



Welcome Back!! As I get older, summer seems to go by so quickly! I was fortunate this summer to travel to Colorado with my immediate family and some of my extended family. Believe it or not, all 25 of us were able to share a house in the mountains and everyone survived!!! I hope that each of you were able to have some downtime and enjoy a break. For those of you just getting back to campus, I can assure you that activity at the College did not take a break; construction continues, many new hires have been onboarded, and students have been coming and going all summer long.

## Acknowledgments

It is very exciting that Jefferson College will be serving as the Grant Lead for the recently received \$3.99 million Apprenticeship Builds America Round 2 Grant. Special thanks to Dr. Kenny Wilson for his leadership and collaboration with Central Methodist, East Central, Mineral Area and Three Rivers colleges to secure this grant.

Massive amounts of construction will continue on campus this year. The new walkway bridge across Vikings Drive is just one example of the work taking place on our campus. In the next few weeks JCA and Viking Woods will be completed. The construction of the Veterinary Technology building will continue for the next few months and the Fine Arts building expansion will be kicking off in the very near future. This is a very exciting time of growth at Jefferson College. Special thanks for the many individuals around campus involved with these projects. We appreciate everyone's patience during the construction process.

## President's Office Webpage

As a reminder, the President's Office webpage has many links that may be of interest to you. [View links for the following items.](#)

- Board Policies and Procedures;
- Administrative Policies and Procedures;
- Faculty Consolidated Bargaining Agreement (CBA);
- Anonymous Questions and Responses;
- Cabinet meeting minutes;
- Extended Cabinet meeting information and minutes;
- and President's Updates since 2023.

## Transition in President's Office

As Lisa Vinyard nears her retirement date of October 31, be sure to introduce yourself to the new faces in the President's Office. Heidi Hogan, joined our team as the new executive assistant and is transitioning into the main contact for the President's Office and the Board of Trustees. Maggie Kausler has also joined the team as the office's first student worker.

## Extended Cabinet Virtual Meeting

All employees are welcome to attend the monthly Extended Cabinet meetings, where Cabinet members share information and updates on a variety of topics. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, at 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

URL: <https://meet.google.com/ixi-sxux-fda>  
Phone: 1 541-876-6283 (PIN: 366 793 269#)

## Special Thanks

- Jennifer Baine for coordinating the schedule and the food throughout Opening Week.
- Samantha Roberson for stepping up to assist with building reservations for external events and the Weekly Events Calendar while Kayla Barren was on maternity leave.
- The Human Resources department who have been coordinating search committees, job offers, and new hire onboarding for the last several months.
- The new constituent group presidents;
  - Janet Akers Montgomery / Certified Staff,
  - Dr. Rebecca Ellison / Faculty Senate,
  - Holli Gillam / Classified Staff
- Pennie Strother and the custodial team who ensured that all of the buildings are clean and ready for classes next week.
- Marie Self for tirelessly handling all Field House and athletic field events for internal and external groups. These are not just athletic competitions but also events such as the Opening Meeting and the Back to School event for hundreds of local kids in the foster care system.

I'm certain there are many more well-deserving individuals and departments that I am forgetting to thank. Please know, I appreciate each and everyone of you.

## Save the Date(s)

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events;

- Friday, August 23, 4-7 p.m. - Yappy Hour fundraiser for the Veterinary Technology program will be held at Villa Antonia Winery in Hillsboro. Click [here](#) to sign the necessary waiver if you choose to bring your pet.
- Wednesday, September 4 - Club Spirit & Resource Day on the Central Lawn
- Thursday, September 12, 4-5 p.m. - Board of Trustees Meet & Greet in the LIBRARY for all employees
- Friday, September 13 - Community Movie Night on the Central Lawn; Click [here](#) to volunteer.
- Monday, September 23, 2:30 p.m. - Town Hall: State of the College virtual meeting for all faculty and staff.
- September 26 & 27 - The Jefferson College Foundation Golf Tournament; Please consider volunteering for the event or registering a team for the tournament. Click [here](#) to register a team / Click [here](#) to volunteer
- Thursday, October 10, at 3:00 p.m. - JCA Expansion Ribbon Cutting ceremony; The October Board of Trustees meeting will be held at JCA at 5:00 p.m. following the ceremony.
- Friday, October 11 - Day of Service

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Cabinet, thank you for your cooperation and excellence. Have a great summer!

## Anonymous Questions

Anonymous questions for Cabinet can be submitted through [this link](#). These questions are answered at the Extended Cabinet meeting and then shared in future President's Updates.



**Best of luck during the fall semester!**

**- Dena**

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