

## Kim Robertson Selected as Jefferson College 2022 Alumna of the Year

The Jefferson College Faculty Senate recently announced Kim Robertson of Imperial as the 2022 Alumna of the Year during the annual Honors Recognition Ceremony recently held at the College.

Alumnus of the Year Award recipients must have graduated from Jefferson College with a certificate or associate degree, achieved distinction in his/her chosen field of employment, been involved in community service; and not be a current trustee or an employee of Jefferson College.

"I am grateful for the education I received at Jefferson College, which I believe contributed to my later academic and professional success," she said. "I had some excellent professors and instructors and they helped instill in me a desire to continue my education. In addition, my education at Jefferson College helped me develop the writing skills that have served me well since then."

Robertson has served as Leader Publications Editor since 2020 and previously was Managing Editor from 2016-2020, Arnold-Imperial Leader Editor from 2002-2016, and Reporter from 1999-2002. She also served as an adjunct English instructor at Jefferson College (1997-1999), McKendree University (1997-1999), and Belleville Area College (1992-1997).

After graduating from Jefferson College with an associate degree in 1989, she completed a Bachelor of Arts degree from Webster University in 1990, and both a Master of Arts in English (1993) and Master of Education (1996) from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

She currently serves as a board member and treasurer of the C-6 Educational Foundation and is a former member of the Arnold Rotary Club, Jefferson County Youth Association, and parent volunteer at Simpson Elementary School in the Fox C-6 School District.

Kim and her husband, Steve, have a son, Steven Robertson II.

*I genuinely believe a good education is a person's most valuable asset, contributing to his or her professional and personal success and helping the person make a positive contribution to society.*

- Kim Robertson



Leader Publications Editor Kim Robertson (left) receives the 2022 Jefferson College Faculty Senate Alumna of the Year Award from Associate Professor of Sociology and Social Work Susan Welch.



# Faculty Receive Awards for Achievement and Excellence in Teaching

Four faculty members at Jefferson College have been honored for their teaching excellence and effectiveness as award recipients for the 2022 academic year. They include Professor-Accounting Dr. Mary Baricevic, Professor-Teacher Education Dr. Ken Boning, Assistant Professor-Mathematics Lindsay Steighorst, and Associate Professor - Sociology and Social Work Susan Welch.



Dr. Mary Baricevic

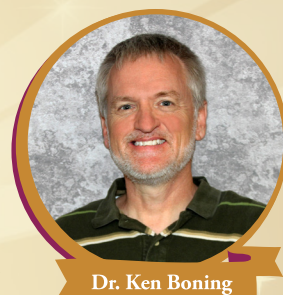
**Baricevic is a co-recipient of the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Teacher of the Year.** She has served as a full-time faculty member at Jefferson College for 19 years. She also has nearly 14 years of professional accounting experience in the financial services industry and is a certified public accountant.

Mary has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in Accounting, a Bachelor of Arts with majors in Mathematics and Secondary Math Education, a Master of Professional Accounting, and a Ph.D. in Business Administration with a major in Economics and a minor in Accounting. She earned all of her degrees from Saint Louis University.

“Many of my colleagues are most deserving of this award and I am humbled and honored to have been both nominated and selected,” she said. “It is a privilege to be serving students as a faculty member at Jefferson College. For me personally, this teaching position represents a vocation, a dream come true!”

**Boning is the recipient of the Emerson Electric Award for Teaching Excellence.** His career began as a high school history teacher, and then continued as an administrator. Ken is entering his 16th year at Jefferson College and has been the Teacher Education Program Coordinator for the past 14 years while holding multiple leadership roles in teacher education at the state level. He earned his Ph.D. from Saint Louis University.

He often says that he has the best career one could have because he is able to help individuals become great teachers. His favorite part of teaching is seeing his students grow so much during the program that by the time they graduate, they are ready to succeed in their four-year programs and in their own classrooms.



Dr. Ken Boning



Lindsay Steighorst

**Steighorst is a co-recipient of the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Teacher of the Year.** She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Missouri Baptist University and a Master of Science in Mathematics from the University of Missouri–St. Louis. She began her career at Jefferson College as adjunct instructor in 2012 and became a full-time faculty member in 2017.

Not only is the College lucky to have Lindsay, but she feels the same. “The faculty and staff at Jefferson College shine with professionalism and support one another like family. I am so blessed to be a part of this family,” she stated.

Lindsay is a member of both the national American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC), and its Missouri state affiliate (MOMATYC). Additionally, she serves her community as a member of the Board of Education of Hope Lutheran Church in High Ridge.

**Welch is the recipient of the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.** She started her higher education experience at a community college prior to earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Missouri and a Master’s Degree in Social Work from St. Louis University.

Welch is in her 11th year at the College as Associate Professor of Sociology and Social Work. Prior to teaching, she spent more than 20 years as a clinical social worker in a variety of settings including child welfare, pregnancy counseling and adoption, school social work, and medical social work.



Susan Welch

She is the chair of the Social Work Advisory Committee, a member of the Council on Social Work Education, and Social Work Baccalaureate Program Directors organizations. Her involvement with campus committees has included the Diversity Committee, Civic Engagement, and Campus Safety Initiatives. She was the 2017 recipient of the B. Ray Henry Award, is an active community volunteer, and has presented at numerous professional conferences and seminars.

Suzie feels that one of the most interesting and intriguing things about Jefferson College is the variety of people she has met including students, faculty, staff, and community members. She considers it one of the privileges and joys of her work both as a social worker and as a faculty member, to get to hear people’s stories, with all of their hope and resiliency, and to help them consider their highest aspirations and write their ‘next chapters.’



# Jefferson College and CMU Expand Articulation Agreement to Better Serve Students

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A longstanding articulation agreement between Central Methodist University and Jefferson College has been expanded to provide additional opportunities for local students to pursue a bachelor's degree in a variety of fields.

The partnership provides an educational pathway for students that leads to further degree attainment and success. By starting their education at a community college, students save money with Jefferson College's reduced tuition costs, while ultimately earning a bachelor's degree as if they attended all four years at CMU.

"This extension agreement is another way Jefferson College is reaching out to four-year colleges and universities in an effort to provide options for our students to earn an associate's and bachelor's degree so that they can succeed in their chosen field," explained Jefferson College President Dr. Dena McCaffrey.

The new agreement allows students to make a seamless transfer from an associate to a baccalaureate degree by clarifying transfer policies and procedures between programs. For Jefferson College students entering focused programs, CMU will credit designated courses as defined in the agreement.

"We're grateful to have such a strong relationship with our friends at Jefferson College," said Dr. Rita Gulstad, CMU provost, who joined Jefferson College President Dr. Dena McCaffrey and Vice President Dr. Chris DeGeare in signing the agreement. "We're both committed to providing a seamless and supportive transfer experience."

The agreement specifically provides guidelines for the transfer of the Associate of Arts, Associate of Arts in Teaching, and Associate of Applied Science degrees. It also adds Jefferson College's new Associate of Science in Biology, which can now transfer easily into Central Methodist's Bachelor of Science in Biology program.

For more information about the articulation agreement with CMU, contact Jefferson College Enrollment Services at (636) 481-3209.





# Top of the Class: Automotive Tech Program Reaccredited by ASE

The Jefferson College Automotive Technology program has received full reaccreditation by the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Education Foundation through 2027.

The program underwent a rigorous evaluation using nationally accepted standards of excellence in instruction, facilities, and equipment. ASE program accreditation provides external verification of the quality of the Jefferson College Automotive Technology program.

According to ASE Education Foundation President Michael Coley, “We commend Jefferson College and your staff for maintaining program standards and continuing to meet industry requirements. The explosion in automotive technology makes your high-quality automotive training program more valuable than ever.”

Led by instructors Gerard Uhls and Bradley Berrey, the Jefferson College Automotive Technology program is a popular training option, allowing students to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree or a Career and Technical certificate. Graduates are employed at some of the most respected and well-known repair facilities throughout the region.



*The Jefferson College Automotive Technology program has received full reaccreditation by the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Education Foundation. Pictured, from left, is Automotive Technology Associate Professor Bradley Berrey, Automotive Technology Professor Gerard Uhls, and Associate Dean of the School of Math, Physics, and Technology Maryanne Angliongto.*

“Jefferson College has a long history of high quality instruction and ASE certification keeps this program on a national level,” said Uhls. “We are very thankful for all the support we received from College personnel and the automotive professionals that made this happen. Students will be assured of continued quality education and shop owners will be assured of getting quality job applicants.”

The ASE accreditation process began with an extensive self-evaluation performed by instructors, College administrators, and advisory committee members who compared the program to national standards and had the opportunity to make improvements before submitting evaluation documents for review.

## Reading and Math Skills Camps A Free Resource for Prospective Students

The Academic Success Center is offering a three-week Reading Skills Camp and Math Skills Camp for prospective students considering enrolling at Jefferson College. Both camps will be staffed with professionals trained to help students improve their reading and math skills so they are successful in college.

Each skills camp is being provided free of charge as an extension of the College’s mission to deliver quality learning opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their goals.

Students who are considering attending Jefferson College are required to demonstrate reading proficiency in order to enroll in college level courses. The Reading Camp is designed to help students achieve that goal. Once completed, students should be prepared to be successful on the college’s reading placement exam.

Prospective students who need to enroll in math classes, but have not taken math for a few years, can enroll in the Math Camp to brush-up on their skills as they prepare to earn a successful score on the College’s math placement exam.

Both camps will be offered June 13-30 and July 11-29. Participants can attend from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-noon. The skills camps will be held at the Academic Success Center on the Hillsboro campus in Technology Center Room 111.

For additional information about the Reading or Math Skills Camps at Jefferson College, contact Richard Stephenson at [rstephe4@jeffco.edu](mailto:rstephe4@jeffco.edu) or (636) 481-3439.



# Paramedic Program Fall Application Deadline Approaching

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The application deadline for the Jefferson College Paramedic program this fall is Wednesday, June 29.

The application process consists of four steps that must be completed in order: (1) submit an application available online at [jeffco.edu/emt-paramedic/application](http://jeffco.edu/emt-paramedic/application) (2) complete a written test (all applicants will take a paramedic pre-test and new students must also take a placement exam) (3) participate in an interview (4) selection to the program.

The Paramedic program is taught at Jefferson College Imperial. The location is convenient to surrounding counties and easy to access from I-55. Staff are available to assist with application submissions and/or answer calls. For additional information or questions, call (636) 481-3549 or (636) 481-3481.

Jefferson College's EMT/Paramedic program provides a state-of-the-art learning environment utilizing mannequins and realistic simulators that enable students to be prepared for real life emergencies. Beyond a variety of individual and large area simulation labs, students are taught using real time video and audio recordings for trauma simulations, medical simulations, pediatric simulations, infant simulations, hospital simulations, and confined area simulations (restroom, living room, etc.).

A career ladder in Emergency Medical Technology has been established, allowing students to stop at any level with job skills or progress to an Associate of Applied Science degree as a paramedic.

Program graduates are eligible to take the National Registry Licensure Test to become a licensed paramedic in the State of Missouri or work in most states.





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## ***Agenda items approved and/or discussed in May:***

- Approval of Consent Agenda Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, Investments Report, and Curriculum Matters)
- Purchase - zSpace Laptop Computers and Software
- Contract - Maintenance Agreement for Document Imaging Software
- Appointment - College Studies Faculty (Jason Johnson)
- Appointment - Nursing PN Coordinator/Faculty (Sarah Akridge)
- Reappointment - Head Coaches/2022-2023 (Zachary Bone, Christopher Starkey, and Aida Steiger)
- Budget Assumptions, FY 2023 (First Reading)

## **2022 Board Meeting Schedule**

June 9 – Noon

July 21 – Noon

September 8 – 5 p.m.

October 13 – 5:30 p.m.

December 1 – 5 p.m.

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# MAMMA MIA!

DIRECTED BY  
Rebecca Ellison

## PACE Series Summer Musical "Mamma Mia" June 17-19 and 24-26

As the final event in the 2021-22 PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series, a cast of students, community members and staff will present the summer musical production "Mamma Mia" directed and choreographed by Communication and Theatre Professor Dr. Rebecca Ellison with music and lyrics by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, and some songs with Stig Anderson. Book by Catherine Johnson.

In addition to Ellison, production leaders consist of Music Director Chris Auchly and Stage Manager Christopher Owens.

Cast members include Whitney Dodson as Sophie, Desiree Terry as Ali, Angelina Pirolo as Lisa, Ashley Rudolph as Tanya, Rebecca Ellison as Rosie, Teresa Schwartz as Donna, Mateo Bluemel as Sky, Brayden Pratt as Pepper, Brandon Menke as Eddie, Ray Martin as Sam, Joel Vanderheyden as Bill, Aaron Kamphoefner as Harry, and Michael Booker as Father Alexandrios.

Members of the ensemble include Maren Burns, Cameron Clark, Michael Esparza, Veronica Franklin, Kyle Gartner, Maggie Kausler, Matthew Kettmann, Zoey Laburay, Shawn McAfee, Lucas Nevois, August Palmer, Lizzy Schappe, Alyson Schneider, Riley Stolarski, Katie Tipton, Ally Willeke, Zoe Wood, and James Woolston.

Orchestra members include Chris Auchly (conductor), Mark Trautwein, Betty Kusterer, Karen Propst, Jillian Mayer, Shane Maue, Zach Dineen, Craig Vinyard, Gavin Luther, and Jeremy Lovier.

Performances are scheduled for Friday-Saturday, June 17-18, at 7 p.m., Sunday, June 19, at 2 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, June 24-25, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 26, at 2 p.m. in the air conditioned Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus. Please note that some shows contains adult language and adult situations.

Individual event tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/senior citizens/Sunday matinee shows.

Advance tickets and reservations are available online at [jeffcopace.ludus.com](http://jeffcopace.ludus.com). Tickets will also be sold at the door (cash only) depending on availability. For questions, call the Box Office at (636) 481-3369.

The Jefferson College campus is smoke-free and tobacco-free, including e-cigarettes.

ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

The storytelling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make Mamma Mia! A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!



### TICKETS

**\$10** General Admission

**\$5** Sunday Matinee, Students & Seniors

PLEASE NOTE: This play may contain adult language & situations.



**ONLINE**

Purchase Tickets or Season Passes at:

[jeffcopace.ludus.com](http://jeffcopace.ludus.com)

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**BOX OFFICE**

(Cash only)

Fine Arts Building  
Theatre Lobby, Hillsboro Campus

Box Office phone: 636-481-3369

For hours visit [www.jeffco.edu/PACE](http://www.jeffco.edu/PACE)

Advance tickets & reservations are available online only. Tickets also available at the door unless sold out.

MUSIC & LYRICS BY

Benny Andersson & Bjorn Ulvaeus  
Some songs with Stig Anderson

BOOK BY

Catherine Johnson



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## Foundation Provides More Than \$50,000 for College Requests

The Foundation Board of Directors approved 22 funding requests made by various College departments, programs, and staff, totaling \$50,716 during FY22. Each request was considered and approved by the entire Board, giving all directors first-hand participation in providing resources to the College.

Examples of funded requests:

- Social Work program student trip to Jefferson City
- Yard signs for graduating seniors attending Jefferson College
- Netting for the baseball/softball batting cage
- Digital tablets for the MAC lab
- Production of the Controlled Chaos creative writing book
- Resources for supporting the 25th anniversary of Project SUCCESS

And many more!

The Jefferson College Foundation supports departments, committees, and programs, as well as faculty/staff professional development, through its funding request process. Visit the Foundation's page in the employee portal for more information, or contact Blake Tilley, Executive Director, at 636-481-3104 or [btalley@jeffco.edu](mailto:btalley@jeffco.edu).





## Foundation Received \$30,000 Grant for Patient Care Technician Program

The Missouri Scholarship and Loan Foundation (MOS&L) recently awarded the Foundation a \$30,000 grant to purchase program-specific items for the Patient Care Technician (PCT) program.

The grant was established to support college-to-career initiatives through workforce development services. The College PCT program prepares individuals for employment primarily in a hospital setting, and the course scheduling provides convenient evening and weekend course for those challenged with dependent care.

This is the second grant provided to the Foundation by MOS&L. Last year MOS&L provided \$20,000 in support of racial inequity programs at Jefferson College. The Foundation values this partnership, and looks forward to strengthening this relationship for future students.

## Viking Classic Golf Tournament

The Foundation will host its annual golf tournament September 23 at Crystal Highlands Golf Course in Festus. Team and sponsor registration promotions have generated good results to date. The Foundation plans to host two flights if the number of teams registered by mid-July exceeds course capacity. Register or sponsor the event by clicking [www.jeffco.edu/giving/events](http://www.jeffco.edu/giving/events)



### Join us for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Viking Classic Golf Tournament at Crystal Highlands Golf Course in Festus, MO!

Registration begins at 7 AM, shotgun start at 8 AM.

Includes breakfast sandwiches & coffee, driving range access, green and cart fees, skins and mulligans, select brand beer, soda, sports drinks, water, snacks, and a hot lunch.

Raffle, 50/50 drawing, fun contests and prizes!

Hot snacks with awards presentation and prizes after the tournament.



### Register Today!

**ONLINE:** <http://bit.ly/2022-Viking-Classic>

**EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT!**

**\*\* EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30 \*\***

The Viking Classic Golf Tournament raises funds to provide scholarships and quality programs that directly benefit student athletes and other students attending Jefferson College. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated by us and the many students who benefit from your support.

### Questions?

Call (636) 481-3105 or  
email [foundation@jeffco.edu](mailto:foundation@jeffco.edu)

# June 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30 Memorial Day - Campus Closed	31	1	2 AEL Recognition Ceremony 4 PM SC - Lower Level	3	4
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