Jefferson College New Degree Option for Adults Combines Face-to-Face and Online Learning

For those who want a college education, but can’t find the time necessary to juggle work, family and school, Jefferson College has created a new Adult Learners option that allows busy, dedicated students to earn an Associate of Arts degree in two years by attending class one night a week and working online.

The innovative program will begin this fall. It features small classes (16 students maximum) that meet at Jefferson College Arnold on Tuesday evenings from 6-10 p.m. During the rest of the week, students work online and study on their own flexible schedule.

Enrollment is under way for five Adult Learners classes this fall including:
- COL101 Freshman Seminar: Adult Learner
- CIS125 Introduction to Information Systems
- ENG101 English Composition I
- MTH128 Intermediate Algebra
- PSC102 U.S. and Missouri Governments and Constitutions.

The new Adult Learners option creates a supportive, participative, and innovative learning environment designed to maximize student achievement and success. It was specifically designed to be flexible, while providing participants with excellent instruction and outstanding value.

A typical college student (earning six credits every eight weeks) spends 30-40 hours per week in class and reading, studying and completing homework. In traditional programs, 12 or more of those hours are rigidly scheduled and require on-campus attendance. The new Adult Learners option requires only four hours of on-site attendance (one night each week) in addition to eight hours of weekly online instruction.
Congratulations to the class of 15 students who recently graduated from the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy program and achieved a 100 percent completion pass rate on the POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) license exam. They are the 14th class since the 2007 program transition to graduate with a 100 percent completion rate.

The Law Enforcement Academy provides quality training for both new recruits and veteran law enforcement officers. The training is designed to provide individuals and agencies with the information and skills needed to meet the needs of the community, develop skills to remain current in information and technology, and to prepare law enforcement officers to successfully respond to the challenges of a diverse society.

Kudos to all of the LEA grads and program personnel on this extraordinary achievement. Great job!

The Jefferson College Board of Trustees recently approved the conversion of all campuses to tobacco free/smoke free environments. Concurrent with the start of the Fall 2013 semester on August 19, the use of tobacco and all smoke-related products will be restricted to eight designated smoking areas on the Hillsboro campus, designated areas at the rear of the building at both Arnold and Imperial, and inside personal vehicles with the windows closed (all locations). After a 30 day grace period, the new policy will be enforced and violators will be subject to a $25 fine for smoking anywhere beyond the designated areas/shelters (effective September 20).

Beginning with the start of the Fall 2014 semester, all campuses will be completely tobacco and smoke free and use of these products will only be permitted inside personal vehicles with the windows rolled up. Violators will still be subject to a $25 fine.

In concern and respect to those who currently smoke, the college will provide extensive information and host a series of cessation programs at no cost to students, employees and community members.

Following the annual election by the college’s entire student body, 2012-13 Student Senate President Matthew Govero of Festus (left) recently passed the gavel to new Student Senate President Annie Mbale who will serve during the upcoming 2013-14 academic year.

The Student Senate is comprised of 16 students who represent the student body at large. Senators are involved with all campus committees that make decisions affecting students. The group emphasizes a wide array of programs including community service projects, educational events and campus activities.
Two recent graduates of the Jefferson College Veterinary Technology program have been recognized for their scholarly excellence by being selected to participate in a prestigious year-long internship at the University of Tennessee’s College of Veterinary Medicine.

Kaycelyn Alexander of Fredericktown, left, and Katie Baker of Chesterfield, right, were chosen based on their Jefferson College transcripts, reference letters, and application materials. The highly selective internship program accepts only four candidates from across the country each year. Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) program.

During the internship, Alexander and Baker will gain practical experience and increase their knowledge in several core/elective rotations including after-hours emergency/ICU, anesthesia, cardiology, community practice, day ICU, day emergency/outpatient, dermatology, internal medicine, neurology, oncology, ophthalmology, radiology, surgery, avian/exotics, rehabilitation, integrative medicine, and nutrition.

Jefferson College’s Veterinary Technology program combines general education courses and extensive course work in science and animal health theory and practice to prepare graduates for careers as registered veterinary technicians. Program instructors include Robin Duntze, Dana Nevois, Carleen Roberts, Cheryl Emerson, and James Fallert.

NJCAA Recognizes Students and Teams as Academic All-Americans

Students first . . . athletes second. Six outstanding Jefferson College student athletes and two teams have been recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association as Academic All Americans and All-Academic Teams for 2013.

Viking volleyball player Abby Landewe (3.84 GPA) and softball player Kayla Meier (3.81 GPA) received the award for Superior Academic Achievement due to earning cumulative grade point averages ranging from 3.80–3.99. In addition to the NJCAA academic honor, Kayla Meier was also recognized as the 2013 Jefferson College Athletics Scholar Athlete at the Athletics Banquet.

Blake Martin—baseball (3.77 GPA), Kelsey Schlake—volleyball (3.73 GPA), Rylan Smelcer—soccer (3.72 GPA), and Jessica Gray—volleyball (3.71 GPA) each earned Exemplary Academic Achievement for their grade point averages ranging from 3.60–3.79.

The two Jefferson College Athletics Teams recognized for outstanding academic performance were volleyball and softball. The volleyball team had a team GPA of 3.35 and the softball team had a team GPA of 3.07. This level of academic performance earned each team the NJCAA All-Academic Team recognition for 2012-13.

Jefferson College applauds the hard work of these scholarly individuals along with the support provided by Student Athlete Success Coordinator Jason Gardner and staff members in Student Services and Athletics.

Three Baseball Vikings Selected in 2013 MLB Draft

That’s a winner . . . congratulations to two of Jefferson College’s baseball alums and one current player who were selected during the recent Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

Former shortstop Nate Goro (2011) was selected in the 27th round by the Los Angeles Angels, former pitcher Justin Sprenger (2011) was selected in the 29th round by the Texas Rangers, and current outfielder Ryan Rippee was selected in the 31st round by the Boston Red Sox.

Matt Stites, another former Jefferson College Viking currently having success in professional baseball being recently acquired by the Arizona Diamondbacks in a trade, was also selected to play in the AA Texas League All-Star Game.

Jefferson’s baseball program has had 12 players selected in the MLB Draft over the last three seasons.
Formation of College Police Department Underscores Safety/Security Initiative

Taking proactive steps to safeguard the well-being of all students, visitors, and employees, the Board of Trustees approved the formation of a college police department staffed with POST (Peace Officers Standards and Training) commissioned officers who will have the authority to arrest and detain while enforcing all campus, local and state regulations.

The JCPD will be supervised by a Police Chief (Capt. Diane Scanga, who is also the Director of the college’s Law Enforcement Academy) who will oversee training regimens and ongoing drills, provide oversight regarding police matters, and act as a liaison between local law enforcement and the department. An additional Police Department Supervisor will be hired, responsible for day-to-day operations, scheduling, and supervision of officers. Both positions will report to the Director of Buildings and Grounds.

In other safety-related actions, the Board approved the purchase of a secure door access system for the college’s Child Development Center for $14,151.35 from Hackett Security. The system will provide video monitoring at the main entrance, card reader access at doors, and emergency lock-down stations at three locations.

Also approved was the purchase of new directional signage for the Hillsboro campus for $47,935 from Excel Signs and Design. The signs will include four visitor orientation signs, 11 campus directional signs, and 3 building directory signs.

Both of the expenditures were approved as part of the annual capital project prioritization process by the college’s Strategic Planning Committee.

Budget Document Approved for FY 14

Following their acceptance of budget assumptions in June, the Board approved the institution’s detailed budget document for FY 2013-14.

Board Fills Faculty Positions

In employment matters, the Board addressed several instructional vacancies by approving six individuals to fill full-time positions:

James Bringer – EMS
Dr. Bruce Carr – Anatomy and Physiology
Dr. Brian Dunst – Philosophy
Barbara Lodge – Level II Nursing
Amy McDaniel – Level I Nursing
April Norton-Gunther – Level II Nursing

Advisory Committees to Provide Insight and Advice

As a means of receiving annual feedback and suggestions to strengthen the college’s instructional and community-based programs, a list of professionals from throughout the area were approved to serve on a variety of Advisory Committees for 2013. Committee members represent a range of occupations and play an important role in facilitating curriculum changes and promoting programs.

Annual Financial Notices Authorized

As required by state law, the Board approved a public hearing on the institution’s 2013 tax rate preceding their September 12 meeting. The Board also approved the publication of the institution’s annual financial statement in accordance with state statute.

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Fall Continuing Education Courses Approved

To provide residents with lifelong learning experiences and professional development opportunities in connection with the college’s mission, the Board approved a schedule of continuing education courses for the fall.

The community-centered program provides a variety of opportunities for residents to improve their quality of life, maintain professional licensure or certification, or pursue a multitude of popular educational subjects as part of the lifelong learning process. The complete Continuing Education/Workforce Development schedule is available online at www.jeffco.edu.

Testing Services Contracts Set for Nursing Program

To support the strategic aims of the college’s Nursing program, the Board approved two contracts for standardized testing services. To ensure consistency with testing that begin in the 2013 academic year, Elsevier was the approved vendor at $27,555 to provide HESI testing for the Level II/RN day and evening programs. Kaplan Test Prep was also approved for $66,150 to provide a two-year contract for all Level I/PN and Level II/RN students in conjunction with recent recommendations from Nursing Department personnel.

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.

Contract Awarded for JCI Cleaning/Maintenance

To provide for cleaning and maintenance services at Jefferson College Imperial, the Board approved a three year contract with City Wide Maintenance, the low bidder at $44,751.78.

Future Meetings

The Board of Trustees meets in public session on the second Thursday after the first Monday of each month in the Administration building on the Hillsboro campus. Upcoming meetings dates/times are: August 15 - 8 a.m., September 12 - 5:30 p.m. and October 17 - 5:30 p.m.
Twin City Optimist Club Scholarship Donation Supports Jefferson College Students

In connection with their long-standing commitment toward providing 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 $42,000.

“We’re pleased to partner with the Twin City Area Optimist Club to help our community, and those that live in it, discover a better future and a better quality of life through higher education.”

– Dr. Raymond Cummiskey –

“Generous donations such as this allow Jefferson College to help those in our community that might not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and goals,” said College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. “We’re pleased to partner with the Twin City Area Optimist Club to help our community, and those that live in it, discover a better future and a better quality of life through higher education.”

In the 2013-14 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.

Because of their generosity toward the college and its students, the club was recognized by the Jefferson College Foundation during the annual Monticello Society reception for distinguished donors.

Optimist International is an association of more than 2,900 Optimist Clubs around the world dedicated to “brining out the best in kids.” Every year, Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects and serve well over six million young people.
We are very pleased to invite you to our 26th Annual Jefferson College Viking Classic golf tournament, which is being held at the beautiful Fox Run Golf Club in Eureka, Missouri. Proceeds from the Viking Classic Golf Tournament will provide quality programs and scholarships that directly benefit student athletes and other students attending Jefferson College.

Schedule of Events

- Registration 10:00 A.M.
- PGA Clinic on Practice Range 10:30 A.M.
- Box Lunch in the Carriage House 11 A.M.
- Shotgun Start Scramble Format Noon
- Awards Dinner Immediately Following Tournament

Register online at www.jeffco.edu (click on Viking Classic Logo)
**August 2013**

### Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook

#### Board of Trustees Meeting
- **8 a.m.**
- **Board Room**
- **Volleyball Preseason vs. Missouri Baptist**
  - 4 P.M.
  - **Field House-Gym**

#### Volleyball Preseason Alumni Game
- **6:30 p.m.**
- **Field House-Gym**

### FALL CLASSES BEGIN
- **All Locations**

**SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY**
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**Labor Day Recess Begins**
- **All Locations**

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