The Best of Jefferson College: Year in Review 2012

Opportunity . . anticipation . . service . . achievement. These terms all characterize Jefferson College’s advancement and direction in 2012 as the premier source for higher education in our community. As a new year begins, The Windjammer invites you remember some of the many institutional high points of 2012:

- The college held its 47th commencement ceremonies in May as a combined total of over 900 students were eligible to receive associate degrees or career and technical education certificates. Bill Alexander, Senior Production Leader for Dow Solar Solutions, presented the address to Arts and Science graduates and Gary Reim Sr., Ambassador for Color-Art Printing and Office Interiors, spoke to Career and Technical Education grads.

- As part of an upper-level administrative reorganization, Dr. Mindy Selsor was appointed Vice President of Instruction and Julie Fraser was named Associate Vice President of Student Services. Also, Dr. Dena McCaffrey was appointed Interim Dean of Career and Technical Education and Dr. Shirley Davenport was selected as the new Dean of Arts and Science Education.

- Biology Associate Professor Dr. Patricia McDaniel was awarded the 2012 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

- Area Technical School Applied Communication Associate Professor Sheba Nitsch received the 2012 Emerson Electric Excellence in Teaching Award.

- The Jefferson College Faculty Senate selected Andrew Held as the college’s 2012 Alumnus of the Year.

- Under the leadership of Interim Director of Development Tom Burke, the Jefferson College Foundation held a number of successful fundraising activities including the annual Viking Fund capital campaign, a Campus Fund Drive, an overwhelmingly successful Jazz and Jeans dinner/dance/auction, the Viking Classic Scholarship Golf Tournament, and a variety of generous scholarship and endowment gifts, and other revenue-generating events.

- A task force led by Dr. Mindy Selsor to streamline the institution's committee structure, as recommended by the Higher Learning Commission accreditation team, resulted in the implementation of a new configuration that pared the number of committees from 21 to 11.

- The Jefferson College Foundation presented the 2012 Outstanding Achievement Awards to: Nicole Bach, Foreign Language Associate Professor; Gabrielle Everett, History Professor; Diane Scanga, Director of Public Safety Programs; and Marie Self, Fieldhouse Coordinator.
Eight faculty members were granted tenure status beginning with the 2012-13 academic year: Leslie Buck, Mark Byington, Ron Hovis, Nick Nihira, Sheba Nitsch, Skyler Ross, Marialana Speidel, and Laniece Wagner.

The Jefferson College Foundation received the single largest donation in its history with a gift totaling over $1 million from David G. Ault, president and owner of Fox Run Golf Club, Fox Run Builders, and Eureka Springs, Inc., consisting of a $500,000 bequest and a new, fully furnished home with accompanying golf club membership. The luxury home will be used for cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of donors and prospects.

In an effort to expand career training opportunities for area residents, the college responded by creating a series of new healthcare-related programs including Biomedical Electronics, Computer Information Systems-Computer Support, Health Information Technology, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology, and Respiratory Therapy.

Branton and Jane Houser (parents of retired Student Support Services Director Barbara Flesh and grandparents of Admissions and Student Records Representative Carrie Flesh) generously made a $50,000 donation to the Foundation to create an endowed scholarship for non-traditional students.

Music Professor Dr. Matthew McCready received the Missouri Community College Association’s Senior Service Award, presented in recognition of his service to Jefferson College and to the mission of community colleges throughout the state.

As an election year public service, the college and the Jefferson County Growth Association hosted a series of candidate forums involving county, state, and national races.

The JC Broadband Now initiative, led by President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey, continued its role in helping to raise public awareness of the importance of high-speed broadband access throughout the region. Additionally, over 3,500 residents received instruction through a series of free classes based on current broadband technology and over 20,500 visitors used the college’s high-speed public computer labs thanks to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant.

The Foundation’s Jazz and Jeans dinner, dance and auction netted over $35,000 for scholarships, emergency student loans, textbooks, and other projects to benefit deserving students. The event was the result of the dedication of many people who are committed to the future of Jefferson College and its students.

Psychology Professor Dr. Amy Kausler and Business Management Professor Dr. Cindy Rossi participated in the Midwestern Higher Education Compact curriculum “tuning” project funded through the Lumina Foundation. The project involves faculty in Marketing and Psychology who work collaboratively to define what students should know and be able to do upon completing a degree in their discipline.

In an active role to promote higher education, economic development, and workforce preparation on behalf of Jefferson County and the surrounding region, College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey was recently re-elected as a member of the St. Louis RCGA (Regional Chamber and Growth Association) Board of Directors.

Philosophy Professor Dr. Michael Booker wrote an interactive textbook, titled “The Way of Reason,” that was chosen for national publication/distribution. The digital book was the first of its kind in the country.
The Automotive Technology program, led by instructors Gary Boyher and Gerard Uhls, received five-year accreditation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. To achieve accreditation status, the program underwent a rigorous evaluation using nationally accepted standards of excellence in instruction, facilities, and equipment.

To support higher education opportunities in our community, the Jefferson County Democratic Club made a $29,000 endowment contribution to the Jefferson College Foundation to generate scholarships for local students.

To highlight the importance of career and technical education in preparing residents for high-demand occupations in our region, the college and the Area Technical School celebrated national Career and Technical Education Month in February with a variety of activities including recognition of CTE faculty/staff for their excellence, the annual Career Expo, and an open house for the new Respiratory Therapy program.

Jefferson College was well represented by a contingent of faculty, staff, administrators, and students during the Missouri Community College Association Rally Day in Jefferson City, where hundreds of representatives from each of the state’s 12 community colleges spoke directly to legislators about the vital role community colleges play in job creation, economic development, and improved quality of life.

Psychology Associate Professor Leslie Buck was selected as the recipient of the 2012 Linda Johnston Assessment Award.

The Cultural Diversity Committee created the annual PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series highlighted by world-class guest artists and student-community performance events such as plays, band and choir concerts, and art exhibits.

Ameren Missouri donated a bucket truck to the college for use in the Buildings and Grounds Department. It marks the second vehicle donation of its kind by the electric company to the college.

Former Viking Volleyball Head Coach Jo Ellen Stringer (who served as head women’s volleyball coach for 33 years) and former student-athlete/current Viking Volleyball head coach Aida Antanaviciute-Steiger (who distinguished herself with strong performances that earned her All-American status with the NJCAA and AVCA) were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame.

Over 100 area women and men participated in the second annual self-defense workshop at Jefferson College, netting over $2,400 for a scholarship in memory of Jefferson County resident Mary Daniels (Colletta) who was brutally attacked in 2010.

Over 170 students were inducted into the college’s Xi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. The group also selected English Professor Dr. Andrea St. John as the 2012 Teacher of the Year and undertook several service projects.
The Jefferson College chapter of the National Technical Honor Society held its inaugural induction ceremony by recognizing over 75 outstanding career and technical education students.

More than 200 area job seekers met with representatives from companies across the St. Louis region as part of the college’s annual Job Fair coordinated by the Employment Services Office as the largest event of its kind in Jefferson and Franklin County.

Director of Public Safety Programs Diane Scanga was elected as the first female president of the FBI National Academy Associates.

Jefferson College hosted the 33rd annual Mastodon Art and Science Fair, the largest combined art/science fair in the United States.

As part of an international effort in conjunction with National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in April, the college and COMTREA co-hosted “Take Back the Night” that included several awareness activities highlighted by a walk to recognize and support survivors of sexual violence and abuse.

The Business Management Department and SCORE St. Louis co-hosted two free workshops for current and prospective small business owners in connection with the college’s mission of community outreach.

The college’s Law Enforcement Academy 1000-009 day class and 1000-010 night class achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) license exam.

Numerous educational outreach events were sponsored by the college including the annual Frugal Fashion Show, International Peace Day, College Fair, and Healthcare Careers Open House.

In athletics, Baseball Coach Sam Carel led his team to a 53-12 record and a fifth place finish at the NJCAA Juco World Series (the team’s second consecutive birth at the prestigious event); the basketball team, led by Tonika Bruce, posted a record of 31-5 and a seventh place finish at the national tournament; coach Ricardo Garza led the soccer team to a record of 14-7-1 for the season, finishing 10th at the NCJAA national tournament; Softball Coach Tony Cook took his team to a 39-19 finish; and Volleyball Coach Aida Steiger led her team to a season record of 14-22.

Six outstanding Jefferson College student-athletes received NJCAA Academic All-American honors for 2012: Rinata Aisena, Volleyball (3.7 GPA) Exemplary Academic Achievement; Joshua Herrick, Baseball (3.6 GPA) Exemplary Academic Achievement; Megan Mueller, Volleyball (3.63 GPA) Exemplary Academic Achievement; Brendon Neel, Baseball (3.91 GPA) Superior Academic Achievement; Taylor Russell, Volleyball (3.72 GPA) Exemplary Academic Achievement; and Alexis Simpson, Volleyball (3.95 GPA) Superior Academic Achievement.
The Jefferson College Foundation's Patron of the Arts classical concert headlined by pianist Dr. Mark Spurrier and special guests Karl Koesterer, John Nuckols, Robert Panico, and Matthew Stansfield, raised over $7,800 to benefit the college's diverse cultural and performing arts programs.

Former international Viking volleyball player Elizabeth “Lizzie” Reid (2008-2010) was selected to play for Great Britain during the Olympic Games.

Architectural Drafting and Construction alum Sharon Herman (1990) was elected president of the Missouri Society of Professional Land Surveyors. She is the first female president in the history of the organization.

Middle school, junior high and high school students took part in several on-campus learning activities including Kids in College, Athletic Camps, Southeast District Music Festival, Performing Arts Summer Workshop, Viking Band Camp, Career Expo, and Hi-Tech Careers for Women.

Jefferson College student Maria Pilger was a recipient of the Missouri Community College Association's Student Leadership Award, presented annually to one outstanding student from each community college campus who has demonstrated excellence in leadership activities.

In conjunction with national Respiratory Care Week, students and instructors in the new Respiratory Therapy program hosted a series of hands-on demonstrations and informative activities.

The 25th annual Viking Classic Scholarship Golf Tournament hosted by the Athletics Department and Foundation was a momentous success thanks to the 124 players, numerous business sponsors, and team of volunteers that helped raise a net total of over $12,600 for student-athlete scholarships.

To recognize those who have made significant contributions to the Jefferson College Foundation in support of the college, the organization hosted its second annual Monticello Society ceremony to honor six benefactors: Bloomsdale Excavating, Inc., Govero Land Services, Inc., Jefferson County Democrats, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, Krieg, Lohbeck and Company, and Specialized Catering / Food Service Consultants, Inc.

In acknowledgement of her athletic accomplishments and community ties, Jefferson College honored Jefferson County native Brittany Borman, who qualified for the 2012 summer Olympic Games in the javelin competition. The event included remarks from several of Borman’s local coaches and mentors, highlighted by a special pre-recorded message from U.S. Olympians Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Greg Foster.

To provide culturally diverse experiences to residents of all ages, the Art Department, Cultural Council, Global Education Committee, Library, Music Department, Speech and Drama Department, and Student Activities office hosted a variety of entertaining and enriching campus programs and presentations.

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Trustees Select Daryl Gehbauer as New VP of Finance

After two comprehensive search processes that involved feedback and participation from the campus community, the Board appointed Daryl Gehbauer as the new Vice President of Finance and Administration to replace Dr. Rick Turley who retired at the end of December.

Rad Tech Program Moves Closer to Reality

Moving forward with the start of a new Radiological Technology program next fall, the Board approved a cooperative services agreement with St. Charles Community College to jointly offer the program through the MoHealthWINs grant. Also approved was a contract with Brockmiller Construction for $293,840 to construct classroom and instructional areas in the CTE Building on the Hillsboro campus. Several pieces of instructional equipment were also approved using Training for Tomorrow grant funding, including a series of anatomical models for $15,407, a surgical c-arm for $26,850, and a Wounded Willy anatomical model for $21,353.

Take a Seat: New Bleachers to Be Installed in Field House

In an effort to upgrade and meet safety code guidelines on the bleacher system in the Field House that has been in place since the building was constructed in the 1960s, the Trustees approved a contract with Heartland Seating for $300,987 to install new seating this summer.

Welding Plasma Cutter Enhances Instruction

In an effort to keep the college’s instruction current with industry technology, the Board approved the purchase of an automated plasma cutting system for the Welding Technology program for $19,940.08 using state Enhancement Grant and institutional plant funds.

Personnel Actions Approved

To prepare for a new academic term, a series of college credit and continuing education course offerings and teaching assignments were approved for the spring 2013 semester.

Due to the retirement of Dr. Rick Turley, the Board appointed Richard Hardin as treasurer until such time that the new vice president assumes the responsibility or until the Board reorganizes in April.

Three new faculty were appointed including Ashley Mangrich in Health Information Technology, Love Lah in Radiologic Technology, and Teresa Fiala in Philosophy for a one semester temporary assignment to replace Michael Booker who will serve as Interim Communication and Fine Arts Coordinator for the spring semester.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Library Services Director Lisa Wolfe and approved the termination of Public Safety Supervisor John Bilyeu effective December 14. Ed Tomaskiewicz, Director of Buildings and Grounds, will assume interim oversight for the Public Safety department until further details are announced.

Contracts for Area Technical School Projects Set

As part of the Area Technical School Residential Carpentry program, the Board approved the purchase of a geothermal heating system for $17,700 to be installed in the home being constructed this year and authorized a contract with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. to complete plans and specifications for the installation of an air cleaning system for the Metal Fabrication Lab in the ATS.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on January 17 at 5:30 p.m. on the Hillsboro campus. Other meeting dates/times for 2013 are: February 21 – 5:30 p.m., March 14 – 5:30 p.m., April 11 – 5:30 p.m., May 16 – 6:30 p.m., June 13 – 5:30 p.m., July 11 – 5:30 p.m., August 15 – 5:30 p.m., September 12 – 5:30 p.m., October 17 – 6:30 p.m., November 14 – 5:30 p.m., and December 12 – 5:30 p.m.
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MUSIC . . . THEATRE . . . DANCE . . . ENTERTAINMENT.

Performing arts are essential to our community. As a leader and supporter of arts and education, Jefferson College and the Cultural Diversity Committee is pleased to announce the first-ever PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series for 2012-13 in connection with the college’s historic 50th anniversary.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

January 17
February 28
February 28-March 3
March 7
March 10
March 12
March 21-23
April 12
April 26
April 29-May 10
April 26
May 2
May 5
May 7
May 8-9

Afriky Lolo – West African Dance & Culture
Harlem Wizards
Spring Play: “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?”
Chris Vadala – Masterclass & Spring Jazz Showcase
Choir Concert
“In a Classical Way” Band Concert
48 Hour Film Festival Project
48 Hour Film Festival Screening
Student Art Exhibition
Poetry Slam
Sophomore Music Recital
Choir Concert
“The Four Corners of the World” Band Concert
Student Pottery Sale

Bold events are PACE events sponsored by The Jefferson College Cultural Diversity Committee
Afriky Lolo, founded and led by Diádié Bathily, is a West African dance non-profit corporation that is committed to bringing West African dance and culture to the St. Louis, Missouri, community through teaching and performing. Bathily is a Master dancer from the Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. He immigrated to the United States in 1998. He has a strong personal and professional desire to share the beauty, culture and passion of West African dance with Americans, especially African Americans.

Thursday, January 17
7:00 PM
Jefferson College Hillsboro – Fine Arts Theatre
General Admission $5 / Students & Seniors $2

Jefferson College Hillsboro – Fine Arts Theatre

Tickets for the Wizards game can be purchased by cash, check or credit card by calling the Jefferson College cashiers office at (636)481-3123. Tickets can also be purchased from the Athletics Department by calling (636)481-3386.
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**January 2013**

- **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

College Reopens from Holiday Break
7 a.m.
All Locations

- Basketball vs. Iowa Western
2 p.m.
Field House-Gym

Spring Classes Begin
All Locations

Basketball vs. State Fair
3 p.m.
Field House-Gym

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Campus Closed
All Locations

Spring Classes Begin
All Locations

Basketball vs. MO Baptist JV
6 p.m.
Field House-Gym

Basketball vs. State Fair
3 p.m.
Field House-Gym

Basketball vs. Crowder
2 p.m.
Field House-Gym

Basketball vs. Three Rivers
6 p.m.
Field House-Gym

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