College Advocates Adequate, Equitable State Funding During Legislative Visit

Missouri’s community colleges currently educate about 40 percent of the state’s undergraduates, while receiving only 15 percent of state funds appropriated to public colleges and universities. In Jefferson County, more students choose to attend Jefferson College than any other two-year or four-year private or public institution in the region.

As such, a delegation of Jefferson College administrators travelled to Jefferson City the week of January 19 to talk with state legislators and advocate for adequate, equitable funding. The college also sent a contingent of students and staff to the capitol on Feb. 24 to participate in the statewide Missouri Community College Association Rally Day in a united effort to raise awareness.

Legislative priorities advocated by Jefferson College on behalf of our community include:

**Adequate and Equitable Funding to Support Core Operating Budgets**

**Keeping the A+ Promise to Jefferson County Students and Families** by restoring full funding—including a supplemental appropriation if necessary—to ensure that Jefferson County students meeting A+ requirements receive full tuition at a community college or technical school. All public high schools are designated A+ in Jefferson County.

**Ongoing Funding for Capital Improvements** - Develop a spending plan (under legislation that has already been passed) that will provide substantial, ongoing investment to support capital improvements and renovations to help Jefferson College sustain its 50+ year old campus to serve the next generation of residents. Among the college’s most significant capital project needs is the Library, which is heavily used by students and community members and is in extreme need of Americans with Disabilities access renovations, heating and ventilation modifications, and study/learning resource improvements.

**Support Workforce Training Programs - Securing and Keeping Jobs in Our Community** - Support Jefferson College in its ongoing effort to train residents for good-paying jobs in our region by maintaining funding for programs that will enhance workforce competitiveness and economic development, such as the Missouri Works Training Program. Jefferson College led the charge for Jefferson County to be designated as a Certified Work Ready Community. The college is a statewide leader in using WorkKeys and the National Career Ready Certificate as the first community college in Missouri to provide students with an industry recognized credential upon graduation, giving them a competitive advantage in the job search process as an important link between education and the workforce development needs of employers in the county and region.

As an advocate for our community and region, College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey remains in contact with local, state and national legislators regarding issues related to community colleges and higher education. In mid-February, he participated in the Association of Community College Trustees’ Annual Legislative Summit where he spoke with Senators Claire McCaskill and Roy Blunt and Representatives Blaine Leutkemeyer and Jason Smith about federal issues like President Obama’s proposal to make two years of community college free, and Pell Grants and Perkins funding, that have a direct impact on local students.
Nursing Program New Faculty -
Focusing on Student Success, Technology, Academic Preparation

In addition to a revamped curriculum, an emphasis on skills development and academic needs of students, and introduction of state-of-the-art patient simulation equipment, an entirely new group of highly qualified faculty are making their mark on the Jefferson College Nursing program as part of a recent revitalization of the well-known career training program.

Over the past two years, the eight-member instructional team has been restructured following the retirement of several long-time faculty. The Nursing program is subsequently undergoing a transformation as the group works together by bringing a wide range of professional experiences to the college and classroom.

New faculty include Holly Boettcher, Sherry Callahan, Kathleen Harris, Louise Jadwisiak, Barbara Lodge, Kathleen Martin, Amy McDaniel, and April Norton-Gunther.

Along with the renewed sense of enthusiasm and purpose, hiring faculty who collectively care deeply about student success has been key to the program’s turnaround following a marked decline in student passage rates on the state licensing examination, according to Director of Nursing Linda Boevingloh.

“When you have excellent, committed faculty, that’s half the battle,” she said. “We have great faculty, we have great staff, and we expect our students to do well because everybody’s giving 150 percent.”

Student preparation and success is central to the mindset of everyone associated with the Nursing program. “Every student has the possibility to succeed,” said Boevingloh. “Every faculty member in our program believes that, and we’re going to continue working very hard to make sure our students do.”

Other hallmarks of the program include relevant, industry-focused curriculum; tremendous clinical practicum experiences at sites throughout the region; state-of-the-art patient simulation labs; and individualized academic and personal support services. The program also offers flexible advancement from PN to RN to BSN thanks to Jefferson College’s educational partnership with Central Methodist University.
Dean’s List Announced for Fall 2014

Jefferson College Associate Vice President of Student Services, Julie Fraser, recently published the Dean’s List for the Fall 2014 semester, containing the names of 756 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/news/deanslist.

Spring Comedy “Rumors” March 5-8

Jefferson College’s PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) event series will continue with the presentation of the spring comedy “Rumors” by Neil Simon March 5-8 in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus.

Shows are Friday and Saturday, March 6-7, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus. The play contains adult language.

At a large, tastefully appointed Sneden’s Landing townhouse, the deputy mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of farce. Gathering for their wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in the other room and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer, Ken, and wife, Chris, must get “the story” straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusion and miscommunication mounts, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

The play is being directed by Communication and Theatre Professor Dr. Rebecca Ellison.

Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be bought at the door one hour before each show depending on availability.

To view a full list of upcoming PACE performances, visit the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu/pace. Questions about tickets can be answered by calling (636) 481-3123.
48-Hour Film Contest Offers Unique Chance to Earn Cash Prizes

As part of the Jefferson College PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series, community filmmaking teams are invited to direct, produce, or star in an original short film during the fifth annual 48-Hour Film Festival sponsored by the college’s Events/Cultural Diversity Committee and Art Department.

The contest is open to all Missouri residents within a 200 mile radius of the Hillsboro campus. There is no cost to enter. Teams of up to five members will be given a theme and must work within 48 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.

The deadline for entry forms and a preliminary meeting will be held on Friday, March 6, at noon (Fine Arts Mac Lab, Hillsboro Campus, Room FA 210). Teams are required to attend a kickoff meeting on Friday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Rules:
All work must be original and shot within the 48 hours allotted. Films must conform to the decency standards of a community college environment as determined by the Film Committee.

Teams will begin filming on March 13 and will have access to the college’s Fine Arts Mac Lab for editing. Finished films must be submitted by Sunday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded for “Best Overall Film” ($300) and “Runner Up” ($200). Submitted films will be shown during a public screening on Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus. Due to time constraints, the screening may be limited to the 10 best films.

Entry forms and additional details are available by contacting Assistant Art Professor Nick Nihira at nnihira@jeffco.edu or (636) 481-3377.
College to Host Master Gardener Series This Spring

Jefferson College Continuing Education Coordinator Hal Neisler (left) and Ron Patrick, President of Jefferson County Master Gardeners, finalize the schedule of spring classes for the certified Missouri Master Gardener program available through the college.

An exciting and far ranging study, given by 19 instructors who are experts in their chosen topics, is planned for the 12 week session. Classes will be held at the Hillsboro campus on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning April 15. A complete list of Master Gardener classes is available by calling the University of Missouri Extension Office at (636) 797-5391. The cost for the full program is $150 plus a $50 deposit to be returned upon completing 30 hours of volunteer service by July 2016.

“Our mission is to create interest and expertise in gardening, to eliminate mistakes made by first time gardeners, and to enhance the capabilities of those who have enjoyed gardening for years,” said Patrick.

For those who do not wish to become a certified Master Gardener, individual courses are available for $20 per class and include:

• Growing Vegetables (April 15),
• Flowering Plants: Annuals and Perennials (April 22),
• Container Gardening and Worm Gardening (April 29),
• Soil Science and Sustainable Gardening (May 6), and
• Seed Saving/Composting/Tree Pruning (May 13).

Each class will be held on Wednesday evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the Hillsboro campus.

For registration details and additional questions about the spring gardening series, call the Continuing Education 24-hour customer service line at (636) 481-3144.
Board Approves Actions for Administrators and Faculty Contracts

In personnel matters, the Trustees acknowledged the resignation of Physics Professor Tom Schuessler effective June 1.

Administratively, the Board extended the contract of President Raymond Cummiskey by an additional year, through June 30, 2018. The Board also extended the respective contracts of Vice President Daryl Gehbauer, Associate Vice President Julie Fraser, and Deans Shirley Davenport and Dr. Dena McCaffrey, by one year, to June 30, 2017.

Additionally, the Board approved the employment of Dr. Caron Daugherty as the new Vice President of Instruction to replace Dr. Mindy Selsor who will retire on June 30. Daugherty has been employed at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, since 2011 and previously served in a variety of positions at both two-year and four-year institutions. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Professional Writing and a Master of Arts in English from Missouri State University. She also received her Educational Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

College Receives Good Rating on State Audit

To conclude the recent financial audit by the Missouri state auditor’s office as part of a random review of state-supported agencies, the Board accepted the agency’s final report. The audit concluded with an overall performance rating as “Good,” the second highest rating possible, with some minor control and procedural improvements noted. All of the issues noted have already been or are in the process of being addressed.

Analytics Program to Bolster Student Success

To advance student success as part of the college’s MOSTEMWINs grant, the Board approved the purchase of a Student Learning Analytics Processing System program for $22,500. The technology will allow the college to identify at-risk students at an early stage to offer interventions in a pro-active manner. At present, Jefferson College does not possess a system to predict and identify students that are at high risk for non-completion.

Curriculum Changes Get Go Ahead

The Board approved recommendations from the Curriculum Committee regarding a series of proposals for Music, Automation and Electrical Control Systems, Communication, Economics, Mathematics, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Business Information Technology.
Dual Credit Agreement Approved with DeSoto 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 the DeSoto school district to develop a 25 credit hour program for qualifying students. The program combines face-to-face courses with online instruction.

Wellness Center Proposal Part of Holistic Health Initiative

As an extension of a campus Holistic Wellness Program, for which the college received $153,500 in funding from the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation last December, the Board approved an architectural services contract for $50,000 with TRi of St. Louis to design and oversee construction of a wellness center addition to the Field House on the Hillsboro campus. The college will submit the design fees and expenses to the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation for approval of the first phase of the construction project. Additional phases of the project will be solely contingent on identifying sufficient external funding sources.

Fire Alarm System Purchase Tied to Ongoing Maintenance

Continuing the project to upgrade the college’s fire alarm system in connection with the institutional strategic planning process, the Trustees approved the purchase of fire alarm equipment for the Administration, Library, Fine Arts, Field House, and Child Development Center buildings. SimplexGrinnell LP of Earth City was the approved vendor for $175,045.22.

Fine Arts Theatre and Field House Audio Systems Enhance Sound

In connection with the college’s strategic planning process, the Board approved new audio systems for the Hillsboro campus’ two most heavily used buildings for community-centered events, the Fine Arts Theater and Field House, whose existing systems are at least 25 years old and no longer compatible with current technology.

The $184,828.91 contract with TSI of St. Charles will include an audio control booth in the back of the Fine Arts Theater which will allow for more precise sound mixing and additional ADA seating. Additionally, the Field House system will address deficiencies where existing speakers do not adequately cover and result in dead spaces and a delayed effect.

Waiver Granted for Cafeteria Sales Commission

Due to declining sales over the past several years, the college’s foodservice provider, FSC, was granted a temporary waiver of payment of college commissions through the end of the current fiscal year. College representatives will meet with FSC at the end of the school year to re-evaluate the situation and make any necessary ongoing contract adjustments.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates/Times

March 12 (6 p.m.) * Time change due to Board mini-retreat/work session
April 16 (6:30 p.m.)
May 14 (5:30 p.m.)
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The Jefferson College Foundation

cordially invites you
to put on your

JAZZED-UP JEANS

and join us for an evening of fun!

Saturday, April 25, 2015

This event raises funds to
support scholarships, emergency student loans,
assistance with textbook costs and other projects for the benefit of students attending Jefferson College.

6:00 PM Social Hour & Silent Auction (open bar)
7:00 PM Silent Auction Section Closings Begin
7:30 PM Dinner Served
8:15 PM Fund a Future
8:30 PM Music & Dancing with Live Entertainment
Featuring the Jefferson College Jazz Band & Student Dancers

TICKETS

$75 per person or $750 per table of 10
Kindly Reserve Your Tickets by April 17

Register online at www.jeffco.edu and click on the “Jazz & Jeans” logo. You may also purchase sponsorships, tables/tickets and program advertisements at this link.
Spring 2015 Schedule

Mar 5 - 8  Spring Play “Rumors” by Neil Simon
Mar 10 7:30 PM  Band Concert “Through the Years” **FREE**!
Mar 12 7:30 PM  Spring Jazz Showcase: Featuring Carmen Bradford
Mar 13 - 15  Film Festival (kickoff meeting is 3/13, screening is 4/10) **FREE**!
Mar 29 3 PM  Choir Concert “A Celebration of Song” **FREE**!
April 16 - 17 7 PM  Big Muddy Dance Company
April 27 - May 8  Jefferson College Student Art Show **FREE**!
May 3 1 PM  Backyard BBQ with the CharFlies **FREE**!
May 5 7:30 PM  Band Concert “Summer Celebration” **FREE**!
May 6 - 7  Spring Pottery Sale (5/6, 10 AM - 6 PM; 5/7 9 AM - 4 PM)
May 7 7:30 PM  Choir Concert “A Lighter Fare” **FREE**!
June 19 - 21 & 26 - 27  Summer Musical “Bye Bye Birdie”

Individual Event Pricing / Advance Tickets:
$5 General Admission  $2 Students & Seniors
All individual advance ticket purchases must be done in person at the Cashier’s Window

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