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Honoring Quality Education in Our Community: College to Hold 52nd Commencement Exercises May 13

COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Career & Technical Education: 10 AM

Arts & Science: 2 PM

Field House – Jefferson College Hillsboro

Jefferson College will hold the 52nd annual commencement ceremonies on **Saturday, May 13, in the Field House** on the Hillsboro campus as a combined total of approximately 800 students are eligible to receive associate degrees or career and technical education certificates as the class of 2017.

A ceremony for graduates of Career and Technical Education programs (those receiving an Associate of Applied Science degree or CTE certificate) will begin at 10 a.m., with doors opening at 8:30 a.m.

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 2 p.m., with doors opening at 12:30 p.m.

Eric Ammons, President of Mercy Hospital Jefferson, will be the keynote speaker. He began his health care career as a physical therapist and served in leadership positions at Mercy hospitals in Fort Scott and Independence, Kansas, for more than two decades before joining Mercy Jefferson in 2013. In addition to leading more than 1,300 local co-workers, Ammons is also deeply involved in the community as a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Festus and as a board member at Pony Bird, St. Pius High School and the Jefferson Foundation. He is active in helping lead a charge to bring a prescription drug monitoring data base to Jefferson County to fight opioid addiction and heroin use in our community and the state of Missouri.



Eric Ammons
President of Mercy Hospital Jefferson

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.

Attendees and their families are encouraged to post graduation-related photos and memories using #JeffcoGrad on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Any attendee who will need special seating or parking for someone attending graduation should contact the college's Disability Support Services Office at (636) 481-3158. Bottom tier seating and special parking are available by reservation and/or on a first come, first available basis.

All jackets, bags and backpacks will be searched upon entry to the Field House. Purses, diaper bags and other small personal bags are allowed, but will be inspected at the entrance. No large bags or boxes are allowed in the building without prior authorization. In the event that prohibited items are revealed in a search, guests will be asked to dispose of the items or return them to their cars before re-entering the building. Due to the fact that these additional security measures may cause slight delays, guests are encouraged to arrive early to allow adequate time to enter the building.

Additional details about Jefferson College's 2017 commencement are available on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu by clicking on the "Commencement" banner.

The college is a tobacco-free/smoke-free environment and the use of tobacco and all smoke-related products is restricted to inside personal vehicles.

Nancy Nelson Selected as 2017 Alumnus of the Year

The Jefferson College Faculty Senate recently selected Nancy M. Nelson of Imperial as Jefferson College's 2017 Alumnus of the Year.

Nelson is grateful to receive the Jefferson College Alumnus of the Year award, saying "Of all the community colleges and both universities that I've attended, Jefferson College was my clear favorite. The professors were just as qualified as at four year institutions, but the experiences were so much more personal and welcoming."

She completed her Associate of Arts degree at Jefferson College in 2004 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in History degree in 2006 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, graduating Summa Cum Laude. She is in the process of completing a Master's Degree in International Relations at Webster University.

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— NANCY M. NELSON —



Nancy M. Nelson (right) receives the 2017 Jefferson College Alumnus of the Year Award from Rob Brieler, division chair of math and science.

Earlier this year, she retired from a total of 26 active and reserve duty years with the U.S. Navy, having reached the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer/E-8. She has served in Guam, the Persian Gulf, California, Ohio, Iraq, and St. Louis. Nelson followed proudly in the footsteps of several distinguished veteran family members and received many distinguished awards and citations during her time in the Navy. For the last several years, she was the only female Senior Chief in the Reserves in the St. Louis region. Having served in senior leadership positions since 2005, she gained expertise in the leadership of battalions, vessels, companies, and crews.

Nelson currently works for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency as a Branch Chief in the Maritime Safety Office's Southern Oceans section. After only two years' employment with the federal government as a Marine Analyst, she was promoted to Branch Chief, which is a level that many do not achieve within an entire career at the NGA. As such, she supervises the production of navigational charts and products for the U.S. Navy. Additionally, she serves on their Veterans with Disabilities Council, and represents the United States as a representative to the International Hydrographic Commission (IHO) for the Northern Indian Ocean region.

Nancy says she is honored to have been chosen Alumna of the Year and that she enjoyed her time at Jefferson College. “I liked it better than the university and other community colleges I attended,” she said. “Jefferson College fostered my educational successes. I’m now halfway through a master’s at Webster in International Relations, and I suspect it’s all due to the good start I received with Jefferson College!”

Nelson has a 20 year old son and a 16 year old daughter. She is also active in the community, though she says she is “low key about her work with veterans.” In 2009, Governor Jay Nixon appointed her Commissioner to the Missouri Veterans Commission, which oversees service programs, cemeteries and nursing homes. She was the first female Commander of VFW Post 2593, and has served on their district and state levels also.

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 presently serve as a trustee or an employee of Jefferson College.

The Library Reimagined...Construction Moving Ahead

Wait for it...wait for it. Renovation and construction of the Library on the Hillsboro campus is moving ahead on schedule with projected completion in November or December. Library Services Director Lisa Pritchard recently led a tour of the construction site during a meeting of the President’s Leadership Council, noting the various spaces that will be contained in the building as it is reimagined.



The Library and its services are being reimagined in a fresh, contemporary effort to improve user experiences and educational resources as the informational and social hub of the Hillsboro campus. Dynamic features of the interior will include bright finishes and abundant natural light, a completely new Library and Testing Center layout, organization, technology provisions, more quiet spaces, more collaborative spaces, more seating options, more outlets, more desktop computers, and triple the number of study rooms.



The Jefferson College Foundation has begun a \$1.5 million capital campaign to raise funds for the Library renovation project. The multi-faceted campaign will reach out to students, employees, alumni, retirees, community members, and 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>.

Over 20 Technical Programs Provide Pathway to Employment After Graduation

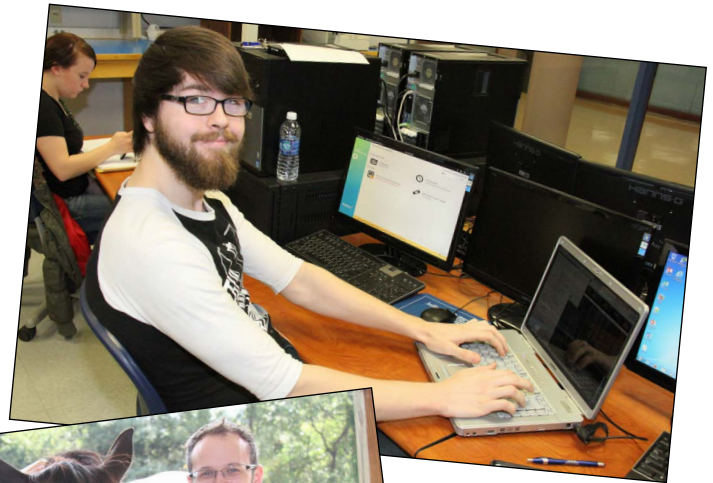
For those seeking to gain the education and skills necessary for a successful career, Jefferson College offers over 20 technical education programs that are designed for immediate employment after graduation. With such a wide variety of classes available, interested students are bound to find the right educational pathway at the right time for them.

A complete list of available programs and classes is located on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu/academics/programsdepartments. Not all career and technical education programs are available at all locations.

The two-year Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree comprises a series of programs designed for those who wish to gain employment directly upon graduation. In most A.A.S. programs, students may pursue either a degree or a career and technical certificate.

Available programs at Jefferson College include:

- Accounting[#]
- Applied Technology[#]
- Apprenticeship Training
- Automotive Technology[#]
- Business Management[#]
- Child Care/Early Childhood Education[#]
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Support Option[#]
- Criminal Justice Cyber Security Option[#]
- Graphics/Web Developer[#]
- Computer Integrated Manufacturing[#]
- Criminal Justice[#]
- Culinary Arts[#]
- Emergency Medical Technology[#]
- Health Information Technology
- HVAC Technology[#]
- Nursing[#]
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiologic Technology[#]
- Veterinary Technology
- Welding Technology[#]



For more information about Jefferson College Certificate programs as required by the U.S. Department of Education, visit www.jeffco.edu/future-students/financial-aid/gainful-employment

In addition to career and technical education programs, the College also offers three associate degrees comprised of general education classes designed for those who want to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree before transferring.

With the rising costs of tuition across the nation, taking courses at a community college is a financially sound decision. Jefferson College tuition in-district costs are \$97 for intersession/summer and \$105 per credit hour for fall. A \$5 per credit hour technology fee is also applicable for all terms. Some courses may have additional lab fees and some programs such as Practical Nursing and the Law Enforcement Academy have separate fee structures.

To receive more information about summer and fall classes and programs, call Jefferson College Enrollment Services at (636) 481-3209.

[#] Available as Degree or Certificate
+ Available as Certificate Only

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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.

Agenda items approved:

- Certification of Election Results – Margie Passmore/Gary Davis
- Administering the Oath of Office
- Consent Agenda (Minutes, Financial Statements, Faculty Load, Continuing Education Course Offerings ~ Summer 2017, Curriculum Matters, Student Credit Hours Generated Extra Pay 2016-2017)
- Budget Assumptions, FY 2018 (second reading) – no motion received
- Organization of the Board
- Establish Time and Place of Regular Board Meetings
- Promotions in Accordance with Faculty Promotions in Academic Ranking System
- Hillsboro R-3 School District Articulation Agreement
- Supplemental Contract - Director of Public Safety Programs
- Purchase of Fine Arts Fixed Audience Theater Seating
- Appointment - Foundation Board Member (Brandon Moonier)

2017 Board Meeting Dates/Times

May 11 – 5:30 p.m., June 8 – 5:30 p.m., July 13 – 5:30 p.m., August 10 – 5:30 p.m.,
September 14 – 5:30 p.m., October 12 – 6:30 p.m., November 19 – 5:30 p.m.,
December 14 – 5:30 p.m.



Newly elected Board of Trustees members Margie Passmore (left) and incumbent Gary Davis (right) take the oath of office by Board Secretary Lisa Vinyard. They were each elected to serve a six year term. Passmore, a Jefferson College alum, is a fifth grade teacher in the Fox school district and has served on the Windsor C-1 school board for the past 13 years. Davis, who is employed with the Jefferson County Public Works Department, has served as a College Trustee for 12 years.



In recognition of the service of John Winkelman, who did not seek election, Board President Steve Meinberg presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Trustees and a proclamation from the Missouri Senate.

Automotive Program Receives Vehicle Donation to Support Student Instruction

To enhance instruction and training taught to students in the Jefferson College Automotive Technology program, the College recently received a donation of a 2008 Chrysler Sebring from InstaCredit Automart of Arnold.



Jefferson College Automotive Technology Professor Gerard Uhls (center) accepted the keys from InstaCredit Automart-Arnold Service and Facility Manager Mike Mudd. Pictured, from left, is Jefferson College Foundation Executive Director Patti Christen, InstaCredit Automart-Arnold Service Manager Wayne Watson, Uhls, Mudd, Jefferson College Automotive Technology Instructor Bradley Berrey, and College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey.

The donated vehicle will be used to support student mastery of skills within the Automotive Technology program in connection with the College's accreditation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) for meeting strict industry standards in the areas of brakes, electrical/electronic systems, engine performance, engine repair, and suspension/steering.

"Jefferson College is a leading facility for workforce training in the region. When we first started talking about this partnership we knew we could help, and we're excited to do so," said Don Birger, owner and president of InstaCredit Automart.

The Automotive Technology program has recently been fully re-accredited through 2022. To achieve NATEF accreditation status, the Automotive Technology program must undergo a rigorous evaluation using nationally accepted standards of excellence in instruction, facilities, and equipment.

The Automotive Technology program is among several popular career and technical education programs offered at Jefferson College, allowing students to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree or a Career and Technical certificate. Graduates are employed at many of the automotive dealerships and repair facilities throughout the region.

Additional vehicle donations (2005 or newer in running condition without major body damage) are welcome in an effort to provide a variety of makes and models for students to gain hands on experience. For more information about donating a vehicle to the College, contact Automotive Technology Professor Gerard Uhls at (636) 481- 3431.

Students Excel at Missouri SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference

Some of the best students from Jefferson College recently participated in the 2017 Missouri SkillsUSA State Competition held in conjunction with the Missouri SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference, which is attended by more than 2,500 students, teachers, and representatives of business, industry, education, and government.

Jefferson College 2017 State SkillsUSA competition medalists include:

SECONDARY DIVISION

Robert Jackson Sterling, *Imperial* – Seckman High School – HVAC Technical Information – Gold
Ashley Thebeau, *Pevely* – Herculaneum High School – Technical Spelling – Gold
Tori Connors, *Arnold* – Fox High School – Community Service – Silver
Regan Frette, *Imperial* – Seckman High School – Community Service – Silver
Brooke Jackson, *High Ridge* – Northwest high School – Community Service – Silver
Shawn Armstrong, *Hillsboro* – Hillsboro High School – Fire Fighting Skills – Bronze
Robert Jackson Sterling, *Imperial* – Seckman High School – HVAC Skills – Bronze



POST-SECONDARY DIVISION

Katherine Donahue, *Hillsboro* – Sheet Metal Skills – Gold
Lois Harrison, *Barnhart* – Job Skills Demonstration A – Gold
Lois Harrison, *Barnhart* – Culinary Arts Technical Information – Gold
Paul DuSablou, *House Springs* – Welding Skills – Silver
Shelby Hatcher, *Hillsboro* – Culinary Arts Skills – Silver
Justin Kinworthy, *Arnold* – Welding Fabrication – Silver
Ahmad Mohammed, *St. Louis* – Sheet Metal Skills – Silver
Nick Reed, *Festus* – Welding Fabrication – Silver
Johnathan Schnitzer, *Arnold* – Welding Fabrication – Silver
Johnathan Schnitzer, *Arnold* – Welding Technical Information – Silver
Medal Nina Brinkley, *DeSoto* – Commercial Baking Skills – Bronze
Marti Smith, *Pevely* – Culinary Arts Skills – Bronze



Medalists at the 2017 Missouri SkillsUSA State Competition from Jefferson College and the Jefferson College Area Technical School include, left to right (front row) Regan Frette, Brooke Jackson, Tori Connors, (second row) Nina Brinkley, Ahmad Mohammad, Katie Donahue, Robert Jackson Sterling, (third row) Marti Smith, Lois Harrison, Shelby Hatcher, Paul DuSablou, (fourth row) Ashley Thebeau, Johnathan Schnitzer, Nick Reed, and Justin Kinworthy. Those who won gold medals will represent Jefferson College at the National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky this June.

The National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky June 19– 24. Tori Connors, Katherine Donahue, Lois Harrison, Regan Frette, and Brooke Jackson will be invited to represent Jefferson College at the National Finals.

Art Department Pottery Sale May 10-11 Reflects Creative Talents of Students

The Jefferson College PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) event series will continue with the Art Department's annual spring pottery sale on Wednesday, May 10, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday, May 11, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Ceramics Studio in the lower level of the Fine Arts Theatre building on the Hillsboro campus.

The sale is open to everyone and will feature hundreds of student-made items including bowls, cups, plates, vases, candle holders, and sculptures. All items are hand-made, one-of-a-kind pieces of art.

Prices range from \$2-\$200 with most items costing \$3-\$25. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to benefit students in pottery/ceramics classes who learn clay techniques including coil and slab construction, three-dimensional design and sculptural aspects, wheel throwing, glazing, and firing.

The Art Department provides students with an excellent foundation for a lifelong career in visual arts with a broad range of classes in both two- and three-dimensional art forms, including Design, Drawing, Life Drawing, Printmaking, Ceramics, Digital Photography, Graphic Design and Painting in a variety of media. Lecture courses include Survey of Art History I and II, as well as Art Appreciation. Both studio and lecture courses are open to art majors and non-majors alike.



For more information about the student pottery sale, contact Jefferson College Pottery Instructor Anthony Borchardt at (636) 481-3365. For detailed information about other upcoming PACE events/times, visit www.jeffco.edu/PACE.



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Making a Real Difference: Jazz & Jeans Raises Over \$70,000 to Support Student Education

Heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who helped make the seventh annual Jefferson College Foundation Jazz & Jeans dinner, music and auction fundraiser another success. The special “jazz club experience” brought in over \$70,000 which will support the Foundation’s mission to provide the College and its students with the resources necessary to achieve their goals.

“Jazz and Jeans is our biggest fundraising event for the year,” said Executive Director of Development Patti Christen. “It has a great impact on our ability to offer students help with tuition, books, emergency funding and support campus activities. I am extremely grateful for the generous outpouring of support from our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and attendees as a means to make higher education attainable for anyone who has the desire.”

Special thanks go to event co-chairs Michelle Kennen and Mike Kumph, along with the Foundation Board of Directors and the Jazz & Jeans planning committee.



Over 280 guests and alumni attended the event, emceed by Dan Gray from Fox 2 News with special guest Bob Bennett, Artistic and Operations Director of Jazz St. Louis. Dan and his wife Michelle also brought along renowned jazz singer Erin Bode.

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Guests enjoyed a social hour, a scrumptious dinner by Food Service Consultants, Fund-a-Future appeal, silent and live auctions, and entertainment by the Jefferson College Jazz ensembles and Alumni Band. Attendees were moved by the heartfelt personal stories of students Dillyn Day and Emily Fromm.

This year's Jazz & Jeans event sponsors included:

Gold Jazz (\$5,000)

Dobbs Tire and Auto
Enterprise Bank and Trust
Midwest Regional Bank

Silver Jazz (\$2,500)

Mercy Hospital-Jefferson
Production Castings
Sapaugh GM Country
Twin City Toyota

Bronze Jazz (\$1,500)

Cigna
Dr. and Mrs. E. William and Michelle Kennen
Food Service Consultants – Specialized Catering
Vest Benefit Solutions
First State Community Bank
Dr. Mark H. Spurrier and Mr. Karl Koesterer



The competition by College groups and departments in designing the most creatively themed baskets for the silent auction was again outstanding:

First Place – Margaritaville - Student Services,
Second Place – Birdbath - Division of Instruction,
Third Place - Willy Wonka – PR & Marketing/Foundation/President's Office.



To view additional photos from the event, visit [Jefferson College Go Jeffco on Facebook](#).



May 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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7 PACE Choir Concert "A Lighter Fare" 3 PM Fine Arts - Theatre	8	9	10 PACE Wednesday 10 AM - 6 PM Fine Arts, Ceramics Studio		11 Thursday 10 AM - 4 PM Ceramics Studio Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM Admin- Board Room	12 Radiologic Technology Pinning Ceremony 6 PM ASI - Room 119 (Little Theater)	13 2017 COMMENCEMENT CTE Ceremony 10 AM A&S Ceremony 2 PM Field House - Gym RN Pinning Reception 11 AM SC- Viking Room AAT Graduation Luncheon 12:30 PM SC-Café
14	15 Paramedic Graduation 6 PM Fine Arts - Theatre	16	17	18	19	20	
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