Jefferson College will host its 48th annual commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 18, in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus as a combined total of over 940 students are eligible to receive associate degrees or career and technical education certificates as the class of 2013.

A ceremony for graduates of Career and Technical Education programs (those receiving an Associate of Applied Science degree or CTE certificate) will begin at 10 a.m., with doors opening at 8:30 a.m.

A ceremony for graduates of Arts and Science Education programs (those receiving an Associate of Arts degree, an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree or an Associate of Science degree) will begin at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 12:30 p.m.

Those with disabilities needing special seating should make reservations by calling the Disability Support Services Office at (636) 481-3158.

To conclude the college’s 50th anniversary celebration, a special motivational multi-media presentation involving Jefferson College faculty, staff and students will be presented at each ceremony in lieu of a traditional address from a guest speaker.

In addition to the conferring of degrees/certificates, several award-winners will be recognized:
- Alumnus of the Year, Bill Haggard
- Governor’s Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, Nicole Bach
- Emerson Electric Award for Teaching Excellence winner, Gabrielle Everett
- Phi Theta Kappa Teacher of the Year, Dr. Scott Holzer

The college will also honor five retirees:
- Lynn Hoff, Administrative Assistant to Division Chairs, 10 years of service
- Deborah Higginbotham, Director of Payroll Services, 31.5 years of service
- Leah Miley, Professor of Nursing, 20 years of service
- Barbara Olson, Secretary to Advising and Retention Center, 28 years of service
- Terry Ponzar, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees, 14 years of service

As a public service, both graduation ceremonies will be shown live via streaming video on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu and re-broadcast on JCTV (Charter Cable Channel 989 or 108.003) numerous times throughout the following week.

Additional details about Jefferson College’s 2013 commencement are available on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on the “Graduation Information” link.
Jefferson College will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and community-wide open house, in connection with the start of the new MoHealthWINs grant-funded Radiologic Technology program with St. Charles Community College, on Friday, May 10, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 178 of the Career and Technical Education building on the Hillsboro campus.

The event will provide an opportunity for attendees to tour classroom/lab facilities, talk with Radiologic Technology instructors and program personnel, view equipment demonstrations such as “Wounded Willie,” and discuss program entry requirements. There will also be hourly attendance prizes and refreshments.

Reservations are not required. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 3 p.m.

Missouri’s health care industry is growing quickly, causing hospitals, clinics and other employers to need more technologists and other skilled workers. By expanding educational opportunities in these fields, Jefferson College is opening the door for employment opportunities and keeping the economy growing.

The college’s creation of the Radiologic Technology program is possible largely due to MoHealthWINs, a Department of Labor grant-funded program to serve Trade Act participants as well as veterans, unemployed and underemployed individuals, and low-skilled persons in Missouri in health service/health sciences career pathways throughout the state.

In addition to Radiologic Technology, Jefferson College has received about $3 million in grant funding earmarked for employment-focused initiatives, resulting in the development of other high-demand healthcare training programs including Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physical Therapist Assistant.

For more information about the Radiologic Technology program ribbon cutting and open house, call (636) 481-3466.

NTHS Holds Induction Ceremony

The Jefferson College chapter of the National Technical Honor Society recently held its annual induction ceremony by recognizing outstanding career and technical education students. To be considered for membership, candidates must meet national and local membership standards and demonstrate scholastic achievement, skill development, leadership, honesty, responsibility, and good character. Jefferson’s chapter advisor for NTHS is Computer Information Systems Instructor Chris DeGeare.
College Accepting Applications for New Respiratory Therapy Program

In connection with a continued emphasis on healthcare-related career training opportunities for area residents, applications are now being accepted for Jefferson College’s new state-of-the-art Respiratory Therapy program this fall.

Early applications will be accepted through May 30 and late applications will be accepted through July 1. A complete list of admissions requirements is provided on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on “Career and Tech Education” then “Respiratory Therapy.”

Students who complete the Jefferson College Respiratory Therapy Program will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree. The program consists of 20 credit hours of prerequisite courses, 12 credit hours of general education courses and 54 credit hours of classroom instruction, labs, and clinical site visits. Classes will be held Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. alternating with 8 and 12-hour clinical shifts that will include some nights and weekends.

According to U.S. News and World Report, Respiratory Therapist is among the top 25 best jobs for 2013.

“We like to call ourselves the Rodney Dangerfield of healthcare,” said Tim Myers, Associate Executive Director of the American Association for Respiratory Care. “Not because we don’t get any respect, but because people don’t know about respiratory therapists. We’re often confused with nurses.”

Respiratory therapists care for patients who have trouble breathing, for example, from a chronic respiratory disease, such as asthma or emphysema. RTs also provide emergency care to patients suffering from heart attacks, stroke, drowning, or shock. Most respiratory therapists work in hospitals. Others may work in sales, diagnostics, or home care.

The U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook expects employment in the field to grow by 28 percent through 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth in the middle-aged and elderly population will lead to greater demand for respiratory therapy services in hospitals, diagnostics, sales, and home care.

To learn more about the new Jefferson College Respiratory Therapy program, call (636) 481-3456 or (636) 481-3466. This workforce solution was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration.

The Four Corners of the World: 50th Anniversary Band Concert May 7

As part of Jefferson College’s community-wide 50th anniversary celebration, the Music Department will present its final Concert Band program of the school year, “The Four Corners of the World,” on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus. Admission to the concert is free.

Directed by Joseph Pappas, the program will include a variety of selections representing musical styles, cultures and regions from around the globe. The concert will include “The Vanished Army March” (English); “Deir’ In De” (Irish); “Variations on an African Hymnsong” (African); “Eine Kleine Yiddishe Ragmusik” (Jewish); “Trombrero” (Mexican) featuring the trombone trio of Makayla Gardner, Matt Guelbert and Corey Wright; and “Greek Folk Song Suite” (Greek).

The concert will also include “A Musical Fantasy” (Netherlands) directed by guest conductor Tomas Poshak, who is a former band director at Ladue and Kirkwood high schools and now serves as the assistant director of the St. Louis Wind Symphony and conductor of the University City Community Band.

The program is suitable for all ages and is part of the college’s new PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series and is one of many activities the college hosts each year in connection with its mission of community outreach and diverse educational experiences for residents of all ages and backgrounds.
MoHealthWINs JASSI Program Helps New Students Improve Placement Scores and Prepare for College

Qualified applicants who are new to Jefferson College for the Fall 2013 semester may apply for a unique, minimal-cost program this June designed to improve reading, writing and math COMPASS placement test scores and prepare for college.

JASSI (Jeffco Aspiring Student Scholar Institute) is open to new students who are unemployed, underemployed or low-skilled, or who are a Missouri veteran or Trade Act participant.

Participants who complete the six-week JASSI program will receive one hour of college credit for the mandatory freshman course COL 101 “Introduction to College: Strategies for Success.” Other benefits include attainment of the college’s computer proficiency requirement, receipt of a National Career Readiness Certificate, reduced developmental education course completion, the creation of a personalized educational pathway, and assistance with course registration for the fall.

JASSI will be held Mondays-Thursdays, June 10-July 19, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Hillsboro campus. Participants must attend the entire six-week program. The application deadline is Thursday, May 23. The cost is $25 per student plus a $25 college application fee.

Those who complete the JASSI program will be allowed to retake the COMPASS placement test without any additional fees. Improved placement scores may allow participants to decrease developmental education courses that will save time and money toward their college career path.

Those selected to participate in JASSI will have all fees and related costs waived, a value of over $300. It is made possible as part of Jefferson College’s receipt of about $1 million in connection with the MoHealthWINs statewide grant program to provide healthcare-related career training in high-demand fields.

JASSI has the potential to positively impact students by strengthening their key academic skills and preparing them for future success in college. The program will utilize a variety of materials to increase each participant’s self-knowledge in order to enhance their life and college goals.

For questions or additional information about JASSI, potential students should contact the Missouri Career Center in Arnold at (636) 287-8909 or Washington (636) 239-6703 or Jefferson College Retention Specialist Laura Klaus at (636) 481-3524. To learn more about the statewide MoHealthWINs initiative, visit www.mohealthwins.org for a complete list of available programs and additional information.
Jefferson College students Jeremy Hammond, Joseph Pilger, Debra Lambert, and Kristin Ranker were recently awarded Elizabeth Hoyt Clark Honors Program Scholarships in recognition of their educational goals and success. Retired Vice President of Student Services Dr. Julia Hampton and retired English Professor/Honors Program Director Trish Loomis presented the scholarship awards during a reception in the students’ honor.

Additionally, student artist Gus Siebert was acknowledged as the winner of the Honors Program 25th Anniversary Logo Contest.

The Elizabeth Hoyt Clark Honors Program Scholarship was created by her family in 1994 to assist Honors Program students in pursuing their education. Scholarship applicants must submit a written explanation of their educational goals and career plans. The $500 scholarship is awarded to students pursuing an Honors Diploma with a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale. A committee of Honors Program faculty determines the recipients of the award each semester.

The Jefferson College Art Department will hold its annual spring pottery sale on Wednesday, May 8, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday, May 9, 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.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to expand facilities and purchase new equipment for use by students in pottery/ceramics classes who learn clay techniques including coil and slab construction, three-dimensional design and sculptural aspects, wheel throwing, glazing, and firing.

For more information about the sale, contact Pottery Instructor Anthony Borchardt at (636) 481-3365.
April Report

Board Elects New Officers and Adjusts Summer Meeting Schedule

Following the recent Board election, where Krystal Hargis and Ron Scaggs were respectively re-elected to six year terms, the Board reorganized by electing new officers for the next two years. Steve Meinberg was elected president, Gary Davis was selected as vice president, Daryl Gehbauer was chosen as treasurer, and Terry Ponzar was approved as secretary.

The Board also reaffirmed their regular monthly meeting schedule (second Thursday following the first Monday of each month) while moving their June, July and August meetings to 8 a.m. and returning to their evening meetings in September.

Faculty Promotions/Tenure/Compensation Requests Granted

Five full-time faculty were granted tenure status, including Terry Kite, Shanie Latham, Imran Shah, Aida Steiger, and Wesley Whitfield. Additionally, four faculty were approved for promotion through the Promotion in Academic Rank System (PARS): Deborah Allen, David McNair, Tamela Reaves, and Aida Steiger.

In other faculty-related matters, 10 faculty were approved for additional compensation for teaching classes that generated more than 800 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters combined.

Nursing Program Welcomes New Faculty

Due to an existing vacancy and the retirement of Leah Miley, the Trustees approved the appointment of two full-time Nursing program faculty for 2013-14: Sherry Callahan (11.25-month level II) and Deborah Wilke (9.5-month level II). They were chosen by a search committee comprised of Director of Nursing Linda Boevingloh, Augusta Arato, Louise Jadwisak, Michael Booker, Connie Maack, and Kimberly Flora.

Campus Maintenance Projects Approved

In matters related to campus infrastructure, the board approved a series of three contracts relating to maintenance issues. Mahn Plumbing was the selected low bidder for replacement of the sewer line in the Student Center Cafeteria, Brockmiller Construction was the approved low bidder to replace the Field House roof, and Authorized Elevator was the selected vendor to provide a three-year service agreement for maintenance of all campus elevators.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on May 16 at 5:30 p.m. on the Hillsboro campus. Other meetings dates and times are: June 13 – 8 a.m., July 11 – 8 a.m., and August 15 – 8 a.m.
What a way to celebrate 50 years of service to students and our community . . . thank you to everyone who attended, organized, volunteered, and supported the Foundation’s Jazz and Jeans dinner and auction that netted over $55,000 for scholarships, emergency student loans, textbooks, and other projects to benefit deserving students.

Appreciation also goes to college faculty/staff groups and departments that donated a variety of creatively themed baskets for the silent auction. The winners of the basket competition were “Care for the Caregiver” donated by the Nursing Program (first place - $100 Trattoria Giuseppe’s Restaurant gift certificate), “Ole! It’s a Mexican Fiesta!” donated by the Social Science Division (second place - $50 Terraza Grill gift certificate), and “Hungry Birds” donated by the Vice President of Instruction Office (third place - $25 Dairy Queen gift card).

In addition to a mouthwatering meal prepared by Food Service Consultants/ Specialized Catering, Jazz and Jeans attendees enjoyed bidding on the silent auction baskets and dancing/ listening to the Jefferson College Jazz Band and Combos. The stellar event was the result of the dedication of many people who are committed to the future of Jefferson College and its students.

In connection with the college’s 50th anniversary celebration, the special evening was highlighted by brief remarks from the college’s first graduate Sheryl Abernathy Pendergast; President Emeritus Dr. Ray Henry; alumni Carrie Flesh and Nancy Johnson; and husband/wife Joseph and Maria Pilger.

The Jazz and Jeans organizing committee included Michelle Kennen (chairperson), David Braun, Tom and Vicki Burke, Ron Holland, Marie Jennwein, Dennis Kehm, Michael Kumpf, Dorothy Maupin, Jacquelyn Moran, Marie Self, Ed Tomaskiewicz, Joel Vanderheyden, and Rick Vest.
The event would not have been possible were it not for the commitment and generosity of this year’s extraordinary underwriters:

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The proceeds from events like Jazz and Jeans make it possible for the Foundation to help students achieve their goals, reach for their dreams, and create a better life for themselves, their families and our community. Thank you!

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Choir Concert
“Musical of Musicals”
3 P.M.
Fine Arts Theatre

Red Cross Blood Drive
10 A.M.–3 P.M.
Student Center, Viking Room

Sophomore Music Recital
7:30 P.M.
Fine Arts Theatre

Student Pottery Sale
Thursday 10 A.M.–6 P.M.
Friday 9 A.M.–4 P.M.
Ceramics Studio

The Four Corners of the World
BAND CONCERT
7:30 P.M.
Fine Arts Theatre

Honors Recognition Ceremony
7 P.M., Field House-Gym

Nurses Pinning RN Day
6 P.M.
Fine Arts Theatre

2013 COMMENCEMENT
CTE Ceremony 10 A.M.
A&S Ceremony 2 P.M.
Field House Gym

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