

Jefferson College Year in Review: Highlighting the Best of 2016

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning,” wrote Benjamin Franklin. As an institution of higher learning, the pursuit of advancement and excellence at Jefferson College never ends as faculty, staff, administrators, and Board of Trustees members collectively work to uphold the College’s longstanding mission, vision and values.

Join *The Windjammer* in celebrating some of the many events, people, progress, and awards that made 2016 a successful year at Jefferson College!

College’s Success Is Measured In Many Ways

Where it counts...the 51st commencement ceremonies were held in May as 694 associate degrees and 128 technical education certificates were awarded to the class of 2016. Additionally, the first group of students from the Jefferson College/Fox C-6 College Accelerated Program (CAP) received their Associate of Arts degrees prior to graduating from high school the following week.



In an effort to update essential Library services to students, faculty, staff, and the community, the Board of Trustees approved a plan to renovate the two-story 62,000 square-foot building and create a reimagined space for learning and gathering. Through a combination of state appropriations, a planned capital campaign by the Jefferson College Foundation, and institutional resources, the \$5 million project will be complete in early 2018.



Beyond graduation, several technical education programs also held ceremonies to acknowledge students via pinning and/or professional recognition including Nursing, EMT, Radiologic Technology, Area Technical School CNA, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Law Enforcement Academy.



Demonstrating leadership...in the wake of the sudden closure of ITT locations across the region and country, Jefferson College stepped forward to explore degree options and other avenues to help address the financial and academic burden facing ITT students. Jefferson’s academic and student services staff worked quickly to establish alternative pathways, becoming a national best practice model for other colleges to follow. Nursing Director Linda Boevingloh, Dean of Career and Technical Education Dr. Dena McCaffrey, and Health Occupation Programs Division Chair Kenny Wilson were subsequently invited to participate in a webinar by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to share with other states Jefferson’s innovative approach to assist displaced ITT students.



Jefferson College received the 2016 Active Minds Healthy Campus Award as one of the healthiest college campuses in the nation, marking the second consecutive year that it was honored for comprehensive health-conscious programming that spans numerous departments and incorporates the dedication of many individuals and community partnerships. Jefferson was the only community college in the United States and the only higher education institution in Missouri to be recognized by the national Active Minds organization.



Hundreds of potential students and their parents/families attended highly successful on-campus outreach events for prospective students - Registration Showcase and a Health Occupations/Career-Technical Education Programs Open House.



We will never forget...as a way to commemorate the tragedy and heroism surrounding the 2001 terrorist attacks on America, over 10,000 people visited the 9/11 Never Forget mobile exhibit co-hosted by Jefferson College, the Arnold Tourism Commission, and the Jefferson College Foundation. It was the first time that the exhibit had been in the St. Louis area--generating some of the largest crowds ever in the exhibit's history—giving people of all ages an opportunity to personally talk to four of the

New York City firefighters who responded during the unforgettable attacks.

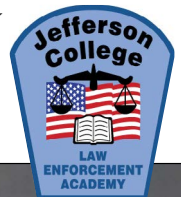


In connection with the College's ongoing legislative advocacy efforts, a delegation travelled to Jefferson City to speak with legislators regarding key issues in connection with the Missouri College Association. As a further extension of this important effort, College President Cummiskey and Board of Trustees member Barbara Stocker also attended the Association for Community College Trustees' National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

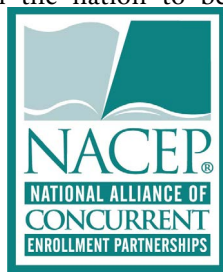


As a means by the College to encourage public discourse and provide the opportunity to learn about prospective office holders prior to the General Election in November, Dr. Cummiskey also moderated a series of forums involving candidates in county, state, and national races.

Following an extremely rigorous self-evaluation and review, the Law Enforcement Academy was granted accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.



Making the grade...Jefferson College became one of fewer than 100 institutions in the nation to be granted accreditation from the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) in connection with offering quality concurrent enrollment programs for high school students. Jefferson 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.



Learning by serving... over 1,000 hours were put forth by Jefferson College students 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 hours spent had an estimated economic impact of more than \$21,000, but what students gain in academic, curricular, community, communication, critical thinking, confidence, and team-building awareness was invaluable.



The Law Enforcement Academy classes achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) license exam, continuing the streak of consecutive LEA classes that have graduated with a 100 percent POST completion rate.



Jefferson College was recognized by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services as a Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite through a proactive effort to support employee and student mothers.



As part of an ongoing emphasis to improve health and well-being on campus, the Fitness Center in the Field House was renovated thanks in part to a grant from the Jefferson



Memorial Community Foundation to the Jefferson College Foundation.

The Health Information Management program achieved national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. The accreditation comes at a time of significant growth in the healthcare industry as the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that jobs in healthcare information technology are expected to grow 21 percent through 2020.



The 37th annual Mastodon Art and Science Fair was held at Jefferson College as students in grades K-12 grade participated from seven surrounding counties participated.



As part of an ongoing emphasis on outreach initiatives related to manufacturing, the College hosted Manufacturing Day as a means of showcasing the advancements and opportunities in modern manufacturing and promoting interest in manufacturing careers.



Witness our wellness...led by Wellness Programs Coordinator Donna Allen-Freese, the campus wellness program expanded with a multitude of health-related activities for students and employees throughout the year.

Foundation Supports College's Mission to Educate

The Foundation's premiere fundraising event, Jazz & Jeans dinner, dance and auction, grossed over \$70,000 to support scholarships, emergency student loans, textbooks, and other projects for the benefit of students. 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.



The 29th annual Viking Classic Scholarship Golf Tournament hosted by the Foundation and Presenting President's Cup Sponsor Dobbs Tire and Auto Centers was an immense success in raising over \$22,000 for student-athlete scholarships.



The Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation awarded \$245,000 in three separate health-related education to the Jefferson College Foundation to support the College. \$150,000 was designated for the Library renovation, \$50,000 will help offset costs associated with our Wellness Program, and \$45,000 will provide a series of 15 (\$3,000) scholarships to first-year or pre-program students entering one of Jefferson's Health Occupation Programs: Bi-Level Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Radiologic Technology, and Health Information Technology.



The fourth annual Leader Holiday Dinner, sponsored by the newspaper and the Foundation, helped support the Culinary Arts program. The evening showcased some of the area's best local recipes prepared and served by students in the Culinary Arts program.

To celebrate those who have made significant contributions in support of Jefferson College and its students, the Foundation hosted its sixth Monticello Society recognition ceremony. 2016 inductees include Justin and Jennifer Collins Hansen; Production Castings, Inc.; and Zion United Methodist Church. Each Monticello Society honoree received an engraved, pewter cup based on an original design by Thomas Jefferson.



Former St. Louis Cardinals All-Star Pitcher Andy Benes was among those to participate in the inaugural Baseball Alumni and Friends Golf Outing at Fox Run Golf Club. The event was a resounding success with proceeds going towards continued facility improvements and upgrades for the Baseball program.



The Foundation and Athletics Department hosted the second annual Shocktober Monster Dash 5k Run and Walk to raise resources for student scholarships.

A dedication/unveiling ceremony was held in conjunction with the "Brick by Brick" program to recognize donors who made a recent contribution to honor a loved one, friend, family member, graduate, co-worker, or someone they hold in high esteem.



Achievements and Awards Demonstrate Excellence on Many Levels

❑ 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.



❑ Business Management Professor Dr. Cindy Rossi was a recipient of the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Biology Associate Professor Marialana Speidel received the 2016 Emerson Electric Excellence in Teaching Award, and Chemistry Associate Professor Wesley Whitfield was selected as the Phi Theta Kappa Teacher of the Year. (head photos from 2016 commencement program)



❑ Jefferson College Foundation Outstanding Achievement Award recipients were Sarah Bright, Certified Professional Staff- Director of Financial Services; Dr. Rebecca Ellison, Faculty- Professor of Communication and Theatre; Dr. Terry Kite, Faculty- Division Chair-Social Sciences; and Jill West, Classified Professional Staff - Enrollment Services Secretary.



❑ Biology Professor Dora Mitchell received the 2016 Senior Service Award from the Missouri Community College Association.



❑ Jefferson College's Student Senate was once again recognized at the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) Student Government conference, winning Student Government Association of the Year. 2015-16 President Elizabeth (Liz) Wiley was also honored as Leader of the Year, and, along with fellow student Thomas McKenzie, was named as a member of the All-Missouri Academic Team.

❑ Brandon Moonier ('02) was chosen as the Jefferson College Alumnus of the Year, saying "Jefferson College was my springboard to success. It is my sincerest hope that this College will further your career, hopes, and dreams, just as it did for me."



❑ Campus Police Department Chief Diane Scanga was honored for her compassion and professionalism as a recipient of the 2016 Jefferson County Crisis Intervention Team Award of Excellence.

❑ On the nomination of Director of Business and Workforce Development Bryan Herrick, Metal Container Corporation won the Governor's Innovative Industry Training Award and David Crump received the Hawthorn Foundation Volunteer Economic Development Award.



❑ 2016-17 Student Senate President Kaitlyn Clark was a recipient of the Missouri Community College Association's Student Leadership Award, presented annually to one outstanding student from each community college campus who has demonstrated excellence in leadership activities.

❑ Director of Enrollment and Retention Kathy Johnston received the Linda K. Johnston Excellence in Assessment Award.



Psychology Professor Dr. Leslie Buck was a recipient of 2016 B. Ray Henry Service/Innovation Award.



Engineering/Physics Instructor Dr. Robert (Bob) Brazzle, who also plays trumpet in the College's jazz ensembles, was one of eight individuals from Jefferson College to receive Outstanding Musicianship awards during the Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival at UMSL. He was also appointed Science Director for the Mastodon Art and Science Fair and his proposal on making laboratory equipment with the College's 3D printer was accepted for the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) conference.

Assistant Nursing Professor/Clinical Simulation Lab Coordinator of the Nursing Educational Simulation Technologies Lab, Louise Jadwisiak (CPNP, MSN, RN, CHSE), became one of only 650 individuals worldwide to obtain Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator certification.



For the second consecutive year, Jefferson College's Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapter was named a Five Star Chapter and received the "Distinguished Theme" award for their Honors in Action Project. Co-advisor Matthew Vaughn also received the Horizon Award for advisor service for the second year in a row.



Students Brooke and Lacey Stibel received the Project SUCCESS Recognition Award.



Five students from the Area Technical School and College's Welding Technology program were honored by the American Welding Society St. Louis Section for their excellent work: 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, and Caleb Dexter DeClue McCray - Jefferson College ATS - \$750 scholarship.

Middle school, junior high and high school students took part in several on-campus learning activities including the Career Expo, Camp Viking, Athletic Camps, MSHSAA District Music Festival, Children's Theatre, and Viking Band Camp.



12 students from the Jefferson College Area Technical School were gold, silver or bronze medalists during the 2016 Missouri SkillsUSA state competition. As a result of their first place finish, Welding students Paul Haegele and Billy Kaune were eligible to attend the SkillsUSA National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

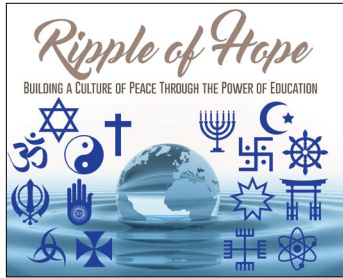
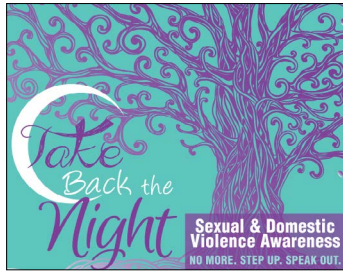


Music Associate Professor Dr. Joel Vanderheyden performed on alto sax with the Maynard Ferguson All-Star Big Band during the Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival. He also performed with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at Powell Hall for the American premiere of Ratatouille in Concert in addition to presentation of Porgy and Bess.

Library Director Lisa Pritchard was asked to contribute a chapter for a book about government information published by the American Library Association. The chapter focuses on community engagement and federal depository libraries.

Art students Jodi Woolsey and Brandy Burgett were selected to represent Jefferson College at the Art St. Louis Varsity Art XX exhibition.

The Events and Community Outreach Committee helped bring many interesting, informative and enjoyable programs to the College including the Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment (PACE) event series, International Education Week, Ripple of Hope: Building a Culture of Peace Through the Power of Education—examining religious minorities and the media, and E-Cycle Collection Days, to name a few. The College also partnered with COMTREA to host the sixth annual “Take Back the Night” event in conjunction with National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.



Division Chairs Chris DeGeare and Kenny Wilson completed the year-long Chair Academy through the Wisconsin Leadership Development Institute.

The Employee Support Committee sponsored several initiatives like the Pat-on-the-Back recognition program, the annual employee holiday party, and the “Some Like it Hot, Hot Hot” chili contest which raised \$500 for The Backstoppers charity.



As God Looked On, a literary novel edited by Associate English Professor Amy Call, was reviewed in the prestigious literary publication, Kirkus Review.

Adjunct Music Instructor Joe Pastor’s composition, *The Realm Between*, was performed in a collaborative cabaret concert production between the UMSL Music Department and the Modern American Dance Company (MADCO) at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Marketing and Public Relations Department was recognized for distinction by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations by winning nine “Medallion of Excellence” Awards. Graphic Designer Lauren Murphy’s poster design also won second place at the NACEP (see related accolade) national conference concurrent enrollment program marketing poster competition, surpassing designs from over 15 other colleges and universities across the nation.



Art Professor Blake Carroll’s work was displayed at the Art St. Louis exhibitions “Serendipity” and “Mix Tape.”

Employees and students affiliated with Project SUCCESS spent part of their spring break to assist the Hammers of Hope organization by building a wheelchair ramp and cleaning houses for those in need.

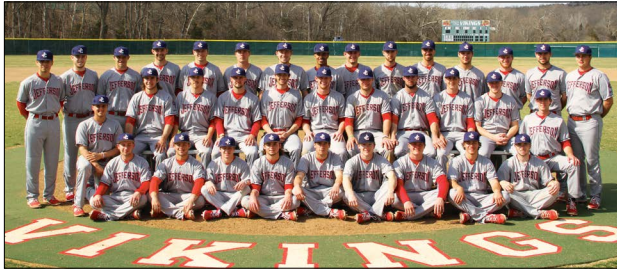
Faculty members Dr. Tim Boehme, Joe Kohlburn, Lisa Pavia-Higel, and Matt Vaughn led a panel discussion titled “Pop Death: Depictions of the End of Life in Popular Culture.”

Athletics Excellence Goes Beyond the Field and Court



Six Jefferson College Viking student athletes met Academic All-American standards and three teams (Volleyball, Softball, and Baseball) qualified for the NJCAA Academic Team of the Year Award by maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA for the entire year.

In 2015-2016, Viking teams captured four conference titles (Baseball, Soccer, Softball, and volleyball), won two Region XVI titles (Soccer and Softball), and made one trip to the NJCAA National Tournament (Softball).



Baseball sophomores Anthony Herron (New York Mets), Keith Grieshaber (LA Angels) and Zach Lavy (Independent) were add to the long list of Vikings (69) that have either been drafted or signed a professional contract since the program was established.



Freshman Kayla Juenger (outside hitter) for the Volleyball team was named an NJCAA Division I Second Team All-American.



The Baseball team was featured in the NJCAA Magazine feature article “Champions for the Community” for their service-volunteer efforts on behalf of the College.

Assisted by Student Athlete Success Coordinator Jason Gardner, the Student Athlete Leadership Team and mascot Victor E. Viking promoted reading efforts at area elementary schools and at the Child Development Center as a part of National Reading Month.



About 75 Jefferson College student athletes completed the “It’s On Us” pledge as part of a national campaign to help put an end to sexual assault on college campuses. Jefferson College joined many other colleges and universities across the country in supporting the initiative.





Nominations Sought for 2017 Alumnus of the Year

The deadline for submitting nominations for the Jefferson College Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award is Wednesday, January 25.

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, and Brandon Moonier.

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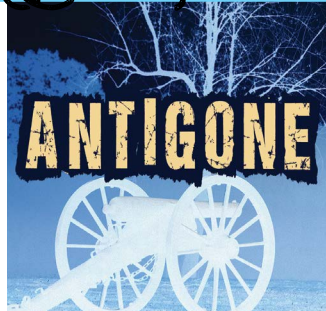
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it in this fresh and vibrant take on an ancient classic. When his niece Antigone, discontent to let her brother go without proper funeral rites, takes matters into her own hands, she sparks a family feud that pits father against son, sister against sister, and civil law against the gods.

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1	2	3 Basketball vs. Marshalltown 6:30 PM Field House WINTER BREAK BEGINS	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM Board Room	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Campus Closed All Locations	17	18	19	20	21 Basketball vs. State Fair 2 PM Field House, Gym
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Basketball vs. Crowder 2 PM Field House, Gym
29	30	31 PACE yMusic: Modern NYC Chamber Music Concert 7 PM Fine Arts Theatre	1 Basketball vs. Three Rivers 6:30 PM Field House, Gym	2	3 FRIDAY SPEAKER series "Life of An Author" 11:45 AM Viking Room	4