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February 2024

## Preview Day Open House - Saturday, March 2

Prospective students, along with their families and friends, have the opportunity to learn more about Jefferson College's numerous high-quality academic programs and support services during the Preview Day open house on Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. - noon on the Hillsboro campus.

Attendees may stop by the open house at any time. There is no cost to attend; however, reservations are encouraged. Check in for Preview Day will be at the Administration Building attached to the Library. Each prospective student will receive a free t-shirt while supplies last. Parking is available in the Orange lot in front of the Library.

The free event will allow attendees the opportunity to explore degree and certificate options; tour the campus; speak with faculty and staff members from a variety of academic programs, departments, and resources; learn about admissions and financial aid processes; gather information on early college opportunities for students who are still in high school, including homeschool students; and explore on campus housing at Viking Woods. Guests will also have the opportunity to shop for apparel and souvenirs in the Jefferson College Bookstore.

Guided group tours will be available at 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, and 11:00 a.m. and will depart from outside the Library. Participants will also have the option of taking a self-guided walking tour. Golf cart tours will be available for those with mobility issues.

Three presentations will be held during the event as follows:

- Early College Opportunities - 9:30 a.m.
- Basic Admissions Information - 10:15 a.m.
- Financial Aid - 11 a.m.

Presentations are optional to attend and will take place in the lower level of the Student Center.

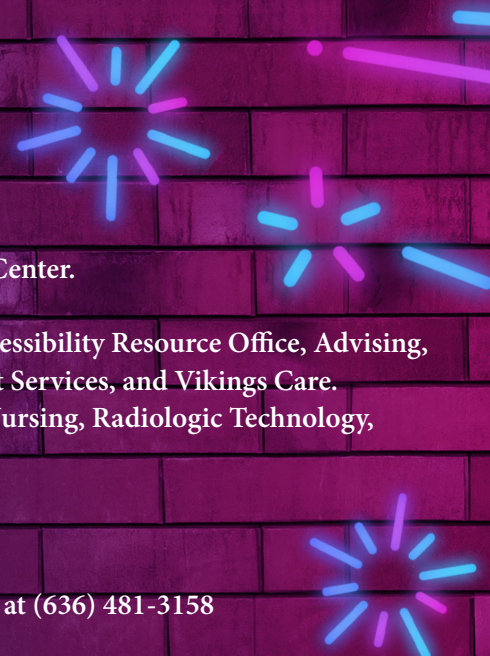
A variety of student services and campus resources will be represented including the Accessibility Resource Office, Advising, the Area Technical School, Athletics, Student Development, Workforce and Employment Services, and Vikings Care. Featured academic programs will include Business and Economics, English, Fine Arts, Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Sociology and Social Work, Teacher Education - and many more!

To RSVP, contact the Admissions Office at (636) 481-3235 or [admissions@jeffco.edu](mailto:admissions@jeffco.edu).

If accommodations for a disability are needed, contact the Accessibility Resources Office at (636) 481-3158 or [aro@jeffco.edu](mailto:aro@jeffco.edu). A sign language interpreter can be provided with one week's notice.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**  
**9 AM - NOON · HILLSBORO CAMPUS**



# Jefferson College Introduces Tiered Tuition Program for 2024-25 School Year

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When Jefferson College students attend their classes in the fall 2024 semester they will be the first group on campus enrolled under a new tiered tuition model, which simplifies billing, makes the Missouri A+ scholarship program more efficient for students, and better represents the costs of each class offered.

In an effort to improve transparency in the billing process, the Jefferson College Board of Trustees approved a model that combines tuition and common fees based on the expenses of providing those classes. All general education classes, and more than 75% of all Jefferson College's courses, are in the lowest of three cost levels.

“For students who take advantage of Missouri's A+ program, this will allow them to have more of their expenses covered,” said Dr. Dena McCaffrey, president of Jefferson College. “Overall, this new model allows students to maximize their A+ benefits, improves transparency in pricing, and better aligns tuition rates with instructional costs.”

Common charges that will be eliminated include technology, activity, lab, online and hybrid fees. The textbook fee will not be incorporated into the tiered tuition, because students have the choice to opt out of the Viking Ready program. Although the Viking Ready Book Bundle provides course materials at a reduced rate, students still have the option to purchase materials from other sources instead.

Currently, additional lab fees are charged for programs that utilize consumable materials, specialized software, and industry-recognized credentials. Those fees are also included in the tiered tuition rates.

“Courses like welding or science labs have course fees that cover consumables used in lab instruction,” McCaffrey said. “The Missouri A+ scholarship does not pay for individual course fees, only tuition for those classes. Since those fees will no longer be charged to a student's account, more costs will be covered in the tiered tuition model.”

Tier II classes include Automotive Technology, Chemistry, Culinary Arts, Law Enforcement, Veterinary Technology, Welding and six others. Tier III classes are Nursing, Radiologic Technology, and Physical Therapy Assistant. Students in those programs will pay Tier II and Tier III rates for the courses in those subjects and the Tier I rate for their general education requirement classes.

The change does represent increased costs for students. Traditionally, Jefferson College has kept its tuition rates low and balanced among its primary income sources of local taxes, state appropriations, and the amounts paid by students. Local taxes and state funding directly support colleges in providing affordable higher education, but they do not cover the total cost of delivering quality instruction. The remaining costs are funded by tuition and fees.

According to McCaffrey, “Over the past several years, Jefferson College's tuition has not kept up with the rate of inflation, and this year we would have needed to raise tuition to cover instructional expenses. Rather than simply increasing the tuition rate as we have historically, the College invested a lot of thought, time, and research in creating this tuition proposal.”

While the change is new for Jefferson College, tiered tuition has become standard at many higher learning institutions on a state and national level, said Dr. Chris DeGeare, vice president of Academic Affairs.

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**- Dr. Dena McCaffrey  
Jefferson College President**

“All but one of Missouri's community college systems has adopted tiered tuition,” DeGeare said. “While each model varies, the overall goals at Jefferson College are to be clear and up front about our prices and more closely match the amount individual students pay with the expense the college incurs in providing instruction and the income they will earn in their field upon completion.”

In-district tuition for Tier I classes in 2024-25 will be \$175 per credit hour, compared to \$120 per credit hour plus the \$25 technology fee, \$5 activity fee, and lab, online or hybrid fees that applied to some classes. Tier II classes are \$230 per credit hour for in-district students, and Tier III courses are \$295 per credit hour.

Tuition rates are higher for Missouri residents who live outside of the Jefferson Community College District, and more for out of state students.

## 2024-2025 Tiered Tuition Rates

|                      | <i><b>In-District</b></i> | <i><b>Out-of-District</b></i> | <i><b>Out-of-State</b></i> |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i><b>Tier 1</b></i> | \$175                     | \$235                         | \$295                      |
| <i><b>Tier 2</b></i> | \$230                     | \$290                         | \$350                      |
| <i><b>Tier 3</b></i> | \$295                     | \$355                         | \$415                      |

## Dean’s List Honors Announced for Fall 2023

Jefferson College Vice President of Student Services, Kimberly Harvey-Manus, has announced the Dean’s List for the Fall 2023 semester, containing the names of 766 students who earned the academic recognition.

To qualify for the Dean’s List honor, full-time students must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) in at least 12 graded credit hours taken that semester. Part-time students who accumulate 12 or more graded credit hours with a 3.25 grade point average also qualify and must contact the Vice President of Student Services Office within ten days of grade reporting to be included.

The Dean’s List can be viewed online at [www.jeffco.edu](http://www.jeffco.edu) under the “News and Events” tab.



# Jazz Ensemble Honored as Missouri's Best at Annual Conference

The Jefferson College Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Joel Vanderheyden, Professor of Music, was recently recognized by the Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) as best-in-state and performed at the annual MMEA Conference on January 25.

Dr. Dena McCaffrey introduced the Ensemble where she was joined by a standing-room-only crowd to enjoy and celebrate the College's talented students. Following the event, Dr. Vanderheyden stated that this was "...one of my proudest moments as a Jefferson College faculty member. The students really rose to the occasion, and I can't even put into words how it felt for all of us to share our slice of music from Jefferson County with all of those musicians and educators from all over the state. It was a tremendous honor, and a very, very special moment in time."

The Missouri Music Educators Association is a federated association of the NAfME: The National Association for Music Education which includes nearly 80,000 Music Educators dedicated to providing a comprehensive, well-balanced, sequential, and quality education to every child in America.



*"The Jefferson College Jazz Ensemble performance at MMEA was a concert that I will treasure for the rest of my life."*

- Dr. Joel Vanderheyden  
Jefferson College Professor of Music & Director of Jazz

## Area Technical School Hosts SkillsUSA District Competition Showcasing Student Talent in Diverse Disciplines

The Jefferson College Area Technical School (ATS) hosted the district competition for SkillsUSA on February 2. Students from various schools showcased their skills and talents in a range of disciplines. A total of 31 Jefferson College students (27 ATS students and 4 post-secondary) participated in the district competition. The winners, listed below, will move on to the State competition.

### Advertising Design

Isaiah Kutrip from Grandview (Digital Media) - 1st Place

### Welding

Travis Hoskins from Grandview (Welding) - 1st Place

### Culinary Arts

Nerik Stricklin from Herculaneum (Culinary) - 1st Place

Chloe Ziegler from Northwest (Culinary) - 2nd Place

Clair Balding from Seckman (Culinary) - 3rd Place

### Baking and Pastry Arts

Serenity Evans from Homeschooled (Culinary) - 1st Place

### Carpentry

Kalob Ward from Northwest (Carpentry) - 2nd Place

Elliot Busch from Seckman (Carpentry) - 1st Place

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit student organization that serves students enrolled in career and technical education training programs at our nation's public high schools and colleges. SkillsUSA's mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers and responsible American citizens.



## PACE Series: Spring Play "A Case of Libel" to be Performed February 29 - March 3

As part of the 2024 PACE (Performing Arts and Cultural Enrichment) series, a cast of students, community members, and staff will present the Spring play, "A Case of Libel", directed by Communication and Theatre Professor Dr. Rebecca Ellison.

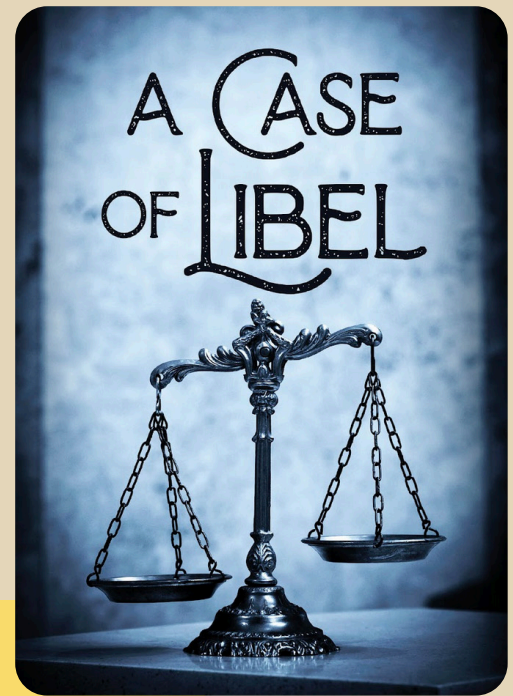
"A Case of Libel" was created by Henry Denker and Louis Nizer, based on Nizer's "My Life in Court". This Broadway success is about a celebrated war correspondent's libel suit against a widely syndicated newspaper columnist. Ostensibly, the correspondent is suing to stop wild attacks on both his patriotism and his personal life.

Performances are scheduled for Thursday, February 29, at 10 a.m., Friday, March 1, at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 2, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m., in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Hillsboro campus.

Individual event tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/senior citizens/matinee shows. Advance tickets and reservations are available online at [jeffcopace.ludus.com](http://jeffcopace.ludus.com). Tickets will also be sold at the box office (cash only) depending on availability. For questions, call the Box Office at (636) 481-3369.

The Jefferson College campus is smoke-free and tobacco-free, including e-cigarettes.

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## Faculty Senate Seeking Alumnus of the Year Nominations

The Jefferson College Faculty Senate is seeking nominations for the College's 2023 Alumnus of the Year. Submissions are due by February 29, 2024.

Nominees must meet four criteria:

- A person who graduated from Jefferson College with a certificate or associate degree;
- Someone who has achieved distinction in his/her chosen field of employment;
- Someone who has been involved in community service; and
- A person not presently a trustee or an employee of Jefferson College.

A submission form is available [online](#). For more information, contact Susan Todd at [stodd@jeffco.edu](mailto:stodd@jeffco.edu).



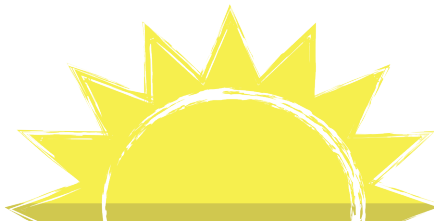
# Men's Basketball Team Honors College President with Home Opener Game Ball

Recently, the Men's Basketball team and staff surprised College President, Dr. Dena McCaffrey, with the game ball from their home opener in the fall. She was honored to receive this special keepsake and mentioned how proud she was to have men's basketball back at Jefferson College.

The thoughtful gesture underscored the team's appreciation for Dr. McCaffrey's support and enthusiasm for their endeavors. As she expressed her pride in the reinstatement of men's basketball at the college, it highlighted the significance of athletics in fostering community spirit and camaraderie within the institution.



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# CAREER EXPO

February 27 • 8:30 am - 11:30 am

***CAREER EXPERTS,  
WE NEED YOU!***



Register here!

The purpose of this event is to **educate** Jefferson County middle and high school students about the career paths available to them. ***Please note that this is not a recruitment event*** but is to **educate students** and help them make informed decisions about careers.

## Questions?

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## ***Agenda items approved and/or discussed in January***

- Second Reading & Adoption - Addition of Board of Trustees Policy IV-012, Grievances
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- Approval of Purchase - Culinary Arts Convection Ovens
- Approval of Purchase - Student Center Cafeteria Furniture
- Approval - Tiered Tuition Model
- Approval of Appointment - First Assistant Men's Soccer Coach
- Approval of Resignation - Assistant Professor of Nursing

## ***Agenda items approved and/or discussed in February***

- Acceptance - Annual Audit for Jefferson College
- Acceptance - Annual Audit for Jefferson College Foundation
- Approval of Contract - Roof Replacements / Fine Arts and Technology Center Buildings
- Approval of Purchase - Scientific Laboratory Steam Sterilizer
- Approval - Extension of Administrators' Contracts
- Approval of Appointment - Vice President of Finance & Administration
- First Reading - Addition of Board of Trustees Policy V-008, Grievances
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- First Reading - Revision to Board of Trustees Policies Section II, All Personnel - General Policies and Compliance
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## Foundation's Scholarship Luncheon Unites Funders and Awardees in Celebration of Educational Achievements

The Foundation hosted the 2024 Scholarship Luncheon to connect and celebrate scholarship funders and the students who received the awards. The event was held February 1 in the Viking Room, and the College's Board of Trustees and Foundation's Board of Directors participated in the celebration. Several students were able to meet their scholarship donors and share their educational goals while at Jefferson College.



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# February 2024



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
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| 28   | 29   | 30   | 31   | 1   | 2   | 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Women's Basketball vs Metropolitan<br/>1 PM FH Gym</li> <li>Men's Basketball vs Metropolitan<br/>3 PM FH Gym</li> </ul>  |
| 4  | 5  | 6  | 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Women's Basketball vs Rend Lake<br/>5 PM FH Gym</li> <li>Men's Basketball vs SEMO Prep<br/>7 PM FH Gym</li> </ul>        | 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Trustees Meeting<br/>5 PM Admin: Board Room &amp; GoogleMeet</li> </ul> | 9   | 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Women's Basketball vs MAC<br/>1 PM FH Gym</li> <li>Men's Basketball vs MAC<br/>3 PM FH Gym</li> </ul>   |
| 11   | 12   | 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Wellness Van - Jefferson County Health Dept<br/>9 AM - 4 PM<br/>Yellow Parking Lot</li> </ul> | 14   | 15  | 16  | 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Women's Basketball vs Three Rivers<br/>1 PM FH Gym</li> <li>Men's Basketball vs Three Rivers<br/>3 PM FH Gym</li> <li> Aim for the Stars<br/>6:30 PM Observatory</li> </ul> |
| 18   | 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidents' Day<br/>Campus Closed</li> </ul> | 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little Viking Cheers Clinic<br/>5 PM FH Gym</li> </ul>   | 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Women's Basketball vs Metropolitan<br/>1 PM FH Gym</li> <li>Men's Basketball vs Metropolitan<br/>3 PM FH Gym</li> </ul> | 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little Viking Cheers Clinic<br/>5 PM FH Gym</li> </ul>                          | 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Women's Basketball vs North Central<br/>5 PM FH Gym</li> </ul> | 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Men's Basketball vs North Central<br/>12:45 PM FH Gym</li> </ul>  |
| 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Softball vs Heartland<br/>12 PM Softball Field</li> </ul> | 26   | 27   | 28   | 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> PACE<br/>Spring Play<br/>10 AM FA Theatre</li> </ul>                           | 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> PACE<br/>Spring Play<br/>7 PM FA Theatre</li> </ul>             | 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> PACE<br/>Spring Play<br/>7 PM FA Theatre</li> </ul>  |