

## 2018 Year in Review: College's Success Accentuated by Service, Leadership and Innovation

From the completion of an ambitious facility renovation project and the success of several committee-based initiatives involving staff and faculty from across the institution, *The Windjammer* invites you to celebrate some of the many significant accomplishments of 2018 that reflect continued excellence at Jefferson College.

### Learning and Service Are Harbingers of Institutional Success

Over 830 students were eligible to receive associate degrees or career and technical education certificates during the 53rd annual commencement ceremonies in May. Dr. Rudy Yanuck, retired pathologist for the Department of Veteran Affairs in St. Louis, was the keynote speaker. Aside from the commencement events, a variety of technical education programs also held ceremonies to honor students via pinning and/or professional recognition: Area Technical School CNA, EMT, Law Enforcement Academy, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Radiologic Technology. Additionally, the College hosted a graduation ceremony for those who received their Hi-Set diploma.

The Board of Trustees' adopted new [mission/vision/values](#) statements to help guide the institution during the next five-year strategic planning process for 2020-2025 and well into the future. Approval of the new statements followed a year-long development process that included input from campus groups, community leaders, and area residents.



To mark the completion of a \$5 million renovation to the Library, over 250 people attended the grand opening on April 2 in connection with the 55th anniversary of the establishment of the College. The Library and its services were reimagined in a fresh, contemporary effort to improve user experiences and educational resources as the informational, study/research, and community hub of the Hillsboro campus. The renovation, which began in late 2016, was possible through a combination of state appropriations, an ongoing capital campaign by the Jefferson College Foundation, and institutional resources.



Psychology Professor Leslie Buck received recognition from the Missouri Department of Higher Education for her service on the Core Curriculum Advisory Committee for MOTR Core42, a new statewide initiative that establishes a group of recognized courses guaranteed to transfer to any public college or university in Missouri to meet general education requirements.



To unify, coordinate, and better support institutional diversity and inclusion efforts, the Board of Trustees adopted an [Inclusion and Diversity Plan](#) as developed by the Diversity Subcommittee of the Accreditation Committee. The plan is based on the following diversity



statement: “Jefferson College is a community leader dedicated to supporting and promoting diversity through opportunities and experiences that foster a culture of respect, inclusiveness, and understanding for everyone in the campus community, to engage in a diverse world.”

In preparation for a 2019 reaccreditation evaluation by the Higher Learning Commission, the accrediting body was highly complimentary of [Jefferson College’s Quality Initiative](#), an institution-wide, improvement project that began in 2013 focusing on implementing an attendance and participation tracking system and using data from the system to improve student retention rates. “By engaging a wide variety of stakeholders through a standing committee structure, the College used the opportunity to leverage a positive and lasting culture shift,” the HLC report noted.

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In light of the ongoing emphasis and success of institution-wide planning efforts, the College implemented Strategic Planning Online (SPOL) software to sustain and support strategic planning across the College.

The Workforce Development and Continuing Education



Department was successful in securing significant state funding to support regional job training and workforce development training efforts through a variety of longstanding programs and new offerings such as the Construction and Mechanical Occupations (CAMO) Training Academy.

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In an effort to provide non-perishable food, frozen/refrigerated goods, and personal hygiene items free of charge to students in need, the Vikings'



Vault food pantry opened in September as over 2,450 items were donated during the ribbon cutting event. Kudos to the Certified Professional Staff group for their role in suggesting and championing the project. The pantry's existence is due in large part to grants from the Missouri Scholarship and Loan Foundation, the Missouri High Education Loan Authority (MOHELA), the Jefferson College Foundation, along with a refrigeration/freezer unit donated by the Hussmann Corporation.



To mark Jefferson College's first-ever international student educational exchange program, organized by the Global Education Subcommittee, a group of 12 students and three instructors from Darmstadt, Germany, visited the College as part of an remarkable learning experience. The visitors observed and participated in several academic programs, viewed demonstrations and instructional technology, toured local factories/employers, job-shadowed department managers and directors at the College, and gave a symposium about aspects of their home country, all while forming friendships and learning about life in the United States. Jefferson College will send a delegation of students to Germany this summer.



Beyond sustaining the regional workforce as highly qualified personnel, the Law Enforcement Academy classes continued the consecutive streak of achieving a 100 percent pass rate on the POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) license exam.



In the first semester of embedding National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS) credentials as part of its coursework, all eight Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) students taking the NIMS Measurement Materials and Safety examination passed on their first attempt.



Many of the College's best and brightest students were recognized for their outstanding scholastic achievement by being inducted into the College's Phi Theta Kappa and College/Area Technical School National Technical Honor Society.



To improve information and communication about the College's academic programs and numerous educational services and activities, the Public Relations and Marketing Department launched a redesigned website homepage. The site features a full-screen video, one-click access to all academic programs, eye-catching statistics and graphics, real-time calendar and news information, and easy access to all of the College's social media accounts.

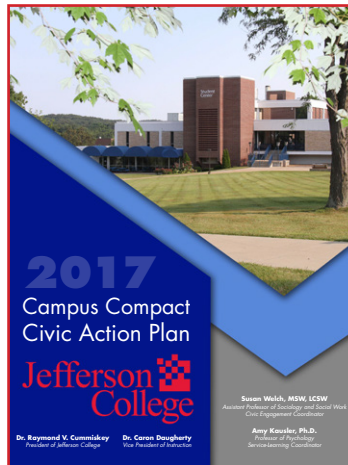


With the sudden closure of Vatterott College locations across the region and country, Jefferson College stepped forward to offer degree options and other avenues to help students address the financial and academic burden. Staff provided one-on-one assistance to develop personalized education plans in attempt to align Vatterott coursework with available options at Jefferson College.



## Ties That Bind - Community Connectedness Strengthened Through Partnerships

The College adopted a [Campus Compact Civic Engagement Plan](#) to strengthen outreach and service-learning opportunities. It infuses civic engagement into the culture of the institution and builds a community of connection, caring, compassion, and service inside and outside the institution. Accordingly, a cross-section of 88 faculty, staff, and students participated in the first-ever Day of Service as they dispersed across Jefferson County to provide needed assistance to 12 agencies and organizations throughout our community.



In advance of the midterm election, Jefferson College and the Jefferson County Growth Association hosted two public forums involving candidates in county, state, and federal races. College President Dr. Ray Cumiskey served as moderator. In related programming, the Jefferson College Library held a panel discussion titled "How to Spot Fake News in an Election Year" to provide tips and discuss the political, social, and technological background for "fake news."



In an effort to provide job-related resources and highlight the importance of manufacturing careers as an economic development and educational pathway in our region, Jefferson College hosted the third annual Manufacturing Day to draw attention to the outstanding opportunities that a career in manufacturing can provide. The Employment Services Office also hosted a General Job Fair and Healthcare Job Fair to connect job seekers with numerous employers.

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In connection with state and national legislative advocacy efforts, a delegation travelled to Jefferson City and Washington D.C. to confer with legislators about important issues surrounding higher education. Additionally, a group of Social Work students and faculty members from Jefferson College and Fontbonne University attended NASW Social Work Advocacy Day in Jefferson City as they visited with Representative Becky Ruth and Senator Paul Wieland to discuss issues important to the field of Social Work.

Radiologic Technology Program Director/Assistant Professor Janet Akers-Montgomery was named a Fellow in the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists, an honor that has only been awarded to nine Missouri radiologic technologists. She was also nominated to present the Annual Memorial Lecture titled "The Jaded Truth of our Radioactive Past." In addition, she received first place in the Technologist category for her scientific exhibit titled "Contrast Enhanced Mammography."

Former Missouri Governor Jay Nixon donated an extensive collection of arrowheads and artifacts by his family in honor of Jay's late father, Jeremiah "Jerry" Nixon. The unique collection has been historically preserved, displayed, and used for educational study.



Jefferson College and COMTREA once again partnered to host Take Back the Night, a national event which seeks to end all forms of sexual and domestic abuse by striving to create safe communities and respectful relationships through awareness.



The Cultural Events and Outreach Committee organized an array of entertaining and informative programs including the annual Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment (PACE) event series featuring world-class artists and students/community members in theatre, vocal and instrumental ensembles; TEDx – The Art of

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Science and the Science of Art; and Ripple of Hope: To Seek a Newer World.

*Ripple of Hope*  
**To Seek a Newer World**  
*"There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?"*


Wednesday, April 11  
Jefferson College Arnold Room 323 (Lecture Hall)  
7pm Discussion with Adam Walinsky


Thursday, April 12  
Jefferson College Hillsboro Little Theatre  
2pm - 4pm Student/Community Discussion  
7pm Discussion with Adam Walinsky

*Robert Kennedy*


 The 39th annual Mastodon Fair was held in the Jefferson College Field House, involving 475 students in grades K-12 grade from across the region. It encourages scientific achievements, showcases artistic talent, and rewards dependability and perseverance.




 The Music Department celebrated the 50th anniversary of the annual Missouri State High School Activities Association's Music Festival that has been held at the College.

 Elementary, middle school, junior high and high school students took part in a variety of educational activities at the College including Math Contest, MSHSAA District Music Festival, STEM/STEAM Camps, Children's Theatre, and Viking Band Camp.



 Faculty members in the Physics department joined with the St. Louis Astronomical Society to host several successful community observation nights for enthusiasts and those who want to learn more about astronomy.




 Jefferson College's first-ever "We Are the Vikings" float, constructed as a ship with a sail and shields, was seen in several local Christmas parades. The College's mascot, Victor E. Viking, along with several enthusiastic students, employees, and family members, greeted people along parade routes in Festus, DeSoto, and Hillsboro.





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## Jefferson College Foundation Success Supports College's Mission Through Partnerships


 The annual Jefferson College Foundation Jazz & Jeans dinner, music and auction fundraiser included 260 guests, raising nearly \$70,000 to support the College and its students. Along with several jazz performances and heartfelt student testimonials, the event was emceed by Dan Gray from Fox 2 News with special guest Bob Bennett, Artistic and Operations Director of Jazz St. Louis.




 The Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation once again granted \$54,000 to provide a series of scholarships to first-year or pre-program students entering Health Occupation Programs.

 The sixth annual Leader Holiday Dinner was another success, raising funds while showcasing winners of the paper's annual recipe contest served by students in the Culinary Arts program.




 To celebrate those who have made significant contributions to the Foundation, the annual Monticello Society recognition ceremony honored several individuals, businesses and organizations for their philanthropic actions.




 In grateful appreciation of those that made significant contributions to the Library Reimagined capital campaign, a special dinner and facility preview was held for elite donors. A Donor Honor Roll was also published to acknowledge the generosity of key donors toward the campaign.



 The annual Viking Classic Scholarship Golf Tournament at Fox Run Golf Club grossed \$49,000 for student scholarships


and included a \$1,000 guaranteed ball-drop.




 Beyond their initial bequest of \$25,000, retired Foundation Executive Director Tom Burke and his wife, Vicki, made an additional bequest of \$150,000 plus 80 percent of their estate toward the Library Reimagined campaign.



## Achievements and Awards Demonstrate Excellence on Many Levels

 Jefferson College Foundation Outstanding Achievement Award recipients for 2018 were Daniel Boyer – Computer Technician, Amy Call – English Assistant Professor, Bill Hutchings – Adjunct Economics Instructor, Shanie Latham – Associate English Professor, and Lisa Pritchard – Director of Library Services.



 State Representative Elaine Gannon was selected as Jefferson College's 2018 Alumnus of the Year. "I received a good education and was mentored by great teachers," she said. "Most importantly, I was able to get an affordable education."



College President Dr. Ray Cummiskey received the Arnold Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year Award in appreciation of his dedicated service while exhibiting the highest degree of professionalism and integrity.



The AEL (Adult Education and Literacy) program earned high praise during a review by state evaluators who said, “We are excited for the future of this program, as it serves in its operations and processes as an exemplary program.” The reviewers praised the leadership of the AEL program for its level of organization and exemplar processes, professional development certification and resources, good relationships with teachers, and connections with workforce development.

Doug Goforth and H-J Enterprises was selected as the Missouri Association for Career Services Employer of the Year award. H-J supports the Computer Integrated Manufacturing program by providing internships to students and hiring graduates. Additionally, due to the shortage of qualified employees, they have partnered with the Business and Workforce Development department to develop a customized program to train their incumbent workforce.



Psychology Professor Dr. Amy Kausler was selected as the Jefferson College Student Athlete Leadership Team Faculty Member of the Year.

Retired Math and Science Professor Beverly Myers was the recipient of the 2018 Governor’s Award



for Excellence in Teaching and Political Science Professor Dedrick Lee received the Emerson Electric Award for Teaching Excellence.

Enrollment Services Specialist Carrie Greer was awarded the Dr. B. Ray Henry Service/Innovation Award for her outstanding work regarding the employee compensation study. The award is given to recognize superior, innovative participation in the shared governance of the College, primarily through the work on or with an institutional committee or subcommittee.



English Professor Joihn Pleimann was the Jefferson College recipient of the 2018 Senior Service Award from the Missouri Community College Association.

Associate Art Professor Nick Nihira was selected by students for the Phi Theta Kappa Faculty of the Year award.





Associate English Professor Shanie Latham and ATS Applied Communications Instructor Holly Ross received the Linda K. Johnston Excellence in Assessment Award.



Library Specialist Kim Garzia was awarded “Library Employee of the Year” from the Missouri Library Association for her work during the renovation of the Library.

Mathematics Associate Professor Skyler Ross received recognition from the Missouri Department of Higher Education for his service on the Missouri Math Pathways Committee.



Dr. Joel Vanderheyden was chosen to perform at the World Saxophone Congress in Zagreb, Croatia. It is an event that occurs once every three years and features performances by the top saxophonists from around the globe.



Student Emily Fromm was selected to receive the MCCA Student Leadership Award for Jefferson College.

Art student Christina Miller won first place in the Photographer’s Forum 38th Annual College and High School Photography Contest. Her work was featured in the May 2018 issue of *Photographer’s Forum* magazine and was published in the hardcover book *Best of College and High School Photography 2018*.

Aaron DeMent, a student in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, won the Breaking Traditions State Award. Additionally, Holly Caskanett (Computer Integrated Manufacturing) and Sadie Hefflinger (Automotive Technology) both won Breaking Traditions Regional Awards. The annual awards are sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in order to recognize outstanding non-traditional career and technical students.



Three CTE students competed in SkillsUSA Nationals and each placed in the top ten for their respective competitions: Jacob Maples - 3rd in Sheet Metal, Lois Harrison - 7th in Culinary Arts, and Jacob Standridge - 9th in Welding.




For the sixth consecutive year, the Marketing and Public Relations Department was recognized for professional excellence by winning several “Medallion of Excellence” Awards by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.


Jefferson College Instructional Support Specialist Karen Hester was honored for five years of service as a co-advisor of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Xi Zeta chapter at the College. She also completed all five levels of the Five Star Advisor Plan, a program designed to increase advisor effectiveness to build a stronger chapter that supports PTK students.



# Athletics... Seeking Success on the Court, In the Classroom, Throughout Our Community

 Brocklon Chatman was named Women's and Men's Head Soccer Coach as the College added the new women's team to its NJCAA athletic offerings. The women's team played their first home game on September 18 vs St. Louis Community College.




 The Baseball program also celebrated 50 seasons with an Anniversary Celebration involving many current and former players and coaches. Over the course of its existence, the Baseball team has established itself as a premier NJCAA Division I program, with over 70 players being drafted into professional baseball.



 Kevin Moulder was named Head Baseball Coach/Enrollment Services Specialist following the resignation of Pat Evers who accepted a head coaching position at Maryville University.



 The Vikings Baseball team qualified for the NJCAA World Series, winning a team record 54 games (finishing the year 54-12-1) and #7 in the nation. The team won the Region 16 Championship and the South Central District Tournament before playing in the national tournament. Freshman player Joey Polak was named the ABCA/Rawlings NJCAA Division I Player of the Year and Junior College Player of the Year, the first time ever for Jefferson College. Additionally, baseball players Lucas Krull, Cody Hacker, and Angel Guzman were drafted in the MLB National draft.

 The women's basketball team received the 2017-18 Sportsmanship Award by the MCCAC. It is given annually by the Conference to the team that displays outstanding sportsmanship throughout the season.

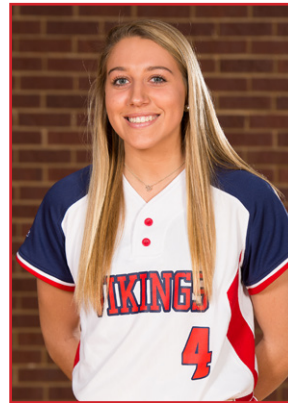




Softball Head Coach Tony Cook earned his 500th career victory.



Softball player Tayler Barnes was named the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's New Balance Golden Shoe Award winner for leading the NJCAA in stolen bases. She also joined teammate Abby Rollett in being named to the Division I All American Third Team.





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## PRESENTS

February 7	Comedy Hypnotist Brian Powers @ 7:30 PM
February 14	Eighth Blackbird @ 5 PM <b>FREE!</b>
Feb. 28 - Mar. 3	Spring Play <i>"One Slight Hitch"</i> Thurs, 10 AM, Fri. 8 PM, Sat. 8 PM, Sun. 2 PM
March 10	Choir Concert <i>"Masterworks Performance"</i> @ 3 PM <b>FREE!</b>
March 12	Band Concert <i>"Travels of the Mind"</i> @ 7:30 PM <b>FREE!</b>
March 14	Spring Jazz Showcase w/Grammy-winning trumpeter, Terell Stafford @ 7:30 PM
March 15-17	48 Hour Film Festival (Filming Dates) <b>FREE!</b>
April 1-5	High School Art Exhibit <b>FREE!</b>
April 13 & 15	Jefferson County Shakespeare Project <i>"Romeo and Juliet"</i> Sat. 6 PM, Mon. 10 AM
April 23	MADCO (Modern American Dance Company) @ 7:30 PM
April 25	TEDx <b>FREE!</b>
April 26	48 Hour Film Festival Screening <b>FREE!</b>
April 29-May 10	Jefferson College Student Art Exhibit <b>FREE!</b>
May 7	Band Concert <i>"Ritual, Reflection and Rejoicing"</i> @ 7:30 PM <b>FREE!</b>
May 8-9	Spring Pottery Sale Wed. 10 AM - 6 PM, Thurs. 10 AM - 4 PM <b>FREE!</b>
May 9	Choir Concert <i>"Music in Song - A Celebration of Human Emotion"</i> @ 7:30 PM <b>FREE!</b>



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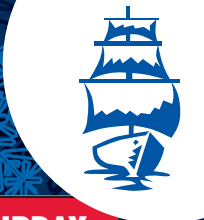
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Winter Break Ends 8 AM	8	9 Jefferson County Drug Prevention Coalition 8:30 AM JCA 323	10 Board of Trustees Meeting 5 PM Administration Board Room	11 JC Navigators Meeting 2 PM ASI 105	12  Basketball vs Lewis & Clark 2 PM Field House - Gym
13	14	15	16 Purdue Global Univ. Transfer Rep Visit 10 AM ASI East Hallway  Basketball vs Mineral Area 5 PM Field House - Gym	17	18 SMNEA Club Meeting 11:45 AM ASII 415	19  Basketball vs State Fair 5:30 PM Field House - Gym
20	21 Campus Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24	25 Futsal League 7 PM Field House - Gym	26  Basketball vs Crowder 2 PM Field House - Gym
27	28	29	30  Basketball vs Three Rivers 5 PM Field House - Gym	31	1 Friday Speaker Series 11:45 AM SC - Viking Room Psychology Club Meeting 12 PM, ASII 415 Fustal League 7 PM, Field House-Gym	2 Men's Soccer ID Camp 11 AM Soccer Field