

## College Joins Degrees When Due – National Initiative Strengthens Pathways for Those with College Credits But No Degree



Jefferson College has been selected to join Degrees When Due, a national initiative of the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP), to help students who have some college credits but have not completed their degree.

The College is making a concerted effort to eliminate existing degree completion gaps and help students, regardless of their economic backgrounds, improve their future through education. As one of the colleges and universities from 24 states participating in Degrees When Due, Jefferson College is employing best practices in degree reclamation and providing targeted support while re-engaging students who have paused (or “stopped out”) of their studies.

Many students find hurdles in their path to degree completion. Low income, first generation, and minority students are most likely to encounter difficulties and stop out before earning a degree.

Participating campuses undergo a nine-month online learning experience complete with guided lessons in degree reclamation implementation and live coaching from expert practitioners.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ATTENDED COLLEGE WITHOUT RECEIVING A DEGREE?

**35 MILLION.**

4 MILLION COMPLETED AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF COURSEWORK.



“I’m very excited that Jefferson College is part of the Degrees When Due initiative. By re-engaging those who are close to completion, we’re helping both our students and our local employers who rely on the College to develop an educated workforce,” said College President Dr. Raymond Cumiskey. “As an open-door institution, we serve students from all social and economic backgrounds with varying stages of academic preparation. This means we have a higher proportion of students with fewer resources to handle unexpected life circumstances. Not all students are in a situation to complete a degree from start to finish with no breaks. Reaching out and reminding them that they can return and complete their degree is important.”

Jefferson College's participation in the initiative is facilitated through the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. Currently, Missouri's attainment rate for degree completion is 38 percent with a goal of 60 percent completion across the state by 2025.



Degrees When Due is providing Jefferson College access to a variety of resources that help more students complete their degrees, while helping the institution audit students' previously earned and transfer credits to determine the most efficient pathway to graduation. The program will benefit the more than 75,600 individuals in Missouri who have been identified as having some college credits, but no awarded degree.

"National research indicates that 22 percent of Missourians have some credit but have not achieved a high quality certificate or degree," said Jefferson College Interim Dean of Academic Services and Chief Academic Officer Allan Wamsley. "We are working at the College to change this outcome. We believe this is an exceptional initiative, and are pleased to be part of this program working to help close this gap for county and Missouri residents."

"Our Degrees When Due institutional and state partners are building a strong pathway to degree attainment for all students, including by providing an on-ramp for those who have paused their studies or 'stopped-out,'" said IHEP President Michelle Asha Cooper, Ph.D. "IHEP enthusiastically welcomes the selected institutions and states to this effort. Through this initiative, they will increase student success, serve a diverse set of student populations, and join us in addressing one of higher education's most pressing challenges: degree completion."

## President Cummiskey to Receive PTK Lifetime Achievement Award



PHI THETA KAPPA  
HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) will recognize Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey as one of 10 retiring presidents and chancellors with the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award during the society's annual national convention in April.

The awards are given to retiring college presidents who have shown strong support of student success on their campus by recognizing academic achievement, leadership, and service among high-achieving students over the course of their career. Recipients are nominated by the students on their campus.

The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Michael Bennett, longtime president of St. Petersburg College in Florida.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges.



# Nominations Sought for Jefferson College 2020 Alumnus of the Year

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The Jefferson College Faculty Senate is seeking nominations for the College's 2020 Alumnus of the Year.

Nominees must meet four criteria:

- A person who graduated from Jefferson College with a certificate or associate degree;
- Someone who has achieved distinction in his/her chosen field of employment;
- Someone who has been involved in community service; and
- A person not presently a trustee or an employee of Jefferson College.

A submission form is available on the Jefferson College website at [jeffco.edu](http://jeffco.edu) by clicking on About>College History>[Alumnus of the Year links](#).

Nominees will receive a questionnaire so they can provide information about how they meet the criteria. A faculty committee will review the answers and make a final selection.

The Faculty Senate established the award in 1995. The honoree will receive a plaque at the annual Jefferson College Honors and Recognition Banquet in addition to having a biographical feature in the 2020 Commencement program.

Past recipients include Marcella Weaver, Shirley Scarbrough, Tim Gray, Joan Murphy, Jeff Elbl, Chuck Martin, Todd Oetting, Vera McCullough, Matt Brown, Shawn Bell, Ann Gettinger, Jane Brunk Kost, Dr. Elmer E. Revelle, Regina Herrington, Rick Francis, William Overstreet, Lena Hutson, Andrew Held, Bill Haggard, Jane Houser, Edward Moreno, Brandon Moonier, Nancy Nelson, Elaine Gannon, and Jennifer Collins Hansen.

For more information about the Alumnus of the Year nomination process, contact English Professor Susan Todd at (636) 481-3347 or email [stodd@jeffco.edu](mailto:stodd@jeffco.edu).

## Free Adult Education and Literacy Classes for High School Equivalency

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Each year, Jefferson College serves more than 200 individuals as Missouri is one of the nation's top high school equivalency (HiSET) programs in an effort to promote workforce development and employment opportunities.

The Jefferson College Adult Education and Literacy program is a free resource to the community and is the only Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved program in Jefferson County.





Through the program, students are able to earn their HSE (formerly GED), prepare for college classes, participate in training programs, transition into employment, and learn better English. There is no cost to participate as funds for the program are provided through the federal Adult Education Act.

Jefferson College offers Adult Education and Literacy/HSE classes during the day and evening at the main campus in Hillsboro (1000 Viking Drive), at Jefferson College Arnold (1687 Missouri State Road) and at the Jefferson County Library Northwest Branch in High Ridge (5680 State Road PP). When a person is ready to begin class, they must first complete an orientation then meet with an instructor to design a personalized plan of study to help the student reach his/her goals.



When an individual is ready to take the HiSET exam, assistance may also be available to cover the testing fee.

In addition to free HiSET preparation, the Jefferson College Adult Education and Literacy program also provides additional services at no cost:



**English Language Learners (ELL):** This free service provides instruction for English Language Learners and offers individual and small group instruction. Call for more information about the next scheduled ELL orientation.

**Adult Literacy Program:** This free service assists adults with fundamental reading skills and matches students with their own personal tutor for individualized instruction.

For more information about free Adult Education and Literacy classes, call (636) 481-3437, email [JCAEL@jeffco.edu](mailto:JCAEL@jeffco.edu), or visit [www.jeffco.edu/AELservices](http://www.jeffco.edu/AELservices).



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
& CONTINUING EDUCATION**

## Missouri Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant Info Sessions - Never Too Late to Earn a Degree from Jefferson College

In connection with the new Missouri Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant, Jefferson College will hold two free information sessions for those interested in learning more about the state-funded financial aid program designed to help adults pursue a certificate, degree, or industry-recognized credential. Pre-registration is not required.



The **first session** will be held on **Wednesday, February 19**, in the Student Center Viking Room on the Hillsboro campus beginning at 6 p.m.

The **second** will be held on **Wednesday, March 4**, at Jefferson College Arnold – Room 115 beginning at 6 p.m.



An additional information session, hosted by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, will be held on Saturday, March 21, from noon-1 p.m. at the Jefferson County Library-Northwest Branch in High Ridge.



Fast Track is helping Missouri to meet the goal of having 60 percent of working-age adults possess a high quality certificate or degree by 2025.

Whether it is a student's first time to enroll or if they started a degree but never finished, Fast Track can be a new start. The grant program is open to those who are 25 or older or those who have not been enrolled in any educational program with the past two years and who have not earned a bachelor's degree and are planning to attend part-time or full-time. Individuals who make no more than \$80,000 per year filing jointly or no more than \$40,000 per year filing any other tax status can apply.

At Jefferson College, Fast Track programs of study include Associate of Science degree, Associate of Arts in Teaching degree, and Associate of Applied Science or Certificate in: Accounting, Applied Technology, Automotive Technology, Computer Information Systems - Computer Support, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, EMT/Paramedic, Health Information Technology, Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Veterinary Technology, and Welding.

The Fast Track grant is designed to ensure, when combined with other governmental financial aid, that tuition and fees are fully covered. Awards will be used for any remaining tuition and fees not covered by other state and federal student aid programs. Students who have their full tuition and fees covered by other aid are eligible for an award of up to \$500 to cover other education-related expenses.

The grant may be renewed for up to four semesters by meeting all of the initial requirements and by making satisfactory progress, which includes maintaining a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

In order to avoid the grant being converted to a loan, participants must maintain at least part-time enrollment in an eligible program, graduate from an approved institution, verify residency in Missouri for 12 months after graduation and maintain residency for at least three years, and secure qualifying employment within 12 months of graduation and maintain employment for at least three years.

For Fast Track program details, contact the Office of Student Financial Services at (636) 481-3239 or visit [www.jeffco.edu/financial-aid/fast-track](http://www.jeffco.edu/financial-aid/fast-track).

**FAST TRACK**  
WORKFORCE INCENTIVE GRANT

Visit Jefferson College on February 19 or March 4 to learn more about Missouri's Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant, a new financial aid program that addresses workforce needs by encouraging adults to pursue a college certificate or degree in an area designated as high need.

**WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 19 • 6 PM  
JEFFERSON COLLEGE HILLSBORO  
STUDENT CENTER - VIKING ROOM**

**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 4 • 6 PM  
JEFFERSON COLLEGE ARNOLD  
ROOM 115**

Fast Track will help meet Missouri's Big Goal of 60 percent of working-age adults having a high quality certificate or degree by 2025.

For program details, contact Jefferson College's Office of Student Financial Services at (636) 481-3239 and visit: [jeffco.edu/financial-aid/fast-track](http://jeffco.edu/financial-aid/fast-track)

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## ***Agenda items approved and/or discussed for January:***

- [Presentation: Capital Projects](#) (Trish Aumann and Daryl Gehbauer)
- Approval of Consent Agenda Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, Investments Report,
- Final Faculty Load - Spring 2020, and Curriculum Matters)
- Annual Audit for Jefferson College
- Annual Audit for Jefferson College Foundation
- Marimba Band Instrument
- Anti-Virus Software
- Oracle Database Software License Modification
- Metalworking Measuring Tool Kits
- Contract - Blackboard One-Year Renewal
- Sale of ATS Building Trades House - 616 Ray Henry Way
- Appointment of Director of Admissions (Carrie Greer)
- Appointment of Assistant Director of the Center for Workforce Training, Innovation, and Employment Services (Lora Warner)
- Appointment of First Assistant Baseball Coach (Harry Markotay)

## **2020 Board Meeting Schedule**

March 12 – 5 p.m.  
April 9 – 6 p.m.  
May 14 – 5 p.m.

June 11 – 5 p.m.  
July 23 – 5 p.m.  
September 10 – 5:30 p.m.

October 8 – 6 p.m.  
December 3 – 5 p.m.

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# PACE Series Comedic Play “Crazytown” Feb 27-March 1

Jefferson College’s PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series will continue with the presentation of the play production “Crazytown” by Jonathan Rand, February 27-March 1, directed by Communication and Theatre Professor Dr. Rebecca Ellison.



Shows are Thursday, February 27, at 10 a.m., Friday and Saturday, February 28-29, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus.

“Crazytown” is a comedy where the audience takes a tour of the most messed up town in America, from the police interrogation room where the nicest guy in town is issued a strange ultimatum, to the elementary school for a heated political debate on critical issues like tater tots. Welcome to Crazytown, where their motto is: Welcome to Crazytown.

**CRAZYTOWN**  
BY JONATHAN RAND

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**FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1, 2020**  
**Thursday @ 10 AM**  
**Friday & Saturday @ 8 PM**  
**Sunday @ 2 PM**

May contain adult language & situations.

The cast includes Nathan Anderson, Geneva Crump, Kortnyee Fleming, Skyler Hunt, Matthew Kettmann, Brandon Menke, Sophie Roorda, Ethan Sago, Desiree Terry, Tessa Vonderahe, and Tiffany Vonderahe.

Individual tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students/senior citizens/matinees. Advance tickets are available by calling Ellison at (636) 481-3367 or by emailing [rellison@jeffco.edu](mailto:rellison@jeffco.edu) with date of performance, type and amount of ticket(s) to reserve. Reserved tickets need to be picked up at least 15 minutes prior to show time or they will be sold to other patrons. Tickets will also be sold at the door depending on availability. The campus is smoke-free and tobacco-free, including e-cigarettes.

Some plays may contain adult language and adult situations.

Jefferson College offers several live dramatic productions each year, ranging from Shakespeare to murder mysteries to musicals. Students and community members are welcome to audition for plays based on details found in the audition announcements. Volunteers are also very much welcome to support the theatre productions by assisting in set construction and technical work.



# College to Host Mastodon Art/Science Regional Fair - Largest Combined Art/Science Fair in U.S.

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As a leader in providing educational programs and opportunities for people of all ages, Jefferson College will once again host the Mastodon Fair the week of March 14-21 in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus. It is the largest combined art and science fair in the United States.



The purpose of the scholastic event is to emphasize the close connection between art and science. It encourages scientific achievements, showcases artistic talent, and rewards dependability and perseverance. Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade from 12 counties are invited to participate. The deadline for registration/entries is March 2.

## Mastodon Fair 2020 Fair Schedule

### Open Viewing, Art Scholarship and International Science Scholarship Competition Interviews

Thursday, March 19 - 4-7:30 p.m.

### Family Expo

Saturday, March 21 - 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Free and open to the public – art and science events, hands-on experiences, and open project viewing*

### Awards Ceremony

Saturday, March 21 - 3 p.m.

*All student participants will walk in the opening ceremony and receive recognition medallions - awards and scholarships will be presented*

The Fair accepts donations year-round and is seeking volunteers and judges - please e-mail [director@mastodonfair.org](mailto:director@mastodonfair.org) or call 314-529-1329/636-481-3474 for details.

For additional information about the Mastodon Art and Science Regional Fair, visit [www.mastodonfair.org](http://www.mastodonfair.org) or [Facebook.com/MastodonFair](https://www.facebook.com/MastodonFair)



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SAVE THE DATE

Jefferson College  
FOUNDATION

JAZZ & JEANS

DINNER \* MUSIC \* AUCTION

ROARING TWENTIES IN 2020

SATURDAY, APRIL 18  
5:30 PM • HILLSBORO, MO

For more information call 636.481.3105 • Sponsorships Available!

The poster features a black background with gold and white Art Deco-style geometric patterns and a string of pearls. A large gold saxophone is the central focus. Below the main title, there is a photograph of a jazz band performing on stage. The text is arranged in a vertical hierarchy, with 'SAVE THE DATE' at the top, followed by the foundation's name, the event title 'JAZZ & JEANS', the event details 'DINNER \* MUSIC \* AUCTION', the theme 'ROARING TWENTIES IN 2020', the date and location 'SATURDAY, APRIL 18 5:30 PM • HILLSBORO, MO', and finally contact information at the bottom.



# February 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>26</b>  <b>USA Jr. Volleyball Tournaments</b> 7 AM Field House - Gym	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Winter Warm-up</b> 10 AM SC - Cafe	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Tabletop Game Night</b> 5 PM SC - Viking Room	<b>1</b>  <b>Jefferson College Chamber Festival</b> 7 AM, FA - Theatre
<b>2</b>  <b>Baseball Exposure Camp</b> 7 AM Field House - Gym	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Basketball vs Moberly</b> 5 PM Field House - Gym  <b>Chamber Project St. Louis</b> 5:30 PM, FA - Theatre	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Friday Speaker Series</b> 11:45 AM SC - Viking Room	<b>8</b>  <b>Basketball vs Three Rivers</b> 2 PM Field House - Gym
<b>9</b> <b>Music Faculty Recital</b> 3 PM, FA - Theatre   <b>Star Party</b> 7 PM, JC Observatory	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Mercy Blood Drive</b> 9:30 AM SC - Viking Room	<b>12</b>  <b>Basketball vs Mineral Area</b> 5 PM Field House - Gym	<b>13</b> <b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b> 5 PM Admin Board Room	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Basketball vs Crowder</b> 2 PM Field House - Gym
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Basketball vs State Fair</b> 6 PM Field House - Gym	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Mario Kart™ Night</b> 5 PM FA - 03C	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Pre-Nursing Open House</b> 5 PM Field House - Gym	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Spring Play - Crazytown</b> 8 PM FA - Theatre	<b>29</b>  <b>Spring Play - Crazytown</b> 8 PM FA - Theatre