

HELPING STUDENTS DISCOVER SUCCESS THROUGH GROWTH & INNOVATION

Set majestically among 420 acres of sprawling oak trees and rolling hills, Jefferson College is located in Hillsboro, Missouri, 25 miles south of St. Louis, in one of the fastest growing counties in the state.

Founded in 1963 by the citizens of Jefferson County as a comprehensive institution of higher learning currently offering four associate degrees and 17 career/technical certificates, Jefferson College has significantly impacted the quality of life in the region through its diverse programs and community-centered activities. While the College has experienced continual growth and expansion each decade, its mission of student success and community responsiveness, however, has remained unchanged for over 45 years.

The College's highly regarded status is a result of its focus on helping students to achieve their individual goals, along with a desire to expand accessibility within the region so that a high-quality, affordable college education is available to all. Many proudly refer to it as the "Crown Jewel of Jefferson County."

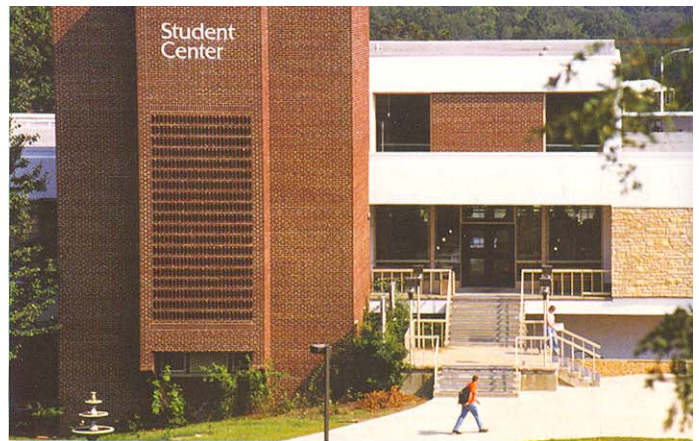
Jefferson's award-winning focus on individual support through efforts such as the Advising and Retention Center (ARC), peer tutoring, Project SUCCESS, and the Center for Teaching and Learning, underscore the institution's ongoing commitment to its students.

Missouri's Most Scenic College Campus

Jefferson is also considered to be among Missouri's most beautiful college campuses, as students are surrounded by the spaciousness and tranquility of the College's natural setting with design-coordinated buildings of brick and stone. The Student Center holds the distinction of being the first permanent community college building constructed in the state. Other campus buildings include Arts and Science I/II, Fine Arts, Library/Administration, Career Education, Technology Center, Area Technical School, Child Development Center, Viking Woods, and Field House.



In addition to the main campus in Hillsboro, the College's recent expansion efforts include two new attendance sites featuring state-of-the-art teaching technology to serve the county's



growing population, including Jefferson College-Northwest in High Ridge that opened in 2005 and an \$8 million Jefferson College-Arnold education center that opened in 2007.

As the preferred source for higher education and career training for many residents, enrollment and attendance at Jefferson College continue to climb to record levels, with over 9,000 students taking college credit classes and an additional 4,000 residents enrolling in continuing education/workforce development courses each year. Children, traditional-age students, adult learners, senior citizens, and business/industry employees all benefit from the College's extensive programs and services that improve their quality of life.

A Winning Tradition - Athletic & Academic Excellence

Jefferson College's athletic program is as much about tradition as it is about success—both on the field and in the classroom. Each of its five Division I teams, including men's baseball and soccer, and women's volleyball, basketball, and softball, regularly compete in national championship tournaments. Campus support is also generated through the Viking Cheerleaders, who perform at many Jefferson College athletic events.

Numerous Jefferson College student-athletes receive scholarships each year to continue their academic and athletic playing careers at universities across the nation. Academically, Jefferson was recently recognized as the winner of the Harold Oetting Academic All-Sports Award for the second time in three years for maintaining the Missouri Community College Athletic Conference's highest overall GPA for all sports. As such, the basketball and softball teams finished as two of the top academic squads in the NJCAA.

When it comes to legendary NJCAA coaches, there are none any more recognized or celebrated than Jo Ellen Stringer, who led the Jefferson College Volleyball program for 33 seasons as the only head volleyball coach in team history, before retiring at the end of 2007. She is the nation's most successful volleyball coach ever, with over 1,200 record-setting career wins. As such, the volleyball/basketball court of the Jefferson College Field House was named in her honor. She remains a vital component of the department as only the second athletic director in Jefferson College history.





Her teams won 30 conference titles and 19 regional championships while appearing in 21 national championship tournaments. Stringer's emphasis on academic performance is also evident in a long list of Scholar-Athletes and Academic All-Americans. She has been honored with numerous regional and national awards, including being one of five original inductees into the NJCAA Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame and becoming the first community college coach in the country from any division to receive the

AVCA Victory Club Award for 1,000 victories.

The College's newest sports, soccer and softball, were added in 2005. In testament to Jefferson's excellence, both teams advanced to the NJCAA championship tournament in



only their first year of existence. Hungry for more, the soccer team, under Coach Stephen Peck Jr., won Jefferson College's first ever national championship the following season.

With a steady stream of talent and solid coaching, the Jefferson College women's basketball team is among the region's most exciting and successful programs. For the past 11 consecutive seasons, the team has won 20 games or more. Driven toward excellence under the skilled leadership of Coach Kevin Emerick, the 2006 team maintained an exciting 21 game winning streak that was not snapped until the national tournament, finishing with a record of 31-5.

Considering the phenomenal success Jefferson's athletic teams have experienced, none is surrounded by more tradition than Viking Baseball. Under current Coach Sam Carel, the 2007 team enjoyed its most successful season since reaching the 2002 World Series, winning its 11th MCCAC championship, fourth regional championship, and coming within one game of another national title tournament appearance.

A large part of the program's success is also due to the extraordinary efforts of Harold Oetting and Dave Oster.

Considered the patriarch of Jefferson College Athletics, Oetting was named the team's first coach in 1967 (serving in that capacity for three years) until he was appointed as Jefferson's first Athletic Director where he was instrumental in initiating the sports of women's volleyball and basketball and men's tennis. In 1968, he helped organize the Midwest Community College Athletic Conference and served as president from 1988 until his retirement from Jefferson College in 2002. Oetting currently

serves on the USA Baseball Board of Directors and is the National Chairman of NJCAA Baseball. He was the second individual inducted into the Jefferson College Baseball Hall of Fame.

Oster was in charge of the program for 29 years, retiring after the 2006 season. He holds the record for most victories by any Jefferson Baseball coach (936 victories in 27 seasons). Oster was also the first player to receive a baseball scholarship at Jefferson College and was the first person inducted into the Jefferson College Baseball Hall of Fame. He is a member of the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame and the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame.

For over four decades, the baseball program has remained strong in producing over 40 players that have signed professional contracts, including six who made it to the Major Leagues:

Mike Henneman, Donnie Wall, Cliff Politte, Mark Buehrle, Steve Bieser, and Jay Marshall.

Building on its rich tradition of excellence, Jefferson College remains firmly committed to the success of its students as they discover the future!



FASTFACTS **Jefferson College**

Location: Hillsboro, MO

Founded: 1963

Enrollment: 4,880

President: Dr. Wayne Watts

Athletic Director: Jo Ellen Stringer

Colors: Red, White, Blue

Nickname: Vikings

Mascot: JC "The Viking"

Sports: Baseball, Soccer (Men)
Basketball, Softball, Volleyball (Women)

Conference: Missouri Community College Athletic Conference

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