

College Celebrates 60th Anniversary as Extension of National Community College Month



April is national Community College Month, and a time to shine the light on why community colleges matter. From affordability to access to education locally and online, and the availability of career-preparing certificate and degree programs, community colleges are an integral part of higher education.

### Community colleges are vital to their communities.

They help students get the education and training needed to prepare for careers, and benefit the local workforce by filling jobs, reducing unemployment, and contributing to economic stability. They provide classes created specifically to address the needs and interests of their communities.

### Community colleges provide access to education.

They offer general education courses that lead to associate degrees which typically transfer to four-year universities for the completion of bachelor's degrees. Most community colleges offer resources and flexibility that make it possible for students with other life commitments to enroll, stay enrolled, and complete their programs.

### Community colleges are affordable.

Tuition at a community college is significantly less than a four-year institution. Students can save thousands of dollars if they attend their first two years at a community college to complete an associate degree before transferring to a university to complete a bachelor's degree.

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Did you know? Public community colleges:\*

**W** Provide higher education to students with the fewest resources and the greatest obstacles

Are primary educators/certifiers of in-demand nursing and other healthcare professionals

 $\sqrt{}$  Offer the most affordable high-quality higher educations

 $\mathcal{N}$  Are the most in-demand institutions during and following times of economic recession

Serve the most demographically and socioeconomically diverse students

Guarantee fair admissions for all students

### Are there for their communities in times of crisis

\*Source: <u>acct.org/ccmonth</u>

Without community colleges, many American students would not be able to access higher education at all. That is why it is important to celebrate community colleges nationwide, and how they benefit communities locally. In the midst of the national conversation about community colleges, Jefferson College is also proudly celebrating its 60th anniversary with several special events to be held through December, so stay tuned. Follow along as YOUR community college kicks off the celebration on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Share your own Jefferson College/Community College Month alumni success story and photos with #CCMonth.

The history of the College is filled with opportunity, educational affordability, and community involvement. Literally thousands of area residents—young, old, and in between—have benefitted from the programs and services available through the College as the leading source for higher education in Jefferson County.

Some of the key events in Jefferson College's early history:



On April 2, 1963 Jefferson County voters approved the creation of a junior college district.



The College's first classes were offered in the evening at Hillsboro High School in 1964 while campus buildings were under construction.



Classes began at the College's present location near Hillsboro in 1965 as the Student Center became the first permanent junior college building in Missouri.



A graduating class of 31 marked Jefferson College's first commencement in June of 1966.

Early in the 1960s, concerned Jefferson County citizens dreamed of a public college that would make higher education more accessible to their community. Today, a flourishing comprehensive community college is the product of that extraordinary vision.

# Manufacturing Summit at College Highlights Opportunities for Economic Growth



Jefferson College recently hosted a Manufacturing Summit and visit by Jason Hall, CEO of Greater St. Louis, Inc (GSL). The gathering gave Jefferson County advanced manufacturing companies and economic development leaders the opportunity to share

their thoughts and ideas as a unified voice for our community on ways to strengthen efforts moving forward.

Hall and additional GSL members toured the College's Metal Fabrication, Precision Machining, and Welding lab facilities. Students and faculty members were present at each stop and had the opportunity to talk about their program and future plans. The tour and discussion was organized by College President Dr. Dena McCaffrey, co-chair of the GSL Investor Council, and staff from the College's Workforce and Employment Services Department.

GSL was founded in 2021, combining the strengths of five legacy organizations — AllianceSTL, Arch to Park, Civic Progress, Downtown STL, Inc., and the St. Louis Regional Chamber — to unify around a common vision and strategy for fostering inclusive economic growth. The organization represents a 15-county region (six in Missouri and eight in Illinois), including Jefferson County.



Greater St. Louis, Inc. represents a best-in-class, evidence-based framework to align, structure, and invest significant resources to create a St. Louis economy that is both more competitive and more inclusive. By working collaboratively, we can build regional capacity to create high-quality jobs, drive an economic agenda focused on long-term growth, and have the greatest collective community impact. Learn more at <u>greaterstlinc.com/</u>.

# Local Family Organizes Drive to Support Vikings' Vault in Memory of Their Daughter

The family of former art student, Hana Maue, who tragically passed away in a car accident last year, recently organized a generous donation of nearly 1,000 packaged food items and \$2,500 for the Vikings' Vault to further their daughter's spirit of giving and helping others.



In the time following Hana's death, the family remembered her mentioning the Jefferson College Vikings' Vault and how it helped students in need. The idea for a food drive initially started as an Amazon Wishlist created by Hana's mother, Faye, but the donations came from a collection drive led by the student council at Hillsboro Intermediate School combined with donations from family, friends, and the community. The outpouring of support was remarkable and a true reflection of Hana's compassion for others.



The Maue family has strong ties to the College and wanted to help serve the community. Hana's twin sister, Claire, is a current student in the Music Department and Shane and Faye Maue met at the College when they were students. The College sends special thanks to the Maue family for organizing this donation that will have a positive impact on so many Jefferson College students in Hana's memory.

### College to Host Social Work Education and Careers Event April 18

As a way to provide information about various career paths and employment possibilities, Jefferson College will host a Social Work Education and Careers event on Tuesday, April 18, from 12:30 p.m. -3:15 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre Lobby on the Hillsboro campus.

Anyone may attend the free workshop. Pre-registration is not required.



Professionals from a variety of local practice settings, including child welfare, foster care/adoption, gerontology/aging, and medical social work, will be present to discuss the field and answer questions.

Faculty and staff from Jefferson College's pre-Social Work program will be on hand to discuss program opportunities.

Representatives and resources from accredited BSW programs (Bachelor's in Social Work) will be available to highlight admissions, scholarships, and transfer information. Featured programs will include Fontbonne University, Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southern Illinois University, St. Louis University, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The Jefferson College Pre-Social Work Program is a curriculum designed specifically to meet the needs of students preparing for eventual completion of a bachelor's degree in social work (BSW) at a Council on Social Work Education-accredited college or university. This course of study facilitates a more seamless transfer into a BSW program upon graduation from Jefferson College with an Associate of Arts degree.

For more details about the "Careers in Social Work" open house, contact Jefferson College Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Work Suzie Welch, MSW, LCSW, at (636) 481-3435 or email <u>swelch1@jeffco.edu</u>.

If accommodations for a disability are needed, contact the Accessibility Resource Office at (636) 481-3158 or <u>aro@jeffco.edu</u>. A sign interpreter can be provided with one week's notice.



## High School All-Star Basketball Event Coming April 14-15

As the College prepares for the return of men's basketball this fall, Head Coach CB Walker and his staff has organized a two-day event featuring the best middle school and high school girls and boys players from the region. Tickets to the Jefferson College All-Star event are only \$5 at the gate/kids 12 and under are free.

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# Read All About It: Library Annual Book Sale Runs April 20-May 5

In celebration of National Library Week, the Jefferson College Library will host its annual book sale April 20-May 5 on the Hillsboro campus during regular hours.

Sale items will include books withdrawn from the existing Library collection and privately donated books and materials. Costs for books from the existing Library collection are 5/\$1 and all donated books are \$1 each. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Jefferson College Foundation's Library Scholarship Fund. Payment may be made via cash, check or credit card.

The Jefferson College Library offers a variety of services and resources. Jefferson County residents age 18 and older may obtain a library card for \$15 per year and the card is non-transferable. The community card is free for seniors ages 65 and above. A valid photo ID and proof of residence within Jefferson County is required. Please visit the Circulation Desk at the library in Hillsboro to obtain a valid library card.

For further information about the book sale, call the Library Circulation Desk at (636) 481-3166 or (636) 481-3167.

# The Big Muddy Dance Company Performance April 25 Highlights PACE Series

The Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment (PACE) series proudly welcomes The Big Muddy Dance Company for a performance on Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus.

The group is a repertory dance company that showcases high caliber artistic experiences. By engaging both emerging and world-renowned choreographers, collaborating across the St. Louis community through senior outreach, and training future performers through educational programs, the Big Muddy Dance Company constantly strives to invigorate life through dance. To learn more about the group, visit thebigmuddydanceco.org.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$2 for students and senior citizens. All individual advance ticket purchases can be made online at jeffcopace.ludus.com or in person at the Fine Arts Box Office (cash only) pending availability prior to the show.

For more information other upcoming PACE performances/times and locations, visit www.jeffco.edu/PACE or call (636) 481-3367. Events and performances are subject to change. The campus is smoke-free, tobacco-free, and alcohol free. If accommodations for a disability are needed, contact the Accessibility Resource Office at (636) 481-3158 or aro@jeffco.edu. A sign interpreter can be provided with one week's notice.

# 2023 Pathways to Prevention Event Builds Awareness and Offers Active Bystander Resources

With a goal to engage community members along with students, faculty and staff with resources and tools to be active bystanders regarding sexual assault prevention and awareness, the College will host Pathways to Prevention on Thursday, April 27, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on the central lawn (rain location is the Student Center lower level) on the Hillsboro campus.

The free event will include giveaways, a resource fair, yard games, and other activities in preventing and addressing sexual assault.

For more details, contact Alexis Lowery at alowery3@jeffco.edu or (636) 481-3267. If accommodations for a disability are needed, contact the Accessibility Resource Office at (636) 481-3158 or aro@jeffco.edu. A sign interpreter can be provided with one week's notice.

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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 March:

- Approval of Consent Agenda Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, Investments Report, and Curriculum Matters)
- Second Reading Board of Trustees Policy II-014.01, Early Resignation Notice Stipend Program
- Second Reading Board of Trustees Procedure II-014.01, Early Resignation Notice Stipend Program
- Second Reading Board of Trustees Policies, Section III, Administrative Organization
- Second Reading Board of Trustees Procedures, Section III, Administrative Organization
- Contract Bookstore Operations
- Contract Clery Consultant
- Purchase Classroom Furniture
- Course Fees Changes
- Re-employment of Faculty for 2023-2024
- Re-employment of Certified Professional Staff for 2023-2024
- Granting of Faculty Tenure
- Appointment Director of Accounting (Esparanza Hernandez)
- Appointment Dean of Institutional Effectiveness (Dr. Josephine Kershaw)
- Appointment Interim Senior Director of Operations (John Linhorst)
- Presentation: Capital Projects FY 2024 (John Linhorst and Daryl Gehbauer)
- P resentation: <u>Withdrawal Survey Results and Retention Bot</u> (Brenna Young)



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### 2023 Board **Meeting Schedule**

(Open Session Times Listed)

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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# H.W. Herrell Distributing Receives Jefferson Cup

On St. Patrick's Day, H.W. Herrell Distributing Company was honored with the Jefferson Cup, the first award in the Monticello Society, after giving more than \$20,000 to the Jefferson College Foundation Alumni and Friends. Herrell has been a generous donor for more than 26 years, and the College and Foundation thank them for their monetary gifts and for the generous donation of refreshments at all our events. Pictured left to right, is VP Mark Lednick, Herrell's 4th generation Nolan Schanz, and Jefferson College Foundation's Blake M. Tilley.



### Jefferson Foundation Awards Foundation with Vikings' Vault Grants

The Jefferson Foundation provided one of two \$15,000 grant awards to be used for the College's Vikings' Vault food and supply pantry. The first award is to be used in 2023, and the second \$15,000 to be used in 2024.

According to Laura Villmer, the Foundation's Grant Coordinator, the Jefferson Foundation was concerned that the increased cost of food was creating additional food insecurities for those that use food pantries such as the Vikings' Vault. This first-time grant opportunity was outside of their annual grant cycle and only assists regional food shelters.



# DeSoto Walmart awards \$500 Grant to the Foundation

In March, the DeSoto Walmart celebrated its grand re-opening after a significant store renovation. The ceremony included awarding several community non-profits receiving grants. The Jefferson College Foundation received \$500 for use toward the Spring Auction. Pictured are Laura Villmer, Foundation Event and Grant Coordinator, and Blake Tilley, Foundation Executive Director.







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