MCCA Award Winners Underscore College’s Excellence in Higher Education

In association with the annual Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) convention, Jefferson College’s commitment to higher education excellence was demonstrated by a diverse group of attendees, presenters, and association award winners. As chair of the MCCA Presidents and Chancellors Council, Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey was also heavily involved in numerous aspects of the convention.

The Missouri Community College Association is a statewide organization through which Missouri’s community colleges work together to advance common agendas. MCCA provides advocacy, education, information, and networking opportunities in service of the state’s 5,700 community college faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees.

Gannon Honored with MCCA Legislative Award

State Representative Elaine Gannon of De Soto received the MCCA Distinguished Legislator Award for her support of Jefferson College and higher education. Gannon serves Missouri’s 115th House District and is a Jefferson College alum. Her district includes parts of Jefferson, St. Francois, and Ste. Genevieve counties.

MCCA Executive Director Zora Mulligan said that Gannon was chosen to receive the award because of her steadfast support of the community colleges in her district, Jefferson College and Mineral Area College. Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey called Gannon a “fierce supporter” of education and said that her background as a community college alum and educator have positioned her to be an extremely effective advocate for schools and students throughout her district.

Cornelius Receives MCCA Award for Service

Christy Cornelius received the MCCA Senior Service Award in recognition of her work at the college, which began 22 years ago when she joined the college as a part-time employee, advancing to full-time status when the college started its Child Care and Early Childhood Education AAS degree program.

This year, Cornelius is serving as faculty professional development coordinator, which allows her to share her knowledge with colleagues in order to facilitate professional development throughout the campus.

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Jefferson Student Receives MCCA Leadership Award

Jefferson College student Joseph Pilger was chosen to receive the MCCA Student Leadership Award, presented annually to one outstanding student from each community college campus who has demonstrated excellence in leadership activities.

Pilger enrolled at Jefferson College after serving as a mechanical engineer in the U.S. Navy. In his first year, he completed the LPN program with distinction, while simultaneously participating in campus activities and working part-time. He is a student ambassador and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and he has helped form a Nursing Club and establish a National Technical Honor Society chapter.

Leader Publications Inc. Recognized for Support of Jefferson College

Leader Publications Inc. of Festus was presented the 2013 MCCA News Media Award in recognition of the newspaper’s longstanding support of Jefferson College through news and sports coverage, and especially through the publication of a 20-page special section and sponsorship of the “Jazz and Jeans” scholarship fundraiser during the college’s 50th anniversary celebration.

The newspaper’s support of the college has also been strengthened through the membership of Advertising Director Glenda Potts, who serves on the Jefferson College Foundation Board of Directors.

MoHealthWINs Grant Enables Tuition-Free Computer Support Certificate Program

Helping people train for good jobs in the growing field of healthcare. Qualified applicants may apply for a tuition-free career training program to earn a Computer Information Systems-Computer Support certificate this spring at Jefferson College thanks in part to the college’s participation in the MoHealthWINs statewide grant program designed to provide healthcare-related career training in high-demand fields.

The accelerated CIS Computer Support certificate program is open to Missouri veterans and Trade Act participants in addition to unemployed, underemployed, and low-skilled individuals. To apply, potential students must visit the Missouri Career Center in Arnold or Washington to verify eligibility. Following verification, applicants are required to complete the college’s admissions process and a short essay.

The grant-funded program covers tuition and lab fees, but does not include books, college application fees or other incidental costs. Other financial aid opportunities may be available to help participants defer expenses.

The 28-week fast-track program will be taught on the Arnold campus where up to 18 students will be accepted to begin this spring. Applications must be submitted to the Missouri Career Center in Arnold or Washington by Tuesday, November 26.

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

Details about the accelerated Computer Information Systems-Computer Support certificate program are available by contacting the Missouri Career Center in Arnold at (636) 287-8909 or Washington (636) 239-6703 or the Jefferson College Admissions and Student Records Office at (636) 481-3217.
Student Organizations to Host “Dining Out” Fundraisers in November

In order to raise funds for projects that benefit Jefferson College students, two of the college’s student organizations will host upcoming fundraisers at area restaurants as a fun way to dine out while supporting higher education in our community.

The Jefferson College Student Senate will host a fundraiser on Tuesday, November 12, at Pogolino’s in De Soto from 5-9 p.m. where 10 percent of all orders (dine in and carry out) will go towards the organization. Additional donations can also be made at the front counter when paying.

Additionally, the Jefferson College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will hold a fundraiser at St. Louis Bread Co. in Festus on Thursday, November 21, from 4-8 p.m. where the organization will receive a donation based on the amount of sales associated with specially printed flyers that must be presented when ordering. For 20-30 redeemed flyers, PTK will receive 10 percent of net sales; 31-49 redeemed flyers will result in 15 percent of net sales; and 50 or more redeemed flyers will result in 20 percent of net sales. To receive a Jefferson College flyer, please contact Phi Theta Kappa co-advisor Karen Hester at (636) 481-3361 or email khester@jeffco.edu.

Soccer Team Wins Region 16 – Hopes Set on NJCAA National Tournament

Congratulations to the Jefferson College Viking Soccer team (16-6) on winning this year’s Region 16 championship following their 1-0 victory against St. Charles Community College. Jefferson will host Region XXIV winner Lewis and Clark Community College on Saturday, Nov. 9, at noon in Hillsboro, for the right to play in the NJCAA National Tournament in Tyler, Texas.

Congratulations to the team and coaching staff as they prepare for their next game with hopes of returning to the national championship spotlight. Members of the 2013 team include Antonio Arias, Eric Beltran, Kanrwea Blamo, Andrew Carlile, Samuel Charles, Dwight Degazon, Luke Heneghan, Jair Hernandez, Robert Jones, Brian Jurado, Prince Kakedah, Connor Kinkad, Cameron Laywood, Jonathan Lopez, Doroteo Luviano, Jr., Marcos Middleton, Nijaz Muratovic, Nicholas Pacino, Carlos Paz Zapata, Jordan Peters, Colton Rector, Matt Robinson, Austin Roth, Austin Schrum, and Riley Turner III. The coaching staff includes Head Coach Ricardo Garza, Jr.; Assistant Coaches Alex Ochoa, Bob Bartolone, and Joe Lange; Goalkeeper Coach Duane Kloepple; and Manager Jacob Luviano.
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Dual Credit Partnership Formed with Grandview School District
In a continued effort to partner with area school districts to expand educational opportunities to high school juniors and seniors, the Board approved a dual credit agreement with Grandview High School to develop a 24-credit hour program for qualifying students. The program combines face-to-face courses with online instruction.

Pump It Up: Fire Science Program Gets Used Truck
To support the institutional strategic aims of the Fire Science program, the Trustees approved the purchase of a 1997 Ferrarra Pumper Freightliner fire truck for $70,000 from Sentinel Emergency of Arnold.

Teaching Assignments/Personnel Request Approved
In employment matters, the Trustees approved a series of additional course offerings and teaching assignments for the fall semester, and accepted the request of Richard Marty who asked that he be released from his full-time duties in the Law Enforcement Academy at the end of the fall semester. He will remain with the college in a part-time teaching capacity.

Trustees Select Jarvis as New Women’s Basketball Coach
Following the resignation of Steve Cochran, who accepted a full-time coaching position at Maryville University, the Board approved the appointment of Steve Jarvis as the new women’s basketball coach for the 2013-14 season. Jarvis served as a head basketball coach at St. Louis Community College for seven years and owns and directs a youth basketball club.

Employee Medical/Dental/Life Insurance Renewed
Taking steps to keep rising insurance premiums to a minimum, the Board renewed the college’s contract with Coventry of Missouri for employee/dependent/retiree medical and dental insurance and administrative services for healthcare savings accounts and medical care flexible spending accounts for the upcoming calendar year.

The college has offered the same three plans with minimal changes in coverage for over eight years. Additionally, premiums for the POS or QHDHP have not increased in five years. Coventry projected that a 10.5 percent increase in premiums for all plan participants would be necessary. Alternatively, the college revised benefit levels so that the rising costs are incurred by those utilizing the plan. This allowed the college to keep the existing premium levels.

In a related matter, the Board also approved a renewal contract for employee life insurance ($20,000 of coverage per full-time employee) and accidental death/dismemberment coverage with Guardian for an additional year.

Board Revises Policy/Procedure Regarding Pay Period
Following first reading last month, the Board approved a change to policy/procedure, moving the pay date for employees from the last business day of the month to the last banking day of the month. This change is necessary to allow ample time to process payroll in December. The pay period for non-exempt employees ends on the 16th of the month, and the last college business day in December sometimes falls a few days after the end of the pay period.

2013-14 BAT Negotiators Selected
In connection with the annual meet-and-confer process regarding faculty association issues, Trustees George Engelbach and Ron Scaggs were selected to join administrators Julie Fraser (team chair) and Daryl Gehbauer as members of the Board Administration Team (BAT) for 2013-14.

Board Meeting Schedule
Upcoming meeting dates/times for the remainder of the year are: November 14 – 5:30 p.m. and December 12 – 5:30 p.m.
Often paired with this time of year are hopes to surprise our loved ones with special gifts that mean a lot to them...but that is not always so easy. After a lifetime of buying presents, you know that giving great gifts is not an easy task. Many times it’s because people already seem to have everything, or the hectic rush of this time of year makes holiday shopping a chore. But there are other, very positive routes for gift-giving, and they start with a reflection of what is truly dear to you and those you love.

**Honor Gifts: A New Twist to Your Holiday Giving**

This holiday season, consider adding “honor gifts” to your list of giving ideas. If you have a loved one that holds Jefferson College close to his or her heart, you could make a significant gift to the Foundation in that person’s honor.

By making an honor gift in a loved one’s name, you’ll establish a living tribute to him or her that: is always appreciated; carries significant meaning; and supports our work during a time of great need.

**How Honor Gifts Work**

Honor gifts are donations you make in recognition of someone significant in your life. These gifts are often made on traditional gift-giving occasions, but can also be used as a thoughtful way to say thanks or to congratulate a loved one for a noteworthy achievement or milestone reached.

**How to Complete Your Gift**

Making an honor gift to Jefferson College Foundation is easy. There are many options to help you honor someone special today and we would be happy to help you choose one. Just contact the Foundation Office at 636-797-3000, ext. 3104 or email foundation@jeffco.edu. Once you’ve chosen the option that works best for you, simply let us know that your donation is an honor gift. We’ll issue a tax receipt to you for your contribution. And, assuming this is your wish, we’ll announce your gift to the honoree—without stating the amount.

**Did You Know?**

Many types of donations made to Jefferson College give back to you, the giver. Depending on which method you choose, you could eliminate capital gains tax, generate an income tax deduction and be paid income for your lifetime—all while honoring a loved one and helping our important mission.

We value your support year-round, but this holiday season, when it comes to buying another gift, we hope you might consider an idea that benefits so many more and goes so much further, a gift that you’ll feel proud to give and the recipient will be honored to receive.
Start Your Engines . . . Foundation and Jefferson County Growth Association Co-Host Motorama Show

Thanks to everyone who organized, attended and participated in the second annual Jefferson County Motorama Show co-hosted by the Jefferson College Foundation and the Jefferson County Growth Association. The family-friendly event featured a variety of classic cars and other vehicles, along with live music, awards, and giveaways.

Proceeds from the Motorama Show went to the Foundation, whose mission is to support the growth and development of Jefferson College in whatever ways that are beneficial to students, faculty, staff and campus facilities.

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