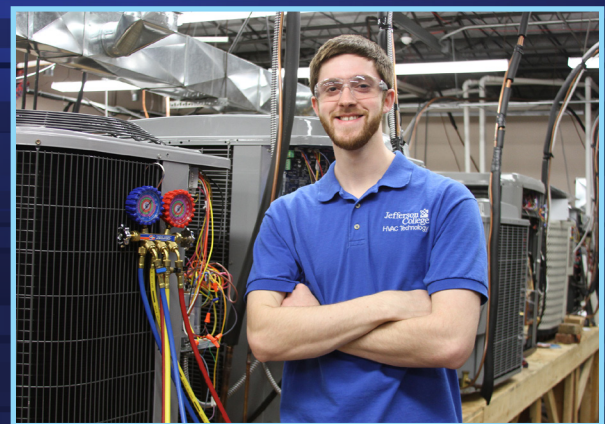


HVAC and Fire Science Programs to Benefit from \$400,000 State Grant

To further support the impact of career and technical education training programs across the state, Jefferson College was recently selected by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to receive a \$400,000 grant for the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Condition (HVAC) and Area Technical School Fire Science program.



“Career and technical education is critical to our workforce development goals here in the State of Missouri,” Governor Parson said. “Every day the necessity for a post-secondary degree, trade, or industry recognized credential is growing for good-paying jobs across the state, and we want to support Missourians as they seek to learn new skills, especially in our career and technical education programs.”

The Missouri Area Career Center Opportunity (MACCO) Grant provides funding to enhance the state’s CTE capacity by providing more opportunities for CTE students while updating and modernizing career centers’ infrastructure and equipment. The funding will enhance the work that these programs do to ensure all Missouri students are prepared for success upon graduation and further contribute to developing Missouri’s workforce.

“Jefferson College has a strong commitment to educating the workforce of tomorrow and to providing equal opportunities for all who want to pursue their dreams of higher education and well-paying jobs,” said President Dr. Dena McCaffrey. “This grant positions the College to remain responsive to employer needs while helping to build a strong regional economy.”



Jefferson College will use \$325,000 to create a Fire Science outdoor lab that will enable infrastructure improvements, relocation of a burn building and simulation equipment to a new long-term site with space for future expansion, and installation of water main service, a fire hydrant, and a gravel bed. The remaining \$75,000 will be used to modernize the layout of the Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning lab in order to increase capacity, improve safety, and enhance simulation experiences for students.

MACCO is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) and was included in Governor Parson's Fiscal Year 2023 budget proposal to the General Assembly. MACCO grants local education agencies (LEAs) up to \$400,000 for the following purposes:

- ❑ Create new high-demand and emerging programs
- ❑ Construct a new area career center building
- ❑ Renovate or build an addition to an existing area career center
- ❑ Update or expand current CTE programs
- ❑ Improve infrastructure for safety and equipment needs
- ❑ Upgrade equipment and instructional technology

Grant funds must be used to enhance or extend area career centers' capacities to increase students' knowledge and skills needed to gain employment in current or emerging fields, continue their education, or re-train for new business and industry opportunities. The grant required LEAs to submit an application and match 25 percent of the awarded MACCO funds.

Jefferson College Named Among Best Community Colleges in Missouri



Intelligent.com, a resource for program rankings and higher education planning, has included Jefferson College in its list of the Best Community Colleges in Missouri in 2023. The research identifies top schools in the state based on tuition costs, the number of credits required to graduate, and the online coursework delivery format.

Jefferson College was awarded Best Career Training on the final list. Intelligent.com implemented a unique methodology that ranks each institution on a scale from 0 to 100 across six categories. The scoring system compares each school to tuition costs, admission, retention and graduation rates, faculty, reputation, and the student resources provided for online students. To view the ranking methodology, visit intelligent.com/subject-ranking-methodology/

Studies show that obtaining a degree increases income substantially, with graduates earning 84 percent more than those with only high school diplomas or those without a completed GED. The percentage difference in earnings continues to grow with higher learning degrees such as master's, doctoral or professional degrees, with the unemployment rate decreasing to as much as 1.6 percent for those with a doctorate.

To access the complete ranking, please visit intelligent.com/best-community-colleges/missouri/#jefferson_college

Mercy Hospital Jefferson Receives MCCA Distinguished Business Award



Jefferson College and the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) recently honored Mercy Hospital Jefferson for outstanding support of Missouri community colleges. The hospital received the 2022 Distinguished Business/Industry Award at the statewide MCCA convention.

The prominent award is given annually to businesses that go above and beyond to show their support for Missouri community colleges and the progression of higher education.

Mercy Hospital Jefferson has collaborated with Jefferson College for years to meet the health care needs of Jefferson County. This relationship has stimulated economic growth, supported students, and enhanced programs. MHJ has been an exceptional clinical partner for our health care programs and has collaborated with the College's Bi-Level Nursing program to create a Dedicated Education Unit that allows highly coordinated patient experiences, incorporating student objectives, debriefing sessions, and hospital and College staff engagement. MHJ collaborates with our Radiologic Technology program to provide clinical opportunities in radiography, CT, and MRI.

An example of their commitment to student education, MHJ employee Bryan Fitzpatrick, PTA, was the 2021 recipient of the Kathy Johnson Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award, which is awarded to an outstanding clinical instructor (PT/PTA) in a seven-state region. This dedication to clinical education reflects the MHJ commitment to the College and students. MHJ representatives are members on advisory committees for the college's health occupation programs. Advisory committee members offer input on curricular updates, industry changes, and future initiatives. An outcome of this demonstrated commitment is the development of the Patient Care Technician (PCT) and the Pathways in Nursing (PIN) programs. MHJ has been intimately involved with the development of core competencies and objectives for high school seniors in the college's PCT program. This program includes spring clinical experiences for students leading to credentialing prior to high school graduation. MHJ has agreed to interview and hire several PCT completers each year. Additionally, this collaborative relationship led to the development of a highly innovative and integrated PIN program to begin in fall 2024 for direct matriculation to the nursing program upon high school graduation from the PCT program.

MCCA is Missouri's largest advocacy group for community colleges. Each year, MCCA honors individuals and businesses who support community colleges in Missouri and provides recognition to those who are selected based on their support, generosity, commitment, and partnerships with community colleges in the state.



Jefferson College President Dr. Dena McCaffrey (left) congratulates Mercy Hospital Jefferson representatives Alisyn Beffa, Ami Faerber, and Macy Casey in connection with the 2022 MCCA Distinguished Business/Industry Award.



English Associate Professor Receives Award for Excellence from MCCA

Jefferson College English Associate Professor Lisa Ebert was recently honored by the Missouri Community College Association with the Excellence in Teaching Award. Nominees are submitted from every community college across the state and presented to two outstanding instructors for work done during the previous year.

Lisa is a forward-thinking, true professional of utmost integrity whose visionary ideas have become reality for the benefit of the Jefferson College community. She develops curricula, contextualized reading programs, and assessment measures to help students succeed. For example, she started the developmental reading program at the College and keeps up with trends and best practices by serving on developmental education committees and attending conferences. Furthermore, she established the curriculum for the Reading Boot Camp, a program targeting area technical school students with the goal of preparing them to retake the college's reading placement test.

Lisa also founded the Jefferson College Writing Club. Since this club's inception, Lisa has served as its primary faculty sponsor, and through her leadership, a literary magazine titled "Controlled Chaos" was born. Club members read and critique each other's work and have opportunities to learn from the guest speakers Lisa invites. Under her guidance, the club is responsible for creating, editing, publishing, and distributing the journal, which includes fiction, non-fiction, scripts, artwork, and photography submitted by students, faculty, and staff. After each edition of the magazine is completed, the authors are invited to read their literary contributions as part of a public reading event held at the end of the academic year. Furthermore, Lisa herself is a member of other local writing groups and writes on a regular basis. She was awarded second place in the Missouri Writers Guild first-chapter contest in the category of horror. Lisa recently earned a certificate in Fundamentals of Digital Media Production from Webster University. She brings her knowledge of writing, audio, and visual media into her classes and the club. Her expertise and enthusiasm benefit our students, the English department, the college, and our community.



English Associate Professor Lisa Ebert (center) is congratulated by Jefferson College President Dr. Dena McCaffrey (left) and Vice President of Instruction Dr. Chris DeGeare as a recipient of the 2022 MCCA Excellence in Teaching Award.

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College President Named Co-Chair of GSL Investor Council

Dr. Dena McCaffrey, Jefferson College President, was recently named co-chair of the GSL (Greater St. Louis, Inc.) Investor Council. She is already involved with workforce development through the regional organization, and will now help GSL continue to build relationships in Jefferson County.

Greater St. Louis, Inc. is dedicated to St. Louis' economic growth and prosperity as a global metropolitan region that expands economic opportunity for all. Their work covers the 15-county, bi-state St. Louis metropolitan statistical area and focuses on creating inclusive economic growth in every portion of this region.

Greater St. Louis, Inc. was formed through the combination of five organizations in 2021:

AllianceSTL

Arch to Park

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Downtown STL, Inc.

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Greater St. Louis, Inc. is a nonprofit investor-supported organization comprised of businesses, institutions and organizations of all sizes that reflect the full diversity of the business community. Through Greater St. Louis, Inc., civic-minded business leaders plan and invest strategically together. They champion a forward-looking economic vision for the metropolitan region, a focused strategy around which to act collectively as a business community and in partnership with others.

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Dean of Instruction Receives ACHE Service Award

Congratulations to Dr. Josephine Kershaw, Jefferson College Dean of Instruction, on receiving the 2022 American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Recognition Program Service Award.

The ACHE Recognition Program celebrates members' commitment to the healthcare management profession. Recognition is bestowed at three levels based on a range of specific volunteer activities that demonstrate leadership and contributions to furthering professional excellence. Dr. Kershaw's service points were in the areas of leadership mentoring of junior members, speaking at local education programs, and serving as a chair and/or member of chapter committees.

The American College of Healthcare Executives is dedicated to advancing healthcare management excellence through educational offerings, a credentialing program, and collaboration with other healthcare organizations. Through their volunteer activities, ACHE members also play a critical role in strengthening our profession.



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Marketing and Public Relations Department Wins 8 Medallion Awards

For the tenth consecutive year, the Jefferson College Marketing and Public Relations Department has been recognized for its creative and professional excellence by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR). The department won eight "Medallion of Excellence" Awards during the NCMPR District 5 awards ceremony, which is the most by any community college in Missouri.

Jefferson College earned gold in six categories including Annual Report, Flyer, Print Wildcard, E-Newsletter, E-Card, and TV/Video Paid Advertisement. Certificates for bronze were awarded in Logo Design and Social Media or Online Marketing Campaign.

The regional Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in communication at community and technical colleges in District 5 (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, the Canadian province of Manitoba, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands). It is the only competition of its kind that honors excellence among marketing and public relations professionals exclusively at two-year colleges.



The Jefferson College Marketing and Public Relations Department recently won eight Medallion of Excellence Awards from the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations. Department members include (left to right) Roger Barrentine, Erin Bova, Matt Keeney, Lauren Murphy, and Sarah Lafser. Not pictured is Drew Owens.

Santa Claus Is Coming to Jefferson College Arnold – Free Holiday Fun for Everyone Dec. 15

People of all ages can get into the holiday spirit as Santa Claus makes a special visit to Jefferson College Arnold (1687 Missouri State Road – behind the Arnold Library and Recreation Center) from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, December 15.

Those who attend can take free photos with Santa, but must bring their own camera or phone. No reservations are required. Pets are also welcome.

In addition to photos with Santa, the family friendly holiday event will feature free hot cocoa, a letters to Santa station, coloring pages, and a make-and-take Christmas card station. Although admission is free, the College will be accepting non-perishable food donations for the Vikings' Vault student food pantry.

For more information about the Santa Claus holiday visit at Jefferson College Arnold, contact Holly Lincoln at (636) 481-3230 or hlincoln@jeffco.edu.

Jefferson College

free community event

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN ARNOLD



5pm - 8pm

THUR **December 15**

all ages &
pets welcome!

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FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA
AT JEFFERSON COLLEGE ARNOLD
BRING YOUR OWN CAMERA/PHONE.
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TO SANTA
STATION

FREE
HOT
COCOA

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XMAS CARD
STATION

FREE
COLORING
PAGES

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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.

Agenda items approved and/or discussed in December:

- Presentation: Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators (Allan Wamsley and Jude Kyoore)
- Consent Agenda Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, Investments Report, Curriculum Matters, Continuing Education Course Offerings - Spring 2023, and Board of Trustees Meetings Dates for 2023)
- Selection of Placement Agent and Bank
- Renewal of Network Bandwidth Prioritization Hardware and Software Maintenance
- VirTra Service Agreement
- Early Childhood Center Playground Surfacing
- Fiber Optic Cable Relocation
- Employee Assistance Program
- Digital Signage Upgrade and Installation
- Welding Equipment for Metal Fabrication Lab
- Adult Human Torso Phantom
- Jefferson College Foundation Board of Directors Nomination
- Retrofit Digital Radiographic System with Flat Panel Detector
- Vertical Machining Center
- Milling Machine
- Resignation - Director of Institutional Research (Jude Kyoore)
- Resignation - Interim Director of Occupational Therapy Program (Jenny DeBourge)
- Jefferson College Student-Athlete Handbook 2022-2023 (First Reading)

2023 Board Meeting Schedule (Open Session Times Listed)

January 12 – 5:30 p.m.

February 9 – 5:30 p.m.

March 9 – 5:30 p.m.

April 13 – 6 p.m.

May 11 – 5:30 p.m.

June 8 – 12:30 p.m.

July 27 – 12:30 p.m.

September 14 – 5:30 p.m.

October 12 – 5:30 p.m.

December 7 – 5:30 p.m.

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- Emergency loans for students experiencing hardships to help complete their degrees;
- Resources to provide our College with the very best modern technology to stay ahead of the competitive job market.

This year, please give generously and make a difference with your gift today.

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The Jefferson College Foundation encourages your generosity beyond a direct gift. You may donate appreciated securities, make a donor-advised fund distribution, and gift personal property. You may have a car, equipment, or other asset that the College could convert to a direct gift, or to use in its education. Please contact the Foundation for more information about making a non-traditional gift.

New Board Director Announced

The Foundation welcomes Sarah Ross to serve as a Board Director. Sarah is an area President for Midwest Regional Bank, and is proud to be a Jefferson College alumnus. She is experienced in finance and business, and currently serves as co-chair for CREW St. Louis Ambassadors Committee, as well as sitting on the Industrial Development Authority of Jefferson County. Welcome, Sarah!



Foundation Receives \$146,000 in Grant Awards

In November, the Jefferson Foundation announced that the Jefferson College Foundation was awarded \$146,000 to be used in four areas: Eighteen \$3,000 scholarships for the healthcare occupational program, \$60,000 for EMT simulators, \$10,000 for the Vikings' Vault, and \$22,000 for new housing scholarships.

The Jefferson Foundation also invited the Foundation to apply for two \$15,000 awards to be used for the Vikings' Vault in 2023–24 to offset inflated food prices for the pantry.

December 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2 Basketball vs Moberly 7 PM FH - Gym	3 Spirit of St. Louis Barbershop Chorus 2 PM FA - Theatre Basketball vs State Fair 5 PM FH - Gym
4 Basketball vs Three Rivers 5 PM FH - Gym Observatory-Aim for the Stars 7 PM Observatory	5	6 Wind Ensemble Concert 7:30 PM FA - Theatre	7 Fall Pottery Sale 10 AM FA Ceramics Lab	8 Fall Pottery Sale 10 AM FA Ceramics Lab Board of Trustees Meeting 5 PM Admin Board Rm & GoogleMeet Jazz Concert 7 PM FA Theatre	9 Madrigal & Renaissance Music Celebration 7 PM SC - Lower Level	10 Basketball vs Vincennes 3 PM FH - Gym
11 Choir Concert 3 PM FA - Theatre	12	13	14 Basketball vs MO Bap 5:30 PM FH - Gym	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Winter Break Begins Campus Closes at noon	23	24
25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Winter Break
December 22, 2022 - January 4, 2023