conference this upcoming 2020 season. On Friday, January 3, Jax State finally released their much-anticipated schedule for this historic season.

The Gamecocks will begin their season by playing OVC rival UT Chattanooga on March 20. This game will be hosted by Jacksonville State at the newly built South Beach Volleyball Bar and Grill in Anniston.

The Gamecocks will also be going up against some of their usual rivals throughout the season such as Eastern Kentucky, Austin Peay, UT Martin

and Morehead State. Jax State will also be going head-to-head against long-time Jacksonville State rival, the University of North Alabama.

JSU will appear in three different tournaments throughout its season. These tournaments include the Austin Peay Tournament in Clarkesville, Tenn., the Coastal Carolina Tournament, in Conway, S.C., and the OVC Weekend at South Beach Volleyball Bar and Grill in Anniston.

Players like Kaylie Milton and Lena Kindermann not only played an integral role in last year’s beach volleyball Atlantic Sun Conference, but they also just returned from playing a big role in becoming OVC Champions in Jax State’s regular season volleyball. Kindermann led her team in kills this past fall with a total of 367 kills with Milton following closely behind with 300 kills.

Kindermann and Maddie Cloutier will be the two key players to keep an eye out for in the 2020 sea-

son. The dynamic duo recorded a program-best of seven set wins in the 2019 beach volleyball season.

Cloutier currently has a career high of 15 set wins, right behind Shayla Schmidt, another key player to be on the lookout for, who has 18 career wins. Cloutier and Schmidt also played an integral role in JSU’s regular OVC Championship volleyball season.

Cloutier played in the 2019 regular season as a defensive specialist bringing in 103 digs overall for the Gamecocks, while Schmidt brought in over 100 kills as an outside hitter for the Gamecocks, despite being out for half of the season due to an injury.

Jacksonville State will kick-off its season with the red and white exhibition game on Tuesday March 3. The rival team is to be determined. After the exhibition game, the Gamecocks will officially begin their season.