Edward Moreno is Jefferson College's 2015 Alumnus of the Year

The Jefferson College Faculty Senate recently selected Edward Moreno as Jefferson College's 2015 Alumnus of the Year.

Moreno graduated from Jefferson College in 1999 with an Associate of Arts Degree. He then attended Missouri Baptist College through Jefferson College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 2001. Moreno received his first master's degree in Sports Science with an emphasis in Sports Management from the United States Sports Academy in 2004. In 2009 he graduated from Missouri Baptist University with his second master's degree, in Educational Administration (Principal grades 7-12). Most recently, in 2013, he graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a Specialist in Educational Administration.

Beginning in July of 2015 he will begin working on a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Missouri.

Moreno is completing his 14th year in education and is currently Activities Director at the Hillsboro R-III School District. He is a member of the MIAAA (Missouri Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association) and NIAAA (National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association). He was recently appointed to the National Conference Advisory Committee which is shared by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). His is the first appointment from the state of Missouri since 1979. He is also a member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association national teaching faculty for LTI courses offered at the state and national conferences.

Locally, he serves on the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and Hillsboro Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors.

Moreno is truly humbled to receive the Jefferson College Alumnus of the Year award, saying “I sincerely mean it when I say I can never give back to Jefferson College what it has given to me; I am a proud Jefferson College alumnus and am grateful for all the opportunities it has provided to me both during my time as a student and since graduation.”

He is also appreciative of the faculty and staff at Jefferson College. “I struggled with finding what my major/goal in life was and through professors and instructors at Jefferson College I realized it,” he said. His professors (Dr. Cecil Hampton, Tom Maple, Tom Schuessler, Karen Spencer, Blake Carroll, Melissa Falvey, and Susan Todd) and the Athletics staff (Dave Oster, JoEllen Stringer, Lloyd Brown, and Harold Oetting) had a tremendous impact on his decision to choose the field of education.

As a Jefferson College alumnus, Moreno encourages students to attend Jefferson College once their careers at Hillsboro High School have concluded.
Jefferson College recently hosted its 50th annual commencement ceremonies to recognize graduates of Career and Technical Education programs (those receiving an Associate of Applied Science degree or CTE certificate) and 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).

For the class of 2015, the college awarded 841 associate degrees and 113 certificates to 817 students (3 percent earned multiple degrees). There were 430 graduates (51 percent) who received a university transfer oriented degree and 411 graduates (49 percent) who received a career/technical degree or certificate.

The oldest Jefferson College graduate this year is 63 years old and the youngest is 18.

153 graduates were members of the Jefferson College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society, 46 were members of the National Technical Honor Society, and 23 students completed the Honors Program.

A total of 216 students graduated with honors including 33 students (29 percent of certificate recipients) who earned their certificates with distinction; 103 students (14 percent of degree recipients) who earned their associate degrees with cum laude honors; 59 students (8 percent of degree recipients) who earned their degrees with magna cum laude honors; and 21 students (3 percent of degree recipients) who earned their degrees with summa cum laude honors.

International speaker, author, trainer, and consultant Carol Weisman, who specializes in volunteerism, fund raising and governance, was the keynote speaker.

In addition to the conferring of degrees/certificates, several award-winners were recognized: Alumnus of the Year, Edward Moreno; Governor’s Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, Dr. Mary Baricevic; Emerson Electric Award for Teaching Excellence winner, Steve Berkel; and Phi Theta Kappa Teacher of the Year, Dr. Brian Dunst.

The college also honored five retirees:

Casey Bianco – Senior Database Administrator – 20 years of service
Jim Leonard – Building Services Technician III – 27 years of service
Dorothy Maupin – Administrative Assistant to the President – 5 years of service
Tom Schuessler – Physical Science Professor – 24 years of service
Dr. Mindy Selsor – Vice President of Instruction – 26 years of service

To view photos from each of the college’s 2015 commencement ceremonies, visit “Jefferson College News and Events” on Facebook.
Application Deadline
for Law Enforcement
Academy Day Class
Extended to June 17

Applications are currently being accepted for the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy Day Class that will start in August. The application deadline has been extended to June 17.

The program includes required P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) curriculum and general education curriculum as they apply to the law enforcement field. Specialized certifications are also earned. Classes meet Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Jefferson College Imperial (4400 Jeffco Blvd.) just south of Richardson Road.

The JCLEA curriculum includes general education and specialized topics as they apply to the law enforcement field: first responder, Datamaster breath alcohol analyzer type III operator, standard field sobriety testing, OC pepper spray, expandable baton, RADAR/LIDAR operations, and certifications in firearms. From in-depth lectures presented by experts in the field to life size simulators and hands on experience, the program provides recruits with the knowledge and skills to accept employment with pride and confidence.

Upon successful completion of the program, recruits earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice and the opportunity to test for a Class “A” P.O.S.T. license. For more information about the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy, call (636) 481-3425 or visit www.jeffco.edu/jclea.

Put on a Happy Face - Summer Musical
“Bye Bye Birdie” June 19-21 & 26-27

Following auditions in April, the cast is rehearsing for the college’s summer musical production of “Bye Bye Birdie” directed by Communication and Theatre Professor Dr. Rebecca Ellison.

Bye Bye Birdie is a satire that takes place in 1958 and centers around an Elvis Presley type rock and roll superstar (Conrad Birdie) who is drafted into the Army. His agent and song writer (Albert Peterson) and Albert’s secretary and love interest (Rosie Alvarez) plan a farewell performance for Birdie on the Ed Sullivan television show, which they hope will provide the publicity to sell his new song “One Last Kiss” and bring Albert’s company out of debt. At the conclusion of the performance, Birdie will give a real kiss to a lucky girl from his fan club.

The lucky girl, randomly chosen, is Kim MacAfee from Sweet Apple, Ohio, and is an avid member of the local Conrad Birdie fan club. Albert and Rosie come to Sweet Apple to prepare for Birdie’s arrival and things begin to unravel. Kim’s father (Harry MacAfee) begins to get excited about the thought of being on the Ed Sullivan Show with his daughter and Kim’s new steady (Hugo Peabody) starts to get jealous of the thought of Kim kissing Birdie on national television.

After Birdie’s arrival in Sweet Apple, things continue to come undone as Birdie’s charms enrage Hugo to punch him out on national television as he embraces to kiss Kim. Later, Birdie confesses that he is tired of show business and goes out on the town with the kids to show them how to party. This leads to Birdie’s arrest. Meanwhile, Rosie is getting tired of waiting for Albert to propose and figures that eight years is long enough. She is also tired of Albert’s domineering mother (Mae Peterson) who is constantly interfering in their relationship. Rosie goes out on the town and stumbles into a Shriner’s meeting, leading to a humorous ballet sequence.

The show ends with Albert bailing Birdie out of jail prompting Birdie to ask Albert to be his agent forever as he gets on the train to New York and his induction into the army. Kim and Hugo make up as Hugo proposes to Kim and Albert finally decides to propose to Rosie to tie up the remaining romantic knot before the show’s finale.

Performances are scheduled for Friday-Saturday, June 19-20, at 8 p.m., Sunday, June 21, at 2 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, June 26-27, at 8 p.m., in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus. Individual event tickets to the Sunday matinee are $2 for everyone. On Fridays and Saturdays, ticket prices are $5 for adults and $2 for students and senior citizens.

Advance tickets may be purchased by calling Dr. Rebecca Ellison at (636) 481-3367 or by emailing rellison@jeffco.edu with date of performance, type and amount of ticket(s) to reserve. Reserved tickets need to be picked up at least 15 minutes prior to show time or they will be sold to other patrons. Tickets will also be sold at the door depending on availability.
Jefferson College Campus Part of Kress Farm Garden Preserve Tour in June

The Jefferson College Hillsboro campus will be one of several sites across Jefferson County as part of the annual Kress Farm Garden Preserve garden tour hosted by the Jefferson County Master Gardeners on Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

With its acres of rolling hills and winding drives, the grounds are an ideal setting and backdrop to numerous gardens.

The Master Gardeners of Jefferson County have maintained the college’s picturesque gardens on the Hillsboro campus for 11 years. Members will serve as guides and answer questions. The large circular garden is the centerpiece with a variety of plantings that offer continuous bloom. Other gardens showcase wildflowers, perennials, annuals, ornamental grasses, and flowering shrubs. The old fashioned sundial garden and the 18 colorful container gardens are also included on the campus tour.

Tickets are on sale now for $10 and include viewing nine other gardening sites across Jefferson County. For more information, contact Suzie of Kress Farm at (314) 799-1594 or stop by the University of Missouri Extension Office at 301 Third Street in Hillsboro to pick up tickets during business hours.

Mercy Clinic Practitioner Provides Tips to Combat Seasonal Allergies

Runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing, congestion, itchy eyes/nose/ears? Yes, we are in the middle of the spring allergy season.

Here are some simple things you can do to keep these bothersome symptoms under control:

• Stay indoors on dry, windy days. The best time to go outside would be after a good rain, when all of the pollen has been washed away.
• Have someone else in your family do your lawn mowing, gardening or weed pulling if possible, but if not, then wear a mask during these activities.
• Check your local radio or TV station, newspaper or internet for pollen counts – if they are high, avoid having your windows and doors open during this time. Also, avoid early morning outdoor activity when pollen counts are the highest.
• Use air-conditioning in your house and car.
• Use high efficiency filters on your heating/AC and follow regular maintenance schedules.
• Clean floors often with a vacuum that has a HEPA filter.
• Use a portable HEPA filter in your bedroom.

If the above does not help:

• Try an over-the-counter non-prescription antihistamine such as Zyrtec, Claritin or Allegra.
• In addition, try rinsing your sinuses a few times daily using a Neti-Pot and a sterile saline solution or simply use a saline nasal spray such as the Ocean Saline Nasal Spray. This is a quick, effective and inexpensive way to flush out the mucus and allergens from your nose and relieve congestion.

If these remedies offer no relief or you are not certain the symptoms you are experiencing are allergies, you’re encouraged to visit the Mercy clinic at Jefferson College where an experienced clinician will review your symptoms, perform an exam, and offer additional treatment options. The clinic is staffed by Aida Trivic who brings more than five years of experience as an Adult Nurse Practitioner.

The Mercy on Campus Health Clinic at Jefferson College is located in the Viking Woods housing complex on the Hillsboro campus at 802 Mel Carnahan Drive, Apartment 215.

Clinic Hours:
Monday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
Thursday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

In addition to the on-site operating schedule, the health clinic has 24-hour phone access at (636) 543-2290 for appointment scheduling and information.
May Report

FY16 Budget Assumptions Approved

Following the initial presentation of budget assumptions last month in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1, the Board approved a series of budget assumptions regarding anticipated institutional revenues and expenditures for FY16.

The assumptions were developed through a collaborative effort between the Board Budget subcommittee and the Office of the President, the Business Office, the Administrative Team, various committee chairpersons, and other personnel as appropriate.

College and Foundation Annual Audit Reports Accepted

As part of the annual process to review the financial statements and internal procedures of Jefferson College and the Jefferson College Foundation, the Board accepted the results from the accounting firm Daniel Jones and Associates. Copies of the reports will be submitted to the proper state and federal regulatory agencies.

Trustees Approve Employment Recommendations

In personnel actions, the Board approved the employment of Patti Christen as the new Executive Director of Development. She has been employed as Director of Marketing and Development with NextStep for Life for the past 10 years. Her previous employers have included Jefferson County Community Partnership where she served as Program Manager/Community Resource Specialist and the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities, as a Community Resource Specialist. Patti earned an Associate of Arts degree from Jefferson College and a Bachelor’s degree in Behavior Science from Missouri Baptist College.

The Board also approved the appointment of Dr. John Westerman as the new Area Technical School Director. He has over 20 years of experience in education and comes to the college having served as Superintendent for the Newburg (Missouri) School District. Previously, he served in the Richwoods School District as Principal/Superintendent/Special Education Director and in the Green Forest School District as Principal/Superintendent/ Special Education Director. John earned his doctorate (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership from Southwest Baptist University. He also holds a Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in School Administration from Southwest Baptist University and an M.S.Ed. in Psychology and a B.S. in Psychology from Missouri State University.

Additionally, the Board renewed a supplemental contract for Diane Scanga related to her duties as Chief of the Campus Police Department.

Campus Infrastructure-Maintenance Projects Slated for Summer

In order to take advantage of the summer months when there are fewer students and faculty on campus, the Trustees approved a series of campus maintenance and infrastructure projects.

Taking steps to upgrade the electrical system in the Technology Center building, where the current system prevents any further computer or technology classroom equipment, Schaeffer Electric was the approved low bidder for $28,715.

In conjunction with the purchase of the fire alarm equipment last February for designated buildings on the Hillsboro campus, Streib Electric was approved for their low bid of $133,862 for system installation in the

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Administration/Library building, Child Development Center, Fine Arts building, and Field House along with a Truesite workstation and network display unit.

To maintain and upgrade classrooms, offices, and student housing areas, the Trustees approved a $74,605 contract with CI Select for the installation of new carpet to replace portions that are torn, stained, and worn.

In an effort to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, the Board approved a contract for $75,464 with P.R. Drury and Associates to renovate an apartment in Viking Woods to meet accessible student housing guidelines. The remodeling project is necessary as a result of the recent addition of the Mercy Clinic which required the conversion of a previous apartment.

*Classroom Furniture Purchase Part of Strategic Planning Process*

As a means of advancing the institutional strategic aims of student learning in connection with the annual capital project approval process, the Board approved three bids by Kruger International for classroom furniture. The approved contract includes $26,413.82 for computer furniture at Jefferson College Arnold, $17,421.50 in furnishings for the Engineering program in the Arts and Sciences I building, and $16,932.59 for instructional furniture to add a Science Lab to the Academic Success Center in the Technology Center building.

The Strategic Planning committee approved the projects as capital expenses for fiscal year 2016.

*$25 Fee to Be Waived for Online Applications June-August*

Seeking ways to make the admission application process more convenient, the college will launch an online application via the Jefferson College website. As such, the Board agreed to waive the $25 application fee as a temporary offer for online applications submitted between June 1- August 31, 2015, to promote awareness of the new feature. The success of the online promotion will be evaluated in September and further recommendations will be made to the Board at that time.

*IT Security Assessment and Cooling Unit Support College Data Network*

To sustain the college’s data network and related infrastructure, the Board approved a contract with Network Technology Partners for $18,500 to perform a security assessment against the campus network and server environment. The assessment will test controls for all critical systems and provide recommendations to mitigate security risks and required measures needed to secure confidential data.

In a related matter, the Board approved a contract with Sheet Metal Contractors for $76,369 for a data center cooling unit system to replace existing equipment that is approximately 20 years old and has had recent failures.

*Upcoming Board Meeting Dates/Times*

June 11 (8 a.m.)
July 16 (8 a.m.)
August 13 (5:30 p.m.)
Look for our NEW 2015–16 PACE schedule this Fall!

For less than you would pay for a single event at most major venues, you can purchase a season pass for an entire year’s worth of entertainment (and free parking) right here in your own backyard. This idea of pairing unparalleled quality with accessibility is the hallmark of PACE, and reflects the mission of Jefferson College.
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**Jefferson College Baseball Camp** • June 22-25, 9 AM - 12 PM, Baseball Field

**Summer Musical**
Friday, June 19 @ 8 pm
Saturday, June 20 @ 8 pm
Fine Arts Theatre

**Summer Musical**
Friday, June 26 @ 8 pm
Saturday, June 27 @ 8 pm
Fine Arts Theatre

**Community Forum**
12:45 AM
Student Center
Viking Annex

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