College to Hold 50th Commencement Exercises May 16

Jefferson College will host its 50th annual commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 16, in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus as a combined total of over 800 students are eligible to receive associate degrees or career and technical education certificates as the class of 2015.

A ceremony for graduates of Career and Technical Education programs (those receiving an Associate of Applied Science degree or CTE certificate) will begin at 10 a.m., with doors opening at 8:30 a.m.

A ceremony for 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) will begin at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 12:30 p.m.

All jackets, bags and backpacks will be searched upon entry to the Field House. Purses, diaper bags and other small personal bags are allowed, but will be inspected at the entrance. No large bags or boxes are allowed in the building without prior authorization. In the event that prohibited items are revealed in a search, guests will be asked to dispose of the items or return them to their cars before re-entering the building. Due to the fact that these additional security measures may cause slight delays, guests are encouraged to arrive early to allow adequate time to enter the building.

Any student who will need special seating or parking for someone attending graduation should contact the college’s Disability Support Services Office at (636) 481-3158. Bottom tier seating and special parking are available by reservation and/or on a first come, first available basis.

The college is a tobacco-free/smoke-free environment and the use of tobacco and all smoke-related products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, smokeless/chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes, herbal smoke products, hookahs, and beedies) is restricted to inside personal vehicles.

International speaker, author, trainer, and consultant Carol Weisman, who specializes in volunteerism, fund raising and governance, will be the keynote speaker. Weisman is the president of Board Builders. She has served on 38 boards and has been president of eight. Weisman is the author of nine books, including “Raising Charitable Children” which has been featured in The New York Times, Parade Magazine, and Scholastic Parent and Child.

As a public service, both graduation ceremonies will be shown live via streaming video on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu and re-broadcast on JCTV (Charter Cable Channel 989) numerous times throughout the following week. Additional details about Jefferson College’s 2015 commencement are available on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on the “Commencement” banner.
Phi Theta Kappa and NTHS Honor Societies Hold Recognition Ceremonies

The Jefferson College honor society chapters of Phi Theta Kappa and the National Technical Honor Society recently held their annual induction ceremonies by recognizing a large number of outstanding students.

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 Xi Zeta chapter was established at Jefferson College in 1965 and has received numerous regional and international awards. Chapter advisors are English Instructor Dr. Matthew Vaughn and Instructional Support Specialist Karen Hester.

To be considered for membership in NTHS, candidates must meet national and local membership standards and demonstrate scholastic achievement, skill development, leadership, honesty, responsibility, and good character. Jefferson’s chapter advisor for NTHS is Business and Technical Education Division Chair Chris DeGeare.
2015 Law Enforcement Academy Graduates Ready to Serve

A class of 11 students (017 Day Class) recently graduated from the college’s Law Enforcement Academy program as the class of 2015.

The mission of the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy, led by Captain Diane Scanga, is to provide quality law enforcement training for both new law enforcement recruits and veteran law enforcement officers.

Applications are currently being accepted for the JCLEA-Day Class that will start in August. The application deadline is June 1. Classes meet Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 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. 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, call (636) 481-3425 or visit www.jeffco.edu/jclea.

College Begins Offering Adult Education/Literacy Classes at Jefferson County Library

As part of its commitment to community service and educational access, Jefferson College is now providing Adult Education and Literacy classes at the Jefferson County Library, Northwest Branch. The free classes help adults improve their basic skills, study for the HSE/HiSet test, and enhance their workforce and college readiness skills.

Prior to taking AEL classes, participants must attend an orientation session. Upcoming monthly orientations at the Jefferson County Library, Northwest Branch (5680 Highway 30) will be held on May 13 from 9 a.m.-noon and 5-8 p.m.

Adult Education Literacy (AEL) instruction is designed to help adults get the basic skills they need to be productive workers, family members, and citizens. The program emphasizes basic skills such as reading, writing, math, English language competency, and problem-solving.

The program is funded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is offered at no cost to those who participate.

When a student is ready to begin class, the instructor will help design a personalized plan of study to help each student reach his or her goals.

“Jefferson College has a longstanding commitment to providing quality adult education and literacy services to the community and is committed to student HSE/HiSet attainment and transitioning students to post-secondary education,” said Director of Learning Services Betty Linneman. “We’re excited to be able to expand AEL services to northwest Jefferson County with the hope that residents will take advantage of this valuable free opportunity.”

In addition to the new location at the Jefferson County Library, Northwest Branch, Jefferson College AEL classes are available at the college’s locations in Hillsboro and Arnold and at the Missouri Career Center in Arnold.

For more information about Adult Education and Literacy classes, call (636) 481-3437 or visit www.jeffco.edu.
Movin’ On Up. . .Softball and Baseball Teams Prepare for Postseason Play

Congratulations to the Jefferson College Softball team on their victory over Indian Hills Community College (Iowa) in the district playoffs, earning the Vikings the opportunity to participate in the 2015 NJCAA National Tournament in St. George, Utah, May 13-16. Go Vikings!

Good luck also to the Baseball team as they prepare for the Region 16 tournament where they will face St. Charles Community College in the opening round at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6. Jefferson is the #1 seed heading into the tournament, with hopes of returning to the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado, later this month.

Take Back the Night Raises Awareness of Sexual Abuse

In conjunction with April's designation as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), Jefferson College and COMTREA recently co-hosted “Take Back the Night” as part of an international effort to end sexual violence in all of its forms, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, dating violence, and domestic violence.

The educational and inspirational evening included guest speakers and a variety of activities and resources to raise awareness and support survivors of sexual violence and abuse. KJFF/KTJJ radio also held a live broadcast throughout the event.

Additional photos are available via Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook.
April Report

Board Elects New Officers and Adjusts Summer Meeting Schedule
Following the election in April, Barbara Stocker and Steve Meinberg were sworn in for their six year respective terms. The Board also reorganized by electing new officers for the next two years as Steve Meinberg was re-elected as president, Gary Davis was re-elected as vice president, Daryl Gehbauer was re-elected as treasurer, and Lisa Vinyard was approved as secretary.

The Board reaffirmed their regular monthly meeting schedule (second Thursday following the first Monday of each month) while moving their June 11 and July 16 meetings to 8 a.m. and returning to their evening meetings in August.

FY16 Budget Assumptions Presented for Review
In preparation for the upcoming fiscal year, Vice President of Finance Daryl Gehbauer presented a series of FY16 budget assumptions to the Board for first reading.

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. Second reading and approval will be requested in May.

Appointment of New Faculty
In employment actions, the Trustees approved Matthew Bunch to fill an Area Technical School Biomedical Sciences faculty position at a Level II term appointment for the 2015-2016 academic year. The Board also approved Maryanne Angliongto to fill a full-time Level I physics/physical science faculty position for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Faculty Tenure-Promotions-Compensation Requests Granted
Full-time faculty members Joseph Candela, Scott Cazadd, William Kaune, Earl Neal, and Dr. Joel Vanderheyden were granted tenure status.

Twelve faculty were approved for promotion through the Promotion in Academic Rank System (PARS) effective with the 2015-2016 academic year: Vivian AuBuchon, Nicole Bach, Leslie Buck, Amy Call, Tony Cook, Elizabeth Ebert, Dianne Marquart, John McDaniel, Nick Nihira, Marialana Speidel, Gerard Uhls, and Suzie Welch.

Nine faculty were approved for additional compensation for teaching classes that generated more than 800 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters combined.

Instructional and Non-Instructional Furniture Purchase Approved
In an effort to advance the institutional strategic aims of the college, the Board approved two purchases, one for $71,111.24 from Krueger International for student study area seating, student hall seating, and other campus student seating, and another for $26,415.34 from Office Essentials for office desks, chairs, and tables. The purchases were recommended by the Instructional and Non-Instructional Furniture ad hoc committees and approved by the Strategic Planning committee prior to being presented to the Board of Trustees.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates/Times
May 14 (5:30 p.m.)
June 11 (8 a.m.)
July 16 (8 a.m.)
B ravo! Superb! Amazing! Sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who organized, volunteered, attended, and supported the Jefferson College Foundation’s fourth annual Jazz & Jeans dinner, dance and auction that grossed nearly $100,000—a new record—to support scholarships, emergency student loans, textbooks, and other projects for the benefit of students attending Jefferson College.

Special thanks go to retiring Foundation Executive Director Tom Burke and his wife, Vicki, along with the Jazz & Jeans Planning Committee and the Foundation Board of Directors for their commitment in helping the Foundation consistently increase the amount of funds raised each year.

This year’s Jazz & Jeans event sponsors included:

**Platinum ($10,000)**
- Eagle Bank and Trust Company
- Harry and Genie Mueller

**Gold ($5,000)**
- Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers
- Mercy Hospital Jefferson

**Silver ($2,500)**
- Foodservice Consultants
- Holcim US
- Production Castings, Inc.

**Bronze ($1,500)**
- BMO Harris Bank
- Tom and Vicki Burke
- Carpenter’s District Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity
- First State Community Bank/Rick and Sue Francis
- H.W. Herrell Distributing
- The Hansen Law Firm
- Dr. Bill and Michelle Kennen
- Sapaugh GM Country
- Sheet Metal Contractors, Inc.
- Twin City Toyota
- Vest Benefit Solutions

Guests enjoyed a relaxed evening featuring a social hour, a scrumptious dinner by Food Service Consultants, student testimonials and Fund-a-Future, silent and live auction (led by KTRS Radio Host John Carney), and entertainment by the Jefferson College Jazz Band and student dancers.

Appreciation also goes to college faculty/staff groups and departments that donated a variety of creatively themed baskets for the silent auction. The winners of this year’s competition were: First Place – “Hot Stuff” donated by the Offices of the VP of Instruction/President/Marketing and Public Relations, Second Place – “For the Love of Art” donated by the Communication/Fine Arts Division, Third Place – “Books & Brews” donated by the Jefferson College Library.

Honorable mention was awarded to Welding Instructor Joe Candela and his students for their donation of a custom-built fire pit and nameplate.

To view additional photos from the event, visit Jefferson College News and Events on Facebook.
Twin City Optimist Club Continues Longstanding Support of Student Scholarships

As an extension of their long-standing commitment to provide higher education opportunities for area residents, representatives of the Twin City Area Optimist Club recently presented a $3,000 donation on behalf of its members to support scholarships at Jefferson College.

The Twin City Area Optimist Club’s commitment to raise funds for Jefferson College student scholarships started in 1995 and spans a total contribution amount of over $50,000. In the 2015-16 academic year, six scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate need, are residents of Jefferson County, and have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Jefferson College appreciates the organization’s ongoing generosity and dedication to making higher education more accessible to those in our community and region.
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