It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through 2023! We have some exciting announcements for you. Workforce and Employment Services has switched its online career management platform to Handshake! What does that mean for you? This more user friendly platform will help you connect with potential job seekers and expand the impact of your job postings with the college. It will also provide you with the opportunity to interact with job seekers through online interviews and information sessions. Students were welcomed to the platform on July 1st, and we expect that traffic will really increase in the fall as students come back to classes. We will also be reaching out to our recent graduates to encourage them to create accounts.

Our second announcement is that in addition to providing employment services support (resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search support) to students, alumni, and community members, we have taken over providing career services to students who are needing additional support in determining their pathway. Specialists Jenna Schwartz and Saranda Lund will be holding individual appointments and facilitating workshops as students come back in the fall. We also have tools such as MyMajors and Focus2 to help students navigate the process.

As the year continues, we are starting to plan our programs for 2024. This will include all of the courses that will be offered next year. If you have thoughts or suggestions about programs that you would like us to consider adding, please reach out to me at lwarner@jeffco.edu.
MOExcels

The office has also applied for funds to support the renovation of a dedicated space on campus. The college will match the funding to renovate the Veterinary Technology classroom space when the new building is constructed. The renovated space will provide a large classroom space, a small classroom/conference room space, a small business incubator/guest office space, and office space for the WES team. We appreciate the letters of support that came from our partners to help support our grant proposal.

MO One Start & Customized Training

FY23 of Missouri One Start just concluded and Jefferson College supported eight companies. There was $308,678.05 of training reimbursed to local companies and the College was awarded $46,301.71 in administration fees. The application cycle for 2024 is now open. There are 15 companies working on applications to apply for funds this cycle.

Workforce and Employment Services was awarded $26,866 from Missouri One Start in the form of a Local Education Agency Award. These funds will be used to purchase equipment to enhance our customized training programs, support instructor training, and allow us to move forward with robotics training.

SkillUPdate

SkillUP has onboarded one new student and is the process of onboarding multiple other students for our many healthcare programs! In addition to onboarding, we have had three students successfully complete their programs and are awaiting testing dates for their certifications.

As always, monthly outreach to SNAP recipients is occurring and yielding interest from that outreach. If you know of anyone who is utilizing SNAP benefits and would like to enroll in one of our many Workforce Development programs in Healthcare or Manufacturing, please contact Saranda Lund at 636-481-3221 or at slund@jeffco.edu.
INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE

The Industrial Maintenance apprenticeship program is a 18-week program that will teach students the skills needed for work as an Industrial Maintenance Technician. Topics include: Safety, lockout tagout, electricity, hydraulics, pneumatics, motor controls, PLC, and more.

Next start date: 7/31/23

Options include a Registered Apprenticeship or Non-Registered Apprenticeship for Incumbent workers in a manufacturing environment.

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CNA/PCT

This pathway allows students to complete both a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) and Patient Care Technician (PCT) credential. Students will complete 111 hours of in-class instruction and 100 clinical hours split between long-term care and hospital settings.

Next start date: 8/28/23

Participants may qualify for funding through the SkillUP or WIOA programs.

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Certified Medication Technician (CMT)

Prepares student for employment as Certified Medication Technician (CMT). Students must be employed in a long-term care facility to apply. Students must be a registered CNA for at least six months prior to the start of the program and must have recommendations from current or former employers. Students must complete 60 hours of classroom training and 8 hours of clinicals.

Next start date: 8/29/23

Participants may qualify for funding through the SkillUP or WIOA programs.
CAREER CLOSET CLEAN-OUT

At the end of the Spring semester, we held our annual Career Closet Clean-Out Event for students and community members in need of professional attire for upcoming interviews, jobs, and graduation. Over 100 pieces of clothing were given free of charge to students in need of formal attire. The Career Closet is a free resource available year round in the WES office.

HANDSHAKE IS NOW ON CAMPUS!

Handshake, a recruiting and hiring platform, has officially launched to both students and employers and is ready for students to log in when they return in August. We are so excited to be partnering with Handshake to bring our students and employer partners an improved experience with posting and finding jobs and making connections. For more information or to create an account, visit our Handshake page on our website.

JEFFERSON COUNTY JOB FAIR

On May 31st, members of the WES team volunteered at the Jefferson County Job Fair to provide resume feedback and assist community members with their application documents. Thank to the organizers for putting together another great community event!
Announcements & Events

CAREER SERVICES

Some exciting changes have been in the works the past few weeks -- Workforce and Employment Services will now be housing Career Services for students to better prepare them for their next steps, whether they plan to continue their college education or directly enter the workforce, and to help them identify their goals and explore their opportunities.

MANUFACTURING DAY

Celebrated nationally on the first Friday in October, MFG Day is manufacturing’s biggest annual opportunity to inspire the next generation, positively shift perceptions about our industry, and build the foundation for the manufacturing workforce of the future. Jefferson College encourages our manufacturing partners to come with activities, demonstrations, and products to showcase their industry. We will host college students from around the county to increase awareness about the opportunities available in manufacturing.

CLUB SPIRIT AND RESOURCE DAY

AUGUST 21 2023

Our office will be at the Jefferson College Resource Fair to tell students about Handshake and the new addition of Career Services. Stop by to celebrate launching these changes with us!
COME BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Check out what Jefferson College has to offer for you as an adult learner!

Join us for a fun, game-themed night to learn about your options for coming back to school as an adult learner. Grab your friends or your family (kids welcome), enjoy a bite to eat, play some games, and learn about Jeffco!

SEPTEMBER 28 • 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Jefferson College Hillsboro - Central Lawn
(in case of rain, the event will be held in the Student Center Viking Room)

No matter how young or old, it’s never too late to get enrolled! In the game of life you have a second chance; now is your time to advance!

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