

College to Hold Virtual Information Night April 5 School of Business, Social Science and Public Services

Anyone interested in learning more about careers and degree options available through the Jefferson College School of Business, Social Science and Public Services is invited to join a free virtual information night on Monday, April 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. with the opportunity to talk directly with faculty and ask questions.

There is no cost to attend. Those interested are asked to RSVP at <u>bit.ly/JC-Business-SS-PS</u> by the day of the event.

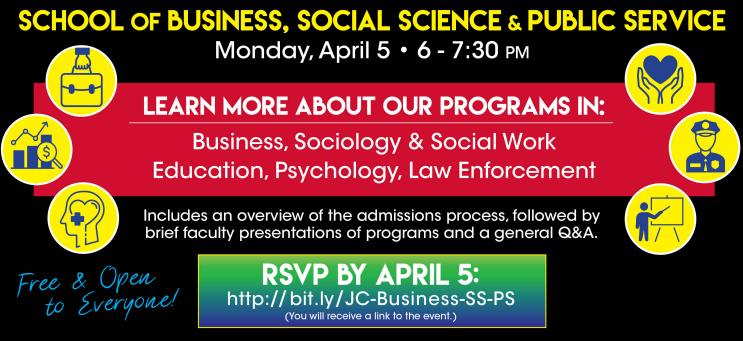
Prospective students will learn more about the College's programs in Business, Sociology and Social Work, Education, Psychology, and Law Enforcement. The program will include an overview of the admissions process followed by brief faculty presentations of programs and a general Q&A.

For nearly 60 years, Jefferson College has provided career pathways and degree options in a variety of fields that offer exceptional employment opportunities locally, regionally, and nationally.

Additional virtual information events are also scheduled for this spring:

School of Math, Physics and Technology – April 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. School of Humanities – May 3 from 6-7:30 p.m.

For questions or more information about admission to Jefferson College, contact Director of Admissions Carrie Greer at (636) 481-3220 or cgreer4@jeffco.edu



UPCOMING SESSIONS: School of Math, Physics & Technology Information Night: 4/19/21 • 6 - 7:30 PM School of Humanities Information Night: 5/3/21 • 6 - 7:30 PM

Jefferson College Music Professor and Teacher Ed Alum Among Area Educators to Receive Emerson Excellence in Teaching Awards

Emerson Electric recently honored Jefferson College Music Professor Dr. Joel Vanderheyden and Teacher Education alumna Faith Rose as Excellence in Teaching Award recipients. They were among 100 educators across the St. Louis metropolitan region, selected by their schools' administrators, for their accomplishments and dedication to their students.



Vanderheyden has been a Jefferson College faculty member since 2010. As a saxophonist, he has performed regularly with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Union Avenue Opera, and with jazz and pop music groups at venues around the city like Jazz St. Louis, The Fabulous Fox, and The Sheldon. He has performed overseas at festivals in the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Scotland, and Croatia, and was a quarterfinalist for the 2018 GRAMMY Music Educator Award. In addition to his duties at Jefferson College, he serves as the saxophone instructor at Washington University, and is Past President of the Missouri Association for Jazz Education. Six of his students have been selected for the prestigious Missouri All-Collegiate Jazz Ensemble, including three who were first

chair in their sections. Many of Vanderheyden's former students are now his colleagues, teaching music in schools around Jefferson County and beyond.

Rose, a 2011 Jefferson College Associate of Arts in Teaching graduate, is a special education teacher for at Eureka Elementary School in the Rockwood School District. She helps her students develop into well-rounded individuals by incorporating life lessons and skills that will support their success once they leave school. She does this by making a safe environment for them to explore and learn.



The complete list of 2020 award recipients is listed on the Emerson website.

"More than ever, in this environment affected by COVID-19, Emerson is proud to champion the critical role of teachers in guiding and shaping the lives of young people in our community," said David J. Rabe, vice president of corporate social responsibility for Emerson. "With the Excellence in Teaching Awards, we celebrate the achievements and commitment of teachers across the St. Louis region who truly demonstrate excellence in education as they support students with their time and talents."

The Excellence in Teaching Awards program began in St. Louis in 1989 and is sponsored annually by Emerson, the St. Louis-headquartered global technology and engineering company. The Excellence in Teaching Award recipients who teach grades kindergarten through high school also have the opportunity to apply for a Gold Star Grant from Emerson. Since 2006, Emerson has awarded \$689,000 to area teachers and schools through its Gold Star Grant program.



PTK Honor Society Chapter Receives REACH Recognition



For the fifth consecutive year, the Jefferson College Xi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society has been named a national REACH chapter for bringing the benefits and opportunities of PTK participation by increasing membership.

The recognition is part of PTK's REACH Rewards program, which celebrates and rewards Phi Theta Kappa chapters excelling in membership development. Jefferson College's Xi Zeta chapter currently has 575 members and will grow even larger following a virtual induction ceremony this spring. More than 112,500 students across the world became PTK members in 2020.

The 2021 REACH Chapters will receive free graduation stoles for their members. Nearly 5,600 stoles will be awarded.

Jefferson College Xi Zeta chapter officers include Addison Schneider (president) of St. Clair, Danielle Oudenhoven (executive vice president) of House Springs, Mackenzie Antenor (vice president) of Fenton, Amy Brewer (vice president) of Perryville, Kalei Gerard (Vice President) of Arnold, and Kaylee Reed (vice president) of Herculaneum. Chapter advisors are Senior Student Services Specialist for Workforce Training and Employment Services Cynthia Critchfield, Instructional Support Specialist Karen Hester, and Economics Professor Bruce Korbesmeyer.

The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders. The society is based on the hallmarks of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship.

Computer Integrated Manufacturing Program Receives \$15,000 Gene Haas Foundation Grant

The Jefferson College Computer Integrated Manufacturing program was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation for student scholarships, instructional materials, industry credentialing, and other efforts that promote advanced manufacturing education.

Currently there is a high demand for manufacturing technicians and skilled tradespeople in Jefferson County and the surrounding region. In many instances, jobs are so plentiful that there are not enough workers to fill needed positions. Most students in the Jefferson College CIM program receive job offers before they complete their training.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the CIM program has received grant funds from the Gene Haas Foundation, whose primary goal is to build skills in the machining industry by providing scholarships for CNC



technology students and credentialing by the National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS).



Industry-recognized credentials provide trusted, external validation of the quality and rigor of the CIM program. Students benefit from the increased employability and competitiveness that comes with industry certification. Jefferson College CIM Assistant Professor Matt West has been trained in the delivery of NIMS certification exams. Certification exams are embedded within CIM courses.

For more information about applying to the Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) program, visit jeffco.edu/academics/computer-integrated-manufacturing or call Enrollment Services at (636) 481-3209.

Jefferson 🗃 WELDING DEPARTMENT

OP FUEL HAMPION



STEVE TORRENCE

Three time NHRA Top Fuel Champion Steve Torrence discussed welding, racing and more with Jefferson College Welding Professor Joe Candela and students from the Area Technical School during a recent Facebook Live event broadcast nationally.

As part of a hands-on learning experience, Candela and his students fabricated a custom fire pit for Torrence with hopes that they would present it in person during a trip to World Wide Technology Raceway before last year's NHRA Midwest Nationals in connection with NHRA's Youth and Education Services (YES) program. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic did not allow the students to attend. As a result, the class shipped the fire pit to Torrence at his headquarters in Texas along with some photos taken during the welding and construction process.

The Facebook Live event provided Torrence the opportunity to thank Candela and his students and talk about several topics while highlighting the Jefferson College Welding program. He also discussed CAPCO Contractors, Inc., the family-owned business that sponsors Torrence's racing effort.

To view the recorded event, visit the Jefferson College Go Jeffco Facebook page.



Retired English Professor Pens Book of Poetry



Congratulations to retired English professor John Pleimann on the recent publication of "Come Shivering to Collect: Poems" from Slant Books.

According to the publishers website at <u>slantbooks.com/books/come-shivering-to-</u> <u>collect/</u> the poems by Pleimann live and move and have their being in a world that is both twilit and sacred. Speakers wrestle with memory's power to obsess and distort, to haunt, and to evoke. They discover that life mocks happiness, and the only thing sacred is to be vulnerable.

When asked about the background of the book's title, Pleimann replied "It's the title of a poem that deals with a child knocking at the speaker's door and the child's ominous interaction with the speaker. The title seems to capture a mood that permeates the book. At the heart of what drives a lot of us is the need to return,

recoup, revise. To do so one must be humble but strident. That sort of tension causes a body to shiver because so much is at stake—the desire to heal some wound, enact justice, fulfill some infinite emptiness."

His poems have appeared in numerous journals including The Gettysburg Review, The Antioch Review, Poetry Daily, Natural Bridge, The Atlanta Review, The Evansville Review, and The Connecticut Review.

"A Balanced Viking Life" Activity & Cookbook

Through this pandemic, each and every one of us had to adjust our cooking and/or homeschooling/entertaining our children.

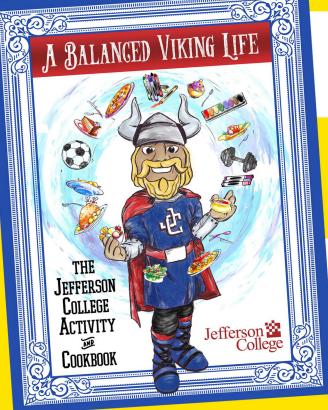
"A Balanced Viking Life" will be a compilation of unique recipes and activities for youth and adults submitted by our community members.

We would love for you to share your recipes & craft or activity ideas through this community project.

The books will be available in Summer 2021. The cost is \$15 each. Pre-orders are accepted now! www.jeffco.edu/giving/cookbook



All proceeds support the Jefferson College Viking Fund.



CONVERSATIONS ON DIVERSITY

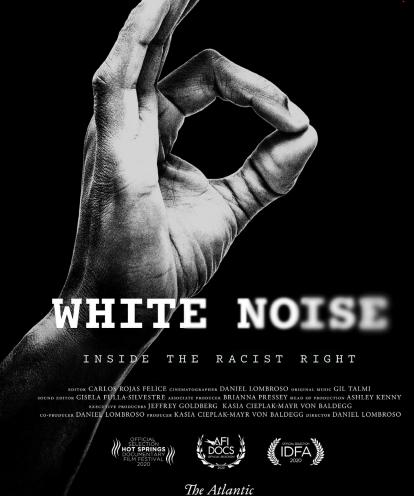
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"A SCATHING

DAMNATION.

OF WHITE SUPREMACY

SCREEN COMMENT



"A MUCH-NEEDED

SPOTLIGHT"

THE HOLLYWOOD

REPORTER

The definitive inside story of the

alt-right, following movement leaders as they ride a wave of racist ideas to viral fame.

Join us for a conversation March 25TH @ 7PM

about a new film produced by *The Atlantic* and director, Daniel Lombroso.

The film is called **White Noise**

and will be available for viewing between March 15-25.

Our discussion panel will include the director of the film, Daniel Lombroso along with faculty and staff from Jefferson College.

Participants will need to register on the event website to view the film prior to March 25th in order to participate in the discussion panel.

Open to Everyone!



"LIVELY AND

DISTURBING"



RSVP for the event & access the film: https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/white-noise-jefferson-college

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All monthly agenda items and supporting materials are posted online via the Board Docs site accessible through the Jefferson College website homepage at jeffco.edu clicking on "About" > "Leadership" > "Board of Trustees" links.

February agenda items approved and/or discussed:

- Presentation: <u>National Community College Benchmark Project (NCCBP)</u> (Allan Wamsley and Jude Kyoore)
- Consent Agenda Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, and Investments Report)
- Ratification of Purchase A&S I Room 239 Renovation
- Contract ProEducation Financial Aid Verification Services
- Contract Pitney Bowes Mail Services
- Administrators' Contract Extension and Announcement of President Contract Extension
- Appointment of Workforce and Employment Services Director (Lora Warner)
- Resignation of First Assistant Men's Soccer Coach (Jesus Espinosa)
- Appointment of First Assistant Men's Soccer Coach (Mark Hammond)
- FY21 Budget Adjustment for Compensation Study and Stipends
- Foundation Investment Policy

2021 Board Meeting Schedule

March 11 – 5 p.m. April 8 – 6 p.m. May 13 – 5 p.m. June 10 – Noon July 8 – Noon

August 12 - Noon **September 9** – 5:30 p.m. **October 14** – 6 p.m. **December 2** – 5 p.m.

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Greetings from your Jefferson College Foundation!

When I started this position last October, as with any new job, much time was spent getting to know the staff and faculty, asking questions, and getting acquainted with the culture of Jefferson College. My experience with higher education had always been as a student. Now, I am privileged to see some of the things that happen outside of the classroom, and how Jefferson College and the Foundation strive to help students achieve their educational goals.

We featured one such story in our annual fund drive, in case you missed it. Kamryn, a psychology student, was significantly affected financially by the pandemic and couldn't afford to purchase the books and supplies for the fall semester. In her moment of need, the Foundation was able to provide Kamryn with a scholarship for the class materials.

Kamryn had previously demonstrated her ambition through her classwork. She, and many others, received much needed help from the Foundation when unpredictable life events disrupt degree completion. These students who receive Foundation scholarships have initiative, a strong work ethic, and will most likely be very successful in their careers after graduating. If you are an alumnus of Jefferson College, you may have been a recipient, too!

Your gift to the Foundation enables us to fund more emergency scholarships to help students like Kamryn, as well as other tuition assistance programs. Please make a generous gift to the Foundation today to help more students achieve their education! We appreciate any size of gift, and you may use the postage-paid envelope to return a check (no mailed cash, please), go to www.jeffco.edu/giving/now to make an online gift, or call our office.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and Go Vikings!

Blake M Tilley

Executive Director, Development and Strategic Communications Jefferson College Foundation

PS: We are reviving our efforts to engage with our alumni. More information coming soon!







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