Come On Down…Summer/Fall Showcase and Registration Events Highlight Quality Education

Jefferson College will host two Showcase and Registration events in April as a way for prospective and current students, along with family and friends, to learn more about the College’s numerous high-quality academic programs and support services by visiting one-on-one with faculty and staff.

INDIVIDUALS MAY ATTEND EITHER EVENT:
Thursday, April 6, at Jefferson College Arnold (1687 Missouri State Road)
Thursday, April 20, at the Hillsboro campus (1000 Viking Drive)

Each Showcase and Registration will last from 3-8 p.m. and attendees may stop by at any time. There is no cost to attend and reservations are not required.

Aside from talking directly with academic personnel about specific programs, those who attend will also have the opportunity to tour labs and teaching spaces, explore campus housing (Hillsboro campus), and learn about student clubs and campus activities. Attendees can also submit a free admission application, complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), learn about A+ scholarship updates, and register for classes with an advisor.

Those who wish to enroll for intersession, summer, or fall classes are required to bring a photo ID and show placement test scores (within the last two years) prior to the registration process.

Intersession classes begin on May 15, summer classes begin on June 5, and fall classes begin on August 21. Among the available class formats and options are day, evening, hybrid (on site/online), One Night Plus, and 3, 4, 6, 8, and 16-week formats.

According to data from the U.S. Department of Education’s Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, Jefferson College’s current in-district average tuition and fees for a full-time undergraduate student are under $3,400 (including books) per year and are significantly less than the average for Missouri public universities ($7,594 without books), Missouri private for profit universities (average of $15,791 without books), and Missouri private not for profit universities (average of $19,952).

For more information about the Jefferson College Showcase and Registration events, call Enrollment Services at (636) 481-3209.
As a public service for those who are seeking employment opportunities or career information, the Jefferson College Employment Services office will host two community-wide job fairs in April on the Hillsboro campus. There is no cost to participate for job seekers or employers at either of the events.

A General Job Fair will be held on **Wednesday, April 5**, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Field House. A Healthcare Job Fair will be held on **Thursday, April 6**, from 1:30-5:30 p.m. in the CTE Building West Lobby (Rooms 100 and 102).

The latest list of employers and positions available is listed on the Jefferson College website.

For area residents seeking full-time or part-time employment opportunities, the job fairs are designed to match qualified job applicants and employers throughout Jefferson County and metropolitan St. Louis within a 100 mile radius of Jefferson College. Job seekers should dress professionally in appropriate interview attire and bring resumes to distribute.

For additional information, contact Employment Services at (636) 481-3223.

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**Community Colleges Take on Top Issue Facing Missouri Businesses**

Jefferson College has joined Missouri’s other 11 community colleges to establish the Missouri Community College Workforce Development Network to address a longstanding challenge facing Missouri businesses—the availability of a skilled workforce.

The new network will tackle what groups like the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other economic developers have said for years, namely that the state’s workforce system needs to change in order for Missouri to compete with other states for job creation projects.

“Economic development, more than anything, depends on a talented workforce,” Missouri Chamber of Commerce President Dan Mehan said. “No other issue is of more concern for businesses today. This network is the type of innovative solution Missouri needs to address workforce challenges. We are proud to stand with leaders of the state’s community colleges to help expand our workforce for employers and opportunities for workers no matter where they are located in Missouri.”

The most significant change resulting from the creation of the network will be that through their local community college, businesses will have access to resources at every college in the state.

Currently, procedural and geographic barriers prevent colleges from working outside of their mandated service areas. This means that if a business approaches a college with a specific training need, but that college doesn’t have expertise in that field, then the business may not be able to get the workforce training its employees need.

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Making the most of resources is going to be incredibly important given the cuts that have been proposed for community colleges and workforce development. The FY18 budget being drafted by the legislature would cut workforce training by roughly 16 percent and community colleges by more than 9 percent.

“We understand the difficult budget situation facing the state, and with this partnership, we hope to help grow the state’s economy in two ways,” said Rob Dixon, MCCA Executive Director. “First, we want to help Missourians learn the skills they need to earn higher pay, and second, we hope to connect Missouri businesses with the workforce they need to grow and create jobs.”

**Advanced Residential Carpentry Open House April 11 – Energy Efficient Excellence**

To celebrate the year-long work on an energy efficient home by students in the Jefferson College Area Technical School Advanced Residential Carpentry program, everyone is invited to tour the construction during an open house from 2:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11. There is no cost to attend.

The home is located at 604 Ray Henry Way in Hillsboro and features a geothermal heating and cooling system and solar photovoltaic cells on the roof to generate electricity. It was constructed by ATS students under the direction of Advanced Residential Carpentry Instructor Chuck Nitsch.

During the open house, attendees will have the opportunity to talk with faculty members and see first-hand the quality construction that ATS students put into the annual project.

The ATS programs offer many opportunities to area high school juniors and seniors related to workforce and career skills training. Residential Carpentry is a pre-apprentice course designed to provide graduates with entry level skills in a variety of construction trades. Instruction includes taught through lectures, written assignments, demonstrations, and skill performance in construction techniques and processes at a home site.

Successful completion of the Advanced Residential Carpentry program may lead to union apprenticeship, semi-skilled and laborer type employment within the carpentry and construction industry. The training experience may also be used as preparation for additional technical education.

Using energy efficient “green technology” as part of a unique career-related training opportunity, students in the Advanced Residential Carpentry program completed construction of the house as part of a year-long hands-on learning experience. They used construction techniques and processes learned in the Residential Carpentry I program (including tool usage, safety on the work site, construction materials, floor framing, wall and ceiling framing, roof framing, roofing materials, windows and doors, exterior finish, insulation, and interior finish) to build the permanent structure.

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For more information about the open house, call (636) 481-3450.
TEDxJeffersonCollege Eclipse Presentation Heralds Major Phenomenon Coming August 21

The Jefferson College Events and Community Outreach Committee will host TEDxJeffersonCollege on Wednesday, April 12, in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. The independently organized event, licensed by TED, will feature student, faculty, and other presentations under the theme of Eclipse.

There is no cost to attend the program. Advance reservations are not necessary.

Launched in 2009, TEDx is a program of locally organized events that bring the community together to share a TED-like experience. Some of the best talks from TEDx events have gone on to be featured on TED.com and garnered millions of views from audiences across the globe.

Speakers at TEDxJefferson College will include:

Dr. Bob Brazzle, Physics Instructor
Dr. Patricia McDaniel, Biology Professor
Nyonbio Yorke, student

Musical and poetry performances will also be presented by the College’s Jazz Combo.

For more information about TEDxJeffersonCollege, visit www.jeffco.edu/TEDxJeffersonCollege.

About TEDx, x = independently organized event
In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

About TED
TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California almost 30 years ago, TED has grown to support its mission with multiple initiatives. The two annual TED Conferences invite the world’s leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes on a diverse mix of topics. Many of these talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. For information about TED’s upcoming conferences, visit http://www.ted.com/registration
In connection with a unique service-learning project involving students in the College’s Computer Integrated Manufacturing program, Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey (left) recently presented a commemorative veterans coin and certificate to Governor Eric Greitens during the annual St. Louis Regional Chamber Legislative Day.

Greitens, a combat veteran and Navy SEAL, served four tours of duty overseas, including Afghanistan and Iraq.

Instructor Matt West and his students designed and produced the coins to celebrate veterans’ service to our country.

Learning by serving…over 1,000 hours were put forth by Jefferson College students last year as part of academic learning activities designed to support community initiatives in connection with service-learning concepts: poverty awareness, product development, health initiatives, technology support, campus support, community visibility, civic/government engagement, and education initiatives.

Jefferson College is proud to be a leader in making the connection between workforce development and community betterment through its unique service-learning curriculum and experiences.
Honor Society Induction Ceremony Reflects Academic Excellence of Students

The Jefferson College Xi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society recently held a spring induction ceremony, honoring 64 outstanding students who met the qualifications for membership.

The 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 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.

The Xi Zeta chapter was recently named a 2017 REACH Chapter in recognition of its excellence in membership development.

48-Hour Film Contest Winners to Be Announced at April 7 Screening

As part of the Jefferson College PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series, the seventh annual 48-Hour Film Contest will conclude with a screening and the announcement of the winning entries on Friday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus.

The contest is sponsored by the College’s Events/Community Outreach Committee and Art Department. There is no admission cost to attend the screening.

Submitted films and their respective production teams include:

“If You’re Hearing This” by Project Home Productions
“A Helping Hand” by Diamond is Unbreakable
“Flip Side” by Awesome Sauce Productions
“Test 1” by Maples Productions
“Tim Literally Murders Everyone” by Milmfakers
“Scavenger’s Guild” by Sidetracked Productions

Each team of up to five members had to direct, produce, or star in an original short film up to seven minutes in length. This year’s theme was “The Shadow Falls” (to tie into the solar eclipse that will occur on August 21) and required elements were a nickel (prop), The Spy (character), and “I’m worried” (dialogue).
Law Enforcement Academy Food Drive Competition Benefits Those in Need

As part of the annual Replenish the Food Pantry canned drive hosted by the Jefferson College Campus Activities Team, the College’s Law Enforcement Academy day and evening classes recently had a friendly competition to see who could collect the most items. Students in the day, POST, and night programs donated over 2,000 canned goods. The LEA day class won the competition with an average of 90 cans per recruit, with the POST class right on their heels, averaging 86 cans per recruit.

All of the canned food collected was donated to the Hillsboro Food Pantry to help those in need.
March 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.

Items discussed/approved were:

- Approval of Consent Agenda Items (Minutes, Financial Statements, Faculty Load, and Curriculum)
- Fine Arts Theatre Stage and Orchestra Pit Renovation Contract
- Automotive Renovation Contract
- Library Renovation Contract
- Architect Contract for Nursing Simulation Lab Expansion and Field House Locker Rooms Remodel
- VMWare Server Upgrade
- Virtual Server Storage Expansion
- Mac Computer Purchase
- Tuition Increase FY 2018
- Budget Assumptions FY 2018 (first reading)
- Re-employment of Faculty 2017-2018
- Re-employment of Certified Professional Staff 2017-2018
- Granting of Tenure 2017
- Appointment - Full-Time Music Faculty Recommendation (Elke Overton)
- Appointment - Interim Co-Head Soccer Coaches (Bob Bartalone and Alex Ochoa)
- Resignation of Full-Time ATS Faculty (Laniece Wagner)
- Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office Regional SERT Team Memorandum of Understanding
- Jefferson County Mutual Aid Agreement
- Contract for Institutional Data Collection and Reporting

Upcoming Board Meetings

April 13 – 6:30 p.m.
May 11 – 5:30 p.m.
June 8 – 8 a.m.
July 13 – 8 a.m.
August 10 – 5:30 p.m.
September 14 – 5:30 p.m.
October 12 – 6:30 p.m.
November 9 – 5:30 p.m.
December 14 – 5:30 p.m.
Supporting Students in Need: Jazz & Jeans Dinner, Music and Auction April 22

In order to raise funds to support scholarships, emergency student loans, textbooks, and other projects for disadvantaged Jefferson College students, the Jefferson College Foundation and Gold Jazz level ($5,000) sponsors Midwest Regional Bank, Dobbs Tire and Auto, and Enterprise Bank and Trust, along with Silver Jazz level ($2,500) sponsors Sapaugh GM Country, Mercy Hospital-Jefferson, and Production Castings, Inc. will present the seventh annual Jazz & Jeans Dinner, Music and Auction on Saturday, April 22, in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus.

“Jazz and Jeans is our biggest fundraising event for the year. It has a great impact on our ability to offer students help with tuition, books, emergency funding and support campus activities,” said Executive Director of Development Patti Christen. “We hope you will come celebrate with us and enjoy a special ‘jazz club experience’!”

The master of ceremonies for the evening will be Dan Gray from Fox 2 News with special guest Bob Bennett, Artistic and Operations Director of Jazz St. Louis.

Guests are invited to wear their most comfortable jeans and enjoy a relaxed evening. Doors open earlier this year, beginning with a social hour (open bar) and silent/mobile auction at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, musical entertainment by the Jefferson College Jazz Band, Fund-a-Future student presentations, and closing with a dessert bar and special “jazz club” experience performed by local professionals and alumni.

As part of the auction, many area businesses and individuals, along with College faculty/staff groups and departments, have donated a variety of creatively themed baskets and items.

Jazz & Jeans tickets are available for $75 per person (tables of 10/$750) and must be purchased in advance at www.jeffco.edu/foundation. The reservation deadline is April 12.

For more information about tickets, sponsorships or Jazz & Jeans event details, contact info@mydivineevents.com or call (314) 669-5933.
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