

## Jefferson College Partners with Southeast Missouri State University For Launch of Transfer Mentor Program

Southeast Missouri State University recently launched a Transfer Mentor Program, through a partnership with Jefferson College, to help community college students plan a pathway to success, enhancing their transition to Southeast early on to complete their degree.

Southeast Missouri State University President Dr. Carlos Vargas (right) signed a memorandum of understanding with Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey to launch the initiative.

The free program will help community college students plan and track their degree program at Southeast from their very first semester of college. Jefferson College students who participate will be assigned a transfer mentor, offering them individual support as a community college student through their first semester of enrollment at Southeast.



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– DR. RAYMOND CUMMISKEY –  
JEFFERSON COLLEGE PRESIDENT

“The Transfer Mentor Program will assist students across southeast Missouri by providing the tools, resources and support they need to be successful,” said Vargas. “This agreement reflects the interests of all of our institutions to better meet the higher education needs of students in this region and underscores the commitment to improve degree completion rates in this area.”

As part of the program, students will have access to academic advising at Southeast and Southeast’s web-based degree management system. The program also provides students opportunities for concurrent enrollment and reverse transfer to earn their Associate of Arts degrees.

“Jefferson College and Southeast Missouri State University have a long and successful relationship and this agreement aligns our institutions even more closely to create additional opportunities and pathways for student success,” Cummiskey said. “The Transfer Mentor Program will make it easier for students to earn an associate degree and transfer seamlessly to complete their bachelor’s degree.”

The agreement marks a significant partnership among community colleges, their students and Southeast, said Lenell Hahn, director of Admissions at Southeast. The institutions will work together to support student success as students plan and track their degree from the very beginning.

“The biggest questions transfer students have is ‘will my credits transfer?’” Hahn said. “To better help them, we need to start that relationship the first semester the student starts at their community college and to build that communication and support throughout their studies so they know that the credits they take at their two-year school will work at the four-year school.”

The program being piloted at Jefferson College encourages students to sign up to participate around the same time they are admitted to their community college. At that time, a Southeast student record is created for them, and they are assigned individual support mentors from Southeast.

Every semester, Jefferson College will send an official college transcript to Southeast at no cost to the student. This will allow the student, Jefferson College, and Southeast to share information, manage progress towards their degree and have access to it in a web-based degree management system.

With the institutions working directly together, Southeast’s Office of Admissions can create a clear pathway for the students’ ultimate goal of a bachelor’s degree and give them good guidance and mentorship to succeed, Hahn said.

The program lifts the burden from students to track and plan their future by themselves and even allows mentors to foresee opportunities, said Brooke Lockhart, assistant director for transfer recruitment at Southeast.

When students from Jefferson College are ready to enroll and apply for admission to Southeast, the application fee will be waived for Transfer Mentor Program participants.

For more information about the new Transfer Mentor Program, visit <http://www.semo.edu/admissions/transfermentor.html>



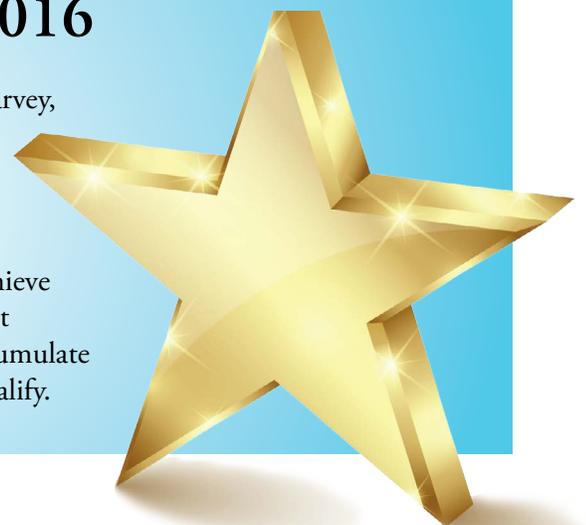
*Tyra Bonner, an early childhood education major, is the first student at Jefferson College to register for the Transfer Mentor Program through Southeast Missouri State University.*



## Dean’s List Announced for Fall 2016

Jefferson College Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Kim Harvey, has announced the Dean’s List for the Fall 2016 semester, containing the names of 728 students who earned the academic recognition. The Dean’s List can be viewed [online](#).

To qualify for the Dean’s List honor, full-time students must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) in at least 12 credit hours taken that semester. Part-time students who accumulate 12 or more credit hours with a 3.25 grade point average also qualify.



# Jefferson College and Maryville University Articulation Agreement Gives Healthcare Students More Opportunities

In an effort to make higher education degree completion more accessible, a new partnership has been formed giving Jefferson College graduates of select health occupation programs the opportunity to transfer to Maryville University to complete their baccalaureate degree. The agreement is designed to build an educational pathway that leads to further student educational attainment and success.

The articulation agreement grants Jefferson College Associate of Applied Science graduates in four health occupations programs the opportunity to transfer to Maryville University's Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker College of Health Professions and earn a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management.

"Jefferson College and Maryville University have come together to ensure a convenient and affordable pathway for students," said Dr. Caron Daugherty, Vice President of Instruction at Jefferson College. "This new articulation agreement is another way Jefferson College is reaching out to four-year colleges and universities to provide options for our students to earn an associate degree, enter the job market with the skills to succeed, and then complete a bachelor's degree so that they can advance."



*Dr. Caron Daugherty*

Jefferson College transfer-eligible health occupations programs include: Health Information Technology, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Radiologic Technology. The exact number of credits transferable from each program differs, but all include more than 60 credits, which is required for junior status.



The agreement went into effect in January, allowing Jefferson College students who have completed their associate degree to begin at Maryville University this summer or fall.

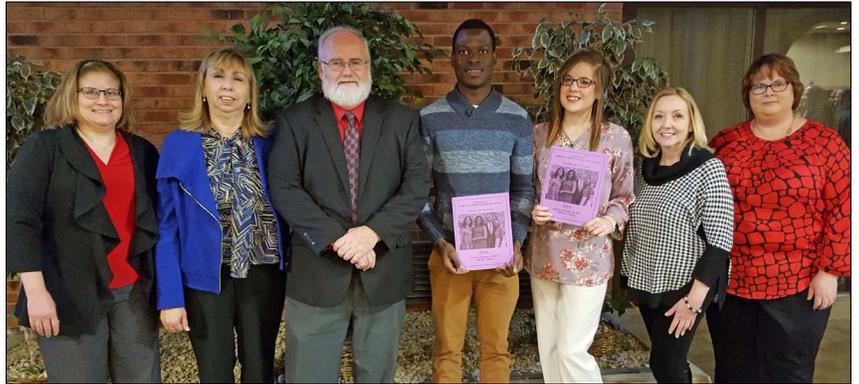
For more information about the articulation agreement, contact Jefferson College Enrollment Services at (636) 481-3209.

*Making higher education degree completion more accessible is the goal of a new articulation agreement between Jefferson College and Maryville University that allows graduates in select Health Occupation programs the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree. Pictured, from left, is Jefferson College Dean of Career and Technical Education Dr. Dena McCaffrey, Jefferson College Health Occupation Programs Division Chair Kenny Wilson, Jefferson College Vice President of Instruction Dr. Caron Daugherty, Maryville University Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Mary Ellen Finch, Maryville University Director/Assistant Professor of the Healthcare Management Program Karen S. Schechter, and Maryville University Dean of Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker College of Health Professions Dr. Charles J. Gulas.*



# College Continues Longstanding Support of Annual Black History Luncheon

Jefferson College was well represented by a contingent of students, staff, administrators, trustees, and retirees during the 22nd annual Black History Luncheon recently hosted by Giving Something Back to the Community and the Cultural Diversity Committee. The College is proud to celebrate higher education and diversity in our community, while educating students of all backgrounds to achieve success.



# Law Enforcement Academy Graduates Sustain Regional Workforce – Serving the Greater Good

A class of 11 students (021 Night Class) recently graduated from the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy, helping to sustain the region's workforce and serving the ongoing need for qualified officers in Missouri.

The 021 class also achieved a 100 percent completion pass rate on the POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) license exam, continuing the lengthy streak of graduating classes from Jefferson College with a 100 percent pass rate for the POST Class A license.

The JCLEA offers three options for students seeking a Missouri Department of Public Safety POST Class A License and is the only academy in the state that incorporates the curriculum for an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice in two of its three programs as a way to distinguish graduates when they enter the job market. The third program, a POST curriculum only option, offers a Certificate in Criminal Justice and is limited to applicants who already have a two or four-year degree.



*JCLEA 021 graduates and Academy personnel include, left to right (front row) Dalton A. Messmer of Crystal City, Devin M. Blecha of Festus, (second row) Matthew E. Terry of Festus, Nicholas A. Kaune of Pevely, Brad C. Maassen of Arnold, Brandon R. Boehm of Festus, Adam J. Greeno of Barnhart, (third row) Law Enforcement Academy Assistant Professor Lt. Paul Ferber, Ty E. Whiting of St. Louis, Brian E. Hopler of Arnold, Kenneth Hartwig II of Dittmer, Brett A. Miller of High Ridge, and Law Enforcement Academy Director Chief Diane Scanga.*

In addition to the basic training for students entering the field, the Academy also provides high quality training to law enforcement personnel.

# 48-Hour Film Contest Offers Unique Video Production Challenge

Community filmmaking teams are invited to direct, produce, or star in an original short film during the seventh annual 48-Hour Film Festival sponsored by the Events/Community Outreach Committee and Art Department.

The contest is open to all Missouri residents within a 200 mile radius of the Hillsboro campus. There is no cost to enter. Teams of up to five members will be given a theme and must work within 48 hours to write, shoot, and edit a film up to seven minutes in length.

## DATES

### **Informational Meeting:**

Friday, March 3, at Noon - Hillsboro Campus, Room FA210

### **Kick Off:**

Friday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m. - Hillsboro Campus, Room FA210

### **Films Due:**

Sunday, March 12, at 7 p.m. - Hillsboro Campus, Room FA210

### **Film Screening:**

Friday, April 7, at 7p.m. - Fine Arts Theatre

## RULES

Teams are required to attend the kickoff meeting in order to participate.

All work must be original and shot within the 48 hours allotted. Films must conform to the decency standards of a community college environment as determined by the Film Committee.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three films.

Submitted films will be shown during a public screening on Friday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus. Due to time constraints, the screening may be limited to the 10 best films.

Entry forms and additional details are available by contacting Assistant Art Professor Nick Nihira at [nnihira@jeffco.edu](mailto:nnihira@jeffco.edu) or (636) 481-3377.

**Actors** Theatre People  
**Filmmakers** Artists  
**Make-up Artists** Set Designers  
Costume Designers Writers  
**Movers & Shakers**

The Jefferson College 48 Hour Film Festival is

**COMING SOON!**

**March 10-12**

Informational Meeting on Friday, March 3  
at NOON in the Fine Art Mac Lab FA210

Make a short film and have it  
screened in the Fine Art Theatre.

**Anyone Can Enter!**

Write, Film, and Edit in 48 Hours

**Cash Prizes!**



For an entry form & more information, contact [nnihira@jeffco.edu](mailto:nnihira@jeffco.edu)  
Films will be screened on Friday, April 7 at 7pm in the Fine Art Theatre

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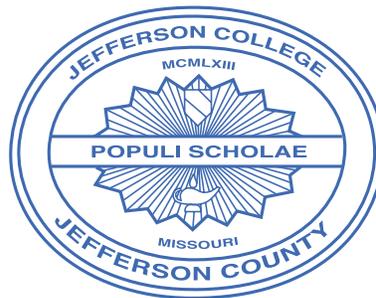
All monthly agenda items and supporting materials are posted [online](#) via the [BoardDocs](#) site accessible through the Jefferson College website homepage at [jeffco.edu](#) clicking on “Welcome” > “About Jefferson College” > “Board of Trustees” links.

### *Items discussed/approved were:*

- Approval of Consent Agenda Items (Minutes, Financial Statements, Faculty Load, and Curriculum Matters)
- Revision to Board Policy IV-010, Online and Hybrid Instructional Assignments (Second Reading)
- Revision to Board Procedure IV-010, Online and Hybrid Instructional Assignments (Second Reading)
- Board Policy IV-011, Classroom Cell Phone Use (Second Reading)
- Board Procedure IV-011, Classroom Cell Phone Use (Second Reading)
- Annual Audit for Jefferson College
- Annual Audit for Jefferson College Foundation
- Document Imaging
- ATS-HVAC Replacement and Metal Fabrication Lab Upgrade
- Extension of Administrators’ Contracts - Deans, Vice Presidents and President
- Appointment - First Assistant Volleyball Coach (Abby Hanger)

### *Upcoming Board Meetings*

March 9 – 5:30 p.m.  
April 13 – 6:30 p.m.  
May 11 – 5:30 p.m.  
June 8 – 8 a.m.  
July 13 – 8 a.m.  
August 10 – 5:30 p.m.  
September 14 – 5:30 p.m.  
October 12 – 6:30 p.m.  
November 9 – 5:30 p.m.  
December 14 – 5:30 p.m.



# PACE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHOIR CONCERTS** 3 PM • FINE ARTS THEATRE  
DIRECTED BY MARK COTTER

**MARCH 5** *A Celebration of Song*  
**FREE Admission!**

### CASEY BENJAMIN

## SPRING JAZZ SHOWCASE

**MARCH 9**  
MASTERCLASS 4 PM  
PERFORMANCE 7:30 PM  
FINE ARTS THEATRE

Casey Benjamin is an American saxophonist, vocoderist, keyboardist, producer and songwriter. He is a member of the Robert Glasper Experiment which won a Grammy Award for Best R&B Album for their album Black Radio. Benjamin will perform along with the Jefferson College Jazz Ensembles directed by Dr. Joel Vanderheyden.

**\$5 general admission • \$2 students/seniors**



### 48 HOUR FILM FESTIVAL



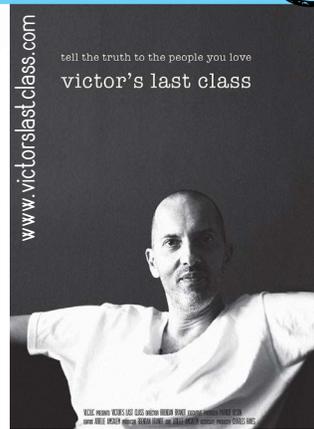
FILM FESTIVAL:  
**MARCH 10 - 12**

FILM SCREENING:  
**APRIL 7 7 PM**

FINE ARTS THEATRE **FREE Admission!**

Form a team of 5 or less and write, film & edit your project in 48 hours! Specific guidelines will be given for your film. Present your creation and win fabulous prizes! Anyone can enter.

### VICTOR'S LAST CLASS



**MARCH 21**

EVENT TIME 7 PM  
FINE ARTS THEATRE

An evening with Los Angeles-based filmmaker, Brendan Brandt. "Victor's Last Class" is a documentary film about a man who made public his intention to end his life, the consequences of that decision, and the relationship formed with the filmmaker.

Audience Q&A to follow film showing.

**\$5 general admission • \$2 students/seniors**

### BIG MUDDY DANCE COMPANY

**MARCH 30 & 31**

PERFORMANCES 7 PM  
FINE ARTS THEATRE

The Big Muddy Dance Company is a St. Louis-based repertory dance company which seeks to build a love of dance by providing fun, experiential, and highly entertaining performances. By engaging both emerging and established choreographers, collaborating across the community through senior outreach, and training future performers through our school and trainee program, we constantly strive to invigorate life through dance.



www.thebigmuddydanceco.org

**\$5 general admission • \$2 students/seniors**

### BAND CONCERT

7:30 PM • FINE ARTS THEATRE  
DIRECTED BY ELKE OVERTON

**MAY 2** *A Celebration of Dance*  
**FREE Admission!**

**PURCHASE TICKETS OR SEASON PASSES BY CALLING (636) 481-3123**

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# Jefferson College FOUNDATION

## Fox 2/News 11 Anchor Dan Gray to Emcee Jazz & Jeans Event April 22

In order to raise funds to support scholarships, emergency student loans, textbooks, and other projects for disadvantaged Jefferson College students, the Jefferson College Foundation and Gold level (\$5,000) sponsors Midwest Regional Bank, Dobbs Tire and Auto, and Enterprise Bank and Trust will present the seventh annual Jazz & Jeans Dinner, Music and Auction on **Saturday, April 22**, in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus.

The master of ceremonies for the evening will be Dan Gray from Fox 2 and News 11 with special guest Bob Bennett, Artistic/Operations Director of Jazz St. Louis.



Gray joined the KTVI Fox 2 News team in 2004 and the KPLR News 11 team in 2008. He also does part-time anchoring at KMOX Radio. He has interviewed presidents and celebrities and has covered major events including floods, earthquakes, elections, and papal visits. Dan has won several journalism awards including seven Emmy awards. He received the "Best Anchor" Emmy four times and has been nominated numerous times.

Bennett joined Jazz St. Louis as Director of Operations in June 2000 and has helped Jazz at the Bistro broaden its artistic presentation and worldwide reputation as one of the leading jazz clubs in the United States. In 2004, he helped the organization successfully launch their "All-Star Student Ensemble," a group featuring the best high school jazz talent in the St. Louis area. Under his direction, the program expanded to feature two ensembles in each of the following two years. With the continued growth of the organization, he is now programming not only the Jazz at the Bistro series, but additional Jazz St. Louis performances at the Touhill Performing Arts Center and other area venues.

Guests are invited to wear their most comfortable jeans and enjoy a relaxed evening. The event will begin with a social hour (open bar) and silent/mobile auction at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, musical entertainment by the Jefferson College Jazz Band, Fund-a-Future presentation, and a special "jazz club" performance by local professionals and alumni.

Jazz & Jeans tickets are available for \$75 per person (tables of 10/\$750) and must be purchased in advance at [www.jeffco.edu/foundation](http://www.jeffco.edu/foundation). The reservation deadline is April 12.

**For more information about tickets, sponsorships or Jazz & Jeans event details, contact [info@mydivineevents.com](mailto:info@mydivineevents.com) or call (314) 669-5933.**



# Jefferson College Library Reimagined: Renovation Project to Bring Improved Technology and Resources

The Jefferson College Foundation recently announced its support of a capital campaign as part of a \$5 million renovation to the Jefferson College Library on the Hillsboro campus. The campaign was announced last December in connection with the start of interior demolition.

The 50-year old Library and its many services are being updated in an effort to significantly improve user experiences and educational resources as the informational, study/research, and community hub of the Hillsboro campus.

Since its construction in 1967 as one of the first buildings on the Hillsboro campus, technology and the utilization needs of Library services and spaces have advanced significantly. The facility has not had any major construction or comprehensive renovation since it was built.



*The Jefferson College Foundation has kicked off a capital campaign in connection with a comprehensive renovation to the Library on the Hillsboro campus. Pictured, from left, during a recent renovation demolition ceremony is Jefferson College Board of Trustees member Ron Scagg, College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey, Director of Library Services Lisa Pritchard, Executive Director of Development Patti Christen, and Jefferson College Foundation Board of Directors President Rick Francis.*



“The significance of the Library to campus and the surrounding community cannot be overstated,” said Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. “We are responding to changes in technology and culture that affect how people gather, learn and communicate. Campus and community input during the planning and visioning process has helped to define the renovated space. These improved spaces will enhance the College’s ability to deliver better experiences for students and visitors alike, while providing for a more energy-efficient building, which will reduce the cost of maintenance and extend its life.”

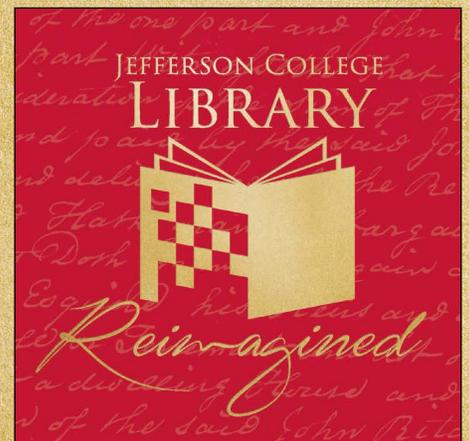
A rectangular design for the West entrance has been selected that will blend well with the design of the entrance on the East and allow the College to look to the future while embracing the past. Dynamic features of the interior will include bright finishes and abundant natural light, a completely new Library and Testing Center layout, relocation of the Jefferson County History Center, technology provisions, additional quiet and collaborative spaces, more seating options, more outlets for personal digital devices, more desktop computers, and triple the number of study rooms.

Beyond modernizing the Library’s study and collaborative spaces and enhancing essential services for students, faculty, staff, and the community, the project includes replacement of the HVAC system and windows which are original to the building from the 1960s.

The multi-faceted capital campaign will reach out to students, employees, alumni, retirees, community members, charitable/philanthropic organizations, and businesses across the region.

For more details about the renovation project, visit the Jefferson College Library Lib Guide at <http://jeffco.libguides.com/libraryreimagined>.

For information about the Jefferson College Foundation capital campaign and giving opportunities, contact Patti Christen, Executive Director of Development, at (636) 481-3104 or (636) 797-3000, extension 3104.





# March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 <b>Softball vs. John A. Logan</b> 2 PM Softball Field	30	31 <b>PACE</b> <b>Band Concert:</b> <i>"Songs of Humanity"</i> 7:30 PM Fine Arts Theatre	1	2 <b>Softball vs. Mineral Area College</b> 2 PM Softball Field	3  <b>21st Century Librarians</b> 11:45 AM Viking Room <b>Baseball vs. Joliet</b> 2 PM, Baseball Field	4 <b>Baseball vs. Joliet</b> Noon Baseball Field
5 <b>Baseball vs. Joliet</b> Noon, Baseball Field <b>PACE</b> <b>Choir Concert:</b> <i>"A Celebration of Song"</i> 3 PM Fine Arts Theatre	6 <b>Softball vs. Kankakee</b> 2 PM Softball Field	7	8	9 <b>Baseball vs. Three Rivers</b> 1 PM, Baseball Field <b>Board of Trustees</b> 5:30 PM, Board Rm <b>PACE</b> <b>Spring Jazz Showcase</b> 7:30 PM Fine Arts Theatre	10	11
12	13 <b>Baseball vs. John A. Logan</b> 3 PM Baseball Field	14	15 <b>Softball vs. Ellsworth</b> 1 PM Softball Field	16	17	18 <b>Mastodon Fair</b> 9 AM, Field House <b>Baseball vs. Crowder</b> 1 PM Baseball Field
<b>Spring Break Week</b> Monday - Friday, March 13 - 17						
19 <b>Baseball vs. Crowder</b> Noon Baseball Field	20	21 <b>PACE</b> <b>Victor's Last Class</b> <i>featuring filmmaker Brendan Brandt</i> 7 PM Fine Arts Theatre	22	23	24	25
26 <b>PTK Spring Induction Ceremony</b> 2 PM Fine Arts Theatre	27	28 <b>Softball vs. State Fair</b> 2 PM Softball Field	29	30 <b>Baseball vs. Maple Woods</b> 1 PM, Baseball Field <b>Softball vs. East Central</b> 2 PM, Softball Field <b>PACE</b> <b>The Big Muddy Dance Company</b> Thursday & Friday, 7 PM, Fine Arts Theatre	31	1 <b>Softball vs. North Central Missouri</b> 2 PM Softball Field