Friends of Jefferson College

The 2013-14 fiscal year was another fantastic year for growth, awareness, and expansion for the Jefferson College Foundation.

One of the most exciting moments of the year was the approval of the Foundation's Naming Rights Policy by the Jefferson College Board of Trustees. This positive moment will give the Foundation the ability to attract significant individual and corporate donors—a common practice in fund raising activities for hospitals, schools, and can even be seen on the grounds of the St. Louis Cardinals stadium. The Foundation Board and the Board of Trustees spent countless hours and had numerous discussions to assure that this form of successful fundraising recognition would be done in the spirit of the Foundation's mission, and would protect the integrity and reputation of Jefferson College. Establishing appropriate levels of recognition is in the development stage, but the cooperation between the two entities will provide a renewed and exciting opportunity to promote the college's campuses, expand programming, provide additional funding for advancements in teaching, continue reinvestment and growth in the physical plant, and, most importantly, provide students who have financial need with vital support.

During the year, we also saw continued support and growth in our events and programs that highlight and support student maturity. The Foundation's events like Jazz & Jeans, A Taste of the Arts, and the Viking Classic Golf Tournament netted more than $100,000 for the Foundation. Obviously, the proceeds from these events are vital to support the needs of our students and educators, but the expansion of awareness and participation by the community is equally as important. All of our events continue to grow, and we believe the attention and support for the College and Foundation will continue to grow along with them.

More than $260,000 in major gifts was received from local companies and organizations like Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers, Mercy Hospital Jefferson, Holcim, PepsiCo, St. Anthony’s Charitable Foundation, and the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation. Worth notable mention was an in-kind gift received from Holcim valued over $100,000, which included concrete, labor, and the materials needed to help repair, improve, and maintain the aging campus facilities and grounds. Worthy of additional mention was support we received for scholarships for students enrolled in the college’s allied health programs from St. Anthony’s Medical Center, Mercy Hospital Jefferson, and the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation.

In total, the Foundation raised over $580,000 in cash and pledge contributions from scholarship donors, the college’s faculty and staff through the campus fund drive, attendees and sponsors of our events, public and private grants, and gifts from the community. We all know that these are tough times, so I sincerely appreciate everyone who supported the Foundation during the 2013-14 fiscal year; but I would also like to take this time to recognize the tireless efforts of Tom Burke, Marie Jennewein, and the countless volunteers who helped support the Foundation’s mission and cause.
Message from the President of the Jefferson College Foundation

We still have numerous goals and objectives for 2015, of which the most critical is to continue to increase the awareness and brand-building for Jefferson College. As President of the Foundation in 2013, I held the reins of an organization with a sound footing, and trust that I have continued to build upon that stability, and pass the Presidency to my successor, Rick Vest, an organization that has a clear vision for the future.

Like my fellow board members, I pledge continued support to Rick as he moves the Foundation forward. He is passionate about the college and the Foundation, and has been instrumental in their success. It has been an honor to serve as President of the Jefferson College Foundation, and I look forward to the continued success of the Foundation.

Sincerely,

Mike Walsh, President
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About the Foundation

Our Mission
The mission of Jefferson College Foundation, a separately incorporated 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to increase resources, to raise funds and to cultivate friends and partnerships to support Jefferson College and its mission.

Our Vision
The Jefferson College Foundation, Inc. will be recognized as a premier community college foundation and a leader in raising funds to meet and to exceed the College and community needs.

Our History: A Tradition Worth Promoting
Founded in 1991, the Jefferson College Foundation provides financial support of Jefferson College and its mission. We are committed to securing the financial resources needed to support the College’s ongoing commitment to provide “superior teaching and services, a supportive learning environment, a strong general education curriculum, college transfer and technical programs, personal enrichment courses and on-campus experiences that prepare students to succeed in their careers, further their education and prosper in a diverse world.”

The Jefferson College Foundation is committed to expanding accessibility within the Jefferson County region so that a high-quality, affordable college education is available to all. The Foundation’s focus is on building strong relationships within the community—matching donors’ philanthropic interests in higher education and cultural enrichment to specific Jefferson College funding opportunities. The Mission of the Jefferson College Foundation is to support the growth and development of Jefferson College in whatever ways are beneficial to its students, faculty, staff and campus facilities.

The Jefferson College Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit IRS 501(c)3 organization. Donations to the Foundation help Jefferson College and its students achieve far more than would be possible through traditional public revenues alone. Donor contributions have helped in the following areas, to name just a few:

- Student Scholarships
- Program Development
- Student Activities & Events
- Library & Learning Resources
- Athletics
- Capital & Infrastructure Projects
- Endowment Funds
- Cultural Enrichment
- Emergency Student Loans and Grants
Your Gift to the Viking Fund Is Vital

Every day, talented and deserving students take a first step toward a new life by enrolling at Jefferson College. Many of these students would not be able to achieve their educational goals and dreams of a better life without the help of caring people like you--our donors. Students have needs ranging from tuition assistance to childcare and transportation.

In the classroom, we need to keep up-to-date with technology and equipment to train tomorrow’s workforce. And with new technology, comes the continual need for faculty and staff development. With your help, we can meet these challenges head-on.

What Is The Viking Fund?
The Jefferson College Foundation encourages friends, supporters, vendors, community members, and alumni to support the college by making an annual gift to the Viking Fund.

Gifts from our donors strengthens Jefferson College’s ability to serve students and faculty/staff through scholarships, teaching innovations, updated technology, comprehensive programs, and facility improvements. A gift to the Viking Fund positively impacts our students’ lives, and preserves the high-quality education they receive at Jefferson College.

As a donor, you may decide where your gift is applied, whether it is the area of greatest need or designate your gift to help support scholarships or the program of your choice. Every gift is greatly appreciated and makes a difference in the lives of students and Jefferson College as a whole.

What Does A Gift To The Viking Fund Support?
Jefferson College has witnessed remarkable growth since its inception in the 1960s. Your support of the Viking Fund will help change the lives of others forever, as well as strengthen the future of our community with your gift to the Jefferson College Foundation Viking Fund Campaign.

Jefferson College receives its funding from tuition and fees, local property taxes and state aid. Because the Jefferson College Board of Trustees is committed to keeping education affordable, the Board has been hesitant to raise significant revenue through large tuition increases. State funding resources have decreased dramatically the last several years. The college relies on Viking Fund contributions to broaden the range of available resources for our students.

Beyond the satisfaction of giving to a vital and growing institution, your gift will offer tangible rewards. You will help us provide student scholarships to individuals from all walks of life, and you will help prepare a strong future workforce right here in your own community, as 90 percent of graduates in the area will remain in Missouri and 75 percent plan to stay in Jefferson College’s multi-county service area.

When you give to the Viking Fund, we will put your dollars to work immediately. Your gift will help students, develop new programs, or meet the education and training needs of our vital area.

Your Generosity and Concern Counts for Jefferson College

Please make your gift to the Viking Fund today, and realize the satisfaction of helping shape the future of your community. To make a gift of any amount, please call the Foundation at (636) 481-3105 or go online to www.jeffco.edu/foundation to begin helping students today!
Cash
Making a donation of cash to the Viking Fund is as simple as writing a check or authorizing a charge on your credit card. From your standpoint, it’s no fuss, no bother. Find out how the Jefferson College Foundation can put your unrestricted or restricted contribution to work without delay.

Securities
Stock that has increased in value is one of the most popular assets used for charitable giving, once it has been held for more than one year. Making a gift of securities offers you the chance to help our organization while realizing many important benefits for yourself.

Charitable IRA Rollover
Under the extended charitable IRA legislation, if you’re age 70½ or older you can make charitable gifts now to the Jefferson College Foundation using funds from your individual retirement accounts (IRAs) without undesirable tax effects.

Retirement Plan Assets
Do you have money saved in an employee retirement plan, IRA or tax-sheltered annuity? Each of these retirement plan assets contains income that has yet to be taxed. Your beneficiaries will owe the income tax at your death, totaling up to 35 percent, which may be reason enough to consider giving your loved ones less heavily taxed assets and leaving your retirement plan assets to charity instead.

Savings Bonds
There’s more than one way to turn your savings bonds into a generous donation while reducing the tax liability generated by these secure investments.

Real Estate
Your property opens the door to a unique giving opportunity. From townhomes to farmland, many types of real estate assets can be donated to qualified charitable organizations like ours. You’ll be helping a good cause, enjoying tax benefits and potentially setting up a lifetime stream of income.

Closely Held Stock
A donation of your closely held stock can be a fine way for you to make a sizable charitable contribution while realizing valuable tax benefits.

Life Insurance
Most of us think of life insurance as protection, especially for our loved ones. But it is also a powerful tool you can use to champion our work far into the future.

Life Insurance Death Benefits
Your need for life insurance changes as time passes, making way for a new opportunity for its use. If you no longer need the coverage to protect your loved ones, consider changing your policy’s beneficiary to support the Jefferson College Foundation.

Tangible Personal Property
Many items of tangible personal property make suitable charitable gifts. The available tax deduction depends on whether or not the organization that receives the property will use it in a way that is related to its tax-exempt purpose.
Bequests
Help students and Jefferson College by using one of the most popular and simplest ways to make a gift.

Beneficiary Designations
Continue supporting our work even after your lifetime by naming us as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, life insurance or insurance annuity assets.

Charitable Gift Annuities
Make a donation and, in turn, receive a fixed annuity payment each year for life.

Charitable Remainder Trusts
In the right circumstances, this plan can increase your income, reduce your taxes, unlock appreciated investments, rid you of investment worries and ultimately provide very important support.

Memorial & Honorary Gifts
If you have a family member or friend whose life has been touched by the Jefferson College Foundation, we hope you’ll consider making a gift to us in honor of that person.

Endowed Gifts
Discover a powerful way to make a gift to us in your name or in the name of a loved one while realizing tax benefits for your kindness.

Give Your Home, But Live There for Life:
Find out how you can make a gift to Jefferson College Foundation of a remainder interest in your home, receive sizable tax benefits now and continue living in your home for the rest of your life.

Charitable Lead Trusts
Make a donation now while reducing the tax burden for your heirs in the future.
Making a Difference

College Creates Academic Success Center as Further Commitment to Students

As a further extension of the commitment to providing students with support services in order to foster academic and personal success, the college recently opened an Academic Success Center on the Hillsboro campus.

The new center consists of a science lab, math lab, writing lab, computer information systems lab, and psychology tutoring. The labs are staffed with professionals who have degrees and instructional experience in their respective fields. Many are full-time faculty.

The center supports the educational development of students and reinforces classroom learning with a desire to empower students to achieve their academic goals by providing opportunities to enhance learning, course success, and personal growth. Academic success centers are a proven initiative nationally to help students meet their educational goals.

Foundation Naming Rights Policy Set

Taking steps to put the college and Foundation in a better position when soliciting large contributions, the Board approved naming rights policy as an additional incentive to major donors. The new policy provides strict guidelines with final approval resting with the Board of Trustees. Call (636) 481-3104 for naming opportunities.
Community Invited to Join Celebration

In celebration of Black History Month, Jefferson College hosted a variety of community-centered programs and activities throughout February, highlighted by an exhibit from the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City titled “They Were All Stars.”

The self-guided exhibit featured pop up displays containing historical information, photos and biographies regarding the Negro Leagues and the players who became Major League Baseball All Stars. In the Student Center Cafeteria on the Hillsboro campus. There was no cost to view the display, and it was suitable for all ages.

Founded in 1990, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) is dedicated to preserving the rich history of African-American baseball. Although the museum thrives in Kansas City, the demand for Negro Leagues history is international. Thus, the museum has crafted a number of exhibits to take the history beyond its main gallery and explore diverse themes within the story of black baseball.

The travelling display was sponsored by the Jefferson College Cultural Diversity Committee, President’s Office, and the Jefferson College Foundation.

The Events and Community Outreach Committee, the Cultural Diversity Committee, and the Student Senate also hosted a public lecture by History Professor Dr. Scott Holzer on Friday, February 28 in the Library on the Hillsboro campus. Titled “The Harlem Renaissance: The Birth of a New Consciousness and the Origins of the Civil Rights Movement,” the presentation addressed the political goals and artistic creations of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s. Starting with W.E.B. DuBois’ goal of promoting the “Talented Tenth” to achieve integration, the presentation examined the paintings, music, writings, and dance of the important artists that explored and created a new consciousness for African Americans. This movement, also sought to gain recognition and respect from white Americans to the intellectual accomplishment of African Americans in order to promote the goal of an integrated society.

Also included in the college’s Black History Month recognition was a “Look, Listen, Learn” public display in the Library on the Hillsboro campus throughout the month regarding black authors and books about African-Americans.
Making a Difference

Making a Difference . . . A Tradition of Learning
Houser Family Exemplifies Importance of Higher Education

Jane Houser was the first non-traditional student to enroll at Jefferson College (according to former college President Dr. Charles McClain). She had always wanted to go to college, but she didn’t have the opportunity when she graduated from high school because her parents expected her to work. When she heard a junior college district was coming to Jefferson County, she was thrilled. Jane and her husband used to drive by the building site to check out the progress. When she began as a student at Jeffco, she had four kids at home and was in her 40’s. She went on to study history at the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Branton and Jane Houser (parents of retired Student Support Services Director Barbara Flesh and grandparents of Admissions and Student Records Representative Carrie Flesh) were inducted into the Jefferson College Foundation Monticello Society this year to acknowledge their generous $50,000 donation to create an endowed scholarship for non-traditional students. Jane has the distinction of being the college’s first non-traditional student, and the patriarch for several generations of family members who attended Jefferson.
Delicious: Leader Holiday Recipe Contest Dinner

Leader Publications’ annual recipe contest culminated in its first-ever holiday dinner on Friday, November 8, in the Jefferson College Student Center on the Hillsboro campus. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Jefferson College Culinary Program.

Recipes selected by a panel of judges in the appetizer, soup, salad, side dish and dessert categories were professionally prepared and served to guests who voted for their favorites. The winning recipe was awarded a $300 grand prize, and runners up each received $50.

Tickets included dinner, beverage and dessert, entertainment, a copy of each winning recipe and a chance to win door prizes.

For information about the Leader Publications Recipe Contest, visit www.myleaderpaper.com.

Home Run: First Ever “Pink” Baseball Game Raises Over $1,100 for Cancer Research

In an effort to increase awareness while raising funds for cancer research in conjunction with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, the Jefferson College Athletics Department and Viking Baseball team held the first ever “Pink Game,” which netted over $1,100 in donations.

Vikings players and coaching staff wore pink jerseys that were auctioned off following the doubleheader. The field was also decked out with pink bases, pink foul lines, and a large pink cancer ribbon painted behind home plate. A highlight of the special day included ceremonial first pitches by honorees Sue Agnitsch (son of Jefferson baseball player Ryan Agnitsch) and Holly Lincoln (Director of Enrollment Services).

Additional photos from the event are available via Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook.
“A Taste of the Arts” Proceeds Support PACE Programs

Thank you to those who attended the recent “A Taste of the Arts” event sponsored by the Foundation, which raised $3,000 to support the college’s new PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series. The evening featured samples of art, music, theatre, culinary creations, comedy, and magic. Additional photos of the event are posted on the Jefferson College News and Events Page on Facebook.
Jazz & Jeans Dinner, Dance & Auction Nets Over $63,000 to Support Jefferson College Students

A single fiber does not make a thread, nor does a single tree a forest... making a difference in the lives of students and the community... thanks to the generosity of so many!

Sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who organized, volunteered, attended, and supported the Jefferson College Foundation’s fourth annual Jazz & Jeans dinner, dance and auction, which netted over $63,000 to support scholarships, emergency student loans, textbooks, and other projects for the benefit of students attending Jefferson College.

Nearly 250 guests enjoyed a relaxed evening featuring a delicious dinner prepared by Food Service Consultants/Specialized Catering, fund-a-future and silent auction, and entertainment by the Jefferson College Jazz Band and local swing dancers.

Sponsors of the event included:

**Gold ($5,000)**
- Coventry Health Care
- Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers
- Food Service Consultants, Inc.
- Mercy Hospital Jefferson

**Bronze ($1,500)**
- Tom and Vicki Burke
- Eagle Bank and Trust Company
- First State Community Bank/Rick & Sue Francis
- Holcim US, Inc.
- Bill and Michelle Kennen
- Production Castings, Inc.
- Sheet Metal Contractors, Inc.
- Twin City Toyota
- Vest Benefit Solutions

Appreciation also goes to college faculty/staff groups and departments that donated a variety of creatively themed baskets for the silent auction. The winners of the friendly competition were: First Place - “Spoil Yourself” donated by the Nursing Department, Second Place – “Life’s Too Short to Drink Bad Wine” donated by the Library, and Third Place – “All Things Frozen” donated by the Office of the Vice President of Instruction.

To view additional photos from the event, visit Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook.
Special Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014 • 6 PM
JEFFERSON COLLEGE FIELD HOUSE

Enjoy a relaxed evening feasting upon a delectable dinner, fund-a-future and silent auction, and entertainment by the Jefferson College jazz band and student dancers.

The event raises funds to provide scholarships, emergency student loans, help with textbook costs, and support of other projects for the benefit of students attending Jefferson College.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW: $75 per person / $750 per table of 10
Please Reserve Your Tickets by April 8
Go to www.jcfoundsa and click on the Jazz & Jeans logo or call 430-481-1010

Thank You - Gold $5000 Sponsors:

Additional Sponsorship & Donation Opportunities Available - Go to www.jcfoundsa and click on the Jazz & Jeans logo
Jefferson College and COMTREA Take Back the Night to Raise Awareness of Sexual Abuse

In conjunction with April’s designation as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), Jefferson College and COMTREA co-hosted “Take Back the Night” on Thursday, April 24, on the college’s track in Hillsboro as part of an international effort to end sexual violence in all of its forms, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, dating violence, and domestic violence.

Open to everyone in the region, the educational and inspirational evening included several activities highlighted by a walk to recognize and support survivors of sexual violence and abuse. As in previous years, KJFF/KTJJ radio broadcasted live throughout the evening.

In addition to the walk, Take Back the Night activities included the availability of community resources from over 20 exhibitors, remarks from two area survivors of domestic violence, free t-shirts, free hotdogs/chips/water, family friendly games for children, and a drum circle.

Attendees also participated in the Clothesline Project, an avenue for victims and survivors affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt and hanging it on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence.

Men also had the opportunity to “Walk 50 Feet in My Shoes” as a fun way to raise community awareness about the serious causes, effects and remediation to men’s sexualized violence against women. By asking men to walk in women’s shoes, the goal is to promote conversations between genders about very difficult subjects such as rape and domestic violence.

Although all Take Back the Night activities are free, tax-deductible donations to the Mary Daniels Scholarship fund, in support of the former Jefferson County resident who was the fatal victim of a violent physical attack, were also accepted.

Take Back the Night empowers survivors in the healing process and inspires responsibility in all with a goal to create safe communities and respectful relationships through awareness events and initiatives. Events highlight the problem of violence against women as well as the broader issues of sexual violence: sexual assault, dating violence, sexual abuse, domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment, child abuse, and other unhealthy relationships.

For more information about Take Back the Night activities, contact Jefferson College Resource Specialist Deb Shores at (636) 481-3286 or Tracy Wiecking at COMTREA (636) 931-2700.
Start Your Engines . . . Foundation and Jefferson County Growth Association Co-Host Motorama

Thanks to everyone who organized, attended and participated in the second annual Jefferson County Motorama co-hosted by the Jefferson College Foundation and the Jefferson County Growth Association. The family-friendly event featured a variety of classic cars and other vehicles, along with live music, awards, and giveaways.

A Portion of the proceeds from the Motorama went to the Foundation, whose mission is to support the growth and development of Jefferson College in whatever ways that are beneficial to students, faculty, staff and campus facilities.
27th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is a Classic

The 27th annual Viking Classic Scholarship Golf Tournament hosted by the Foundation recently at Fox Run Golf Club was a monumental success thanks to the players, numerous business sponsors, and team of volunteers that helped raise money for student scholarships.

Over $26,000 in proceeds will provide scholarships, emergency loans, assistance with textbook costs, and support of other programs and projects that directly benefit student athletes and other students attending Jefferson College.

The College and Foundation are extremely grateful for the generous support of this year’s sponsors which included Platinum ($2,500) level - Dobbs Tire and Auto Centers, Home Service Oil Company, and Krieg, Lohbeck & Company, LLCs, CPAs; and Major ($1,500) level - Tom and Vicki Burke, Delta Gases, Eagle Bank and Trust Company, Food Service Consultants and Catering, Inc., Holcim (US), Inc., Production Castings; Sapaugh GM Country; and Sheet Metal Contractors, Inc., and Vest Benefit Solutions.

Additional photos from the event are posted on Jefferson College’s “News and Events” Facebook page and Foundation’s Flickr account.
Donor Stories

Art Gallery Reception Honors Generosity of Commerce Bank and William T. Kemper Foundation

In appreciation and recognition for a gift by Commerce Bank and the William T. Kemper Foundation to create an art gallery on the Hillsboro campus, the Jefferson College Foundation hosted a public reception to commemorate the opening of the artistic space.

The $25,000 contribution has enabled Jefferson College to provide a venue for displaying the talents of its art students, faculty and community members; create an additional source of art and cultural enrichment within Jefferson County; and transform the space into a pleasing reception area where both the college and Foundation can entertain or recognize special guests.

Jefferson College and the Foundation are extremely grateful for the generosity and vision of Commerce Bank and the William T. Kemper Foundation in supporting arts on campus and in our region.
Auto Collision Repair Classes to Continue at Sapaugh

In connection with the cooperative partnership between the college and Sapaugh Automotive, the Board renewed the annual agreement to offer auto collision repair classes at the Herculaneum dealership. Use of the facilities results in an in-kind gift valued at $12,500 each year.

Leader Publications Inc. Recognized for Support of Jefferson College

Leader Publications Inc. of Festus was presented the 2013 MCCA News Media Award in recognition of the newspaper’s longstanding support of Jefferson College through news and sports coverage, and especially through the publication of a 20-page special section and sponsorship of the “Jazz and Jeans” scholarship fundraiser during the college’s 50th anniversary celebration.

The newspaper’s support of the college has also been strengthened through the membership of Advertising Director Glenda Potts, who serves on the Jefferson College Foundation Board of Directors.
$10,000 Donation by St. Anthony’s Charitable Foundation to Fund Allied Health Scholarships

St. Anthony’s Charitable Foundation will help fund the education of future health care professionals thanks to a $10,000 donation to the Jefferson College Foundation. The money will fund scholarships for students in the college’s allied health programs.

“Jefferson College is extremely grateful to the St. Anthony’s Charitable Foundation for its generous gift to fund student scholarships,” said Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. “As a regional leader in providing outstanding healthcare occupational training for area residents, the scholarships will enable deserving students to receive a high-quality education while meeting the critical need for skilled healthcare professionals. Jefferson College is proud to partner with St. Anthony’s to help care for our community.”

The $2,000 scholarships will be granted to five students in need who are enrolled in nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, radiologic technology, or health information technology.

“This donation represents the beginning of a community partnership between Jefferson College and St. Anthony’s,” said Patricia Ranzini, Executive Director of the St. Anthony’s Charitable Foundation. “We are both committed to improving the health of our residents by providing the most qualified health care workers who live and work right here.”

St. Anthony’s Medical Center is among the largest hospitals in the St. Louis metropolitan area, serving residents from nine Missouri and Illinois counties and the city of St. Louis. The Catholic medical center, located in south St. Louis County, operates a 767-bed comprehensive healthcare complex and Level Two trauma center, as well as four urgent care facilities. For more information on St. Anthony’s and its commitment to the community’s health, visit www.stanthonysmedcenter.com.
Donor Stories

Twin City Optimists $2,000 Donation Supports Homeless Youth Scholarship

As an extension of their mission to bring out the best in kids while providing educational opportunities for area youth, representatives of the Twin City Area Optimist Club made a $2,000 donation to the Jefferson College Foundation for the Jefferson County Homeless Youth Scholarship at Jefferson College.

The scholarship fund at Jefferson College has been in existence for two years, and this is the first year it will be awarded to three recipients. It is available to homeless Jefferson County youth who pursue a career and technical education program at Jefferson College and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

The Jefferson County Homeless Youth program seeks to help 15-18 year olds who do not live with parents but wish to complete high school. Aside from scholarship support, the organization serves almost 140 youth county-wide by providing personal care bags, school supplies and Christmas gifts.

Library Hosts Book Sale

The Jefferson College Library annual book sale included duplicates, donations, and items in need of replacement. Proceeds from the event benefit the Jefferson College Foundation’s General Scholarship Fund in support of the Library’s Essay Contest Scholarship. For further information about the annual sale, call the Hillsboro campus Library Circulation Desk at (636) 481-3166.
Twin City Optimist Club Demonstrates Commitment to Scholarship Funding

As an extension of their long-standing commitment to provide higher education opportunities for area residents, representatives of the Twin City Area Optimist Club recently presented a $3,000 donation on behalf of its members to support scholarships at Jefferson College.

The Twin City Area Optimist Club's commitment to raise funds for Jefferson College student scholarships started in 1995 and spans a total contribution amount of over $45,000. In the 2014-15 academic year, six scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate need, are residents of Jefferson County, and have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Jefferson College appreciates the organization's ongoing generosity and dedication to making higher education more accessible to those in our community and region.

Optimist International is an association of more than 2,600 Optimist Clubs around the world dedicated to “bringing out the best in kids.” Every year, Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects and serve well over six million young people.
Dear Friend of Jefferson College,

The Jefferson College Foundation has been a complete blessing for me!

Last fall, I was in my last semester of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Jefferson College, and completing a 16-week fieldwork experience. It required students to work 35-40+ unpaid hours per week, and be responsible for all related expenses such as additional gas from the commute. During my first 8-week experience, I was lucky enough to be placed at a health care facility near my home. However, my second 8-week experience was in St. Louis, which was almost an hour and a half drive each way from my home.

During the first 8 weeks, my husband was laid off as a union carpenter, so money was extremely tight! We had two small children in daycare, but we couldn’t withdraw them during the lay off because we would lose their spots. Bills quickly began to pile up. To help with childcare expenses after the layoff, my mother offered to provide care for our infant who was only 4 months old at the time. Unfortunately, however, she ended up having to undergo emergency surgery on her rotator cuff, so she wouldn’t be able to care for the baby during my long commute, schooling, and extended work hours, after all.

It felt like we just kept getting hit with one blow after another, and I began to fear that I would have to drop out of college a mere two months from being eligible to graduate due to the overwhelming costs I was incurring from extra childcare expenses and fuel. That’s when my instructors Debbie Wolk and Lisa Martin put me in contact with the Jefferson College Foundation.

The Foundation was able to provide me with an emergency grant that helped alleviate the financial stress I was under from the added cost of daycare and travel expenses to and from St. Louis. Without help from the Foundation, I’m not sure I would have been able to complete the fieldwork experience and the OTA program, after working hard for nearly two years to achieve it.

The Foundation is an asset to the students of Jefferson College! One day, I hope to give back to the Foundation so that other students can reap its benefit like I did, which helped me reach my goal and achieve my dream of creating a better life for me, my family, and my children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Johnson

Graduate, Jefferson College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program
Outstanding Achievement Award

2013-14 Jefferson College Foundation Outstanding Achievement Award

Established by the Jefferson College Foundation Board of Directors in 2004, this prestigious award identifies and honors Jefferson College faculty and staff members for their outstanding contributions to the college and students we serve. Awards are given annually to two faculty members and one member of both the Certified Staff and Classified Staff constituent groups.

Winners receive a $250 stipend and their name is engraved on a perpetual plaque in the Administration Building lobby on the Hillsboro campus. The following individuals were selected by their peers to receive the award:

2013-14 Recipients
Mary Baricevic – Faculty
Steve Berkel – Faculty
David Brading – Classified Staff
Holly Lincoln – Certified Staff

Jefferson College Foundation Board Vice President Rick Francis (back row, right) and Executive Director of Development and Foundation Tom Burke (back row, left) recently presented the 2014 Outstanding Faculty/Staff Achievement Awards to (front row) Steve Berkel – faculty, David Brading – classified staff, Mary Baricevic – faculty, and (back row, center) Holly Lincoln – certified staff

2012
Dr. Scott Holzer, Faculty
Nick Nihira, Faculty
Betty Dye, Certified Staff
Nicole Rees, Classified Staff

2011
Patricia McDaniel
Sheba Nitsch
Kim Harvey
Lisa Mesey

2010
Donald Boyer
Kathy Johnston
Amy Kausler
John Linhorst

2009
Connie Kuchar
Tracy James
Cindy Rossi
Joan Warren

2008
Roger Barrentine
Ronald Boyer
Jim Lehn
Susan Todd

2007
Rebecca Ellison
Carrie Flesh
Donald LaPlante
Allan Wamsley

2006
Alan Caine
Lisa Hollander
Leah Miley
Julie Pierce

2005
Michael Booker
Deb Higginbotham
Matthew Mc Cready
Shannon Schoenky

2004
Bryan Herrick
Trish Loomis
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Monticello Society

Monticello Society Recognition Ceremony
Honors Houser Family

In celebration of those who have made significant contributions to the Jefferson College Foundation in support of Jefferson College and its students, the Foundation hosted its third Monticello Society recognition ceremony.

To further acknowledge their generous donation of $50,000 to create an endowed scholarship for non-traditional students, Branton and Jane Houser were inducted into the society. Jane has the distinction of being the college’s first non-traditional student and the patriarch for several generations of family members who attended Jefferson.

As honorees, the Housers received an engraved pewter cup based on an original design by Thomas Jefferson.

Attendees were also greeted by members of the Student Ambassadors, treated to refreshments prepared and donated by Specialized Catering Company headed by Foundation Board Member Mike Kumpf, and entertained by students from Jefferson College's Music Department.

The Monticello Society meets annually to recognize new members whose generosity and loyalty has a great impact on Jefferson College.

To view additional photos from this year’s Monticello Society induction ceremony, visit Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook.
Learning about Jefferson College and its many programs just got much easier. In an effort to improve information and communication about Jefferson College’s associate degree programs and numerous community-based services and activities, the college has launched a redesigned website. The site can be accessed at www.jeffco.edu.

The revamped site highlights the Foundation and Jefferson College’s quality academic programs with a refreshed design highlighted by colorful moving photos, eye-catching graphics and videos, and a real-time calendar and news information on the homepage.

The site’s front-end design and back-end technology were upgraded to better serve visitors’ needs. Simplified navigation and improved search capabilities make finding the appropriate information quick and easy.

The website also offers mobile responsive functionality for display on desktop computers, smartphones and tablets.

“As one of the college’s most visible outreach and marketing tools, the new jeffco.edu website is where visitors of all ages will form critical impressions of Jefferson College in deciding whether or not to, for example, pursue their associate degree, enroll in a continuing education class, attend a cultural arts event, or donate to the Jefferson College Foundation,” said Public Relations and Marketing Director Roger Barrentine.

One of the college’s most powerful communication and reference tools, the newly designed site will contain improvements to better engage and inform visitors about Jefferson College’s academic values and beautiful campus. As the virtual front door to the college, the website serves prospective students and employees, community members, donors, and a general audience that wishes to learn more about Jefferson College.
The Foundation Gets a Face Lift

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The redesigned site, the first major overhaul since 2005, will include a number of key improvements:

• Updated visual design with prominent photos and a modern, open feeling
• Central location of frequently used links
• Drop-down “mega menu” navigation
• Improved search function
• Better integration of social media
• Design that responds to the viewer’s screen size, including optimization for mobile devices and tablets
• Continuously updated homepage calendar and news event listings
• Easy-to-search faculty/staff directory by name or department
• Videos from Vimeo and YouTube

“We are extremely pleased with the results of the website enhancements that provides even greater support for students and community members,” added Barrentine. “Our IT personnel, Marketing and Public Relations staff, and department heads/editors have worked extremely hard over the past several months to organize and present information in the most efficient way possible. I think those who visit the new site will find a much improved experience.”

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