Spring Registration - Degree Programs and Support Services Are Diverse

For many, the dream of a higher education represents the opportunity to achieve career success, experience personal fulfillment, and enjoy a better quality of life. Financially speaking, earning an associate degree at Jefferson College can mean thousands more in lifetime earnings compared to having only a high school diploma.

With a variety of associate degree programs and technical certificate options available, registration has begun for the spring semester. Classes begin the week of January 13.

In addition to a full schedule of online courses, on-site classes are available at four locations including Hillsboro – 1000 Viking Drive, Arnold – 1687 Missouri State Road, Cedar Hill-6471 Cedar Hill Road, and Imperial – 4400 Jeffco Blvd. Students may visit any location to receive enrollment information. Please note, all sites will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 20, and reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 6.

Jefferson College offers four associate degree pathways:

- **Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)** – a series of career and technical education programs designed for those who wish to gain employment directly upon graduation. The A.A.S. degree is not designed to transfer. In most A.A.S. programs, students may pursue either a degree or a career and technical certificate.

- **Associate of Arts (A.A.)** – a general studies program designed to transfer to a four-year college or university.

- **Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.)** – designed to transfer to a four-year teacher education program.

- **Associate of Science – Pre-Engineering (A.S.)** – designed to transfer to an engineering institution, specifically the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

A complete list of available classes is located on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu. The college offers a variety of flexible class options that include evening, online, Saturday, eight-week formats, and hybrid (on site/online). Not all programs are available at all locations.

To help students succeed, the college also offers a variety of academic and personal support services including the Advising and Retention Center, Project SUCCESS, financial aid services, a Career Development Center, an Honors Program, peer tutoring, writing and math labs, disability support, a Learning Center, and childcare services (Hillsboro campus).

Individuals can also pursue a bachelor's degree without leaving Jefferson County through Jefferson College's cooperative partnerships with Missouri Baptist University, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and Central Methodist University.

To receive more information about spring semester classes and programs, call the Office of Admissions and Student Records at (636) 481-3217. Don't delay . . . your future is waiting!

My decision to begin at Jefferson College has helped me to grow as a successful, hardworking, and independent young woman.

The friendly environment is one thing that I really like about Jefferson College. Being a small campus and having small classes means that I receive the teachers’ attention and allows them to know me as well. I also like that Jefferson College has the academic resources I need, such as writing, computer, and math labs; peer tutoring; and the library.

The fact that teachers are willing to help—even outside the classroom—allows me to understand things better. It makes me feel confident to know that I have people who listen and care about my future.

**Annie Jacqueline Mbale**
Pursuing Associate of Arts Degree
Business/International Relations
“Smart Start” Info Session for Adult Students
Dec. 11-12

Adult community members thinking about attending college this spring, but who are unsure of how to get started, will benefit from a free “Smart Start” information session on Wednesday, December 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Student Center Viking Room on the Hillsboro campus.

“Smart Start” will include information on careers, financial aid and what to expect/how to begin a future career.

An optional session will be held on Thursday, December 12, beginning at 4 p.m. in Room 203 of the Library on the Hillsboro campus, where prospective students can complete a college application, take reading/math placement tests, and meet with an advisor to discuss classes.

To RSVP or receive more information about the “Smart Start” information sessions, call Career Advisor Stacey Wilson at (636) 481-3211 or email swilso11@jeffco.edu.

Respiratory Care Week Activities Highlight Healthcare Training Opportunities

Students and instructors in Jefferson College’s new Respiratory Therapy program recently hosted several educational activities in conjunction with national Respiratory Care Week including peak flow testing demonstrations and a display of instructional equipment.

Respiratory Care Week was created in 1982 to highlight the respiratory care profession and promote awareness of lung health issues and practices.

Missouri’s health care industry is growing, causing hospitals, clinics and other employers to need more therapists. By expanding educational opportunities in this field, Jefferson College is being proactive by opening the door for employment opportunities and stimulating the economy. To learn more about admission requirements for the Respiratory Therapy program, call (636) 481-3456 or (636) 481-3466.

Leadership Academy Class Selected for 2013-14

A group of 11 Jefferson College employees were recently selected to represent the college as participants in the 2013-14 President’s Leadership Academy: Linda Abernathy, Kelly Almond, Diane Arnzen, Janie Blum, Alisha Conley, Melissa Coolich, Sandy Frey, Katherine Johnson, Lisa Martin, Miriam Rougley, and Kristen Yelton.

These employees have joined a similar group of colleagues from Mineral Area College to learn about community college policies, governance, finances, and state legislative issues. The academy (held every other year) is a means for participants to grow professionally and learn about the many facets of community college operations.

Jefferson Professor Recognized as One of Top 15 by VetTechColleges.com

Dr. Robin Duntze in the Veterinary Technology program has been chosen as a top 15 veterinary technology professor by the VetTechColleges.com blog. Honorees were selected from a variety of criteria such as currently teaching, highly credentialed, professional affiliations or memberships, leadership roles, and outreach, in an effort to further advance the field of veterinary technology and advocate for and improve animal care.
Area Technical School SkillsUSA Chapter Rolls Up Their Sleeves for Habitat for Humanity

As part of a community service effort, a group of 15 students from the Jefferson College Area Technical School SkillsUSA chapter recently volunteered their time to work with Habitat for Humanity on a home rehabilitation/construction project in De Soto.

ATS student volunteers, along with instructors/chapter advisors Steve Berkel and Glenn Coats, rolled up their sleeves to work on the day-long Habitat project. They helped level out the yard, laid sod, spread rock for a driveway, painted baseboard trim, and installed an attached shed.

It was the first Habitat for Humanity project for the Jefferson College ATS SkillsUSA chapter; however, they plan to continue similar renovation projects throughout the year.

The mission of SkillsUSA is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. SkillsUSA programs include local, state and national competitions in which students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. SkillsUSA has served more than 11.2 million members since its founding in 1965.

The funding that the Jefferson College ATS SkillsUSA chapter receives comes from a wide variety of fundraising and other activities suggested by members and advisors.

Carnegie Hall Performance by SLSO Features Jefferson Music Instructor

Jefferson College Adjunct Vocal Music Instructor Keith Boyer (tenor) recently performed the role of Horace Adams in the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra’s presentation of Peter Grimes at Carnegie Hall in New York City as part of a celebration on what would have been composer Benjamin Britten’s 100th birthday. The highly acclaimed three-hour performance was the climax of a yearlong centennial recognition of Britten.

In addition to Keith’s Carnegie Hall debut, the special evening also included his 12-year-old son, Garrett, who performed in a non-speaking part.

“I feel exhilarated—exhilarated to be in this space, with this cast, in this opera,” said Keith, according to an article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Boyers, father and son, took their last bow holding hands. For both, the experience and the moment will be treasured for a lifetime.

Marketing and PR Dept.Wins Medallion Awards

The Jefferson College Marketing and Public Relations Department recently won two Medallion Awards during the recent National Council for Marketing and Public Relations District 5 Conference for excellence in the Electronic Newsletter category (The Windjammer) and in the Promotion Campaign for a Special Event category (50th Anniversary).

The regional Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in communication at community and technical colleges in District 5 (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, the Canadian province of Manitoba, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands). It’s the only competition of its kind that honors excellence exclusively among marketing and PR professionals at two-year colleges.
Culinary Arts Students Win First Place in Local Gingerbread Competition

A team of Jefferson College Culinary Arts students recently won first place during the 24th Annual Gingerbread Contest in Belleville, Illinois.

This group, comprised of Lydia Blomberg of High Ridge, Kristin Withington of Festus, and Ashley Waber of Arnold, built a display piece that was made of gingerbread and edible decorations. The trio entered the Master’s level of the competition, pitting them against certified chefs, industry professionals, and previous winners.

The team spent two months planning and building their gingerbread tree. The gingerbread was transformed into a mythical tree-stump home that included a mushroom forest, a garden, and furniture. All components of the tree had to be edible other than the base and internal supports; the students handmade all of the decorations that were placed on and around the project.

The team’s winning tree is now being displayed in downtown Belleville during the holiday season.

Trumpet Virtuoso Brandon Ridenour Performs With Concert Band Dec. 3

The Jefferson College PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) event series will continue with a concert by renowned trumpet artist Brandon Ridenour of the Canadian Brass on Tuesday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus. He will be joined by the Jefferson College Concert Band directed by Ron Sikes.

As a virtuoso trumpeter, composer, arranger, and educator, Ridenour is widely recognized as one of the most multi-talented and formidable artists of his generation. At the age of 20, he became the youngest member to ever join the prestigious Canadian Brass. The same year, he won the International Trumpet Guild solo competition playing his own composition, “Sonata for Trumpet and Piano,” and made his solo orchestral debut with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center.

Admission to the concert is $5 for general admission and $2 for students and senior citizens. Advance tickets can be purchased at the cashier’s window on the Hillsboro campus. If available, tickets will be sold at the door the evening of the performance. For additional information about PACE performances, call (636) 481-3123 or visit www.jeffco.edu/pace.
Art Department Student Pottery Sale December 4-5

The Art Department will hold its annual fall student pottery sale on Wednesday, December 4, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday, December 5, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Ceramics Studio in the lower level of the Fine Arts Theatre building on the Hillsboro campus.

The sale is open to everyone and will feature hundreds of student-made items including bowls, cups, plates, vases, candle holders, and sculptures. All items are hand-made, one-of-a-kind pieces of art. Prices range from $2-$200 with most items costing $3-$25. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

For more information, contact Pottery Instructor Anthony Borchardt at (636) 481-3365.

Basketball Team Ready for New Season

Are you ready for some basketball? Come out and cheer on the Vikings during another jam packed year of hoops action!

Members of this year’s team are Paris Bridges, Sierra Contreras, Teykia Cooper, Ellie Gore, Elaine Herrera, Shaia Horton, Jalynn Johnson, Daniece Riney, Alicia Skiles, Callie Jo Smith, Ivana Starkey, and Mariah Weddle. The coaching staff includes Steve Jarvis, head coach and Travis Cearley, assistant coach.

Jarvis begins his first year as Head Coach becoming the 10th coach in program history. His most recent coaching stay was at St. Louis Community College-Meramec, where he led the program for seven years. He is also involved in youth basketball in the area, as the director of the St. Louis Force Basketball Club.

Jarvis was a hoops star at Potosi High School and continued his playing career at Maryville University where he is number nine on the all-time scoring list with 1,242 points.

Upcoming Viking Basketball Home Schedule

Wednesday, December 4 at 6 p.m. vs. St. Louis CC
Saturday, December 7 at 2 p.m. vs. Southeast CC
Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. vs. Lewis & Clark
Saturday, December 14 at 3 p.m. vs. Lincoln Trail
Sunday, January 6 at 6 p.m. vs. Illinois Central College
Tuesday, January 8 at 6 p.m. vs. Mineral Area
Friday, January 11 at 2 p.m. vs. Moberly
Friday, February 1 at 2 p.m. vs. Crowder College
Friday, February 8 at 2 p.m. vs. Lindenwood-Belleville
Friday, February 15 at 2 p.m. vs. Three Rivers
Tuesday, February 19 at 6 p.m. vs. State Fair

General admission to each game is $3 for adults and $1 for non-Jefferson College students. Jefferson College students, alumni, faculty/staff, retired faculty/staff, and children 12 and under (accompanied by an adult) are admitted free of charge. For complete schedules, player profiles and statistics, visit the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu and click on the “Athletics” link. Go Vikings!
Annual Computing Purchase and Virtualization/Continuity Back Up Approved

As part of the college's ongoing technology plan, the Board approved the annual purchase of computers, laptops, printers, and audio visual equipment for faculty, staff, computer lab, and classroom use. The total purchase amount is $277,137.59 through a combination of institutional plant funds and state Enhancement Grant funds. The capital project was approved by the Strategic Planning Committee as part of the college’s Long Range Plan.

In a related computer hardware/software matter, the Board approved two purchases totaling $125,956.97 in an effort to enhance the college’s computer data security and database infrastructure. Based on the recommendation of our IT Department, consolidating and virtualizing the database, while creating a secondary data storage site, will significantly reduce the recovery time of business critical functions in the event of a disaster.

Disability Support Services Policies/Procedures

After being presented for review last month, the Board approved a series of Disability Support Services policies and procedures for 2013-2014.

Application Fee Established for Radiologic Technology Program

To off-set costs associated with background checks, drug testing, immunization tracking, and other admission-related expenses, the Board approved the establishment of a $150 admission application fee for the Radiologic Technology program. The fee is similar to that charged in the college’s other health occupations programs.

Teaching Assignments Approved

In employment actions, the Trustees approved a series of additional course offerings and teaching assignments for the fall semester.

College to Offer New Social Psychology Course

Academically, the Board approved a recommendation by the college’s Curriculum Committee to offer a new course, “Social Psychology,” and include it among the options acceptable to count toward the six required hours of social/behavioral sciences in the general education block of the Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Arts in Teaching degree, and the Associate of Applied Science degree.

Implementation of the course will expand the current psychology course offerings and meet the needs of students considering majoring or minoring in psychology and social work. This course may also be of interest to students considering careers in criminal justice, sociology, health care, counseling, and special education.

Meeting Schedule

The Board of Trustees meets in public session on the second Thursday after the first Monday of each month. Upcoming meeting dates/times are: December 12 – 5:30 p.m., January 16 – 5:30 p.m., and February 13 – 5:30 p.m. (may change due to schedule conflict).
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 recently hosted its third Monticello Society recognition ceremony.

To further acknowledge their generous donation to create an endowed scholarship for non-traditional students, 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 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 (see related article).

As honorees, the Housers received an engraved, silver-plated 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 the 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.
Leader Publications, Inc. and Foundation Holiday Dinner Is a Sell-Out

Good times. Great food. The first-ever Leader Publications, Inc.-Jefferson College Foundation Recipe Contest Holiday Dinner was a sold-out success that showcased some of the area’s best local recipes.

Thanks go to Area Technical School Culinary Arts Associate Professor Steve Berkel and his students for preparing and serving the various dishes, along with students from the Music Department. Most of all, the Foundation and Leader Publications, Inc. wish to thank the 200+ individuals who attended the fun evening while raising funds for the college’s Culinary Arts program. See you next year? Stay tuned!

To see additional photos from the event, visit “Jefferson College News and Events” on Facebook.

Making a Difference . . . A Tradition of Learning

Houser Family Exemplifies Importance of Higher Education
Jane Houser
Jane was the first non-traditional student to enroll at Jefferson College (according to former college President Dr. 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.

Barbara (Houser) Flesh
Barbara attended Jefferson College in the early 1970’s for two years before transferring to Southeast Missouri State University to study social work. She returned to work for Jefferson College in the 1990’s, and again in 2009 when she was hired as the Director of Student Support Services. She retired from Jefferson College in June 2012.

Jill (Houser) Malan
Jill attended her freshman year at Jefferson College (1973-1974) before transferring to the University of Missouri-Columbia. She currently works at Children’s Hospital in St. Louis.

Bill Flesh
Bill attended Jefferson College for re-training in Business Management in the late 1980’s/early 1990’s at a time when the job outlook at the company he worked for looked uncertain. He was a successful student even though the demands of his family and his job only allowed him to enroll part time. He eventually retired from AT&T.

Carrie Flesh
Carrie attended Jefferson College from 1999-2001 on an academic scholarship. She earned her Associate of Arts Degree in 2001, and began working at Jefferson College in January 2002. She has been here ever since. “I liked this place so much that they couldn’t get rid of me!” said Ms. Flesh. She completed her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the University of Missouri- St. Louis while also working full-time.

Ellen Flesh
Ellen took dual credit classes in 2001-2002 while a senior in high school. The dual credit coursework she completed allowed her to get double certified in Education at Southeast Missouri State University and graduate in four years. She currently teaches kindergarten for the Farmington school district.

Janel (Malan) Tucker
Janel attended Jefferson College from 2007-2009 on an academic scholarship. She chose Jefferson College over the University of Missouri - Columbia after being accepted into the nursing program. She earned her RN from Jefferson College before transferring to Mizzou to earn her BSN. She is employed at University Hospital in Columbia, MO.

William Tucker, Jr
William attended Jefferson College from 2006-2008 and earned his AA before transferring to the University of Missouri - Columbia. He is now serving as an Air Traffic Controller in the United States Airforce.

Brenna Flesh
Brenna started acting in Jefferson College plays while she was still in high school. She majored in theatre at Jefferson College from 2002-2004 before transferring to Southeast Missouri State University. Brenna later returned to Jefferson College where she worked as a part-time academic advisor for two years before accepting a position at SEMO.
Every gift to the Viking Fund directly affects the success of our students, their families and our community. The Jefferson College Foundation is a conscientious steward of your gift, thoughtfully choosing the best, most sustainable use of funds.

Jefferson College provides an affordable means for students to create a better life for themselves and their families. Our students range from graduating high school seniors taking their first steps toward becoming self-supporting adults, to displaced workers forging a new career path while struggling to maintain homes and feed their families. Many students in difficult personal and/or financial circumstances are not eligible for state or federal assistance, and many who are eligible face a dwindling supply of funds that might disappear before they complete their education. Your gift to the Jefferson College Foundation Viking Fund will help students of all ages and circumstances gain access to a successful future by providing funds for:

- Student scholarships
- Course-specific equipment/supplies
- Technology
- Campus improvements
- Textbooks
- Faculty/staff development
- Cultural enrichment
- Unrestricted

Your gift to the Viking Fund is sincerely appreciated.

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