## Nearly 800 Eligible to Graduate During Jefferson College Commencement Exercises May 18

Jefferson College will hold its 54th annual commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 18, in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus as 791 students are eligible to receive associate degrees or career and technical education certificates as the class of 2019.

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 Fine 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.

Zora Mulligan

Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education, Zora Mulligan, will deliver the commencement address. Mulligan the state Coordinating Board for Higher Education in 2016. Most recently, she was the Chief of Staff for the University of Missouri System. Prior to that, she served as the Executive Director of the Missouri Community College

was appointed to her current position by

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES REHEARSAL Friday, May 17 CTE Graduates: 10 AM A&S Graduates: 2 PM Field House - Hillsboro It is Important to Attend! CEREMONY Saturday, May 18 CTE grads must arrive by: 9 AM Commencement: 10 AM A&S grads must arrive by: 1 PM Commencement: 2 PM Lower Level of Field House Come Early!

Association (MCCA) from 2010-2014 and as Assistant Commissioner, General Counsel and Legislative Liaison for the Missouri Department of Higher Education from 2007-2010.

Special honorees will include 2019 Alumna of the Year Jennifer Collins Hansen and faculty award recipients Shanie Latham (Emerson Electric Award for Teaching Excellence), Amy Call (Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching), and Dr. Mary Baricevic (Phi That Kappa Teacher of the Year).

As a public service, both graduation ceremonies will be shown live via streaming video on the Jefferson College Go Jeffco YouTube page and re-broadcast on JCTV (Charter Cable Channel 989) numerous times throughout the following week.

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

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.

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.



Additional details about Jefferson College's 2019 commencement are available on the Jefferson College website at <a href="https://www.jeffco.edu">www.jeffco.edu</a>.

The college is a tobacco-free/smoke-free environment and the use of tobacco and all smoke-related products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, smokeless/chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes, herbal smoke products, hookahs, and beedies) is restricted to inside personal vehicles.

# HLC Reaffirms Accreditation for Jefferson College – Highest Possible Recommendation Granted

After years of in-depth preparation and a thorough on-site visit, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has reaffirmed the College's accreditation for another 10-year period with no focused visits or additional monitoring reports.

Sanction free accreditation is important because it is an indication of academic and institutional strength. Jefferson College is thankful to the Commission for their efforts to make certain that the College's academic programs, services, and operations remain strong.

This is the sixth consecutive period in the 56-year history of Jefferson College that the institution has received the highest possible length of accreditation. The HLC reaffirmation recommendation of 10 years is the best possible outcome Jefferson College could receive.

The College was evaluated on five criteria: mission; integrity; teaching and learning - quality/resources/support and evaluation/improvement; and resources, planning and institutional effectiveness. Additionally, a Federal Compliance Review was also part of the reaccreditation evaluation process.



"This has been a tremendous team effort, with extraordinary thanks going to Vice Presidents Dr. Caron Daugherty and Dr. Kim Harvey in addition to members of the HLC Assurance Argument Task Force and criterion subcommittees, Federal Compliance Task Force, and Accreditation Committee for leading us through the reaccreditation process to achieve the maximum reaccreditation of 10 years," said College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. "The affirmation expressed in the HLC's final report is a testament to the hard work of faculty, staff, and students. I am thankful for everyone who participated in this important review process and am both humbled and grateful that the HLC team recognized the passion and pride our community has for the mission of Jefferson College."

The final step in the reaccreditation process includes formal approval of the report by the HLC Institutional Actions Council. A final accreditation report will then be issued from the Higher Learning Commission. The College's next HLC reaffirmation/ reaccreditation will occur in 2028-2029.

The affirmation expressed in the HLC's final report is a testament to the hard work of faculty, staff, and students.

There are three reasons why HLC accreditation is important for Jefferson College: (1) In order to receive federal Title IV funding Jefferson College must be fully accredited by the HLC, a regional accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Raymond Cummiskey

Approximately 55 percent of Jefferson College students receive Title IV aid. (2) Many students transfer to other institutions of higher learning. Accreditation by the HLC assures that credits earned at Jefferson College will be accepted by other colleges and universities. (3) Receiving accreditation from the HLC assures that students are being provided a high-quality education at Jefferson College.

### Jefferson College's Top 10



Since the last accreditation affirmation in 2009, the College has completed a multitude of initiatives that have improved learning and service to students. Some of them include:

- \$5 million renovation of Library
- Creation of an Acad emic Success Center
- Establishment of an attendance tracking system via HLC Quality Initiative
- Implementation of numerous safety initiatives (security cameras, crosswalks, Campus Police Department, safety training for campus constituencies)
- Growth of Career and Technical Education third-party accreditations
- Updates of campus-wide Information Technology infrastructure
- Expansion of early college opportunities via National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) accreditation, high school student completion of AA degree, high school completion of 42-hour general education core, online AA degree, and 1/3 shared cost partnerships
- Addition of Health Occupation academic programs Health Information Technology, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology
- Participation in health and wellness activities (Mercy on Campus Clinic, 2016 Healthy Campus Award, Jefferson Foundation Grant funding)
- Implementation of institutional process improvement/efficiency (document imaging system, online employment application/tracking system, employee web time entry, online admissions application, online graduation application, online transcripts)

The mission of Jefferson College is to serve our community by delivering quality learning opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their goals.

Law Enforcement Academy Graduates Complete Program with 100 Percent POST Pass Rate

After completing a vigorous and comprehensive curriculum filled with numerous tactical exercises using the latest instructional technology, a class of 16 students (028 Day Class) recently graduated from the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy in Imperial, ready to serve and protect our community and region while meeting the ongoing need for qualified officers in Missouri.

The 028 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 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.

In addition to the basic training for students entering the field, the Academy goal includes providing high quality training to law enforcement personnel, to inspire professionalism in all peace officers, and to provide civilian personnel with education and training prior to employment or association with a law enforcement agency.

For more information about the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy and upcoming application deadlines, call (636) 481-3425.



# Structural Safety Issues Result in Closure of College Pool for Summer



For the continued safety of all students, faculty/staff, and campus visitors, the indoor pool/Natatorium in the Field House will be closed this summer in connection with a series of safety issues including significant deterioration of the pool deck and structural support of the pool walls.

Taking precautions to ensure the continued safety of all students, faculty/staff, and campus visitors, the indoor pool/Natatorium in the Field House will be closed this summer in connection with a series of issues that have been identified by a structural engineering firm. Specific areas of concern include significant deterioration of the pool deck and structural support of the pool walls.

The pool will close on May 9, following the conclusion of current classes and open swim. All previously scheduled pool-related offerings after this date are cancelled. No activities or classes will be held in the pool over the summer.

According to the structural engineer's report, "The existing pool structure has pervasive concrete deterioration in the pool deck and pool walls, including cracks, spalling, exposed rebar, and prior repairs that are beginning to fail. The damage in the pool deck is severe enough to warrant a partial deck replacement and portions of the wall need to be repaired or replaced."

The engineer will present his findings to the Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting scheduled for this Thursday, May 9, at 5 p.m. in the Student Center Viking Room.

Long-term pool maintenance, safety, and associated operation costs have been a concern over the past several years. In light of these safety concerns and for the continued well-being of everyone, Jefferson College appreciates the understanding of the campus and community.





# Automotive Tech Service Learning Experience Supports Our Community and Military

Students and faculty from the Jefferson College Automotive Technology program recently completed a service-learning project in conjunction with the American Legion Post 253 (Festus) Honor Guard in an effort to give back to our community. The Honor Guard travels to cemeteries to honor men and women who have fallen in service to our country.

The students, from first and second year college and high school classes, replaced the timing chain, intake manifold, numerous suspension components, and brakes on the Ford Explorer honor guard, labor-free.



The service-learning exercise aligns with the Campus Compact Civic Engagement Action Plan, which infuses civic engagement into the culture of the College and builds a community of connection, caring, compassion, and service inside and outside the institution. Action opportunities are being woven into coursework, athletics, and student clubs and organizations to help met the diverse needs of students and our community.



## Jefferson College PACE Series -Choir Concert "Music in Song" May 9



The Jefferson College PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) event series will continue with a choir concert on May 9. The performance is free and will be held in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus.

The Jefferson College Chamber Singers, Concert Chorale, and Community Chorale, and will present "A Celebration of Song" on Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. led by Choral Director Mark Cotter with piano accompaniment by Cathy Boemler.

The Chamber Singers will perform "Sicut Cervus," "Has Sorrow Thy Young Days Shaded," and "Flower of Beauty." The Jefferson College Women will present "Schlof Main Kind" and the Jefferson College Men will perform "Stars of the Summer Night." The Community Chorale will sing "O Love," "The Chariot," "Steal Away," and "Why Don't You Swing Down Chariot." The Concert Chorale will present "Blow Ye the Trumpet," "I Will Arise," "Famine Song," and "Dies Irae." The combined choirs will close out the concert with "Like a River In My Soul."



Choral Director Mark Cotter taught choral music at Crystal City High School and Seckman High School prior to retiring from full-time teaching in 2014. He is now in his fifth year as an adjunct faculty member at Jefferson College. His professional memberships include NAfME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha.

Accompanist Cathy Boemler previously taught in the Dunklin R-5 and Crystal City School Districts. She maintains a private piano studio as well as accompanies numerous choral programs at Festus, Windsor, and Seckman High Schools.

The Jefferson College campus is smokefree and tobacco-free, including e-cigarettes.



## Art Department Spring Pottery Sale - All Items Hand-Made

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 8, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday, May 9, 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 Jefferson College 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.

Registration is now underway for summer and fall with a variety of classes that are applicable toward the new Associate of Fine Arts degree. To learn more about the Jefferson College Art program, related career pathways, and available degree programs, visit <a href="https://www.jeffco.edu/academics/programsdepartments/art">www.jeffco.edu/academics/programsdepartments/art</a>.





# Baseball Team Rides Incredible Winning Streak Into Post-Season

Athletics.

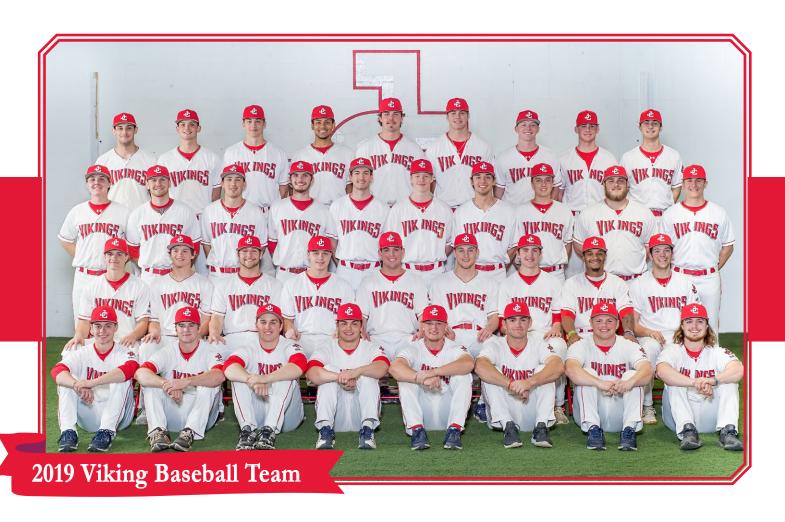
Congratulations to the Viking Baseball program as the 2019 team moves into the postseason Regional Tournament this weekend with

a phenomenal win streak of 29 consecutive victories and an overall record of 47-8, region record of 31-4, and a conference record of 20-1.



Under Head Coach Kevin Moulder and staff Josh Bunselmeyer, Aaron Mayer, and Tony Underwood, the team is poised for another run at a NJCAA national championship title. Good luck to the Vikings as they continue their extraordinary season. Go Vikings!







Calendars can be purchased in CTE 101, the Vet Tech Department (CTE 001), and Public Relations & Marketing.



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## Jazz & Jeans Nets Over \$39,000 to Provide Quality Education for Students



Thanks to the kindness and generosity of sponsors, guests, and alumni, the ninth annual Jefferson College Foundation Jazz & Jeans dinner, music and auction fundraiser netted over \$39,000 to provide students and the College with much-needed resources necessary to achieve a quality education and a successful future. The Foundation and College are extremely grateful for your support...thank you!





Special thanks also go to Event Chair Mike Kumpf along with the Jazz & Jeans Planning Committee, the Foundation Board of Directors, and special musical guest Bob Bennett, Artistic and Operations Director of Jazz St. Louis.

270 guests enjoyed a silent auction and raffles, a wonderful dinner by Food Service Consultants, a Fund-a-Future appeal (attendees were moved by the heartfelt personal story of graduate Sue Crossland), and entertainment by the Jefferson College Jazz Combos/Ensemble and Jazz Alumni Band along with a special performance by the Hillsboro High School Swing Choir.



### This year's Jazz & Jeans event sponsors included:

### Emerald (\$5,000)

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**Vest Benefit Solutions** 



The annual competition among College departments and divisions for the best silent auction basket, based on appearance, content and originality, resulted in a variety of fun entries. This year's winners were:

### **First Place:**

Area Technical School Residential Carpentry Program (custom cedar picnic table with built-in fire pit)

### **Second Place:**

Career and Technical Education (Tour Jefferson County gift card basket)

### **Third Place:**

Offices of the President/Vice President of Instruction/Marketing & Public Relations/Foundation (*It's S'more Fun Outdoors basket*)



To view additional photos from Jazz & Jeans, visit <u>Jefferson College Go Jeffco on Facebook</u>.











SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29  Student Art Exhibit  FA - Theatre Lobby	30	1	2	Friday Speaker Series 11:45 AM SC - Viking Room	4
5	6	PACE Band Concert 7:30 PM FA - Theatre	Spring Pottery Sale FA - Ceramics Studio	9 PACE Spring Pottery Sale FA - Ceramics Studio Board of Trustees Meeting 5 PM, Admin Board Rm PACE Concert Choir 7:30 PM, FA-Theatre	10	11
12	13	Paramedic Graduation 5:30 PM Field House - Gym	15	16	Teacher Education Program Graduation 12 PM SC - Viking Room	18 Nursing Pinning - RN Reception 8 AM, SC - Cafeteria Commencement - CTE Ceremony 10 AM, Field House-Gym Commencement - A&S Ceremony 2 PM, Field House-Gym
19	20	21	22	23	24	Men's ID Camp - Soccer 9 AM Soccer Field
26	Memorial Day Campus Closed	28	29	30	31	Women's ID Camp - Soccer 12 PM Soccer Field











