### College's 57th Annual Commencement Exercises May 20-21 County Executive Dennis Gannon to Deliver Graduation Address

As the pinnacle of the academic year, Jefferson College will hold its 57th annual commencement ceremonies on Friday and Saturday, May 20-21, in the Field House on the Hillsboro campus. Start times are 4 p.m. on May 20, and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on May 21.

The College is holding multiple ceremonies to allow graduates and their guests with a variety of attendance options. Fall 2021, Spring 2022 and Summer 2022 graduates have been invited to participate.

More than 630 students are eligible to receive associate degrees or career and technical education certificates as the class of 2022.



### **3 CEREMONIES**

Friday
May 20
4 PM

Saturday
May 21
10 AM

Saturday
May 21

Candidates for graduation must RSVP to participate.
For more information and to reserve your seat visit:

jeffco.edu/Commencement

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To maintain a safe environment for all graduates and attendees, the College will provide hygiene stations with hand sanitizer and sanitization of Field House surfaces between ceremonies.

Jefferson County Executive Dennis Gannon will deliver the keynote address for each ceremony. He graduated from DeSoto High School, then attended Jefferson College to earn a Certificate in Business Management followed by an Associate of Applied Science degree. Dennis met his wife Elaine, who is currently a member of the Missouri Senate, while attending the College. He is a proud veteran of the United States Naval Reserve, Missouri Army National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve, and is a retired U.S. Army Quartermaster Corp. Major.

As a public service, each of the 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 weeks.



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. 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 2022 commencement are available on the Jefferson College website at <a href="https://www.jeffco.edu/graduation">www.jeffco.edu/graduation</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.

### "Beyond Boundaries" Program Opens Door to More Degree Options for Area Students

Students in the Jefferson College, East Central College, and Mineral Area College districts now have access to more degree options without additional costs.

That's thanks to a new "Beyond Boundaries" partnership which allows for students in those neighboring districts to work toward a degree in select programs at in-district tuition costs.

The agreement—signed during Community College Month—is a partnership through the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA). Beyond Boundaries will go into effect this fall. The presidents of East Central College, Dr. Jon Bauer; Jefferson College, Dr. Dena McCaffrey; and Mineral Area College, Dr. Joe Gilgour; inked the agreement Wednesday, April 6, at the MCCA office in Jefferson City.

"I'm very excited to clear more paths for students," Bauer said. "By collaborating in this way, we continue to show how community colleges are the best value in higher education."

He added that he appreciates the amount of work put into the Beyond Boundaries partnership. "We are indebted to our chief academic officers for developing this landmark agreement," Bauer said.

The new partnership benefits residents in each of the districts by boosting access to higher education and increasing degree options, according to Gilgour.

"This collaborative program between these community colleges will improve access, affordability and opportunities for students seeking career pathways that are not currently offered by their in-district college," he said.

Some of the degree options that will become available under the Beyond Boundaries partnership are ECC's culinary arts program, MAC's law enforcement program and the veterinary technology program at Jefferson College.

According to McCaffrey, graduates of those programs help lead to a more robust workforce in the region.

"This is an exciting initiative that will provide quality-learning experiences to prepare students for jobs that are in demand," she said.

"The heart of this initiative is about harnessing the collective expertise and capacity of community colleges to improve access, affordability, and flexibility for those seeking one of several career pathways not currently offered by their in-district college," McCaffrey added.



From left is Dr. Jon Bauer, East Central College president; Dr. Dena McCaffrey, Jefferson College president; and Dr. Joe Gilgour, Mineral Area College president, who signed the Beyond Boundaries Partnership agreement at the Missouri Community College Association office in Jefferson City. Through the partnership, students will pay in-district tuition at the partnership districts for courses in degree programs not available at their home college.

#### **Beyond Boundaries Programs**

When the program launches this fall, students in the MAC district will pay in-district tuition rates for music, culinary arts, radiologic technology, and veterinary technology programs at Jefferson College, and music and culinary arts at ECC.

Jefferson College students will pay in-district tuition for building construction, industrial engineering technology and agricultural pathway programs at ECC, and engineering technology-design/drafting and industrial maintenance programs at MAC.

Students at ECC will benefit from Beyond Boundaries by paying in-district tuition for law enforcement programs at both MAC and Jefferson College, as well as physical therapist assistant and veterinary technology programs at Jefferson College.

For more information, contact the Jefferson College Admissions Office at admissions@jeffco.edu or (636) 481-3235.

# Radiologic Technology Program Students and Faculty Excel at MoSRT Conference

Kudos to our students and faculty in the Radiologic Technology program who recently won awards in every category of competition during the annual Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists (MoSRT) conference. The affiliate organization represents technologists and student technologists from across the state and the conference allows radiology programs the chance to bring first and second-year students for educational seminars and networking opportunities with four-year institutions and employers.

Quiz Bowl competition\_– Jefferson College scored second place overall against 9 other competing schools. Jefferson College Rad Tech second-year team members Alexis Alford, Natalie Streiker, Courtney Westcott, Halle Roland and first-year team member, Danyelle Gleber. Coach- Rachel Dacus (faculty)

Student Scholarship winner - Alexis Alford

Student Scientific Essay Competition - First Place- Natalie Strieker (second year),

Second Place - Amaiya Cheek (second year)

Student Scientific Display - Second Place - Cassidy Fielder

Technologist Scientific Essay - First Place - Janet Akers-Montgomery (Program Director)

Technologist Scientific Display - First Place - Janet Akers-Montgomery

Program faculty also presented two educational seminars - "Pre-Hospital Imaging" by Vickie Montgomery and Janet Akers-Montgomery and "Learning to Learn and Teaching for Learning" by Janet.

Janet was re-installed as Executive Treasurer for the MoSRT and recognized for obtaining Life Membership in 2021.

In related program personnel news, Rad Tech faculty member Stacy Wilfong was recently named as the North (St. Francois) County School Board delegate to the Missouri School Board Association (MSBA). She has served on the North County School Board since 2020.



Jefferson College Rad Tech program award winners, pictured left to right, include Halle Roland, Alexis Alford, Cassidy Fielder, Natilie Streiker, Amaiya Cheek, Janet Akers-Montgomery, and Danyelle Gleber

### Hungry for Student Success – Area Churches Help Meet Need for Vikings' Vault Food Pantry



As an extension of their compassion through community service and life enrichment, several area churches recently began partnering to provide food and financial support for the Jefferson College Vikings' Vault Food Pantry. They include Gracelife Chapel, Hillsboro Christian Church, Raintree Church, and First Baptist Church of De Soto.

Food insecurity has increasingly become an issue on many college and university campuses across the nation and can pose a significant barrier to student success.

The Vikings' Vault provides non-perishable food, frozen/refrigerated goods, and personal hygiene items free of charge to enrolled students who are in need at any of the College's locations. It has become a much-needed resource for those who live in on-campus housing, including students from outside the region and international students.

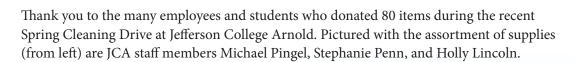
Additional community or church partners are welcome to support the Vikings' Vault through food or financial support. Hundreds of students are helped by the Vault each year.

The pantry is located on the bottom floor of the Student Center on the Hillsboro campus and a mini vault is available at Jefferson College Arnold. Part-time staff and volunteers coordinate operation of the pantry each week.

The College also donates surplus food from the Vault as a public service to support several other food pantries in Jefferson County.

For more information about supporting, volunteering, or donating food items to the Vikings' Vault, contact Student Development Coordinator Brandi Gallaway at <a href="mailto:bgallawa@jeffco.edu">bgallawa@jeffco.edu</a> or (636) 481-3231 or Coordinator of Retention Services Brenna Young at <a href="mailto:byoung12@jeffco.edu">byoung12@jeffco.edu</a> or (636) 481-3286.

# Supplies Drive at Jefferson College Arnold a Clean Sweep for Vikings' Vault





All the cleaning supplies received were given to the Vikings' Vault at Hillsboro and Arnold to help students in need with end of semester cleaning and campus housing move out.



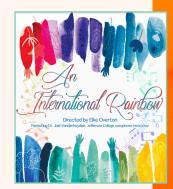
## Spring Performing Arts Series Closes with Instrumental and Vocal Music Concerts

The Jefferson College Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment (PACE) Series will conclude the spring semester with two concerts featuring choral and wind ensembles.

#### Jefferson College Wind Ensemble "An International Rainbow" - May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

featuring Dr. Joel Vanderheyden on saxophone Fine Arts Theatre – Hillsboro Campus Free admission

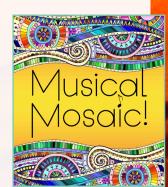
The Wind Ensemble, directed by Jefferson College Associate Professor of Music Elke Overton, is committed to performing the highest quality literature composed for the wind ensemble genre. The ensemble performs works from the core repertoire for winds as well as contemporary works and new compositions.



#### Jefferson College Choir Concert "Musical Mosaic!" - May 15 at 3 p.m.

Fine Arts Theatre – Hillsboro Campus Free admission

The concert will feature a variety of music with performances by the Community Chorale, Concert Chorale, and Chamber Choir led by Choir Director Paula Martin.



#### Save-the-Date: Summer Musical Mamma Mia!

June 17 - 19 & June 24 - 26

For detailed information about specific PACE performances/times and upcoming shows, visit the Jefferson College website at <a href="https://www.jeffco.edu/PACE">www.jeffco.edu/PACE</a> or call (636) 481-3367.





## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 April:

- Presentation: Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference Review (Kim Harvey-Manus, John Linhorst, Amanda Macke)
- Presentation of Board of Trustees Proclamation for Community College Month
- Consent Agenda Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, Investments Report, Curriculum Matters, Academic Calendar 2026-2027, and Continuing Education Course Offerings -**Summer 2022)**
- Board of Trustees Policy V-007, Remote Work (Second Reading)
- Board of Trustees Procedure V-007, Remote Work (Second Reading)
- Revision to Board of Trustees Procedure VII-007, Student Code of Conduct (Second Reading)
- Municipal Advisor
- **Internet Services**
- Athletic Apparel and Equipment
- Parking Lot Maintenance
- Masonry Repairs
- Elevator Maintenance
- Classroom Furniture
- Employee Raises/Contracts (2022-2023)
- Promotions in Accordance with Faculty Promotions in Academic Ranking System
- Appointment Area Technical School Health Services Faculty (Leslie Duncan)
- Appointment Dean of Instruction (Dr. Josephine Kershaw)

#### 2022 Board Meeting Schedule

May 12 – 5 p.m.

June 9 – Noon

July 21 - Noon September 8 – 5 p.m. October 13 – 5:30 p.m. December 1 – 5 p.m.

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### Jefferson College Observatory Lunar Eclipse Event May 15 Kicks Off Summer Schedule







In connection with the partnership between Jefferson College and the St. Louis Astronomical Society (SLAS) to operate an observatory on the Hillsboro campus, a special lunar eclipse observation night is planned for Sunday, May 15, for those who want to learn more about astronomy.

The informative event is one of several viewing events that will be held throughout the summer.

There is no cost to participate in any of the monthly educational programs, led by Jefferson College faculty and SLAS members.

The observatory is located near the Jefferson College Softball Field, north of the Hillsboro campus on Farm Road. It is the first public observatory in Jefferson County affiliated with SLAS. At present, the closest observatory to the site at Jefferson College is located in St. Charles.

Designed to appeal to community members of all ages, "Aim for the Stars" events provide an overview of plans for the Jefferson College Observatory, help viewers learn how to navigate the night sky, include discussions about items that can be seen at that time, and preview upcoming astronomy events of interest. Each observation night will be held either virtually or in-person at the observatory site depending on weather.

All observatory events will be held on the first Sunday evening of each month beginning at sunset:



Special Event - May 15 lunar eclipse - starts at sunset (8:07 p.m.) with eclipse starting at 8:30 p.m. and eclipse maximum at 11:11p.m.

June 5

July 3

August 7

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4

For programs to occur, skies must be clear or only partly cloudy. Those who attend may bring their own astronomy equipment or use a limited number of telescopes provided. For questions or additional information about the "Aim for the Stars" programs or the Jefferson College Observatory, contact Maryanne Angliongto, Jefferson College Associate Dean – School of Math, Physics and Technology, at 636-481-3318 or email <a href="mailto:manglion@jeffco.edu">manglion@jeffco.edu</a>.

#### **Additional Information**

Jefferson College Observatory website – <a href="https://www.jeffco.edu/Observatory">www.jeffco.edu/Observatory</a>
Jefferson College Observatory Facebook - <a href="mailto:facebook.com/JCObservatory">facebook.com/JCObservatory</a>
St. Louis Astronomical Society - <a href="www.slasonline.org">www.slasonline.org</a>

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### Scholarship Donation Paves Way to Successful Law Enforcement Careers

The Hillsboro Police Benevolent Foundation recently presented the Jefferson College Foundation a check for \$1,500 to fund three annual scholarships to the Law Enforcement Academy of Jefferson College.

A student receiving the scholarship must be a Jefferson County resident, and the selection process will involve the Hillsboro Police Department.

Pictured, left to right, is Paul Ferber, Director of Public Safety Programs - Jefferson College; Blake Tilley, Executive Director - Jefferson College Foundation; Captain Darrick Curtis - Hillsboro Police Department; and Chief Steven Meinberg - Hillsboro Police Department (Jefferson College Board of Trustee President).



# Foundation Stepping Forward to Support College in Many Ways



The Student Compliance Department partnered with the Foundation to submit a \$300,000 federal Department of Justice grant to fund programs aimed at reducing violence against women. The Foundation assisted the process by submitting all federal requirements for the grant, while Student Compliance provided the budget and narrative. Funding results will be this fall.



The Foundation has submitted a \$30,000 grant to the Missouri Scholarship and Loan Foundation to provide resources for the Patient Care Technician program. Funding results will be in June.



The annual Viking Classic Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 23, at Crystal Highlands Golf Course in Festus. Teams and sponsors are currently being solicited, and the Foundation will begin organizing volunteer teams in July to support the event.



# Join us for the 35th annual Viking Classic Golf Tournament at Crystal Highlands Golf Course in Festus, MO!

Registration begins at 7 AM, shotgun start at 8 AM.

Includes breakfast sandwiches & coffee, driving range access, green and cart fees, skins and mulligans, select brand beer, soda, sports drinks, water, snacks, and a hot lunch.

Raffle, 50/50 drawing, fun contests and prizes!

Hot snacks with awards presentation and prizes after the tournament.



# Register Today!

**ONLINE:** http://bit.ly/2022-Viking-Classic

#### **EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT!**

\*\* EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30 \*\*

The Viking Classic Golf Tournament raises funds to provide scholarships and quality programs that directly benefit student athletes and other students attending Jefferson College. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated by us and the many students who benefit from your support.

Questions?

Call (636) 481-3105 or email foundation@jeffco.edu

# May 2022



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Sophomore Vocal Recital 3 PM, FA - Theatre  Sophomore Instrumental Recital 7 PM, FA - Theatre Observatory Star Party 7 PM, Softball Lot	2	American Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30 AM SC - Lower Level  2022 Honors Recognition Ceremony 6 PM, FH - Gym	Spring Pottery Sale 10 AM FA - Ceramics Lab	Spring Pottery Sale 10 AM, FA - Ceramics Lab  Electronics Recycling Drop Off 11 AM, Yellow Lot	Baseball Sub-Regional Tournament 2 PM Baseball Field	Baseball Sub- Regional Tournament 12 PM Baseball Field
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	29	Memorial Day - Campus Closed	31	1	AEL Recognition Ceremony 4 PM SC - Lower Level	3	4













