Twirling for Team USA: Jefferson College Student competes in 2023 World Championships

At the recent U.S. Twirling Association national championships, Marie Kershaw, dual-enrolled student at Jefferson College and Sacred Heart Homeschool, won first place in the Senior Small Twirl elite event with her team, Intrepid. While maintaining academic excellence as a straight A student, Marie is the 16-year-old daughter of the Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Equity at Jefferson College. She is a five-time AAU Junior Olympic Champion in baton twirling, earning All-Around titles and additional gold medals in solo and multi-baton events. She has performed as the feature twirler at Seckman High School's football games and for the men's and women's basketball game halftimes at North Arkansas College and Jefferson College.

In 2021, Marie was crowned as the Majorette Princess of America, which is the Drum Majorettes of America's (DMA) highest title for junior twirlers at the national level. She has previously won the advanced DMA national titles of 2020 PreTeen Majorette Queen, 2019 Petite Miss Majorette of the Year and 2018 Miss Mid-Continent Majorette. Having started twirling at the age of 6, she was the Juvenile Intermediate Pageant Winner at the NBTA America's Youth on Parade and she was the youngest twirler to qualify for the USTA Junior Elite U.S. Pre-Trials in the initial year of the Junior Women's short program and freestyle routines. She is a member of Team USA's Intrepid and St. Louis Performance Academy competition teams, which will represent the U.S. at the World Baton Twirling Championships at Liverpool, England in early August 2023.

Due to the technical ability, stage presence, showmanship, and projection in her baton twirling halftime talent performance, Marie was also the Talent scholarship winner for the 2023 Distinguished Young Women of Missouri. In addition, she was the Fitness scholarship winner based on the stamina, agility, strength, and flexibility reflected in executing the competition's rigorous fitness routine. Before moving to Missouri, she was Miss River City's Outstanding Teen and a 2021 Miss Arkansas Outstanding Teen contestant where she won the Alpha Talent Award for her baton twirling routine.

While Marie has been twirling for 10 years, she also enjoys ballet, gymnastics, and bird watching. She has served as student government vice-president and president of a college chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. In 2022, she received the Leadership, Education, and Acceptance of Diversity (L.E.A.D.) Youth Award from the Arkansas Martin Luther King Commission in recognition of service for minority and low-income communities, including volunteering at the Children's Charity Ministry food pantry backpack program to help feed around 800 kids in surrounding rural counties by organizing about 3,500 meals so needy children didn't go hungry over the weekend when they're not in school. Besides aspiring to be a world champion twirler, she plans to major in IT or computer science, having passed the CompTIA A+ certification exam. But first, she's heading to Liverpool, England next week to compete in the World Championship – good luck to Marie and Team USA!

Marie's 1-minute routine for the international 2020 World Baton Twirling Day event may be viewed in the following link <u>youtu.be/IqtURRKngcE</u>.



Faculty/Staff Receive 2023 Outstanding Achievement Awards

The Jefferson College Foundation recently presented its annual Outstanding Achievement Awards to honor the exemplary accomplishments of faculty and staff who were nominated from four employee constituent groups.

2023 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients include:

Timothy Boehme - Professor of English
Lisa Pavia-Higel - Professor of Communications
Terry Kite - Associate Dean of Business, Social Science and Public Service
Deneen Mains - Enrollment Services Assistant
Jennifer Wallis - Adjunct Instructor, Sociology and Social Work

Jefferson College Foundation Board Director Bob Francis presented the awards, along with Executive Director of Development and Strategic Communications Blake Tilley. As part of the recognition, each Outstanding Achievement Award recipient also received a \$500 stipend.



Tim Boehme's 20th year at Jefferson College has begun, and he has been a proud member of JCNEA each year. He has taught various classes over the years, including Comp I, Comp II, Film Appreciation, Shakespeare, and The Literature of Science Fiction and Fantasy. He will be teaching Mythology for the first time this fall. Tim has served on various committees over the years, most recently as a representative for the School of Humanities for both the Faculty Senate Executive Council and JCNEA.

Tim says this about his teaching: "I view each classroom as a community, with me as the community leader and my students as community members, so any successful learning that occurs is a result of a collaboration between my students and myself." Tim is the co-creator of the pop culture discussion and entertainment show Pop Corn for JCTV, the Jefferson College 48-Hour Film Contest and Festival, and has assisted in advising the JC Writing Club. Tim's initial comment upon receiving this award was, "There's been some mistake," but he has come around more to David Letterman's point of view on awards: "They don't just hand these things out to chimps. Also, nothing outstanding would have been achieved without good students and amazing colleagues."



Lisa Pavia-Higel graduated in 2001 with a degree in Strategic Communications and Mass Media and quickly went to work for the YMCA of Greater St. Louis as their Director of Public Relations. Surprising no one but Lisa (apparently) she hated sitting still all day, and found that her favorite parts of the job were when she got to train area Marketing and PR people. Her graduate advisor threatened to withhold her degree if she didn't come and teach as an adjunct for him at STLCC Meramec. From her first class, she was hooked. Lisa has earned her second master's degree, served as part of the Diversity Committee, created a Jefferson College TEDx, and more. To date, she considers her greatest accomplishment

as winning the PTK Outstanding Faculty award, which is granted by students, during the pandemic. The fact that she could create a thriving space during a difficult time remains one of her proudest moments.

Lisa's colleagues commend her for her cheerful attitude, her dedication to committee work, and her brilliant teaching skills. One of her nominators said she is "student-centered, supportive, approachable, and collegial with her coworkers." Another nominator said, "Her students trust her, and she maintains relationships with them after graduation." Outside of Jefferson College, Lisa is active in St. Louis theater and film projects. Most recently, she was featured in the St. Louis production of Listen to Your Mother, a national storytelling project. Lisa lived in Jefferson County all her life until 2020 when her family moved to Eureka, MO. She lives there with her husband Matt, her daughter Sofia, and, she says, entirely too many animals.

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Terry Kite has been with Jefferson College for 15 years. He started as a faculty member in the education department and moved into the position of Division Chair of Social Science and Business. He eventually moved into the position of Associate Dean of Social and Natural Sciences, and finally spent the last four years as Associate Dean of Business, Social Science and Public Service. In his time at the college, he was instrumental in developing the current early college program. He developed the first cohort of Associate of Arts students through the Fox and De Soto School Districts. He was also instrumental in helping the College receive its first National Association of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships accreditation. The early

college program has since grown drastically, and now represents a significant percentage of the College's overall enrollment.

He has served as a speaker at the Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, and has twice been a recipient of the Linda K. Johnston Excellence in Assessment Award for his efforts in promoting effective assessment strategies. In addition to serving on a variety of ad hoc committees and tasks forces, he served as the chair of the Strategic Enrollment Management and Retention Committee, and was a member of the Council of Committee Chairs, the Employee Support Committee, the Curriculum Committee and the Assessment Committee. Terry's colleagues recognize him as a leader among his peers, always willing to help. One nominator wrote: "Terry has always been passionate about the mission of the College in every role he has had during his tenure here."



Deneen Mains began at Jefferson College in 2007 as the secretary to the Registrar. Deneen then transitioned to the role of an Enrollment Services Specialist in 2014 and has served students in that position for the past nine years. She has enjoyed playing a role in the students' lives, which she said has been the highlight of her career. Just as her sons were impacted by the faculty and staff here, she said she hopes to have the same impact. She attributes the joys of this job to the students, her coworkers, and the never ending support of the people who are a part of the Jefferson College family. Deneen appreciates the way that family has been by her side in the hardest times of her life, and been the same people to celebrate with her during the best times.

Deneen's coworkers appreciate her knowledge, communication, professionalism, and positive attitude. As one of her nominators wrote: "Deneen's caring demeanor makes it easy for students, particularly our international students, to approach her for assistance. Many of them even refer to her as 'Mama Deneen' because she is invested in their well-being, as well as their academic success. Deneen is patient, helpful, and always has a smile for whoever she sees."



Jennifer Wallis graduated with honors from Maryville University with her bachelor's degree in sociology & psychology and Saint Louis University with her Masters in Social Work. She had practicums throughout her undergraduate and graduate years, and worked with women who were victims of domestic violence, women who were transitioning from prison back into society, children with incarcerated mothers, and children whose parents were going through divorce. Upon graduating, she worked as a case manager on the children's team at BJC Behavioral Health. Jennifer also volunteered for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and facilitated support groups for teenagers.

She has been an adjunct instructor at Jefferson College since 2006, when she moved from community based social work to school social work. Jennifer's colleagues say she "exemplifies flexibility and cooperation", and she goes above and beyond for her students, hosting students at her "day job" and offering additional labs. As one nominator wrote, "Jen meets students where they are and attempts to ensure their success by empowering them to utilize all supports in their reach." Jennifer works full-time as a school social worker/Family Support Facilitator at the Fox C-6 School District at Don Earl Early Childhood Center.

For more than 30 years, the Jefferson College Foundation has been serving students at Jefferson College through scholarships, teaching innovations, updated technology, comprehensive programs, and facility improvements, positively impacting student lives and preserving the high-quality education students receive at Jefferson College.

Come Back to School Night Event for Adult Learners on Sept. 28



Let Jefferson College help you find the missing piece to upgrading your employment skills or gaining a new career at our "Come Back to School Night", an adult learner open house event, on Thursday, September 28, from 6-7:30 p.m. The event will be hosted on the Central Lawn, located outside the Student Center. (In case of rain, the event will be held in the Student Center Viking Room.)

There is no cost to attend the family-friendly, casual event. Reservations are not required. If you are an adult prospective student or maybe just enrolled for your first semester this fall you are invited to drop by at any time. We will have food and games, it will be fun for the whole family!

Open to everyone in the surrounding region, the informational event will include representatives from campus resources including Admissions, Accessibility Resource Office (ARO), Workforce and Development, Financial Aid, Project Success, Advising, Campus Wellness, Adult Education and Literacy, Veterans Benefits, as well as many programs we offer here at the college.

"My hope is that this event will be a time for these adults who are often anxious about going back to school to learn all about what college can look like for them and what resources are available in a really relaxed and non-threatening environment," said Jefferson College Admissions Representative Jess Bartlett.

The community-centered event will provide an opportunity to talk directly with other adult learners and receive answers to questions regarding going to college. A variety of booths relating to programs and available services will enable each participant to personalize their evening.

"There's a common misperception that college is only for students who are coming directly out of high school, and that simply is not the case," said Admissions Director Carrie Greer. "In the Office of Admissions, we firmly believe that it's never too late to go to college! Come Back to School Night is an opportunity to showcase all that we have to offer adult learners as they begin their journey into higher education."

View the Facebook event and invite your friends and family who might be interested in attending.

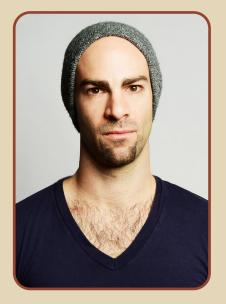
Questions? Please contact Jess Bartlett in the College's Admissions Department at (636) 481-3245.



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The 2023-24 PACE Series Kicks off with Musical Performances

The Jefferson College Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment (PACE) Series returns for 2023-24 beginning with a performance by Jared Schonig on September 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. Tickets for this event are \$5 for general admission and \$2 for students and seniors.



Grammy Award-winning drummer, composer & bandleader Jared Schonig has performed around the world from sold-out shows at Carnegie Hall to festivals in Zimbabwe. Schonig co-led *The Wee Trio*, which released five critically acclaimed albums over the past 8 years. The group received praise from numerous publications and toured internationally.

He recently released two solo albums of original music (one quintet and one big band) in the fall of 2021 to critical acclaim. When at home in New York City, Schonig is a fixture in both the jazz & Broadway scene – he recently held the drum chair for the Tony, Grammy & Emmy award-winning Broadway Revival of *The Color Purple* and is currently playing drums and percussion for the 10-time Tony-winning *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*. He also is an in-demand drummer/percussionist for studio recordings, jingle sessions and other commercial music recordings. For more information about Jared Schonig, visit his website at jaredschonig.com.

The next PACE event showcases Jefferson College's very own music faculty performing in concert on September 24 at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. Admission for this event is free.

Then, on October 1 at 3 p.m., join the Chamber Project St. Louis in the Fine Arts Theatre as they explore the inner musical heart of the harp, celebrate a forgotten heroine of yesteryear and playfully dance with our feathered friends in this concert with flute, clarinet, harp and strings. Tickets for this event are \$5 for general admission and \$2 for students and seniors. For more information about the Chamber Project St. Louis, visit chamberprojectstl.org.





Season passes are available for \$25 per person general admission and \$15 for students and senior citizens. Passes may be purchased online at jeffcopace.ludus.com, resulting in savings compared to single event admission for the entire series. For questions about purchasing PACE season passes, call (636) 481-3123.

Free Outdoor Family Movie Night - "The Super Mario Bros. Movie"

As a family-friendly way to kick off the new school year, Jefferson College will host a free outdoor family movie night with the screening of "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" on Friday, September 22, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the Hillsboro Campus Student Center Lawn.

Everyone is welcome to attend with fun for all ages including kids trivia with prizes prior to the movie. There is no admission cost. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Food trucks will be on site selling a variety of items beginning at 6 p.m. They include Loot's Lunch Cart, Livin' the Dream, Luna's Shaved Ice, and Yo Dawg.

"The Super Mario Bros. Movie" is a 2023 American computer-animated adventure comedy film based on Nintendo's Mario video game franchise. The ensemble voice cast includes Chris Pratt, Anya Taylor-Joy, Charlie Day, Jack Black, Keegan-Michael Key, Seth Rogen, and Fred Armisen. The film features an origin story for the brothers Mario and Luigi, Italian-American plumbers who are transported to an alternate world and become entangled in a battle between the Mushroom Kingdom, led by Princess Peach, and the Koopas, led by Bowser.

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.

View the <u>Facebook event</u> for updates and invite your friends and family to attend!



The Fall Sports Season Begins - Go Vikings!

The College's sports teams have begun their respective fall seasons and fans of all ages are welcome to cheer on the Vikings as they strive for excellence. For ticket info visit www.jeffco.edu/athletics/ticket-information.

Men's Soccer

The 2023-24 team consists of Clemens Budde, Mario Serrano, Pedro Serpa, Sota Inoue, Neil Ennis, Marco Martin, Drew Jerrett, Asier Diago, Ryan Ford, Haden Frazier, Gustavo (Andres) Suarez, Ignacio (Nacho) Rodriguez, Evan Delaney, Lukas Amaya, Daniel Pugh, Sonny Cox, Zach Ziliotto, Sho Furukawa, Juan Buitrago, Elias Kikiela, Ryan White, Cole Vincel, Ashton Thackwell, Ezekiel Adesanya, and Naoya Iwamoto.

View the season schedule/scores at www.jeffco.edu/soccer/schedule.



The team includes Olivia Beck, Dahlianney Auguste, Callie McMurtrey, Maddie Pallme, Rachel Riney, Codi Potter, Skylar LeGarce, Serenity Petaia, Ruby Murdock, Zoey Grundel, Anna Mueller, Emma Tucker, Sharayah Donovan, Kylie Mohr, Mikaela Smith, Baylei Clubb, and Alyssa King.

To see upcoming games and past scores, visit <u>www.jeffco.edu/</u> womens-soccer.

Volleyball

The 2023-24 team consists of Ryleigh Gresham, Maci Nolie, Julia Reis Pereira Minas, Bruna Yumi Inagaqui, Jelena Gray, Maju Vieira Tavares Fernandes, Alina Bertens Deckart, Rachel Cobb, Amari Branch-Autman, Summer Hake, Sydney Burris, Shania Hodges, and Ashlynn Hughes.

View the season schedule/scores at www.jeffco.edu/volleyball/schedule.

Cross Country

Making its debut this season, the brand new Cross Country team consists of Sadie Brandt, Reagan Edwards, Kenzie Fulliam, Dylan Glastetter, Maddy Gluecy, Lauren Hartman, Sophia Miller, Lucero Orozco, Dallas Pearson, Alexandria Smith, Hanna Spoon, and Nick Vollmer.

View the season schedule at www.jeffco.edu/cross-country/schedule.









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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 August:

- Approval Public Hearing for 2023 Tax Rate
- Approval Publication of Annual Financial Statement
- Ratification of Contract Change Order Unforeseen Conditions: Parking Lot Full-Depth Reclamation
- Ratification of Contract Change Order Unforeseen Conditions: Field House Restroom Asbestos Removal and Pipe Replacement
- Approval of Contract CIS Lab Renovation
- Approval of Contract Library MOBIUS Subscription
- Approval of Re-employment Certified Professional Staff, 2023-2024
- Approval of Appointment Director of Public Safety Programs
- Approval of Appointment Interim Radiologic Technology Program Director
- Approval of Appointment Interim Director of Jefferson College Arnold
- Approval of Appointment First Assistant Coaches / 2023-2024
- Approval of Appointment Controller
- Approval of Resignation Emerging Technologies Librarian
- Ratification of Retirement Director of Public Relations and Marketing

Agenda items approved and/or discussed in September:

- <u>Presentation:</u> Student Compliance & Counseling Updates (Kristine Bogue & Heather Bond)
- Approval ~ Setting of the Tax Levy for Tax Year 2023
- Approval of Purchase ~ Vertical Knee Mill for Precision Machining Technology Program
- Approval of Purchase ${\scriptstyle \sim}$ Driving Simulator Systems for the Law Enforcement Academy

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- Approval of Purchase ~ Forklift for ATS Metal Fabrication Program
- Approval of Purchase ~ Manikins for the Emergency Medical Technology Program
- Approval of Contract ~ Jefferson College Website Redesign
- Approval of Contract Renewal ~ Employee Assistance Program
- Approval of Contract Renewal ~ Medical and Dental Insurance
- Approval of Contract Renewal ~ Life, Long-Term Disability, and AD&D Insurance
- Approval of Resignation ~ Director of Accounting

2023 Board Meeting Schedule

(Open Session Times Listed)

October 12 – 5:30 p.m.

December 7 – 5:30 p.m.

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
					Cheerleading Tryouts 6 PM - 8 PM FH - Gym	Cheerleading Tryouts 9 AM - 4 PM FH - Gym	
Observatory: Aim for the Stars 8:30 PM Observatory	Labor Day Campus Closed	5	Volleyball vs MAC 6:30 PM FH - Gym	7	8	Basketball Middle/High School Fall League 8 AM FH - Gym	
Basketball Middle/High School Fall League 8 AM FH - Gym	11	12	13	Men's Soccer vs Gateway League 4 PM Soccer Field Board of Trustees Meeting 5 PM Admin: Board Room & GoogleMeet	15	Basketball Middle/High School Fall League 8 AM FH - Gym	
Basketball Middle/High School Fall League 8 AM FH - Gym	18	PACE Jared Schonig 7:30 PM FA - Theatre	20	21	Outdoor Movie Night 6 PM Central Lawn	Basketball Middle/High School Fall League 8 AM FH - Gym Women's Soccer vs ECC 2 PM Soccer Field Men's Soccer vs ECC 4 PM Soccer Field	
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