AT&T Supports Education Program for Student Veterans at Jefferson College

$10,000 Grant Will Provide Emergency Loans and Establish SALUTE Chapter

In its support of veterans and local communities, AT&T recently contributed $10,000 to the Jefferson College Foundation to establish a Student Veterans Support Grant for emergency loans, textbook support and other needs. A presentation ceremony was held in mid-February, attended by local legislators, AT&T representatives, student veterans, Foundation board members, and college administrators, faculty, and staff.

"From AT&T’s extensive partnerships with disabled veteran-owned businesses and our aggressive recruitment of top military talent to our charitable contributions of more than $9 million worth of calling cards for military personnel, AT&T has been proud to support the military throughout AT&T’s 137-year history," said John Sondag, President of AT&T-Missouri. “Every year, AT&T hires hundreds of military veterans because the self-discipline, teamwork and skills gained in military service are the same values that are part of our everyday culture. I am honored to continue AT&T’s tradition of proud support with this grant to Jefferson College for their student veterans.”

“As a ‘veterans friendly’ institution, Jefferson College is extremely proud and thankful to serve the brave men and women who have, in turn, served our country by defending the freedom we enjoy each day as Americans,” said College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. “Approximately 150 student veterans attend Jefferson College and rely on veteran benefits to help pay tuition, books, and living expenses. However, because veteran benefits are paid at varying times throughout each semester, it can create significant obstacles or hardships for our student veterans, particularly at the beginning of the semester. AT&T’s grant is a wonderful gift that lets us help support our student veterans as they pursue their goal of receiving a higher education.”

AT&T’s grant provides support to student veterans in a number of ways:

The grant establishes an emergency loan program for veterans who qualify for benefits but whose funding is delayed – allowing Jefferson College to extend financial support to veterans with extenuating circumstances.

The grant also helps alleviate textbook costs for veterans. Rather than delaying textbook purchases until veterans receive their funding, which can arrive after the semester has already begun, the grant will help ensure that student veterans are ready for the first day of class.

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The third component of the grant establishes a “SALUTE” chapter, a national honor society recognizing academic achievement of student veterans and the military, at Jefferson College.

“As a lifelong resident of Jefferson County, I am thrilled to know that AT&T’s grant enables Jefferson College to provide student veterans with support and assistance while they pursue their academic goals,” said state Sen. Ryan McKenna. “It is so important to help the brave men and women who give so much for us.”

“Veterans have answered their country’s call, and it is our duty to help veterans succeed at home,” added state Sen. Gary Romine. “Jefferson College’s commitment to its student veterans is laudable. I want to commend AT&T for its continued dedication to supporting our active military personnel and veterans and this grant recognizing their service.”

In addition to the AT&T Student Veterans Support Grant, the college offers numerous services to military students (and their spouses/dependents) receiving education benefits:

- Credit for prior learning
- Intake resources/web links on flash drive
- Dedicated academic advisor – specializing in military processing
- “Day One” priority registration
- No drop for non-payment deadline – courses protected until benefit funds received
- Complimentary/free official transcripts (currently enrolled and receiving benefits)
- Comprehensive online benefit resource listing – STARS Veterans Tab
- Informational meetings each semester
- Peer advisors
- Discounted or free campus services
- Certifying official attends training/monitors websites to stay abreast of vet issues
- SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society
- Graduation ceremony recognition

For more information about student veteran services at Jefferson College, contact VA Certifying Official Betty Clark Dye at (636) 481-3210 or email bdye@jeffco.edu.

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Dean’s List Announced

Jefferson College Associate Vice President of Student Services, Julie Fraser, has announced the Dean’s List for the Fall 2012 semester, containing the names of 847 students who earned the academic recognition.

To qualify for the Dean’s List honor, full-time students must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) in at least 12 credit hours taken that semester. Part-time students who accumulate 12 or more credit hours with a 3.25 grade point average also qualify.

The Dean’s List can be viewed online at www.jeffco.edu under the “News and Events” tab.

In A Classical Way: 50th Anniversary Community Band Concert March 12

As part of Jefferson College’s community-wide 50th anniversary celebration the college’s new PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series, the Concert Band will present its annual spring program on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus.

Directed by Joseph Pappas, with Timothy Patterson as announcer, the instrumental performance will include a variety of selections including “Allegro from The Water Music Suite,” “William Tell Overture,” “Canzonetta” featuring Will Gerdel on alto saxophone, “The Impresario Overture,” and “Dance of the Jesters.” Admission to the concert is free.

For more information, contact Joseph Pappas at (636) 481-3372 or jpappas@jeffco.edu.
College Seeks “50 Memories for 50 Years”
Stories and Recollections from Alumni and Community

In celebration of Jefferson College’s 50th anniversary and its positive impact on our community since 1963, area alumni, current and retired employees, friends, and community members are invited to share their stories and memories of the college in an effort to gather “50 memories for 50 years.”

To capture responses, the college has created an online form that can be accessed from the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on the 50th celebration logo and following the “Alumni and Friends” link.

“Over the past 50 years, the college has influenced thousands of lives,” said College President Dr. Raymond Cummisskey. “I know, because I've heard the stories from all corners of our community. We want to give everyone an opportunity to proudly share their memories with others as the college and community come together to celebrate 50 wonderful years of service. Whatever your story, tell us how Jefferson College has affected you!”

Highlighted by cultural performances, athletics, guest speakers, Foundation events, and a week-long series of acknowledgement activities April 8-13, the 50th celebration is designed for everyone who has ever been involved with the college. All events are open to the community. Although some activities have an admission fee, many are free.

The college hopes to obtain at least 50 responses, to be displayed and publicized during the “Birthday Celebration” on April 13 that will include departmental presentations and demonstrations, music and entertainment, refreshments, the finale of the scavenger hunt, a visual timeline of key moments in the college’s history, a display of early Vikon yearbooks and historical photos, a Viking baseball game, and much more.

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 email 50thcelebration@jeffco.edu.

Visit www.jeffco.edu (click on the 50th logo) for information about event prices, I am Jeffco Wear, and for complete Scavenger Hunt rules and dates that clues will be revealed.

* Scavenger Hunt Events where clues will be available.

Calendar subject to change, visit www.jeffco.edu for most current information.
In connection with Jefferson College’s 50th anniversary celebration and Performing Arts and Cultural Events (PACE) event series, the college is again giving community filmmakers of all ages the chance to direct, produce, or star in their own film during the third annual Jefferson College Film Festival sponsored by the college’s Cultural Diversity Committee and Fine Arts Club.

As part of the college’s celebration, the event’s name has been changed to the “50- Hour Film Festival” for 2013. It is open to all community members and Jefferson College students, faculty and staff. There is no cost to enter.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. Submitted films will be shown during a public screening on Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus.

Teams of up to five members will be given a theme and then have 50 hours to write, shoot, and edit a film up to seven minutes in length. Teams must attend all of the meetings in order to participate.

All work must be original and shot within the 50 hours allotted. Films must conform to the decency standards of a community college environment as determined by the film committee.

Entry forms and details are available by contacting Assistant Art Professor Nick Nihira at nnihira@jeffco.edu or (636) 481-3377.

Need a good book to leisurely enjoy or unwind with at the end of a busy day? The Jefferson College Library (Hillsboro campus) will host a book sale, open to the entire community, on Saturday, April 6, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on the first floor.

Sale books will include duplicates, donations, and items in need of replacement. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Jefferson College Foundation's Library Fund. For further information, contact Public Services Librarian Lisa Pritchard at (636) 481-3160 or Library Specialist Barbara Liebman at (636) 481-3171.

In addition to the film festival, Jefferson College will host two free workshops on March 27.

The first workshop, “Careers in Social Work,” will be held from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Student Center Viking Room on the Hillsboro campus. It will provide an opportunity to learn more about careers in the rewarding field of social work. Professionals will be present to discuss various practice settings and answer questions. Social Work career paths being represented include foster care and adoption, hospital and medical social work, school social work, substance abuse counseling, and individual and family counseling.

The second event, an Education Career Resource Fair, will last from 7-8 p.m. in Room 323 on the Arnold campus at 1687 Missouri State Road. Jefferson College graduates who are now elementary and secondary education teachers will be present to talk with attendees, along with representatives from the college’s Student Services division who will provide information regarding enrolling, transferring, and resume writing. Representatives from Missouri Baptist University and the University of Missouri–St. Louis will also be available to talk about educational opportunities.

For more information about the “Careers in Social Work” workshop, call Sociology Instructor Suzie Welch at (636) 481-3435 and for details about the Education Career Resource Fair, call Dr. Ken Boning at (636) 481-3344 or email kboning@jeffco.edu.

Library to Host Book Sale on April 6
Three Candidates Certified for Trustee Election

In preparation for the biennial trustee election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, three candidates were certified for the ballot including incumbents Krystal Hargis and Ron Scaggs, and Avery Fortenberry. Two trustees will be elected for six year terms each.

Exemplary: College and Foundation Audit Results Are Stellar

As part of the annual process to review the financial statements and internal procedures of Jefferson College and the Jefferson College Foundation, the Board accepted the results from the accounting firm Daniel Jones and Associates. As in previous years, both received the highest possible rating/recommendation given by auditing agencies.

Board Grants Contract Extension to Administrators

In administrative personnel matters, the Board extended the contract of President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey by an additional year (through June 30, 2016) and the contracts of Vice Presidents Daryl Gehbauer and Dr. Mindy Selsor, Associate Vice President Julie Fraser, and Dean Dr. Shirley Davenport, by one year, to June 30, 2015. Each administrator will receive no less than their current salary, other than Dr. Mindy Selsor, whose salary was increased by $133 to bring it in alignment with the Vice President of Finance and Administration.

Online Learning, Educational Technology and Professional Development Collaboration to Benefit Faculty

To provide ongoing improvement of support and professional development for faculty, as part of a collaboration among the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Instructional Support and Academic Computing (ISAC), Information Technology (IT), and JCTV, the Board approved an Online Learning, Educational Technology and Professional Development plan. The restructuring proposal was shared with faculty and feedback was considered in the plan's design.

Trustees to Serve on Foundation and Budget Review Panels

To provide direction in the preparation of the college's budget for next year, Trustees Ron Scaggs and Steve Meinberg were appointed to the Budget Review subcommittee.

Faculty Lab Compensation Review to Continue

Because the Board Administration Team (BAT) and Faculty Association Team (FAT) were unable to resolve the lab hour compensation meet and confer issue originally set with a December 14, 2012 deadline, both sides agreed to continue the discussion in an attempt to reach a resolution by May 17, 2013.
Automotive Program Receives Autos and Engines Donation Equipment Supports Student Mastery of NATEF Skills

The Jefferson College Automotive Technology program recently received a donation of five engines and two luxury vehicles—a Mercedes-Benz 190 and a Jaguar S-Type—from Autos of Europe. Pictured with the automobiles are, from left, Automotive Technology Associate Professor Gerard Uhls, College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey, and Automotive Technology Professor Gary Boyher. The donation was made possible by Autos of Europe Service Manager Jeff Huchowski, an alumnus of the Jefferson College Automotive Technology program.

The donated equipment will be used to support student mastery of skills in connection with the college’s recent certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) for meeting strict industry standards in the areas of brakes, electrical/electronic systems, engine performance, engine repair, and suspension/steering.

To achieve NATEF accreditation status, the Automotive Technology program underwent a rigorous evaluation using nationally accepted standards of excellence in instruction, facilities, and equipment.

The Automotive Technology program is among several popular training options offered at Jefferson College, allowing students to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree or a Career and Technical certificate. Graduates are employed at some of the most respected and well-known repair facilities throughout the region.
ATS Instruction Costs Adjusted for 2013-14
To cover the rising cost of instructional materials within the Jefferson College Area Technical School (ATS) career education programs, the Board approved a $100 tuition increase per student for the 2013-14 school year. The new rate, paid by each student’s sending high school, will be $2,000 for the year.

Program and Faculty Personnel Actions Approved
Following the resignation of Stewart Frew, Program Director for the Radiologic Technology program, after accepting a new position with another organization, the Board appointed Janet Akers as Acting Program Director effective March 1. She is currently the Clinical Coordinator for Radiologic Technology.

The Board also approved a request by Biology Professor Dora Mitchell for a sabbatical leave in order to participate in a professional internship at Veterinary Specialty Services during the Fall 2013 semester.

Enterprise Leasing Contract Renewed for College Travel
In association with the college’s employee travel policy, the Trustees approved a contract renewal with Enterprise Leasing to provide vehicle services to staff and faculty for college business. As a result, negotiated pricing has lowered the rates to the college.

Handbooks for CTE Programs Get OK
After a first reading during the January meeting, the Board approved the program student handbooks for Emergency Medical Services, Fire Fighter, and Law Enforcement in the Career and Technical Education Division.

Upcoming Meetings
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on March 14 at 5:30 p.m. on the Hillsboro campus. Other upcoming dates/times include April 11 – 6:30 p.m. and May 16 – 6:30 p.m.
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**Spring Break** No Classes Monday, March 18 - Sunday, March 24, All Locations

Dr. Raymond Cummiskey: President
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