PTK Honor Society’s 50th Anniversary Induction Ceremony and Celebration
Highlights Half-Century of Scholarly Achievement

44 members were recently inducted into the Jefferson College Xi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society during the organization’s fall ceremony marking the 50th anniversary on the Hillsboro campus.

As part of the half-century celebration, the chapter hosted a special ceremony with alumni from throughout the past 50 years, including representatives from the first inductions in 1965 and 1966. Among the Xi Zeta alumni in attendance were Sheila DeGeare Rogers - inducted 1965, Jane Houser - inducted 1966, Shirley Scarbrough - inducted 1985, and Kathy Wilhelm - inducted 2005. There were also a number of other PTK alumni/members in attendance who are now employed at the College including Karen Altenau-Smith, Roger Barrentine, Adam Boyer, Daniel Boyer, Chris DeGeare, Kathy Kyle, Dustin Lemp, Megan Lucas, Matt Vaughn, and Sherrie Weber.

The 50th anniversary celebration was highlighted with the burial of a time capsule (to be opened in 2065) and the planting a memorial Laurel shrub--Laurel is the Phi Theta Kappa symbol of achievement and success mentioned in all induction ceremonies--and the placement of a commemorative marker. The capsule contained a variety of items such as a Leader newspaper, personal letters from students, postage stamps and coins, local sales ads, College publications, PTK memorabilia, and a copy of the booklet “Life As We Know It” comparing 1965 and 2015.

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 organization serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming.

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The Xi Zeta chapter was established at Jefferson College in 1965 and has received numerous regional and international awards including Most Outstanding Missouri Chapter and National Top 10 Chapter. Chapter advisors are English Instructor Dr. Matthew Vaughn and Instructional Support Specialist Karen Hester.

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**Faculty Senate Seeks Alumnus of the Year Nominations for 2016**

In 1995, the Jefferson College Faculty Senate Executive Council initiated a program to recognize an outstanding alumnus at commencement each year. As a result, nominations from throughout the community are being sought for the 2016 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award.

Nominees must meet four criteria:

- A person who graduated from Jefferson College with a certificate or associate degree;
- Someone who has achieved distinction in his/her chosen field of employment;
- Someone who has been involved in community service; and
- A person not presently a trustee or an employee of Jefferson College.

An online submission form is available on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on Welcome > History>Alumnus of the Year links. The submission deadline is Friday, January 22.

Nominees will receive a questionnaire so they can provide information about how they meet the criteria. A faculty committee will review the answers and make a final selection.

The person selected will receive a plaque at the annual Jefferson College Honors and Recognition Ceremony in addition to having a brief biographical sketch in the commencement program. Past recipients include Marcella Weaver, Shirley Scarbrough, Tim Gray, Joan Murphy, Jeff Elbl, Chuck Martin, Todd Oetting, Vera McCullough, Matt Brown, Shawn Bell, Ann Gettinger, Jane Brunk Kost, Dr. Elmer E. Revelle, Regina Herrington, Rick Francis, William Overstreet, Lena Hutson, Andrew Held, Bill Haggard, Jane Houser, and Edward Moreno.

For more information about the Jefferson College Faculty Senate Outstanding Alumnus of the Year nomination process, contact English Professor Susan Todd at (636) 481-3347 or email stodd@jeffco.edu.
Shanna Meyer Named School Counselor Advocate of the Year

The Missouri School Counselor Association recently honored Jefferson College Enrollment Services Specialist Shanna Meyer as its School Counselor Advocate of the Year.

The award is open to individuals who advocate for the profession of school counseling from the state of Missouri. To be selected is the highest honor in the school counseling profession. Meyer was selected based upon the innovation she brings to her position, her leadership, and her service to students and school counselors in Jefferson County.

Shanna has been a key player in partnering with Jefferson County school counselors where she has created numerous presentations for students on the transition to college, and has sat individually with students and parents preparing them for the transition to post-secondary. Her individual, hands-on approach helps families feel at ease and confident with the decisions they make.

Her nominators speak of Shanna’s dedication, innovation and passion for her work and for her students. One nominator stated that she is “the best admissions counselor” he has ever worked with.

Faculty and Student Honored for Excellence by MCCA

Congratulations to Math Professor Bev Meyers (photo at right) as a recipient of the 2015 Missouri Community College Association’s Senior Service Award, presented during the recent MCCA annual convention. She has taught at the College for 23 years and has represented the institution through many statewide projects of the Missouri Department of Higher education along with serving 12 years as an officer of the Missouri Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges.

Kudos also to Student Senate President Liz Wiley (pictured below in center) who received the MCCA Student Leadership Award. Besides her participation in several other campus organizations, she is currently President of the Missouri Community College Association Student Government.
Marketing and Public Relations Department Wins Awards of Excellence

For the third consecutive year, the College’s Marketing and Public Relations Department has been recognized for its excellence by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR).

Jefferson College won 11 “Medallion of Excellence” Awards during the 2015 NCMPR District 5 Conference:

- Website – www.jeffco.edu
- Postcard – High School Targeted Series
- Radio Advertisement/PSA Single – College in Your Pajamas?
- Radio Advertisement/PSA Series – Great Careers/Great Education
- Academic Catalog – 2015-16 General Catalog
- Electronic Academic Catalog – 2015-16 General Catalog
- Electronic Newsletter – The Windjammer
- Print Ad Single – Compare the Cost
- Print Ad Series – Spring 2015 Registration
- Government Relations or Community Relations Project – 2015 Legislative Week Packet
- Social Media or Online Marketing Campaign – Think Summer UpSnap Mobile Campaign

Department personnel include Roger Barrentine, Erin Bova, Amy Coomes, Matt Keeney, Lauren Murphy, Joel Speth, and Tom Struckhoff.

The regional Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in communication at community and technical colleges in District 5 (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, the Canadian province of Manitoba, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands). It is the only competition of its kind that honors excellence exclusively among marketing and public relations professionals at two-year colleges.

Jefferson College Students Help Provide 100+ Oil Changes for Vets

Students from the Jefferson College Automotive Technology Program recently volunteered at Meineke Car Care Center in Arnold to provide current and former military personnel with a free basic oil change on Veterans Day for the fourth consecutive year. Owners Charlie and Debbie Shelton estimated that more than 100 free oil changes were performed.

Instructors Gary Boyher and Gerard Uhls used the opportunity for students to gain hands on experience in a real shop setting while paying respect to those who have served our country.

Refreshments were provided to veterans as they waited for their vehicles. Many took advantage of the seating provided to relax and share stories of their service.
Viking Athletes Named NJCAA All-Americans

Three Jefferson College Viking student-athletes have been honored as National Junior College Athletic Association Division I All-Americans for 2015. They include Mary Grace Masters (First Team Libero) and Rachel Poole (Second Team Setter) from the Volleyball team along with Chevaughn Walsh (First Team Forward) of the Soccer team.

Congratulations to each of these outstanding athletes and their respective coaches for receiving this extraordinary recognition and for their dedication on behalf of Jefferson College and the Athletics Department.

Basketball Team Focused on Solid Play and Winning Season

Are you ready for some Viking basketball? The season has begun and the team would appreciate your support at any of their upcoming games. Come join the fun and cheer the team on to victory as they take on competition from across the region.

The 2015-2016 team includes Jessica Moore, Symone Robinson, Reje Pitchford, Grety Minculeasa, Haley Meyer, Janaye Randle, Kya Hill, Denica McGinnist, Michelle Akolade, Anete Petersone, Tanner Bencomo, and Bo Hayes. The coaching staff is led by Head Coach Steve Jarvis, and Assistant Coaches Travis Cearley and Chelsea Freymuth.

Basketball Upcoming Home Schedule

December 16 at 6 p.m. vs. Southeastern Iowa
December 19 at 2:30 p.m. vs. Illinois Central
January 13 at 6 p.m. vs. Mineral Area
January 20 at 6 p.m. vs. Moberly
January 29 at 6 p.m. vs. Missouri Baptist
February 10 at 6 p.m. vs. Three Rivers
February 13 at 2 p.m. vs. Crowder
February 17 at 6 p.m. vs. State Fair

For complete schedules, player profiles and statistics for all of Jefferson College’s athletic teams, visit the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu and click on the “Athletics” tab. Go Vikings!
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Board Supports Selection of Master Plan Architect

Following a comprehensive review and selection process, the Board approved a two-year contract with TR.i Architects to develop an educational and facilities master plan for the College. Eleven statements of qualifications were received and seven firms were chosen for oral presentations to College personnel. TR.i scored the highest in the final evaluation process.

Faculty and Staff Appointments Set

In personnel matters, the Trustees approved the appointment of Connie Kuchar as Interim Division Chair of Math and Science to replace Linda Abernathy who will be retiring in January.

Additionally, the Board approved the employment of Blaire Birdsong to fill the vacant part-time ATS Business Management faculty position effective February 1 on a Level I appointment for the Spring 2016 semester.

Fitness Center Equipment Purchase Underscores Commitment to Health-Wellness

In connection with the College’s strategic planning process and emphasis on health and well-being, coupled with continued funding via the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation Grant, the Board approved the upgrade of equipment in the Fitness Center. PR Fitness was the selected vendor for $87,596.60, with the Strategic Planning Committee approving $38,364 as a capital expense for fiscal year 2016 and the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation grant funds covering the remaining $49,232.60.

Bids for Annual Computing Purchase and Electronic Payment System Vendor Accepted

The annual purchase of computers, laptops, printers, and audio visual equipment to replace that which is either obsolete or no longer functioning properly was approved by the Board for a total of $296,935.46. Plant funds will be used for $221,431.87 and state Enhancement Grant funds will be used for $75,503.59.

In a related technology purchase, the Board approved a contract with NelNet for $10,000 to deploy and an annual cost of $26,138 to provide an electronic commerce system for students, faculty, staff and community. This will reduce the current burden of producing over 8,000 paper checks in the Business Office and also comply with the Federal Department of Higher Education’s regulation to offer students a choice of methods of receiving refunds. The system will also allow the College to eventually sell event tickets electronically.

Policy and Procedure Revisions Approved

The Board approved a revision to Policy II-019 regarding enrollment in Jefferson College classes and Procedure IV-09 regarding recognition of the faculty association.

Consent Agenda Items Approved

Among the items approved in the Consent Agenda was additional full-time faculty overload and adjunct teaching assignments for the fall semester along with a series of curriculum proposals.

Last Board Meeting for 2015

The final Board of Trustees meeting of the year will be on December 17 – 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building on the Hillsboro campus. Anyone is welcome to attend. All monthly meeting agendas and related information is available online at http://www.boarddocs.com/mo/jefferson/Board.nsf/Public.
Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation Awards $210,125 Grant to Support Health, Wellness and Education at College

As part of Jefferson College’s continued emphasis on health-related education, the Jefferson College Foundation recently received a $210,125 grant on behalf of the College from the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation.

The grant will specifically provide for $110,000 to continue and support the student/employee holistic Wellness Program, $70,125 to purchase Nursing SIM lab equipment, and $30,000 to support Health Occupation scholarships.

“Thanks to the generosity and support of the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation, Jefferson College continues to make significant strides to improve the success of our students while contributing to a healthier campus environment through a comprehensive approach to wellness,” said Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey.

“The Foundation is pleased to be able to help address the health and wellness needs of the entire Jefferson College family,” said Jefferson College Foundation President Rick Vest. “The cooperation between Foundation and College personnel in developing a successful proposal demonstrates the level of appreciation that exists for higher education in our community.”

This is the third time that grant funds have been awarded to the Jefferson College Foundation and Jefferson College through the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation grant program, which will continue twice per year for organizations and public entities that will use the resources to improve healthcare in Jefferson County.

H. W. Herrell Distributing Company
$1,500 Gift for Jimmy McCoy Music Scholarship

In memory of the passing of Jimmy McCoy, who was a valued, long-time seasonal employee of H. W. Herrell Distributing, the company generously contributed $1,500 to the Jefferson College Foundation towards the newly created Jimmy McCoy Music Scholarship.

The donation included $500 from customers and employees along with a matching amount from H. W. Herrell Corporate and President Carol Ann Herrell-Schanz to mark the total gift of $1,500.

Pictured, from left, is Chuck Herrell, Vice President/COO of H.W. Herrell Distributing; Carol Ann Herrell-Schanz, President of H.W. Herrell Distributing; Cindy Holst (Jimmy’s sister); and James McCoy Sr. (Jimmy’s father).

Established last March, the Jimmy McCoy Music Scholarship is available to students enrolled full time with a 2.5 GPA and who demonstrate financial need. The award is $1,250 per semester to one student per academic year from the Festus, Crystal City, Herculaneum, or St. Pius school districts.
The third annual Leader Publications-Jefferson College Foundation Holiday Dinner was a sold-out success that showcased some of the area’s best and most delicious local recipes. It resulted in $5,800 in ticket sales, as the net proceeds will benefit students and enhance education in the Culinary Arts program.

Thanks to Area Technical School Culinary Arts Professor Steve Berkel and his students for preparing and serving the various dishes, along with students from the Music Department. Most of all, the Foundation and Leader Publications, Inc. wish to thank the 230+ individuals who attended the fun-filled evening.

To see additional photos from the event, visit “Jefferson College News and Events” on Facebook or read the Leader newspaper.

Photos courtesy of Leader photographer Ted R. Howell
Monticello Society Induction Ceremony Honors Donors

To celebrate those who have made significant contributions to the Jefferson College Foundation in support of Jefferson College and its students, the Foundation recently hosted its fifth Monticello Society recognition ceremony.

2015 inductees include Sheet Metal Contractors, Inc.; Harry and Genie Mueller; the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation; and St. Anthony’s Medical Center. Each Monticello Society honoree received an engraved, pewter cup based on an original design by Thomas Jefferson.

“The generosity and compassion of those who are being recognized through the Monticello Society underscores the belief that access to a college education can make the difference between failure and success in someone’s life,” said College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. “Jefferson College and its students are extremely grateful for their level of support in helping to make our community better through the opportunity to receive a higher education.”

Those who attended the event were entertained by students from the college’s Music program, while enjoying gourmet refreshments prepared by Specialized Catering/Food Service Consultants, Inc. donated by Foundation Board Member Mike Kumpf.

The Monticello Society meets annually to recognize new members whose generosity and loyalty has a great impact on Jefferson College. The Society’s members’ contributions to the Foundation since its inception in 1991—whether a bequest, in kind, planned giving, establishing a scholarship, or restricted/unrestricted cash—has a combined total of nearly $4 million.

The mission of the Jefferson College Foundation is to increase resources, raise funds, and cultivate friends and partnerships to support Jefferson College and its mission.
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