College Announces Anniversary Celebration: 50 Years of Service to Students and Our Community

In celebration of Jefferson College’s 50th anniversary and its positive impact on thousands of graduates and our community since 1963, a series of special events and activities has been planned from early February through May to commemorate Jefferson College’s golden jubilee. The celebration is designed to honor the college’s past, present and future.

Highlighted by cultural performances, athletics, a scavenger hunt, photo displays, guest speakers, Foundation events, and a week-long series of acknowledgement activities April 8-13, the 50th celebration will encompass alumni, college retirees, current students and employees, past and present members of the Board of Trustees and Foundation, and the community.

“From its humble beginning in the early 1960s, Jefferson College has played a vital role in Jefferson County’s development and progress,” said Marketing and Public Relations Director Roger Barrentine. “This historic anniversary provides the opportunity to give back to our community and say thanks for the tremendous support Jefferson College has enjoyed over the past 50 years. We invite everyone who has ever been involved with the college to proudly participate in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration.”

A complete list of anniversary events is listed below or can be viewed on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on the 50th celebration logo. All events are open to the community. Although some activities have an admission fee, many are free.

Alumni and friends of the college are invited to share their memories, personal stories and photos (.jpg or .tif) online by visiting the 50th celebration website or by emailing 50thcelebration@jeffco.edu.

A scavenger hunt is also underway for students, faculty/staff, and community with an opportunity to earn points toward a variety of prizes by completing a series of clues in the months leading up to the 50th Birthday Celebration on April 13. Clues will be based on two age categories: Group 1 (ages 2-10) and Group 2 (ages 11 and above). One new clue will be unveiled each month at designated 50th Celebration events. Details are available on the 50th celebration website.

The 50th celebration also includes “I am Jeffco Wear” Fridays on February 15, March 15, April 5, and May 3 as a community-wide initiative to support and show pride in the college. The event encourages everyone to wear Jefferson College colors (red/white/blue or JC logo) apparel for a chance to win prizes and email photos for a chance to be featured on the 50th celebration website.

Additional event details and activities will be announced as they become available. For more information about Jefferson College’s 50th anniversary celebration, call (636) 481-3000 or (636) 797-3000 or email 50thcelebration@jeffco.edu.
Mark Your Calendar!

Jefferson College’s 50th Celebration Events

Celebrating 50 Years of Service to Students and Our Community

February
- Friday, February 1: Speaker Series • Viking Room, 11:30 A.M.
- Wednesday, February 13: Blood Drive • Viking Room, 10:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.
- Friday, February 15: I am Jeffco Wear
- Thursday, February 28: Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? FA Theatre, 10 A.M.
- Thursday, February 28: Harlem Wizards • Field House, 7 P.M.

March
- Friday, March 1: Speaker Series • Viking Room, 11:30 A.M.
- Friday, March 1: Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? • FA Theatre, 8 P.M.
- Saturday, March 2: Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? • FA Theatre, 8 P.M.
- Sunday, March 3: Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? • FA Theatre, 2 P.M.
- Thursday, March 7: Chris Vadala Masterclass • FA 114, 4 P.M.
- Thursday, March 7: Chris Vadala Performance • FA Theatre, 7:30 P.M.
- Sunday, March 10: Spring Choral Concert • FA Theatre, 3 P.M.
- Tuesday, March 12: “In a Classical Way” Concert • FA Theatre, 7:30 P.M.
- Friday, March 15: I am Jeffco Wear
- Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23: 48 Hour Film Festival Project

April
- Thursday, April 4: Home Baseball Game, 1 P.M.
- Friday, April 5: I am Jeffco Wear
- Monday-Friday, April 8-12: 50th Celebration Week on Campus
- Thursday, April 11: Home Softball Game, 2 P.M. (50th Birthday Game)
- Friday, April 12: Speaker Series • Viking Room, 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.
- Friday, April 12: 48 Hour Film Festival Screening • FA Theatre, 7 P.M.
- Saturday, April 13: Registration Rally • Student Center, 9 A.M.-2 P.M.
- Saturday, April 13: Birthday Celebration • Student Center Lawn, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.
- Saturday, April 13: Scavenger Hunt Finale • Student Center Lawn, 9 A.M.-Noon
- Saturday, April 13: Home Baseball Game, 1 P.M. & 3 P.M. (50th Birthday Game)
- Wednesday, April 24: Community Job Fair • Viking Annex, 8 A.M.-5 P.M.
- Thursday, April 25: Take Back The Night • Soccer Field, 4 P.M.
- Friday, April 26: Poetry Slam • Library, 2 P.M.
- Saturday, April 27: Jazz & Jeans Dinner/Auction • Field House, 6 P.M.
- Tuesday-Friday, April 29-May 10: Student Art Show • FA Lobby

May
- Thursday, May 2: Sophomore Music Recital • FA Theatre, 7:30 P.M.
- Friday, May 3: I am Jeffco Wear
- Friday, May 3: Speaker Series • Viking Room, 11:30 A.M.
- Sunday, May 5: Choir Concert • FA Theatre, 3 P.M.
- Tuesday, May 7: “The Four Corners of the World” Concert • FA Theatre, 7:30 P.M.
- Wednesday-Thursday, May 8-9: Student Pottery Sale • Ceramics Studio
- Saturday, May 18: Commencement • Field House, 10 A.M. & 2 P.M.

Nursing Program Application Deadline Extended Through Mid-February

As such, the deadline for applying to the college’s bi-level Nursing program for the fall of 2013 has been extended. Entrance testing for admission will now close February 15. The deadline for accepting Nursing program applications is Friday, February 22.

Applicants must take the HESI A2 Entrance Exam for Nursing and earn a score of 85 percent in each of four areas: math, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and grammar. Those who score 80-84 in only one area, and have completed all pre-requisites, may also apply.

For more information, visit www.jeffco.edu and click on “Career and Tech Education” link and then “Nursing.” Jefferson College Nursing graduates are employed in a variety of settings such as private care facilities, nursing homes, and area hospitals including Jefferson Regional Medical Center, St. Anthony’s Medical Center, St. Louis Children’s Hospital, and Missouri Baptist Hospital.
Child Development Center Excels with State Reaccreditation

The Jefferson College Child Development Center recently achieved state accreditation/reaccreditation for four years by the Missouri Accreditation of Programs for Children and Youth. The center has been accredited since 1997 and has earned four consecutive reaccreditation designations.

Pursuing accreditation is a voluntary, ongoing commitment that includes a process of intensive self-study and improvement. It is a mark of distinction that helps parents find the best possible educational experience for their child.

“Jefferson College is committed to providing the best early childhood and school age experience possible,” said Child Development Center Director Sandy Basler. “Our teachers have the experience and education that enable them to meet the ever changing developmental needs of children. They are skilled at creating an environment in which children thrive and grow and develop a love and appreciation for learning. The accreditation process insures that we continually strive for excellence in our programming for children. The families, who entrust the care and education of their children to us, deserve that assurance.”

Programs that are accredited have demonstrated their commitment to go beyond the state’s minimum licensing requirements. When a center is awarded accreditation they are meeting very rigorous standards in children’s relationships and Interactions, physical environment, programming/curriculum, program/family connections, administration and health, safety and nutrition. To maintain this certification, the center must continually exceed high quality child care standards.

The Jefferson College Child Development Center’s commitment to quality through this important accreditation process is an assurance to parents that every day for their child is a positive, educational, meaningful and worthwhile experience.

The center, located on the Jefferson College Hillsboro campus, operates year round and enrolls children of students, faculty, staff and the community. In addition to preschool classes for two through five year olds, the program also operates a before/after and summer school age program for children ages six through twelve.

To schedule a tour or receive enrollment information, call Sandy Basler at (636) 481-3299 or email sbasler@jeffco.edu. Nursing Program Application Deadline Extended Through Mid-February

With the continued shortage of skilled healthcare workers, both locally and nationally, Jefferson College is seeking to help fill the need for nurses in our community, while creating jobs and spurring local economic development.

Champions at Work: ATS to Host SkillsUSA District Competition

Area secondary and post-secondary students will compete for gold and silver designations and the opportunity to advance to the state level during the 2013 SkillsUSA district competition at the Jefferson College Area Technical School.

Jefferson College was selected as this year’s host site for the event that includes over 520 students in 74 competitions involving students from Arcadia Valley Career Tech Center, Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center, Jefferson College, Perryville Area Career and Technology Center, Sainte Genevieve High School, and Unitec Career and Technology Center.

A total of 32 competitions were held at Jefferson College the week of January 28 and an additional 29 contests will be held on Saturday, February 9. Opening ceremonies will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the award ceremony is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including construction, manufacturing, transportation, health sciences, information technology, communications, personal services, hospitality, public safety and engineering technology industries. It was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

“It has taken a lot of effort to organize these competitions, but it is all worth it when witnessing the students receiving their awards at the closing ceremonies,” said Jefferson College Skills USA Sponsor Steve Berkel. “Many of the students put forth a tremendous amount of extra work and study, after school hours, to be successful in this competition. Their participation in this event and the SkillsUSA organization will help to open doors for their future. I am truly honored to be a part of this.”

As this year’s host site, Jefferson College Area Technical School faculty and staff are responsible for all aspects of the district competition, including securing 100 judges, 80 volunteers, and 29 contest chairs and providing meals for all.

For more information about SkillsUSA or the 2013 district competition, contact Area Technical School Director Brandon Russell at (636) 481-3423 or Area Technical School Culinary Arts/Chef Training Associate Professor and Skills USA Sponsor Steve Berkel at (636) 481-3452.
Jefferson College's new PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) event series will continue on Thursday, February 28, at 7 p.m. as the world-renowned Harlem Wizards basketball team brings their high-spirited show to the Field House on the Hillsboro campus in a game against the Jefferson County All-Stars.

Suitable for all ages, the Wizards will display outstanding basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy. The athleticism, tricks, fancy teamwork, ball-handling skills, and wild dunks will entertain and engage all that attend. The show will combine pre-planned comedic acts with spontaneous humor.

The evening will also include a halftime show and the opportunity for postgame interaction with the entire Wizards team, who will stay until every autograph is signed.

Members of the Jefferson County All-Star team will include:

- **Josh Aylesworth**, Athena Elementary School teacher
- **Gordon Bess**, sports reporter/writer for Leader Publications
- **Brian Boehringer**, former MLB pitcher
- **Chris Canaday**, local insurance agent and former college basketball player
- **Cary Dennis**, former Jefferson College basketball player, alum, and local businessman
- **Anna Fabatz-Emerick**, Jefferson College Director of Student Housing
- **Holly Lincoln**, Jefferson College assistant director of admissions and student records
- **Dena McCaffrey**, Jefferson College interim dean of career and technical education
- **Lt. Colonel Steve Meinberg**, Jefferson County undersheriff and member of the Jefferson College Board of Trustees
- **Shanna Meyer**, Jefferson College admissions and student records representative
- **Nick Michalas**, local businessman and former college basketball player
- **Dalien Parks**, area basketball coach and former college player
- **Cliff Politte**, former Jefferson College baseball player and MLB pitcher
- **Chasisty Reece**, member of Missouri National Guard, Jefferson College student & former high school basketball player
- **Kerry Robinson**, former MLB outfielder
- **Dr. Craig Ruble**, chiropractor and member of Jefferson College Foundation board
- **Mike Sans**, business manager for Jackie Joyner Kersee and former college basketball player
- **Jason Simontacchi**, former MLB pitcher
- **Ron Sykes**, Jefferson R-7 band director
- **Ken Waller**, Jefferson County Executive
- **Wes Whitfield**, Jefferson College chemistry instructor

In addition to the comedy of the Wizards, the Jefferson County All-Stars will feature a special appearance by “POTUS” (president of the United States) and his “Secret Service” along with the “Drywaller Ballers” contractors on stilts.

Guest referees will include Jefferson County Sheriff Glenn Boyer and Mike Winkelmann and Bill Reitz of the MCCAC Conference.

Tickets to the event are $5 per person and can be purchased by cash, check or credit card by calling the Jefferson College cashier’s office at (636) 481-3123. Tickets can also be purchased from the Athletics Department at (636) 481-3386 or online at www.harlemwizards.com.
Jefferson College and Central Methodist University Form 2+2 Nursing Partnership

To ensure that graduates of the college’s Nursing program remain competitive in the workplace as demands increase for those who possess a bachelor’s degree, the Board approved a 2+2 articulation agreement with Central Methodist University to allow our nursing students and alumni to take advantage of a seamless transfer to a four-year university by remaining on campus where they can pursue a BSN degree. The agreement will be subject to review every five years and will begin upon approval by the Higher Learning Commission.

Curriculum Proposals Approved

At the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, the Trustees approved a series of curriculum proposals regarding the Veterinary Technology; Biology; Teacher Education; Computer Information Systems: Computer Support; and Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning programs.

Course Offerings and Teaching Assignments Set

The Board approved a final list of college credit course offerings and teaching assignments for the Winter 2012 and Spring 2013 terms.

New Faculty and Equipment Support Healthcare-Related Training Programs

In continued preparation for the start of the Radiologic Technology program next fall, the Board approved the purchase of new instructional and training furniture for a classroom, x-ray lab and fluoroscopy lab. The purchase will be made with state Training for Tomorrow grant funds.

In other healthcare-related program action, Melissa Kanzelberger was appointed as a full-time Biomedical Electronics faculty member effective February 1.

2012 ATS Building Trades Home is Sold

On the heels of the recent sale of the 2011 Area Technical School Residential Carpentry construction home, the Board approved a sales contract for the 2012 home located at 612 Ray Henry Way in Hillsboro.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on January 21 (change from normal date) at 5:30 p.m. on the Hillsboro campus. Other upcoming dates/times include March 14 – 6:30 p.m. (time change), April 11 – 5:30 p.m. and May 16 – 6:30 p.m.
Women and men ages 12 and older throughout the region are invited to participate in the third annual self-defense workshop at Jefferson College on Saturday, February 23, to raise funds for a scholarship in memory of Jefferson County resident Mary Daniels (Colletta) who was stabbed to death in 2010 by her estranged husband.

The workshop will teach participants how to defend themselves against standing attacks, weapons, attacks from behind, and ground maneuvers using a high degree of repetition and hands-on practice. Instruction will also include the proper use of knees and elbows, creating “space” when attacked, and being aware of environment and surroundings.

The workshop will be led by Kevin Hahn who is a North American Grappling Association (NAGA) national champion and operates Hahn Extreme Fitness and MMA Gym in Festus.

Participants may select from two workshop sessions. A morning session will last from 9-10:30 a.m. and an afternoon session will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus. Each workshop will be taught using a variety of visual demonstrations and practice repetitions on a padded floor. All participants should wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

The fee for the workshop is $20 per person which includes instruction, a t-shirt, and other items.

The idea for the workshop was originated by Eagle Bank Assistant-Vice President, Branch Manager Hillsboro Facility, Donna Kohl. For the past three years, she has been the driving force behind the planning and fundraising efforts that support the event and its worthy cause.

Proceeds from the workshop will go toward the Mary Daniels Memorial Scholarship to Jefferson College. The event is being sponsored by Eagle Bank, First State Community Bank, Hahn Extreme Fitness and MMA, the Missouri National Guard, and Jefferson College Athletics.

Registration is available online at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on the “Foundation/Alumni” tab and then “Online Donation and Event Registration,” by phone at (636) 481-3394, or in person at the Jefferson College Field House Athletics Department offices.
In recognition of the extraordinary achievements of the Foundation Board of Directors, highlighted by the acquisition of the single largest valued donation in the history of the philanthropic organization in 2012, Dr. Raymond Cummiskey recently presented a proclamation of gratitude on behalf of the Jefferson College Board of Trustees.

Foundation Board representatives Michael Walsh (President), Tom Burke (Interim Director of Development), and Jacquelyn Moran (Secretary) look on as College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey reads a proclamation in appreciation of the organization’s service to the college and community.
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