2017 Year in Review – Progress and Improvement

Marked by a continued emphasis on teaching and service excellence, renovation and construction projects for the Library and several academic programs, a multitude of student-focused accolades and accomplishments, along with an unforgettable solar eclipse experience, 2017 was a remarkable year in many respects.

The Windjammer looks back at some of the many of the events and happenings that helped make 2017 a history-making year at Jefferson College:

College Emphasizes Instruction and Teaching/Learning Facilities

The College’s 52nd commencement ceremonies focused on the achievements of students as 722 associate degrees and 79 technical education certificates were awarded to the class of 2017 and Eric Ammons, President of Mercy Hospital Jefferson, was the keynote speaker. Several technical education programs also held ceremonies throughout the year to acknowledge students via pinning and/or professional recognition including Area Technical School CNA, EMT, Law Enforcement Academy, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Radiologic Technology.

Over 200 current, former, and prospective students; county/state/U.S. legislators; community members; faculty and staff; and Board of Trustees members joined in celebrating the 10th anniversary of Jefferson College Arnold in November. The “Decade of Dedication” event sent a heartfelt “thank you” to those who have given their support throughout the past decade. It also provided new and prospective students the opportunity to visit with faculty and staff to learn about the College’s numerous academic programs and support services.

To update essential Library services for students, faculty/staff, and the community, renovation of the 62,000 square-foot building began in January in order to create a reimagined space for learning and gathering. Through a combination of state appropriations, a capital campaign by the Jefferson College Foundation, and institutional resources, the $5 million project will be complete in early 2018 and the Library will reopen later this spring.
In response to Jefferson College’s pioneering approach in helping displaced ITT Technical Institute Nursing program students complete their degree, the College was recognized on a national level. Not only did Jefferson College personnel participate in a webinar by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to share with other states, a newsletter article by Bibi Schultz, Missouri State Board of Nursing Director of Education, stated, “Jefferson College is highly recognized for their innovative, timely approach…the U.S Department of Education as well as the National Council of State Boards of Nursing has deemed the Jefferson College Model as a best practice in nursing education.” Ultimately, nine former ITT students participated in a RN pinning ceremony in December to mark their completion of the Jefferson College Nursing program.

A $300,000 Automotive Technology Shop renovation was unveiled in an effort to improve student learning. The new shop provides better utilization of instructional space and emulates a modern automotive environment. Improvements include double the amount of lifted working spaces for increased hands-on learning, updated workbenches and cabinetry, installation of energy-efficient high-powered LED lighting, and increased storage capacity.

Thanks in part to funding from the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation and the Missouri State Board of Nursing, a renovated and expanded NEST (Nursing Education Simulation Technology) lab opened in September, significantly advancing student training to meet the needs of workforce partners throughout the region. Among the NEST enhancements are additional simulation rooms, high fidelity simulation manikins, a debriefing conference room, a nursing station, a home health area, a medication room, and increased storage capacity.

To make degree completion and educational access more attainable for students, Jefferson College formed articulation agreements and innovative partnerships with Southeast Missouri State University, Maryville University, Fontbonne University, and Washington University.

As a further measure of instructional quality and excellence, several academic programs received national accreditation/re-accreditation including Automotive Technology, Paramedic, and Veterinary Technology.

Beyond sustaining the regional workforce as highly qualified personnel, the Law Enforcement Academy classes continued the consecutive streak of achieving a 100 percent pass rate on the POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) license exam.
Over 2,000 visitors from all parts of the United States and around the world travelled to the Hillsboro campus to experience the highly anticipated solar eclipse in August during the 2 minutes 38 seconds of totality (darkness). In addition to being a prime location to view the natural phenomenon, the College hosted a variety of informational, educational activities for all ages.

The Cultural Events and Outreach Committee organized an array of entertaining and informative programs including the annual Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment (PACE) event series featuring world-class artists and students/community members in theatre, vocal and instrumental ensembles; TEDx Eclipse; Ripple of Hope: The Power of One; and Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project.

Learning by serving...as an enrichment to classroom instruction, students in several programs participated in service learning projects, giving them real world experiences to apply concepts learned, teach civic responsibility, and build relationships in the community. 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. The initiative was highlighted in a Leader newspaper front-page story.

Putting the science in art and the art in science...the 38th annual Mastodon Fair was held in the Jefferson College Field House as students in grades K-12 grade participated from seven surrounding counties. Physics Professor Dr. Bob Brazzle served as Science Director and Biology Associate Professor Marialana Speidel was a judge for science experiments.

In an effort to provide job-related resources and highlight the importance of manufacturing careers as an economic development and educational pathway in our region,

Jefferson College hosted Manufacturing Day to draw attention to the outstanding opportunities that a career in manufacturing can provide. The Employment Services Office also hosted a General Job Fair and Healthcare Job Fair to connect job seekers with numerous employers.

Middle school, junior high and high school students took part in several on-campus learning activities including Math Contest, STEM/STEAM Camps, MSHSAA District Music Festival, Children's Theatre, and Viking Band Camp.

In connection with the College's state legislative advocacy efforts and the Missouri College Association, a delegation travelled to Jefferson City to confer with legislators about important issues. To keep abreast of national higher education legislation, Jefferson College representatives also attended the Association for Community College Trustees' National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

To better provide age-appropriate fitness and aquatics recreation activities, the Viking Fitness and Aquatic Membership program was established for individuals and families. The program combines the use of the Fitness Center and Indoor Pool on the Hillsboro campus. To provide flexibility, both annual memberships and daily admission are available. To learn more, visit https://www.jeffco.edu/Viking-Fitness-Aquatic-Membership.

College employees and students were involved in a variety of hurricane relief efforts, raising a total of over $2,100 from a Penny War Contest and Jeans Days. Baby supplies, diapers, wipes, and food were also collected. All proceeds went to victims of the Texas and Florida disasters.
Margie Passmore and Gary Davis were each elected to serve a six-year term on the Board of Trustees. Passmore, a Jefferson College alum, is a fifth grade teacher in the Fox school district and has served on the Windsor C-1 school board for the past 13 years. Davis, who is employed with the Jefferson County Public Works Department, has served as a College Trustee for 12 years.

The College hosted a 20th anniversary celebration of the federally funded Project SUCCESS (Students Utilizing Career Counseling and Educational Support Services) program that has helped nearly 1,400 students achieve academic and personal success. Through the program, students receive intense academic and personal support to those who are first-generation, low-income and/or who have a documented disability.

The Jefferson College Xi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International was named a 2017 REACH Chapter in recognition of their efforts to excel in the area of membership development. The chapter was also awarded 5-star status for the third year in a row and Co-Advisors Dr. Matthew Vaughn and Karen Hester both received the “Horizon Award” for their service.

Hundreds of students were recognized for their academic achievements with induction into the College's Phi Theta Kappa and College/Area Technical School National Technical Honor Society.

Jefferson College Foundation Outstanding Achievement Award recipients were Tina Jokrst – Administrative Assistant for the Communications and Fine Arts Divisions, Dedric Lee – Political Science Professor, Beverly Meyers – Adjunct Program Coordinator, Joe Pappas – Adjunct Music Professor, and Dan Smith – Database Administrator.

Dr. Joel Vanderheyden was named as a quarterfinalist for the 2018 Grammy Awards Music Educator Award.

Nancy Nelson ('04) received the 2017 Jefferson College Alumnus of the Year award, saying “Of all the community colleges and both universities that I’ve attended, Jefferson College was my clear favorite. The professors were just as qualified as at four year institutions, but the experiences were so much more personal and welcoming.”

Communication and Theatre Professor Dr. Rebecca Ellison was honored as the 2017 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Social Science Division Chair Dr. Terry Kite received the 2017 Emerson Electric Excellence in Teaching Award, and Associate Professor Music Dr. Joel Vanderheyden was selected as the Phi Theta Kappa Teacher of the Year.

Sociology and Social Work Assistant Professor Suzie Welch received the B. Ray Henry Superior Innovation/Service Award.

Achievements and Awards Demonstrate Excellence on Many Levels

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Biology Professor Dr. Robin Duntze received the 2017 Senior Service Award from the Missouri Community College Association.

The Library staff received the Linda K. Johnston Excellence in Assessment Award.

Jefferson College successfully completed the White House Healthy Campus Challenge, a joint effort between the White House, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and U.S. Department of Education to support college and university campuses in best-practice health insurance enrollment efforts nationwide. Wellness staff at Jefferson College shared materials at each of Jefferson’s three locations and through social media as well as partnered with COMTREA and Mercy Clinic to conduct informational sessions for students, faculty, and staff.

Student Emily Fromm was selected as a 2017 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and a $1,000 scholarship. This year’s recipients, selected by a panel of independent judges from nearly 1,000 applicants, were selected based on outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential.

English Professor Dr. Timothy Boehme won first place in the “Let Your Words Be Heard Poetry Contest.”

EMT Assistant Professor Earl Neal was honored as the Most Dedicated Instructor of the Year by the Missouri Emergency Services Association (MEMSA) Instructors-Coordinators-Examiners (ICE) Society. Earl has been the EMT-Paramedic program director at Jefferson College since 2010, while developing a program that is unparalleled in resources, training opportunities, clinical sites, and ambulance districts for students to learn and grow.

Computer Information Systems student Wade Stuart was selected by the St. Louis Regional Chamber as a recipient of the “Gateway Game Changer Award,” a recognition for community college students who are applying extraordinary persistence toward their degree. The award came with a $2,000 stipend provided by Express Scripts.

Health Information Technology student Artemus Tuano (nominated by faculty member Niki Vogelsang) and Welding student Casey Fiedler (nominated by faculty member Joe Candela) were regional winners of the annual Breaking Traditions Awards, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in order to recognize outstanding non-traditional career and technical students. Radiologic Technology student Alexander Ellis (nominated by faculty member Janet Akers) received Honorable Mention.

Jefferson College Welding student Paul DuSablon was named the 2017 American Welding Society of St. Louis Outstanding Student.

17 students from the Jefferson College Area Technical School won gold, silver or bronze designations during the 2017 Missouri SkillsUSA state competition. As a result of their first place finish, Tori Connors, Katherine Donahue, Lois Harrison, Regan Frette, and Brooke Jackson were invited to represent Jefferson College at the National Finals.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Marketing and Public Relations Department was recognized for distinction by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations by several “Medallion of Excellence” Awards.

Art Professor Blake received an Award of Excellence at Art St. Louis XXXIII, The Exhibition.
The Jefferson County 4-H Council selected Jefferson College as the recipient of the 2017 Friend of 4-H Award, noting that the College has been integral to the mission of Jefferson County 4-H by providing facilities for programming at low cost to hundreds of Jefferson County youth. Because of the generosity and support of Jefferson College, many 4-H programs have been successful: Jefferson County 4-H Energizer, Shooting Sports Safety Training and 4-H Regional Lock-In, to name a few.

Viking teams (Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball) competed mightily in the Midwest Community College Athletic Conference and Region 16.

In recognition of his phenomenal professional baseball career, the Chicago White Sox retired the number of former Jefferson College Viking pitcher Mark Buehrle during a special ceremony at Guaranteed Rate Field. He was drafted out of Jefferson College in the 38th round of the 1998 draft and pitched 12 seasons for the White Sox. His amazing career included a 161-119 record with a 3.83 ERA for the Sox from 2000-11, four American League All-Star teams, three Gold Gloves, both a no-hitter and a perfect game, nine Opening Day starts in a 10-year period, and a World Series Championship in 2005. Mark is one of over 65 Jefferson College alumni who have gone on to play professional baseball.

In addition to winning their 11th consecutive Midwest Community College Athletic Conference Championship, for the first time in the program’s history the Baseball team played at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Additionally, five students (current, former, or incoming) were selected in the 2017 Major League Baseball Draft: Troy Newell, Doug Still, Andres Colon, Anthony Herron, and Justin Paulson.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Tony Cook, the Softball team won the MCCAC conference title for the 11th time in the past 12 years and also clinched the Region XVI conference title before ending their season.

Jefferson College students Dillyn Day (alto saxophone), Jawwaad Spann (tenor sax), Ariana Adams (trombone), and James Hayes (percussion) are among an elite group of 19 musicians from across the state who will be performing at the Missouri Music Educators Conference. Jefferson College is the only community college represented and will have the maximum number of students allowed from a single institution.
Three Women’s Basketball players were named to both the All-Missouri Community College Athletic Conference and All-Region 16 teams: Janaye Randle, Alexian Collie, and Dominique Jennings.

A new state-of-the-art LED digital display board was installed in the Field House, enhancing the video and audio information/experience for event attendees.

The Athletics Department hosted the first-ever Trivia Night, raising over $4,000 to benefit all five NJCAA sports teams and support student-athletes and program needs.

Volleyball players Kayla Juenger, Urte Neimantaitite, and Imani Williamson were named to the NJCAA First Team All-Region.

Ashley McGee was hired as the Head Women’s Basketball Coach/Student-Athlete Success Coordinator.

Jefferson College entered into an exclusive athletic apparel agreement with BSN Sports of Fenton and nationally renowned brand Under Armour to outfit Viking student-athletes for the next five years. “Through this new partnership, our student-athletes will be equipped with high quality apparel from a nationally respected vendor like Under Armour, creating a consistent look and feel that is professional and in keeping with the College’s longstanding tradition of athletic excellence,” said Director of Athletics Greg McVey.

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Soccer players Rachuha Palmer and Matheus Santos (First Team), along with Jack Foster and Tanner Tonioli (Second Team) earned NJCAA All-Region Honors.

Alumnus of the Year Nominations Sought for 2018

Nominations are being accepted for the Jefferson College Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award. The awards program was initiated by the Faculty Senate Executive Council in 1995 to recognize an outstanding alumnus at commencement each year.

Nominees must meet four criteria:

- A person who graduated from Jefferson College with a certificate or associate degree;
- Someone who has achieved distinction in his/her chosen field of employment;
- Someone who has been involved in community service; and
- A person not presently a trustee or an employee of Jefferson College.

An online submission form is available on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on Welcome > History>Alumnus of the Year links. Nominees will receive a questionnaire so they can provide information about how they meet the criteria. A faculty committee will review the answers and make a final selection.

The person selected will receive a plaque at the annual Jefferson College Honors and Recognition Banquet this spring along with the inclusion of a brief biographical sketch in the commencement program. Past recipients include Marcella Weaver, Shirley Scarbrough, Tim Gray, Joan Murphy, Jeff Elbl, Chuck Martin, Todd Oetting, Vera McCullough, Matt Brown, Shawn Bell, Ann Gettinger, Jane Brunk Kost, Dr. Elmer E. Revelle, Regina Herrington, Rick Francis, William Overstreet, Lena Hutson, Andrew Held, Bill Haggard, Jane Houser, Edward Moreno, Brandon Moonier, and Nancy Nelson.
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March 13  Band Concert “Where Art Inspires Art” FREE!
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           “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”
April 20  48 Hour Film Festival Screening FREE!
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The Foundation’s signature fundraising event, the seventh annual Jazz & Jeans dinner, music and auction fundraiser, was another success as the special “jazz club experience” brought in over $70,000 to support the College and its students. Over 280 guests and alumni attended, emceed by Dan Gray from Fox 2 News with special guests Bob Bennett, Artistic and Operations Director of Jazz St. Louis, and renowned jazz singer Erin Bode.

The Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation awarded $77,359 in funding to the Foundation covering two separate grants to support the College. $54,000 will provide a series of 15 scholarships to first-year or pre-program students entering Health Occupation Programs and $23,359 will support the Aquatics program.

The fifth annual Leader Holiday Dinner, sponsored by the newspaper, once again supported the Culinary Arts program by raising funds while showcasing winners of the paper’s annual recipe contest served by students in the Culinary Arts program.

To celebrate those who have made significant contributions to the Foundation, the annual Monticello Society recognition ceremony honored several individuals, businesses and organizations for 2017:

**Benefactor Circle ($20,000 or Greater)**
Dr. Bill and Michelle Kennen, The Mysun Charitable Foundation, David and Glenna Mangelsdorf, and Mike Walsh (Eagle Bank & Trust)

**Patron Circle ($50,000 or Greater)**
Commerce Baneshares Foundation, Commerce Bank, Tom and Vicki Burke, Branton and D. Jane Houser, Jefferson County Veterans Memorial Committee, Sapaugh Motor Company, and Twin City Area Optimist Club

**Legacy Circle ($100,000 or Greater)**
Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers, Enterprise Bank & Trust, Jefferson Foundation, and Mercy Hospital Jefferson (formerly Jefferson Memorial Hospital)
The 30th annual Viking Classic Scholarship Golf Tournament, headlined by former St. Louis Cardinals Pitcher Andy Benes, was an immense success in raising $23,000 for student-athlete scholarships.

In recognition of his longstanding support for Jefferson College and the impact that higher education serves in helping people succeed in life, the Wes Griffith Memorial Scholarship was established through the Jefferson College Foundation by the Arnold Chamber of Commerce, the Arnold Rotary Club, and his family. Wes, who was the owner of Ponderosa restaurant in Arnold, joined the Foundation Board of Directors in 2009 and was a member until his death in 2016.

Other named scholarships were established through the Foundation in honor of family members and loved ones: James Yelton Sr. Memorial Scholarship, R.E. Harris Memorial Nursing Scholarship and Glenda L. Poullain Scholarship.

A dedication/unveiling ceremony as part of the “Brick by Brick” program recognized donors who made a contribution to honor a loved one, friend, family member, graduate, co-worker, or someone they hold in high esteem. Honored donors included Trish Aumann, Stacy Bogier, Patti Christen, the Eclipse Task Force, Chris Lile, Betty Linneman, and Lois Underwood. Bricks are available for $100 each and can be purchased online at www.jeffco.edu/foundation or at the Foundation office via cash or check.