

## Alumni Track: Alphabetical Directory

The Department of Communication can help prepare you for a successful future. Just ask some of our graduates.

### Submission Instructions:

Anyone can add their information to the list by emailing the webmaster the following information:

#### Your Name

**Graduation Year** and a list of any organizations/clubs you participated in at JSU or other accomplishments/awards you received.

**Current Job** status, as well as any career or family history you wish to share.

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Phil, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History, double major (1992), and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication (1999). He served as Editor in Chief of [The Chanticleer](#) from 1998-99 and as secretary for SPJ. He wrote for the Life & Times section of the [Gadsden Times](#) during the summer of 1999, after which, he moved to Florida and worked as reporter/staffwriter for [Highlands County News-Sun](#), a HarborPoint Media newspaper in [Sebring, FL](#), home of the internationally known 12 Hours of Sebring auto race, part of the American Le Mans series. Phil won first place in the Florida Press Association Better Weekly Newspaper awards in the Humor Column category for 1999, third place in Humor Column for 2000, and second place in Environmental Writing for 2003. He married on July 8, 2006, and moved to Winter Haven, FL, (home of historic [Cypress Gardens](#)).

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A former Editor in Chief of *The Chanticleer*, Jamie is now Multimedia Designer with the new media group at Southern Progress Corporation and Progressive Farmer magazine. He designs and maintains the [Progressive Farmer web site](#), and maintains a [personal site](#) as well. He won the John C. Turner award and the Outstanding SPJ Graduate award his senior year at JSU, and won an SPJ National Mark of Excellence Award along with several regional awards for his coverage of the devastating tornado in the Goshen community of Alabama in 1994.

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## **Karen Cole**

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Jocelyn was born in Anniston and received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Jacksonville State University in 2002. She's proud to say that she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA. Jocelyn anchored a local cable television show and went to [WDSI](#) in Chattanooga, Tennessee, as a reporter. She then went north to Lansing in April 2004 reporting for [WILX](#) and [WSYM](#), in addition to anchoring the WSYM weekend news.

Her proudest moment, however, was receiving an Emmy in 2006 ([Article + photo](#)) for her reporting on teens driving with cell phones. She's also enjoyed covering stories of national significance such as the state funeral of late President Gerald Ford and the capture of serial bomber Eric Robert Rudolph.

When she's not working, Jocelyn loves spending time with her Italian Greyhound she rescued, playing the piano, and learning many new things about the Tri-City area.

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## **Dana Williams Conley**

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Jacksonville State in December 1996, Dana immediately went to work as a news producer at [WHNT](#) TV in Huntsville. In 2000, she took a job as a primetime producer at [WAAY TV](#) in Huntsville. In March 2003, she took a big step and moved back to Jacksonville and got married. Since then, Dana has worked as a marketing consultant, as well as freelancing in radio, television and the magazine industry. She currently serves as the fill-in producer at [TV-24](#) in Jacksonville and works as a freelance writer/editor for a new entertainment company in Anniston called [Envizons](#). Currently, she is

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Born in San Jose, Calif., Copeland's family moved to Marietta, Ga., and she later attended Jacksonville State where she graduated cum laude/special honors in communication in 2003. She worked as a coaching assistant with the Toledo Rockets (2006-2007) before making news recently (June 2008), accepting an assistant coach position at [Bradley University](#).

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Vicki is the Community Relations Coordinator for [WXIA-TV](#), the NBC affiliate in Atlanta. She completed her internship with [WSB-TV](#) in Atlanta, and was a production assistant for the Olympic Games. Vicki also worked at ABC Sports, Atlanta, in 1993, and with CNN Sports in 1992. She was a member of the JSU student chapter of SPJ.

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### **Lantz Croft**

Lantz was a two-year vice president of SPJ and participated in an SPJ internship with the first TV newscast produced from its national convention. He received the Outstanding SPJ Graduate award in 1998. Lantz also worked with TV Services while at JSU. He completed his senior internship with [WBRC Fox 6 News](#) in Birmingham and is now Assistant News Director there. Lantz serves as the director of internships for the station.

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After her 1994 graduation, Tracy remained on campus as a JSU admissions counselor. She later worked as Director of Public Relations and Advertising at the [Greater Rome \(Georgia\) Convention and Visitors Bureau](#). She is now Director of Tourism and Conventions at the [Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce](#).

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While at JSU from '88-'92, Steve was member of the Rifle Shooting team. Steve worked at WLJS [92J](#), then moved on to work for WJXL radio, [WPID radio](#), and [WQEN radio](#). Steve also worked for [WJSU TV-40](#). It was there that he realized that he wanted to continue working in TV, and the best place to do that was in my native in New York. He worked for [News 12](#) Long Island, a 24 hour news station, then transferred to News 12 New Jersey to become a full time director. Steve then moved on to the [Fox News Channel](#) where he helped launch the network and see it become the #1 station it is today. He stayed on as director for over ten years, working on the prime time shows that included *Your World* with Neil Cavuto, *Fox Report* with Sheppard Smith, *Hannity and Colmes*, *On the Record* with Greta Van Susteren, along with many other shows and specials. He is currently a freelance director in NYC.

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## **Shala Spruell Hainer**

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## **Michelle Martin**

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## **Jeff Randolph**

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Jason currently serves as the Assistant Video Director for the University of Oklahoma Football team. He now lives in Norman, Oklahoma and is married to Amy Johnson Sanders (JSU '03 – Marketing). Jason graduated from JSU in 2004 (TV and Radio Production) and also served as Head Video Coordinator for the JSU football team during the 2003-2004 season, winning the Ohio Valley Conference Championship both seasons. Jason graduated from Mississippi State University in 2007 with a Masters in Sports Administration. During his time at MSU, Jason worked as a teaching assistant for the Department of Communications teaching News Writing and Reporting and also served as a student assistant for the Bulldog football team. In 2007, Jason joined the OU Football team, winning the 2007 and 2008 Big 12 Championship, appearing in the 2009 BCS National Championship game, and most recently winning the 2009 Sun Bowl. Jason was also voted a 2009 Savvy Award Finalist by the Collegiate Sports Video Association (CSVA) which recognizes outstanding achievement in post-production work. His phone number is (405) [325-8286](tel:325-8286). Email: [jsanders78@ou.edu](mailto:jsanders78@ou.edu)

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### **Kandi Street**

Kandi is a new Allstate Exclusive Agent who opened her office on March 1, 2007 at 1930 Quintard Avenue in Anniston, Alabama. She has been involved in the Calhoun County Community for over 24 years. Kandi Street graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1987 with honors with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She has been working in the insurance industry for over five years. Currently, she is a member of the Anniston Kiwanis Club, the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, the JSU Alumni Association, and Parker Memorial Baptist Church. She has volunteered with the Knox Concert Series, the Salvation Army, the March of Dimes, and other institutions. Kandi is married to Rob Street from Anniston, Alabama and has six children, two step children, and one grandchild. If you need anything, please call me at 240-7060.

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**Ashley has recently accepted the position of Community Director for the March of Dimes, Alabama Chapter / North-Central Division, effective October 1, 2007.** Recent [News Release](#) about her acceptance of this prestigious position. Printable [Word](#) or [PDF](#) (in case the JSU News Bureau takes it down)

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