



Save the Date for Reunion 2008!

Reunions are milestones—occasions for alumni to commemorate their place in Jackson State University's history, reflect on what Jackson State has meant to them, and renew their ties to their alma mater. Reunion weekend for class years ending in 3 or 8 will be celebrated during Homecoming Weekend, October 24-25, 2008.

And while coming back is a great way to celebrate, giving back is just as important. Reunion giving makes a strong statement about your commitment to Jackson State. For some alumni who have never given to the University, reunion giving is a time to step forward and make a first-time gift. For others who are regular contributors, it's often a time for an increased commitment.

During Reunion Weekend in October, the level of participation in reunion giving by all classes will be announced during the reunion luncheon. To ensure that your gift is included in the ceremonial check your class will present to President Ronald Mason, don't forget to send your gift before October 1.

Reunion 2008 Highlights:

- Classes celebrating reunions
- 50th Golden Class Reunion
- Leave Your Legacy at JSU
- W.E.B. Du Bois Honors College Reunion
- Reunion Appeal

For additional information regarding Reunion 2008, contact Lashonda Levy, Reunion & Constituency Events Coordinator, at 601-979-2282.

Please make a reunion gift today!

Jackson State University

Classes Celebrating Reunions

Register now for **Reunion 2008**, taking place **October 24-26, 2008**. Make your plans now to attend, and contact your fellow classmates to make sure they're coming, too!

This year's reunion—celebrating the classes of **2003, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1983, 1978, 1973, 1968, 1963, 1958, 1953, 1948, 1943, 1938**—promises to be a weekend of celebrations for everyone.

Help us spread the word about your reunion. Let your friends know you are planning to attend reunion weekend activities.

Special highlights of Reunion 2008 include:

50th Golden Class Reunion

Homecoming at Jackson State University marks a special time when the University will honor and recognize the 50th Reunion graduates of 1958.

<http://www.jsums.edu/giveonline>

JSU Class of
2003



W.E.B. Du BOIS HONORS COLLEGE ALUMNI REUNION October 24-26, 2008

Mark your calendars for the W.E.B. Du Bois Honors College Alumni Reunion Weekend. Reconnect with Jackson State University—Come back to campus and reconnect with classmates, friends, and faculty that you haven't seen in awhile, and with memories of your days on campus. Come one, come all, for a wonderful weekend of fun. For the reunion to be a success, your presence is needed. Please share this e-mail with other Honors College alumni. For questions regarding the reunion activities, please call LaShonda Levy, Reunion & Constituency Events Coordinator, at 601-979-1634.

Honors College Initiative



Remember the words of our fearless leader, Dr. Maria Luisa Harvey, “Honors College graduates are distinguished. You will become ambassadors, entrepreneurs, bankers, historians, physicians, attorneys, teachers, authors, musicians, politicians, researchers—you name it—who will have an impact on their own communities and the world beyond. It will be your responsibility as alumni to ensure that the Honors College remains for future generations. Wherever you go, you will go as a *Jacksonian*.”

Philanthropic support is essential to maintain and enhance the distinctive elements of an honors education at Jackson State University. The Honors College Initiative Steering Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Earlexia Norwood, seeks to secure the future and growth of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honors College. The Steering Committee has set a goal of \$2 million over the next two years to endow the Honors College, which will generate funds for scholarships, research and academic travel, mentorship, faculty development, and extracurricular programs. Endowment is the lifeblood of any institution of higher education.

The Steering Committee invites all Honors College alumni to participate in the fundraising initiative. There are nearly 3,000 Honors College alumni. There is no reason why we should not be able to reach our goal. If every Honors College graduate committed to pledging a gift of \$1,000 paid over a two-year period (\$41.67 for 24 months), we would exceed our goal by \$1 million. It's that simple. The Honors College Endowment Fund will provide a permanent source of funding for experiences that will challenge minds and change lives.

Take the challenge—make your gift or pledge today by visiting the Foundation's online giving page at <http://www.jsu.edu/giveonline>. If you have questions, please call the Office of Development at 601-979-6942.



Honors College Alumni Reunion of S.T.A.R.S. October 24-26, 2008

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 24, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Registration & All Honors College Reunion Events
General Purpose Room

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Meeting with “Future Honors S.T.A.R.S.”

The meeting with “future stars” is designed to build and strengthen the JSU Honors College community by connecting JSU alums with Honors College students through informal conversation. Additionally, the state of the Honors College will be given by Dr. Maria Luis Harvey.

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Reunion Classes Luncheon
New Student Center

Tickets:

\$25 for non-members; \$40 for class reunion members

2:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Honors College Endowment Fundraising Meeting

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Honors College S.T.A.R.S. Social

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Founders’ Day Banquet
New Student Center Ballroom (Tickets: \$40)

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Homecoming Festivities

Sunday, October 26, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Reunion Church Services
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
903 Metro Parkway Jackson, MS 39204
The Reverend Dr. Richard T. Middleton, III, Pastor



W.E.B. Du Bois Honors College Reunion
A Salute to Jackson State University's STARS
“Successful, Talented, Accomplished, Refined Scholars”
October 24-26, 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
Last First MI

Address _____
City State Zip

Telephone _____
Business Home

E-Mail _____

Class Year _____ **Major** _____

I plan to participate in the following activities (please mark all that apply):

- Honors College Future Stars Meeting Honors College Endowment Meeting
 Honors College S.T.A.R.S. Social Honors College Reunion Church Service
 Reunion Classes Luncheon - \$25 or \$40 Founders' Day Banquet - \$40
- Check enclosed for Luncheon (\$25 or \$40). (Make checks payable to Fellows Foundation.)
 Check enclosed for Banquet (\$40). (Make checks payable to JSU Development Foundation.)
 I authorize the Foundation to charge my (circle one): MasterCard Visa AMEX
Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Complete and return registration form to:
Jackson State University Development Foundation
Post Office Box 17144
Jackson, MS 39127



Dear Reunion Alumni:

Congratulations on celebrating your class reunion. As you and your class celebrate this significant milestone, I hope that you will reflect on your Jackson State University experience and show support for the education you received. As alumni, you have set the stage for future leaders. As a class, you can continue to *make a difference* in the lives of students by supporting *The Faith Fund*. Noted author Dr. Lelia G. Rhodes in her book *Jackson State University—The First Hundred Years, 1877-1977* writes, “The very creation of Jackson State University was an act of faith that all men created by God should have a right to the opportunity to develop their fullest potential and thus has come a great institution.”

You have the opportunity to preserve this precious legacy. As alumni, you have an awesome responsibility to insure that Jackson State University remains accessible for students who are today just beginning their college experience. An *INVESTMENT* of only \$131, one dollar for every year of the University’s existence, would help make this possible. For your *INVESTMENT*, a 4”x8” brick will be engraved in your honor on historic Gibbs-Green Memorial Plaza. More importantly, your *INVESTMENT* will benefit *The Faith Fund* that supports students who want and deserve a Jackson State education. Class gifts will be presented at the annual reunion luncheon on Friday, October 25, 2008.

We all have different financial priorities to consider, but know that no matter the amount of your reunion gift, it helps in raising the overall giving percentage of JSU alumni. An institution’s alumni giving participation is one of the important signs of institutional strength and is one of the criteria used by outside funding sources such as corporations and foundations when making their gifts to Jackson State. This is NOT a measure of the amount of the gift, but rather the NUMBER of graduates who give. Your support will make a difference. You will raise the participation rate, provide educational value to current students, and get a tax deduction as well! Mail your reunion gift today or visit us at <http://www.jsums.edu/giveonline> and make your gift online.

We are looking forward to seeing you in October. Should you have any questions regarding your reunion gift, please feel free to call me at 601-979-6942.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda J. Daniels".

Linda J. Daniels
Director of Development

P.S. *Higher* alumni donor participation means a *stronger* Faith Fund and *enhanced* educational excellence at Jackson State University.



Jackson State University Class Reunion Gift Reply
(Classes ending in 3s or 8s)

Yes, you can count on me!

Name _____ Class year _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Employer _____ Matching Gift Company Yes No

My reunion gift of \$131 is enclosed. (Make check payable to the JSU Development Foundation.)

I want to give my reunion gift of \$131 in 3 installments (\$44.00 monthly).
Invoice me in August, September and October.

I want to give my reunion gift of \$131 in 3 installments (\$44.00 monthly) by bank draft.
(Include voided check with form.)

Charge my credit card: Visa MasterCard AMEX Debit Card

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

To give by telephone, call 601-979-1759.

To give online, go to **<http://www.jsums.edu/giveonline>**.

NOTE: For your reunion gift to be included in the totals reported at the Reunion Luncheon, your gift must be received in the Office of Development by September 30, 2008.

Mail your check, gift reply form, and the legacy brick order form to:

Jackson State University Development Foundation
Post Office Box 17144
Jackson, MS 39217

You may also download this form and fax to:
601-979-3786.

**Jackson State University
Reunion 2008 Legacy Brick Order Form**

4" x 8" (Three lines with a maximum of 14 characters and spaces per line)

Choose Your Inscription!

Use only the number of lines, characters and spaces that apply to your brick size.

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Name _____

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