Jefferson College will hold its 51st annual commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 14, in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus as a combined total of approximately 850 students are eligible to receive associate degrees or career and technical education certificates as the class of 2016.

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 10 a.m., with doors opening at 8:30 a.m.

A ceremony for graduates of Career and Technical Education programs (those receiving an Associate of Applied Science degree or CTE certificate) will begin at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 12:30 p.m.

Award-winning international speaker, business leader, and best-selling author Manley Feinberg II will present the commencement address. As the founder of Vertical Lessons, his inspirational keynotes are brought to life through his National Geographic photography and riveting stories culminating from a lifetime of adventure through 25 countries, to over 400 outdoor destinations. Feinberg’s 11 years of leadership influence contributed to a workplace culture that landed Build-A-Bear Workshop on the FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For list four years in a row. He also served two terms as the president of the St. Louis chapter of the National Speakers Association.

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.
Jefferson College is one of only 15 institutions across the nation recently granted accreditation from the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) in connection with offering quality concurrent enrollment programs for high school students.

The College is now among 98 institutions from coast to coast who have been awarded NACEP accreditation since the organization’s establishment in 1999.

Jefferson College is considered a leader in offering the popular Dual Credit High School Program that provides the opportunity for students in 10 Jefferson County high schools to earn college credit as a junior or senior.

NACEP accreditation is awarded to concurrent enrollment programs that provide college credit-bearing courses to high school students taught by college-approved high school teachers. As the only national set of quality standards applicable to concurrent enrollment partnerships, NACEP’s standards serve as the model criteria for ensuring that the course content and expectations for student work in concurrent enrollment match those on the campus of the sponsoring college or university.

“Jefferson College has worked extremely hard to achieve accreditation through NACEP because it underscores the high level of quality and rigor that our program is built upon,” said Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. “NACEP certification is a significant achievement. With this designation, parents can be assured that their student is receiving the highest possible level of instruction while getting a head start on a college degree.”

“I’m very pleased to recognize Jefferson College’s Dual Credit Program as one of a select group of 98 concurrent enrollment partnerships nationwide accredited through NACEP’s extensive peer-review process,” added Jaclyn Dumond of the University of Southern Indiana, the chair of NACEP’s Accreditation Commission. “Jefferson College has demonstrated to its peers that the college courses it offers in high schools are of the same high quality as college courses offered on campus.”
To earn accreditation from NACEP, concurrent enrollment programs conduct a self-study, document how their programs adhere to NACEP’s 17 standards, and undergo a rigorous peer-review process conducted by a team of representatives from NACEP accredited programs as well as the organization’s Accreditation Commission.

“Policymakers are increasingly looking towards dual and concurrent enrollment as a fundamental way to improve a student’s chance for college success while reducing the cost of college to families,” noted NACEP Executive Director Adam Lowe. “If students are to fully realize the benefits of concurrent enrollment, institutions must devote adequate resources and develop effective systems to oversee the academic quality of these courses – which these 15 programs have demonstrated by implementing our national standards of program excellence.”

NACEP’s standards were developed and refined over many years, serve as a model for quality standards in 17 states and three disciplinary professional organizations, and are implemented by a wide range of higher education institutions.

The full listing of 98 programs nationwide currently accredited by NACEP is available online.

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**Student Athletes Stress Literacy During National Reading Month Outreach**

Assisted by Student Athlete Success Coordinator Jason Gardner, the Student Athlete Leadership Team recently promoted reading efforts at area elementary schools and at the Jefferson College Child Development Center as a part of National Reading Month. Accompanied by the College’s mascot, Victor E. Viking, student athletes went to classrooms and discussed the importance of reading.

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**Jefferson College Students Acknowledged by American Welding Society**

Five students from the Welding Technology program at Jefferson College and the Jefferson College Area Technical School (ATS) were recently honored during the annual awards presentation by the American Welding Society St. Louis Section. The awards are given each year to acknowledge the region’s top welding students with the selection of outstanding students from each program.

Jefferson College/Area Technical School winners included:

- **Billy Kaune** - Most Outstanding Welding Student - Jefferson College
- **John Schnitzer** - Most Outstanding Welding Student - Jefferson College ATS
- **William Bye** - Jefferson College - $750 scholarship
- **Samuel Lopretta** - Jefferson College ATS - $750 scholarship
- **Caleb Dexter DeClue McCray** - Jefferson College ATS - $750 scholarship

Each year the American Welding Society (AWS) St. Louis Section acknowledges the areas outstanding welding students by hosting a “Student Night” awards ceremony. Students from technical schools located in eastern Missouri and western Illinois are nominated by their instructors for outstanding work. Students also apply for scholarships that are awarded based on GPA, attendance, community service, and any other criteria.
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, honoring over 200 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.
College Offers Summer Swimming Lessons for Kids - Olympic Indoor Pool Is Spacious

As the school year comes to a close and summer approaches, Jefferson College is offering a variety of Red Cross certified swimming lessons for children of all ages, beginning as early as six months old.

Coordinated through the College’s Continuing Education Department, the summer swim program is designed to promote water safety, knowledge, aquatic adjustment, and increased swimming readiness and skills. All lessons are taught by certified Red Cross instructors in the Olympic-sized indoor pool/natatorium on the Jefferson College Hillsboro campus.

June 6-16
Monday-Thursday

Parent and Child Swim Level I (6-18 months) – 10-10:30 a.m. - $29
A parent or guardian accompanies their child in the water as they participate in several guided practice sessions that help children get introduced to the water. Parents assist in water entry, bubble blowing, front-kicking, back-floating, underwater exploration, and more.

Parent and Child Swim Level II (18 months-3 years) – 10:30-11 a.m. - $29
With the support and encouragement of a parent or guardian, children develop self-confidence and pride as they begin to depend less upon floatation aids.

Preschool Aquatics (4-5 years) – 11-noon - $65
Emphasis on safety and independence in the water are among the cornerstones of this level. Children are no longer accompanied by a parent or guardian in the water.

June 20-30
Monday-Thursday

Learn to Swim Level I – 10-11 a.m. - $65
Those who are a non-swimmer and at least five years old or have passed Pre-School Swim Level III and are at least four years old, are eligible. Goals include becoming familiar with using a life jacket, opening eyes underwater to pick up submerged objects, floating on front and back, using arm and leg actions, recognizing a swimmer in distress, and getting help.

Learn to Swim Level II – 11-noon - $65
Treading water, the jelly fish float, front and back glide, bobbing in the water, and swimming using a combined stroke on front and back are some the skills taught at this level.
ATS Building Trades Students Gain Hands On Experience Building Retaining Wall

Area Technical School Building Trades Associate Professor Chuck Nitsch recently led his students in a project to rebuild the landscape wall between the Area Technical School and Child Development Center. Their hard work saved the College money versus hiring an outside contractor and benefited the students as they gained hands on skills on how to build a landscape retaining wall.

Learn to Swim Level III – 10-11:15 a.m. - $65
Developing the butterfly kick, survival float, back float, front and back crawl are all goals at this level. Children will be introduced to rotary breathing, kneeling, standing dive, and reaching assist.

Learn to Swim Level IV – 11:15-12:30 p.m. - $65
Your child will improve his/her skills with the elementary backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly stroke. Rescue breathing, survival swimming, safe diving rules, tuck surface dive and pike surface dive will all be covered.

For questions or additional details about summer swimming lessons at Jefferson College, contact the Continuing Education Office at (636) 481-3144 or Pool Manager and Aquatics Instructor Michelle Cobb at (636) 789-3144.
April 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.

April agenda items approved:

- Faculty Load
- Continuing Education Course Offerings - Summer 2016
- Curriculum Matters
- Student Credit Hours Generated Extra Pay
- Additional Re-Employment of Faculty
- Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Contract
- Purchase of Instructional Furniture
- Purchase of VMware Server and Storage Array Upgrade
- Granting of Tenure – Vivian Aubuchon, Amy Call, Elizabeth (Lisa) Ebert, Dianne Marquart, and Susan (Suzie) Welch
- Promotions in Accordance with Faculty Promotions in Academic Ranking System
- Appointment of Math and Science Division Chair - Dr. Robert Brieler
- Appointment of Director of Child Development Center - Stephanie Cage
- Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office Regional SERT Team Memorandum of Understanding

The Board also approved changing regular monthly meetings to the second Thursday of each month effective with the June 2016 meeting.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates/Times

May 12 – 5:30 p.m.
June 16 – 8 a.m.
July 14 – 8 a.m.
Sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped make the Jefferson College Foundation’s sixth annual Jazz & Jeans dinner, dance and auction a resounding success. The event grossed over $70,000 which will support scholarships, emergency student loans, textbooks, and other projects for the benefit of students attending Jefferson College.

Special thanks go to Foundation Executive Director Patti Christen and her staff, along with the Jazz & Jeans Planning Committee and the Foundation Board of Directors for their commitment toward a very successful event.

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

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, and entertainment by the Jefferson College Jazz ensembles and Alumni Band. Attendees were moved by the heartfelt personal stories of Jefferson College employee/graduate Jennifer Johnson, and students Regan Zerwig, Jenna Null, and Brandy Striler.

This year’s Jazz & Jeans event sponsors included:

**“Smooth Jazz” - Gold Level ($5,000)**
- Dobbs Tire and Auto Centers
- Midwest Regional Bank

**“Ragtime Jazz” - Silver Level ($2,500)**
- Foodservice Consultants, Inc.
- Mercy Hospital Jefferson
- Production Castings
- Sapaugh GM Country
- Twin City Toyota

Appreciation also goes to college faculty/staff groups and departments that donated a variety of creatively themed baskets for the silent auction.

To view additional photos from the event, visit Jefferson College Go Jeffco on Facebook.
Baseball Alumni & Friends
Golf Outing

June 27, 2016
Fox Run Golf Club
Eureka, MO

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