Jefferson College will host its 49th annual commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 17, in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus as a combined total of over 860 students are eligible to receive associate degrees or career and technical education certificates as the class of 2014.

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 10 a.m., with doors opening at 8:30 a.m.

A ceremony for graduates of Career and Technical Education programs (those receiving an Associate of Applied Science degree or CTE certificate) will begin at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 12:30 p.m.

Attorney Jennifer Collins Hansen, owner of The Hansen Firm, LLC, will present the commencement address at both ceremonies. She is a 1996 graduate of Jefferson College and completed her undergraduate degree in English Literature from Missouri State University in 1998 before moving to Washington, D.C. to work as a press secretary for Linda Chavez, nominee for Secretary of Labor in the Bush administration. She returned to St. Louis to attend law school and received her law degree from Saint Louis University in 2004. Before opening her own law firm, Hansen served as a litigator at a legal firm in St. Louis.

All jackets, bags and backpacks will be searched upon entry to the Field House. Purses, diaper bags and other small personal bags are allowed, but will be inspected at the entrance. No large bags or boxes are allowed in the building without prior authorization. In the event that prohibited items are revealed in a search, guests will be asked to dispose of the items or return them to their cars before re-entering the building.

Any student who will need special seating or parking for someone attending graduation should contact the college's Disability Support Services Office at (636) 481-3158. Bottom tier seating and special parking are available by reservation and/or on a first come, first available basis.

In order to promote health and safety, the college is transitioning to a tobacco-free environment and the use of tobacco and all smoke-related products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, smokeless/chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes, herbal smoke products, hookahs, and beedies) is restricted to the designated smoking area located on the north side of the Field House.

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 2014 commencement are available on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on the “Graduation Information” link.
To celebrate the recent completion of a $300,000 renovation project for the Student Center Enrollment Services “One Stop” on the Hillsboro campus, the college held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house.

Pictured, from left, is Vice President of Finance and Instruction Daryl Gebbauer, Board of Trustees member John Winkelman, College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey, Associate Vice President of Student Services Julie Fraser, Director of Enrollment Management/Registrar Dr. Kim Harvey, Director of Buildings and Grounds Ed Tomaskiewicz, Director of Enrollment and Retention Kathy Johnston, and Director of Enrollment Services Holly Lincoln.

The first floor of the Student Center projects a more favorable first impression for prospective students as Enrollment Services (Admissions, Advising, Financial Aid, Registration, Student Records, and Transfer Services) are now provided in a convenient “one stop” location.

The project was completed in connection with the college’s long-range strategic plan that focuses on Pathways to Excellence. Constructed in 1965, the Student Center was the first building erected on the Hillsboro campus and it has the historical distinction of being the first permanent community college facility in Missouri.

Phi Theta Kappa and NTHS Honor Societies Hold Recognition Ceremonies

The Jefferson College honor society chapters of Phi Theta Kappa and the National Technical Honor Society recently held their annual induction ceremonies by recognizing a large number of outstanding students.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international society based on the hallmarks of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship.

To be considered for membership, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The Xi Zeta chapter was established at Jefferson College in 1965 and has received numerous regional and international awards. Chapter advisors are English Instructor Dr. Matthew Vaughn and Instructional Support Specialist Karen Hester.

To be considered for membership in NTHS, 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.
2014 Law Enforcement Academy Graduates Continue Perfect POST Streak

A class of 17 students recently graduated from the college’s Law Enforcement Academy program as the class of 2014. The class also achieved a 100 percent completion pass rate on the POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) license exam as the 16th class since the 2007 program transition to graduate with a 100 percent completion rate.

The mission of the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy, led by Captain Diane Scanga, is to provide quality law enforcement training for both new law enforcement recruits and veteran law enforcement officers. The training is designed to provide individuals and agencies with the information and skills needed to meet the needs of the community, develop skills to remain current in information and technology, and to prepare law enforcement officers to successfully respond to the challenges of a diverse society.

To view more photos from the graduation ceremony, visit Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook.

Home Run: First Ever “Pink” Baseball Game Raises Over $1,100 for Cancer Research

In an effort to increase awareness while raising funds for cancer research in conjunction with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, the Jefferson College Athletics Department and Viking Baseball team recently held the first ever “Pink Game” which netted over $1,100 in donations.

Vikings players and coaching staff wore pink jerseys that were auctioned off following the doubleheader. The field was also decked out with pink bases, pink foul lines, and a large pink cancer ribbon painted behind home plate. A highlight of the special day included ceremonial first pitches by honorees Sue Agnitsch (son of Jefferson baseball player Ryan Agnitsch) and Holly Lincoln (Director of Enrollment Services).

Additional photos from the event are available via Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook.

A Night Worth Remembering—Take Back the Night Raises Awareness of Sexual Abuse

In conjunction with April’s designation as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), Jefferson College and COMTREA recently co-hosted “Take Back the Night” as part of an international effort to end sexual violence in all of its forms, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, dating violence, and domestic violence.

The educational and inspirational evening included guest speakers and a variety of activities and resources to raise awareness and support survivors of sexual violence and abuse. KJFF/KTJJ radio also held a live broadcast throughout the event.

Additional photos are available via Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook.
Art Department Student Pottery Sale May 7-8

The Art Department will hold its annual spring pottery sale on Wednesday, May 7, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday, May 8, 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. For more information about the sale, contact Pottery Instructor Anthony Borchardt at (636) 481-3365.

Double Play: Softball and Baseball Teams Prepare for Postseason Play

Congratulations to the Jefferson College Softball team on their victory over Southeastern Community College (Iowa) in the district playoffs, earning the Vikings the opportunity to participate in the 2014 NJCAA National Tournament in St. George, Utah, May 15-17. Go Vikings! A full photo gallery highlighting the Vikings’ district victory can be viewed on the Jefferson College News and Events Facebook page.

Good luck also to the Baseball team as they prepare for the Region 16 tournament where they will face St. Charles Community College in the opening round at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7. Jefferson is the #1 seed heading into the tournament, with hopes of returning to the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado, later this month.
Trustees Review FY15 Budget Assumptions

Vice President of Finance Daryl Gehbauer presented a series of FY15 budget assumptions to the Board for first reading in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year. Due to uncertainty in state funding and fall enrollment levels, the lengthy list of budget assumptions is likely to fluctuate.

Among the budget projections is a minimal $2 per credit hour tuition increase ($97 per credit hour) as the final portion of a three-year phased plan approved in 2012. Additionally, tuition at the Jefferson College Area Technical School will increase by $100 per student/year.

Because so much is unknown regarding the financial assumptions, second reading and final budget approval may not take place until the June meeting. This will include finalization of Restricted Fund Budgets and the Plant Fund, along with any updated information regarding salary, benefits, and enrollment adjustments.

Board Approves Personnel Recommendations

Full-time College Studies Associate Professor Tamela Reaves was granted tenure status and 11 faculty were approved for promotion through the Promotion in Academic Rank System (PARS): Steve Berkel, Ken Boning, Joe Candela, Scott Cazadd, Bill Kaune, Dedric Lee, Mike McKinney, Earl Neal, Charles “Chuck” Nitsch, Robert Rodden, and Joel Vanderheyden.

Nine faculty were approved for additional compensation for teaching classes that generated more than 800 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters combined.

The Trustees also approved the appointment of Lisa Pritchard to fill the full-time certified professional staff position as Director of Library Services and accepted the resignations of Biomedical Science instructor Amy Scroggins and Nursing Associate Professor Maryann Shrader.

Insurance Reserve Fund Transfer Rescinded

Last June, the Board approved, as part of Budget Assumptions for FY14, a transfer of $100,000 from Restricted Insurance Reserves to the Unrestricted General Fund. With the transfer, the college was able to reduce the proposed reduction in Unrestricted Reserves to $500,000. However, due to several unplanned medical expenses, actual insurance reserves in FY14 have been depleted below the level required to fund the self-insurance position. As such, realizing that the institution is not in a position to transfer funds to the General Fund, the Board rescinded the matter.

Board Addresses Policy/Procedure Revisions

After first reading last month, the Board approved a revision to Policy VII-003 to reflect changes associated with the implementation of the Credit for Prior Learning Guide and to reflect current procedures with Enrollment Services.

The Board also suspended the rules to approve two revisions regarding the operation of the college. Both were shared with constituent groups prior to being presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration. The first (Policy VIII-003 Purchasing and Bidding) is an update to the college’s procurement manual. The second revision (Board Procedure IV-002.01, Types of Appointments) reflects the new type of appointment identified in the recent Library re-structure (non-tenure track Library faculty).

Upcoming Meetings

The final Board of Trustees meeting of the spring semester will be held on May 15 at 5:30 p.m. followed by a summer meeting schedule on June 12, July 17, and August 14 at 8 a.m. in the Administration building on the Hillsboro campus.
Jazz & Jeans Dinner, Dance & Auction Nets Over $63,000 to Support Jefferson College Students

A single fiber does not make a thread, nor does a single tree a forest...making a difference in the lives of students and the community...thanks to the generosity of so many!

Sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who organized, volunteered, attended, and supported the Jefferson College Foundation's fourth annual Jazz & Jeans dinner, dance and auction that netted over $63,000 to support scholarships, emergency student loans, textbooks, and other projects for the benefit of students attending Jefferson College.

Nearly 250 guests enjoyed a relaxed evening featuring a delicious dinner prepared by Food Service Consultants/Specialized Catering, fund-a-future and silent auction, and entertainment by the Jefferson College Jazz Band and local swing dancers.

This year’s Jazz & Jeans event sponsors included:

**Gold ($5,000)**
- Coventry Health Care
- Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers
- Food Service Consultants, Inc.
- Mercy Hospital Jefferson

**Bronze ($1,500)**
- Tom and Vicki Burke
- Eagle Bank and Trust Company
- First State Community Bank/Rick & Sue Francis
- Holcim US, Inc.
- Bill and Michelle Kennen
- Production Castings, Inc.
- Sheet Metal Contractors, Inc.
- Twin City Toyota
- Vest Benefit Solutions

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 friendly competition were: First Place - “Spoil Yourself” donated by the Nursing Department, Second Place – “Life’s Too Short to Drink Bad Wine” donated by the Library, and Third Place – “All Things Frozen” donated by the Office of the Vice President of Instruction.

To view additional photos from the event, visit Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook.
As an extension of their long-standing commitment to provide higher education opportunities for area residents, representatives of the Twin City Area Optimist Club recently presented a $3,000 donation on behalf of its members to support scholarships at Jefferson College.

The Twin City Area Optimist Club’s commitment to raise funds for Jefferson College student scholarships started in 1995 and spans a total contribution amount of over $45,000. In the 2014-15 academic year, six scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate need, are residents of Jefferson County, and have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Jefferson College appreciates the organization’s ongoing generosity and dedication to making higher education more accessible to those in our community and region.

Optimist International is an association of more than 2,600 Optimist Clubs around the world dedicated to “bringing out the best in kids.” Every year, Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects and serve well over six million young people.
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