College to Host International Education Week Activities Nov. 14-18

Panel Discussion – Syrian Refugee Presentation – Film Screening – Empathy Project

In connection with Jefferson College’s comprehensive mission to provide educational experiences and opportunities, the Events and Community Outreach-Global subcommittee will host a variety of free programs and activities on the Hillsboro campus in recognition of International Education Week November 14-18.

There is no cost to attend. Among the special IEW activities planned are:

**Study Abroad Student Panel Discussion**

**Monday, November 14**
Noon – 2 p.m.
Student Center, Viking Room

A panel of Jefferson College students (American-born and international) will share their stories of travelling and studying abroad. Lunch will be served from noon-12:30 followed by the panel discussion moderated by Lisa Pavia-Higel, Assistant Professor of Communication.

**The Crisis in Syria**

**Guest Speaker Professor Rihab Sawah**

**Tuesday, November 15**
Noon – 1:15 p.m. / Q&A to follow
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Syrian refugees are flooding the borders of many countries. Nearly half of the Syrian population has been displaced since the start of the war. Many non-Arabs and non-Muslims around the world are fearful of welcoming these refugees into their communities. Much of the anxiety is a direct result of the rise of ISIS and other terror groups in the Middle East.

The Syrian Refugee Crisis is a one-hour presentation showcasing the stories of several Syrian refugees. Through personal stories of family members and friends who have faced a variety of obstacles in their efforts to reestablish new lives in Europe and the United States, Professor Rihab Sawah will discuss the motivations that drove individuals and families to leave their homes in Syria. A question-and-answer session will follow.

**Film Screening – Pan’s Labyrinth**

**Friday, November 18**
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Student Center, Cafeteria

Pan’s Labyrinth, originally known in Spanish as El Laberinto del Fauno (The Labyrinth of the Faun), is both a war film and in part a dark fantasy film written and directed by Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro. The story takes place in Spain in 1944, five years after the Spanish Civil War. The narrative of the film intertwines the real world with a mythical world based around an overgrown abandoned labyrinth and a mysterious faun creature, with whom the main character interacts.

**The Empathy Project at Jefferson College**

In addition to the week-long International Education Week celebration, Lindy Drew with Humans of St. Louis (based off the Humans of New York project) will be speaking and working with Jefferson College students in November, leading them in diversity discussions based on her graduate work through Washington University. As part of the College’s PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series, Drew will return to the campus on February 23 for the culmination of The Empathy Project, highlighted by a presentation with a diverse panel of special guests, generating discussion with the focus on empathy for all. For more information, visit www.jeffco.edu/PACE.

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. The joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of a nationwide effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences.
Faculty/Staff Recognized with Outstanding Achievement Awards

The Jefferson College Foundation recently presented its annual Outstanding Achievement Awards to honor the exemplary accomplishments of Jefferson College faculty and staff who were nominated from three employee constituent groups.

2016 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients include:

Sarah Bright, Certified Professional Staff
Director of Financial Services

Dr. Rebecca Ellison, Faculty
Professor of Communication and Theatre

Dr. Terry Kite, Faculty
Division Chair-Social Sciences

Jill West, Classified Professional Staff
Enrollment Services Secretary

Each Outstanding Achievement Award recipient was presented a plaque and a $250 stipend. The recipients’ names will also be displayed on the Foundation Honor Roll in the Administration Building lobby on the Hillsboro campus.

Faculty nominees must demonstrate intellectual vigor and communication skills in the interpretation and presentation of subject matter; promote positive morale through a congenial, supportive attitude toward students and peers; exhibit initiative, innovation and creativity resulting in improved learning and comprehension; demonstrate concern for and sensitivity to the needs of students and others; leave a favorable and lasting influence on students; put forth an effort to improve self as well as to develop and recognize others; and enhance the image of the department and/or college.

Nominees for staff recognition must demonstrate excellence in overall work performance; promote positive morale through a congenial, supportive attitude and by providing service to others; put forth an effort to improve self as well as to develop and recognize others; exhibit initiative, innovation and creativity resulting in improved operating efficiency of a work unit or the college as a whole; enhance the image of the department and/or college; and be a full-time employee of the college for at least five years.

Since 1991, the Jefferson College Foundation has actively encouraged private contributions to assist the college in areas such as capital projects, program development, and providing financial support to students that traditional funding alone often does not support.

During the 2015-16 fiscal year under the direction of Executive Director of Development Patti Christen, the Foundation raised $428,093 in cash, pledge, and in-kind gifts. From that amount, the Foundation awarded $134,863 in scholarships, $9,890 in emergency loans or grants, and provided $8,886 to help students purchase the textbooks they need to succeed. Without the Foundation’s help, many students would have no choice but to drop out due to the inability to pay or be forced to work multiple jobs in order to stay afloat, taking away from the energy and focus they need in order to achieve their educational goals and make a better life for themselves and their families.
A group of 45 students from across the region were recently recognized for their scholarly accomplishments as new members of the Jefferson College Xi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society during the organization’s fall induction ceremony.

The international society is 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 purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students by providing opportunities for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

The Xi Zeta chapter was established at Jefferson College in 1965 and has received numerous regional and international awards including Five Star Chapter, Most Outstanding Missouri Chapter and National Top 10 Chapter. Chapter advisors are English Instructor Dr. Matthew Vaughn and Instructional Support Specialist Karen Hester.

Friday Speaker Series November 18
“Progress as Promised” at Mercy Hospital Jefferson

The Jefferson College Friday Speaker Series will continue on November 18 with a presentation by Eric Ammons, president of Mercy Hospital Jefferson, from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Viking Room of the Student Center on the Hillsboro campus. The deadline for reservations is November 10.

The “Progress as Promised” presentation will share updates including construction, new equipment/capabilities and physicians. A short animated video will be shown to provide a visual reference on the look and feel of the new construction upon completion.

Friday Speaker Series presenters represent a broad spectrum of fields and subjects including regional, national and international agencies and organizations; regional landmarks; education; historical events; professional sports; and film and television.

Admission is $7 per person, which includes a buffet lunch with beverages and dessert. Because space is limited, advance reservations are recommended. To make reservations or to be added to the Friday Speaker Series Luncheon mailing list, contact Lisa Vinyard at (636) 481-3101 or email lvinyard@jeffco.edu.
Congratulations to those who recently graduated from the Level I Practical Nursing (PN) program. The class of 2015-16 included 48 individuals from throughout the region who completed the rigorous program that is well-known throughout the region.

Hallmarks of the longstanding program include a 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.

Both of the Level I/PN and Level II/RN programs have full approval from the Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN).
Transforming Views: College Celebrates Recognition as America’s Healthiest Community College

To celebrate Jefferson College’s selection as one of only six 2016 Active Minds Healthy Campus Award recipients from across the nation, the College recently held a celebration where Active Minds representative Dave Romano presented the award to Dr. Cummiskey on behalf of Jefferson College and the many individuals and departments who played a role in the wide-ranging effort.

In addition to an informative and moving presentation by Romano prior to the ceremony, the “Transforming Views” celebration provided an opportunity for people to learn more about the College’s successful multi-dimensional approach to student and employee health and wellness.

This is the second year that the College has been recognized by Active Minds for its health-conscious emphasis. Jefferson College was the only higher education institution in Missouri and the only community college in the United States to be acknowledged in 2016.

While other awards celebrate the success of a particular initiative or program on campus, the Healthy Campus Award champions entire institutions for taking a campus-wide, public health approach to promoting mental health alongside physical health. The award is also unique in valuing student input and leadership. Applicants provided endorsement from their student body and judges assessed for evidence that campus efforts positively translate to students’ actual experience on campus. Students played a key part in reviewing and selecting winners.
The review panel for the Healthy Campus Award cited several key strategies regarding Jefferson College:

**Service Beyond the Campus**
Because Jefferson College is located in a rural area with few medical and dental services, the school not only provides health services for students, it also serves as the wellness center for residents throughout the area.

**Smart Partnerships**
Major lack of resources has not stopped Jefferson College. Through smart partnerships, the college offers a health clinic for medical care via Mercy; free mental health services via COMTREA and suicide prevention trainings; and fitness equipment as well as wellness, nutrition, and exercise classes thanks to grant funds from the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation.

**Strong Student Voices**
Jefferson College pursues its healthy campus goals creatively and in collaboration with students. The student government is deeply dedicated to health and well-being; the campus’s Active Minds chapter actively promotes mental health awareness; and faculty, staff, and students together cultivate a climate of caring.

The Healthy Campus Award is made possible through the generous support of The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation.

Additional photos from the event are posted on the College’s Facebook page at Jefferson College Go Jeffco.
As a leader in higher education and community service, Jefferson College was recently recognized as a Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services through its proactive efforts to support employee and student mothers.

The designation further highlights the College’s successful approach to wellness after being named the healthiest community college campus in America by Active Minds for 2016.

Pictured with the Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Award (from left) is Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation Nutritionist Jodee Lamp; Jefferson College Dean of Career and Technical Education Dr. Dena McCaffrey; Jefferson County WIC Director Jan Glaze; Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey; Jefferson College Human Resources Director Tasha Welsh; and WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Julie Hubbard.

“Jefferson College is extremely pleased to be designated as a Missouri Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite in connection with our emphasis on wellness and the multitude of other health-conscious initiatives we’ve begun,” said Cummiskey. “We are committed to improving health outcomes on campus and in our community and we want our employees and students who are new mothers to know that we support their decision to continue breastfeeding in connection with a healthy lifestyle.”

The Missouri Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Program was created by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in 2013 to bring an increased awareness about the importance of worksite lactation support. Breastfeeding friendly employers proactively support employees who choose to breastfeed their infants. They provide time, space and other benefits to maintain breastfeeding after a mom returns to work.
As a way to remember the tragedy and heroism surrounding the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on America, over 10,000 people of all ages visited the 9/11 Never Forget mobile exhibit hosted by Jefferson College, the Arnold Tourism Commission, and the Jefferson College Foundation October 4-6.

It was the first time that the exhibit had been in the St. Louis area, generating some of the largest crowds ever since it was established in 2013 by the Stephen Siller Foundation.

In addition to a two-mile arrival escort by area police, fire, EMT/EMS first-response agencies, and motorcyclists along Highway 141, the event included a special opening ceremony/ribbon cutting, and opportunities to personally talk to four of the New York firefighters who responded during the 2011 attacks and led the exhibit tour.

The inspirational travelling exhibit is dedicated to the 414 New York firefighters and police who sacrificed their lives responding to terrorists’ assaults on the World Trade Center’s Twin Towers. In total, 2,606 people died at the towers on Sept. 11, 2001, in addition to nearly 400 more on the hijacked planes and at the Pentagon.

“The 9/11 Never Forget mobile exhibit was an experience that people will truly remember the rest of their lives,” said College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. “Thank you to the many organizers, volunteers, supporters, and attendees who helped make this unforgettable event a spectacular success…the pride and appreciation showed by our community and region for this special event was nothing short of amazing!”

Additional photos from the event are posted on the College's Facebook page at Jefferson College Go Jeffco.
CRAFT fair

Sat., November 19 • 9 AM - 4 PM
Jefferson College Field House
1000 Viking Drive, Hillsboro, MO 63050

Jefferson College MCCSA Student Scholarship Benefit

Open to Everyone Free Entry

Hand Made Items
October Report

All monthly agenda items and supporting materials are posted online via the BoardDocs site accessible through the Jefferson College website homepage at jeffco.edu clicking on “Welcome” > “About Jefferson College” > “Board of Trustees” links.

October agenda items approved:

- Consent Agenda Items
  (Minutes, Financial Statements, Faculty Load, and Curriculum)

- Appointment - Board Administration Team (BAT)

- Appointment - Board of Trustees Budget Review Sub-Committee

- Ratification of Emergency Electrical Repair

- Purchase of Baseball Field Bleachers
  (FY17 Capital Project –Strategic Planning Committee)

- Waiver of Internal Testing and Posting Fees for ITT Students

- Revision - Board of Trustees Policy II-011.07, Leaves of Absence: Personal Leave (Rules Suspended and Passed on First Reading)

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates/Times

November 10 – 5:30 p.m.
December 8 – 5:30 p.m.
Upcoming events

Jazz Concert
Directed by Dr. Joel Vanderheyden FREE Admission!

Fall Back Into Jazz Concert
November 6
3 PM
Fine Arts Theatre

Symphony in Your College
FREE Admission!
November 14
Masterclass 4 PM
Fine Arts Music Classroom
Performance 7 PM
Fine Arts Theatre

A Brass Quintet from the St. Louis Symphony
Tom Drake & Mike Walk – trumpets
Chris Dwyer – horn
Tim Myers – trombone
Gerry Pagano – bass trombone
Will James – percussion
Plus a special collaboration with Jefferson College's own
Dr. Joel Vanderheyden – saxophone

Children's Play

A Kidnapped Santa Claus
November 19 & 20
2 PM, Fine Arts Theatre

Christmas Eve approaches. Everything is ready to roll at the North Pole. But not everyone is happy for Santa and his "Ho ho ho!" Plots and schemes are being hatched deep inside the mountain. Someone wants to kidnap Santa! That means no toys for good little girls and boys. But who would want such unhappiness at Christmas? And will their plan succeed?

All Tickets $2
Purchase tickets by phone or email:
(636) 481-3367 • rellison@jeffco.edu

Band Concert
Directed by Elke Overton

One World
FREE Admission!
November 29
7:30 PM
Fine Arts Theatre

Student Pottery Sale
FREE Admission!
December 7 10 AM - 6 PM
December 8 10 AM - 4 PM
Ceramics Studio (Fine Arts- Lower Level)
Annual Leader Holiday Dinner Dec. 2

It's time to ring in the holiday season with some good food and great times...tickets are now on sale for the fourth annual Leader Holiday Dinner co-sponsored by the Jefferson College Foundation on Friday, December 2, in the Student Center Cafeteria.

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and the event will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. in the Student Center on the Hillsboro campus.

Tickets cost $25 each, which includes:
• Meal featuring the finalist recipes in the Leader Publications 2016 Holiday Recipe Contest
• Food demonstrations
• Entertainment by the Jefferson College Jazz Ensemble
• Opportunity to vote for a favorite dish to determine the Grand Prize recipe contest winner (winning recipe will be announced in the Leader, along with photos from the event, on Dec. 8)
• Recipe booklet containing contest entries

Proceeds from the dinner benefit students in the Culinary Arts program. Over the past three years, the event has raised about $8,000.

Early registration is recommended. Due to limited seating and the popular nature of the event, tickets must be purchased in advance. All tickets are non-refundable. Tickets may be purchased online at www.jeffco.edu/foundation, at Leader Publications (503 North Second Street, Festus), or by calling (636) 937-7560. Advance ticket purchasers will be asked if they wish to be seated with another party or if accessible seating is requested. Valet and accessible parking will be available.
All Treats and No Tricks

Shocktober Monster Dash Run/Walk is Spooktacular

The Jefferson College Foundation and Athletics Department recently hosted the second Shocktober Monster Dash 5k fun run and one-mile walk on the Hillsboro campus as nearly 100 participants of all ages made the family-friendly event a spooktacular success while raising funds for student scholarships.

The scenic course encompassed portions of the campus, allowing participants of all ages to enjoy the college’s beautiful fall colors along with perfect weather.

Thank you to event sponsors: Frankenstein Level – Vest Benefit Solutions and Mummy Level – First State Community Bank, Hillsboro Sports Medicine and Tina Jokerst for their generous support of the event.

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