



Welcome to 2025!

It's hard to believe the new year is already here and that we've embarked on the spring semester. I hope you all had a restful break and are feeling re-energized both personally and professionally.

At our Opening Meeting in August, John O'Leary's presentation left us inspired and motivated. While it has only been five months, it almost feels like a lifetime ago. John created a special video to kick off the spring semester to help us recapture that positive energy. You can watch the quick 4 minute video [here](#).

For our new employees who joined after the August meeting or for those who'd like to revisit it, you can find a recording of John O'Leary's presentation at <https://vimeo.com/video/998267490>. Enter the password, Openingweek24.

Special Thanks

Starting a new semester is always a monumental task, and this spring brought extra challenges with the ice and snow. Despite these obstacles, you all worked tirelessly to support our students, prepare for classes, and ensure our facilities were ready.

A special shout-out goes to our **Buildings and Grounds** team for going above and beyond to clear parking lots and sidewalks, ensuring we started the semester safely and smoothly. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

Viking Woods Update

We have been notified by resident students of possible mold in a few of Viking Woods apartments in the 800 Building. Please note that this is not in the newly constructed building but in one of the original resident buildings. Environmental testing has been completed and a plan to rectify this issue has been established and work began last week. Two announcements have been sent to Viking Woods residents, keeping them apprised of the situation:

- [Viking Woods Memo 1-15-25](#)
- [Viking Woods Update 1-17-25](#)

Board Meetings - Transition from BoardDocs to Diligent Community

Since 2015, Jefferson College has used the BoardDocs platform for the Board of Trustees meetings. The College is in the process of transitioning to **Diligent Community**, which will debut at the February 13, Board of Trustees meeting.

Thanks to **Heidi Hogan** and **Jennifer Baine** for attending training sessions and preparing the Board members and staff for this transition. For a quick look at Diligent Community, click [here](#).

Construction Update

Exciting construction progress continues across campus:

Veterinary Technology Facility: The new building was approved for occupancy last week. Equipment and supplies have been moved from CTE to the new building and classes/labs will be beginning soon.

CTE Updates: The former Vet Tech space in the CTE building is being remodeled to make way for the Workforce and Employment Services staff and provide classrooms for non-credit training.



Both projects were made possible by **MoExcels grants** from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

For a full update on campus construction, see the [December 2024, Board meeting report](#), which is provided monthly to the Board of Trustees as part of the Finance and Administration report. Future updates will be posted monthly in Diligent Community, starting with the February 13, 2025, meeting.

Save the Date

Show Me ATS

- When: Tuesday, January 28, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- What: High school students are invited to explore the exceptional career and college readiness programs available at the Area Technical School (ATS). Plus, meet instructors, take with current students and win prizes!

Preview Day

- When: Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed for set-up and event activities. If you're available, please [sign up here](#). For questions please contact Jaelyn Birks at jbirks@jeffco.edu or ext. 3216.

Foundation Auction

- When: Saturday, March 29
- Highlights: Performance by the Jefferson College Jazz Band.
- Get Involved: Learn about donations, volunteering, or purchasing tickets [here](#).

Extended Cabinet Meeting

- When: Monday, January 27, at 2:30 p.m.
- Join Us: [Google Meet link](#). Everyone is welcome to attend!

Jazz Ensemble to Perform at Jazz St. Louis

- When: Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m.
- What: You will not want to miss this thrilling opportunity to see our students perform at the premiere jazz venue in the region! Tickets are required and can be purchased [here](#).

Spring Play, The Video Gamapalooza - A comedy on the history of video games

- When: February 27-March 2
- What: A comedy on the history of video games, by Don Zolidis
- Tickets: Purchase [Online](#)

Reminder: 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.



As always, my door is open. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly via email or phone. Thank you for all that you do to make Jefferson College a great place to work and learn.

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