Registration is underway for winter, spring and summer college-credit classes at Jefferson College with a variety of associate degree programs and technical certificate options available to fit anyone’s schedule.

In addition to a full schedule of JC Online courses, on-site classes are available at three locations throughout Jefferson County including Hillsboro, Arnold, and Imperial. Students may visit any location to receive enrollment information.

A complete list of available classes is located on the newly redesigned Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu. The college offers a variety of flexible class options that include evening, online, Saturday, eight-week formats, and hybrid (on site/online). Not all programs are available at all locations.

Registration locations and hours are:

**Hillsboro Campus – Enrollment Services**
1000 Viking Drive
8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Friday
9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, January 10

**Jefferson College Arnold**
1687 Missouri State Road
8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday
8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday
8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday
9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, January 10

**Jefferson College Imperial**
4400 Jeffco Blvd.
8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday
8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday

All sites will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 19, and reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 5.
Students may choose from four associate degree pathways:

**Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)** – a series of career and technical education programs designed for those who wish to gain employment directly upon graduation. The A.A.S. degree is not designed to transfer. In most programs, students may pursue either a degree or a career and technical certificate.

**Associate of Arts (A.A.)** – a general studies program designed to transfer to a four-year college or university toward a bachelor’s degree.

**Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.)** – designed to transfer to a four-year teacher education program toward a bachelor’s degree.

**Associate of Science – Pre-Engineering (A.S.)** – designed to transfer to an engineering institution, specifically the Missouri University of Science and Technology, toward a bachelor’s degree.

Residents can also pursue a bachelor’s degree in selected programs through Jefferson College’s cooperative partnerships with Missouri Baptist University, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and Central Methodist University.

To help students succeed, the college also offers a variety of academic and personal support services including the Academic Success Center (with writing and math labs), Project SUCCESS, financial aid services, a Career Development Center, an Honors Program, peer tutoring, disability support, a Learning Center, and childcare services (Hillsboro campus).

To receive more information about registration and programs, call Enrollment Services at (636) 481-3209.

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**College Marketing and Public Relations Department Wins Medallion Awards of Excellence**

For the second consecutive year, the Jefferson College Marketing and Public Relations Department has been recognized for its excellence by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.

Jefferson College won four “Medallion of Excellence” Awards during the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations District 5 Conference. The community college’s Marketing and Public Relations Department was awarded gold in the Outdoor Media category, silver in the Print Advertisement Series category, silver in the Printed Academic Catalog category, and silver in the Electronic Newsletter category.

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.

Department personnel include Roger Barrentine, Amy Coomes, Matt Keeney, Lauren Murphy, Joel Speth, and Tom Struckhoff.
College is Host Site for Missouri National Guard 220th Welcome Home Ceremony

Glad to have you back home. . . Jefferson College was the place to be as over 1,000 family members, friends and supporters of all ages attended a welcome home ceremony for the Missouri National Guard’s 220th Engineer Company on December 6 in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus.

The 220th mobilized to support Operation Enduring Freedom April 23, 2014, and deployed to Afghanistan. The Company is based in Festus and is led by Capt. Michael Paluczak and 1st Sgt. Russell Pierce.

Their mission included the closure or transfer of Forward Operating Bases: Pasab, Mascall, Camp Leatherneck, and Shinand Air Base. The unit also aided in the deconstruction of several other bases. The 220th Engineer Company deconstructed over 80,000 square feet of wood structures, removed over 2,000 concrete barrier walls, over 100 Alaskan Tents, 50,000 linear feet of HESCOS structures and graded a considerable number of acres.

Jefferson College is extremely honored to have been chosen at the “welcome home headquarters” for this county-wide celebration. The college proudly says thanks for the dedicated service by these men and women on behalf of our country. . . welcome home!
To signify their ongoing commitment to health care and public well-being initiatives, Jefferson College and Mercy recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening for the new Mercy on Campus Health Clinic.

Mercy on Campus is the area's first community college health clinic and fits with Jefferson College's emphasis on health occupations training programs and wellness. Mercy Hospital Jefferson in Crystal City views the new clinic as an expansion of the relationship the college and hospital have created through the past six decades.

The ribbon cutting ceremony, sponsored by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, featured remarks by Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey, Mercy Hospital Jefferson President Eric Ammons, and Mercy physicians Dr. Charles Rehm and Dr. Tassy Hayden.

The new clinic is open to community members, students, and college employees/dependents for sick visits, personal wellness, chronic disease management, vaccinations, stress management, and other health programs.

**Mercy on Campus Health Clinic**
802 Mel Carnahan Drive – Hillsboro Campus
Viking Woods Apartment 215

**Clinic Hours – December 2014**
Monday  9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Thursday  10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Appointment Scheduling - Information**
24-Hour Phone Access (636) 543-2290

Having an on-campus medical clinic benefits the college by providing a convenient source of medical treatment and reducing employee and student downtime due to the immediate availability. It also has the potential to reduce medical costs and the college's insurance claims by offering an affordable alternative to hospital emergency rooms and acute care centers.

**PACE Series Jazz Festival Concert December 11**

Jefferson College’s annual PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) event series will continue with a Jazz Festival concert on Thursday, December 11, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus. Admission to the concert is free. It is suitable for all ages and family members.

The evening will feature performances by several high school groups from across the region including Potosi High School, Northwest High School, Hillsboro High School, Windsor High School, and the Jefferson College Jazz Ensemble. Earlier in the day, the high school bands (along with Fox High School and Herculaneum High School who were unavailable for the evening concert) will participate in clinics.

There will be an open jam session at noon led by Dr. Tim Fischer on guitar. Additionally, instrument master classes will be held at 4 p.m. led by Dave Black on guitar, Ben Wheeler on bass, Montez Coleman on drums, Adam Hucke on trumpet, Cody Henry on trombone, and Dr. Joel Vanderheyden on saxophone.

To view a full-color e-brochure detailing upcoming PACE performances and season pass information, visit the Jefferson College website at [www.jeffco.edu/PACE](http://www.jeffco.edu/PACE).
Jefferson College Area Technical School Metal Fabrication student Ashli Bailey of Hillsboro is one of only three students from across the country to win the “A Cut Above” individual/essay contest sponsored by Victor Technologies International, Inc., a welding and cutting equipment company headquartered in St. Louis.

Aside from an individual cash award of $250 to Bailey, the Area Technical School Metal Fabrication program will receive a cutting and welding equipment package worth approximately $4,000.

Contest participants were required to write about the importance of welding and cutting in their life. Bailey’s essay was about how participating in the Area Technical School Metal Fabrication program has empowered her as a female in a traditionally male field of work.

“Metal fabrication doesn’t just focus on welding and cutting,” she wrote. “It also focuses on other tools, working on machines, and most importantly learning that you can accomplish anything once you put your mind to it. It shows you responsibility. We all are assigned some type of job to do in the shop and it’s our jobs to make sure it gets done in time and correctly. I’m thankful for taking this class for the past year and a half. It really has taught me a lot. I’ve learned about teamwork and depending on yourself. So from a girl’s point of view, yes, I do believe that everyone should take some type of class like this. It shows that girls can do anything that boys can do, no matter how hard, how dirty, or how dangerous it can be. We can do it.”

Bailey was supported and encouraged by her Area Technical School instructors Sheba Nitsch (Applied Communications) and Rob Rodden (Metal Fabrication).


Sending high schools include Crystal City, DeSoto, Festus, Fox, Seckman, Grandview, Herculaneum, Hillsboro, Jefferson, Kingston, Northwest, and Windsor. Costs for students participating in the Area Technical School are paid by each individual’s school district.
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Trustee Election Filing Begins Dec. 16

In order to comply with Missouri Statutes regarding filing for the 2015 Trustee election and the seats currently held by George Engelbach and Steve Meinberg, the Board authorized the publication of a notice in the Jefferson County Leader. Filing will begin at 8 a.m. on December 16 and close at 4:30 p.m. on January 20.

EMT-Paramedic Equipment Purchase Enhances Instruction

In an effort to meet the institutional strategic aims for the EMT-Paramedic program, the Board approved the purchase of a Lifepak 15 monitor/defibrillator. The equipment was recommended by the program’s advisory committee in order to train students using the same technology found at most local ambulance and fire districts, allowing graduates to be more competitive in the job market. Enhancement Grant funds will pay 75 percent and Plant funds will pay 25 percent of the $26,199.11 purchase price.

CIM Faculty Resigns

In personnel matters, the Board accepted the resignation of Mike McKinney, Assistant Professor of Computer Integrated Manufacturing, who indicated his intent to open his own machine shop business.

Board Policy/Procedure Changes Approved on First Reading

To address a new administrative student withdrawal option, the Board suspended the rules and approved a series of revised policies and procedures on first reading.

Multi-Faceted IT Purchases Impact Entire Institution

To sustain the technology necessary to keep the college’s computer-related infrastructure operating at peak levels, the Board approved a variety of equipment and service agreements as recommended by the IT Department.

Among the purchases was hardware and support for virtual server storage expansion in the amount of $36,424.97, a variety of equipment as part of the annual bulk computer purchase for a total of $285,797.54, a three-year Microsoft Software licensing agreement for a total cost of $77,945.70, and a three-year telephone maintenance agreement for a total cost of $51,393.72.

Employee Medical and Dental Insurance Plans Renewed

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.

2015 Meeting Dates Announced

The Board of Trustees meets in public session on the second Thursday after the first Monday of each month. Meeting dates/times for 2015 are:
January 15 (5:30 p.m.), February 19 (5:30 p.m.), March 12 (5:30 p.m.), April 16 (6:30 p.m.), May 14 (5:30 p.m.), June 11 (8 a.m.), July 16 (8 a.m.), August 13 (8 a.m.), September 17 (5:30 p.m.), October 15 (6:30 p.m.), November 12 (5:30 p.m.), and December 17 (5:30 p.m.) in the Administration building on the Hillsboro campus.
As part of Jefferson College’s continued emphasis on health-related education, the Jefferson College Foundation recently received a $153,500 grant on behalf of the college from the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation to create a campus holistic wellness program.

It will provide funding to address the growing wellness needs of the college through the creation of a comprehensive initiative that will give personalized access to services in order to address the multiple challenges faced by students and employees.

“Thanks to the generosity and support of the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation, Jefferson College will continue making significant strides to improve the success of our students and contributing to a healthier campus environment through a comprehensive approach to wellness,” said 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,” added 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.”

Jefferson College will specifically use the grant funds to employ a wellness program director and wellness counselor, perform a thorough assessment of Jefferson College’s present offerings and needs analysis for each of the seven domains of wellness, seek input from campus community members, develop programs to address campus wellness needs (such as on-campus seminars, group classes, social gatherings, environmental initiatives, etc.), and promote outreach and integrate the initiatives within the campus community.

Jefferson College employs more than 550 full- and part-time faculty and staff, and serves an average of 6,000 students each year. The holistic wellness program will available to the entire campus population, with the potential to expand to Jefferson County residents in the future.

This is the second 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.

Nearly 160 people enjoyed a six course dinner at the second annual Leader Holiday Dinner held recently at Jefferson College in the Viking Cafe. The event, which raised over $3,300 for the college’s Culinary Arts program, was sponsored by the local newspaper and the Jefferson College Foundation.

Aside from the delicious food, the evening’s activities included music by the Jefferson College Jazz Ensemble and a grand-prize winner chosen from among six recipe finalists. Diners were served by a staff of “celebrity” waiters from the College and Foundation, assisted by students from the Culinary Arts program. The evening’s food was prepared by staff from Specialized Catering/Food Service Consultants, Inc. led by company president and Foundation Board Member Mike Kumpf.
Health Occupation Students Awarded Scholarships via Grant from Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation

In an effort to provide educational opportunities for area residents in Jefferson College’s Health Occupation programs, 18 students from across the region have been awarded scholarships thanks to a $20,000 grant to the Jefferson College Foundation from the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation earlier this fall.

As a leader in providing high quality associate degree programs, the college has expanded its offerings by creating several new healthcare-centered training programs to meet the demand for skilled professionals.

The Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation scholarships were awarded to students in the Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Biomedical Electronics Technician, Respiratory Therapy, and Health Information Technology programs.

Scholarship recipients include Shaina Bagsby of St. Louis (Radiologic Technology), Hadas Becker of Crystal City (Nursing), Victoria Cradic of Catawissa (Nursing), Heidi Gaines of Hillsboro (Biomedical Electronics Technology), Amy Gibson of DeSoto (Nursing), Cherie Hemkens of O’Fallon, Mo (Radiologic Technology), Ashley Lederich of Imperial (Health Information Technology), Joseph Mikesch of Imperial (Nursing), Dawn Murray of Pevely (Nursing), Laura Pfiffner of Festus (Physical Therapist Assistant), Shawna Price of Festus (Respiratory Therapy), Stephanie Price of Hillsboro (Physical Therapist Assistant), Kenzie Rapp of St. Louis (Pre-Occupational Therapy Assistant), Stanley Shaw III of High Ridge (Nursing), Emily Whitaker of St. Louis (Nursing), Hannah Whitener of Fredericktown (Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant), Tabitha Williams of St. Louis (Pre-Occupational Therapy Assistant), and Geri Wipfler of Ste. Genevieve (Occupational Therapy Assistant).

St. Anthony’s Charitable Foundation Scholarships Support Healthcare Education

Five students from Jefferson College’s Health Occupation programs have been awarded scholarships in connection with a $10,000 donation from St. Anthony’s Charitable Foundation to help support the education of future healthcare professionals in our community.

Representatives from St. Anthony’s Foundation and St. Anthony’s Medical Center recently visited the college to congratulate the scholarship recipients: Megan Bondurant of Festus (Nursing), Debra Honaker-Pieper of O’Fallon, MO (Radiologic Technology), Lisa Snider of St. Louis (Nursing), Jinnie Smith of Pevely (Nursing), and Danny Tibbs of Park Hills (Nursing).

As a regional leader in providing outstanding healthcare occupational training for area residents, the $2,000 scholarships are enabling the students to receive a high-quality education at Jefferson College while meeting the critical need for skilled healthcare professionals.

“This donation represents the beginning of a community partnership between Jefferson College and St. Anthony’s,” said Patricia Ranzini, Executive Director of the St. Anthony’s Charitable Foundation. “We are both committed to improving the health of our residents by providing the most qualified health care workers who live and work right here.”
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