

PRESIDENT'S —Update—

Jefferson
College
May 2023



Almost there! As finals begin and we make the big push toward commencement next week, I want to thank everyone for their commitment to our students over the past year as an extension of the College's mission. The excitement and anticipation of commencement during our 60th anniversary year serves as a reminder of the responsibility and honor we possess as an institution of higher learning in our community.

Our graduation ceremonies will be held next Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For additional details, visit the [Commencement webpage](#).

I encourage everyone to use **#JeffcoGrad** and post pictures or videos from the commencement ceremonies on your individual account and/or the Jefferson College social media accounts that you run. If you are not attending, please post a message congratulating our grads on their accomplishments, etc.

On behalf of the administration and the Board of Trustees, thank you for your cooperation and excellence. Have a great summer!

End of Year Kudos

Health Information Technology Associate Professor Ashley Mangrich (left) and Dean of Instruction Dr. Josephine Kershaw (right) recently completed the MCCA



Leadership Academy along with representatives from other Missouri community colleges in their leadership cohort.

In an effort to diversify each participant's experience and enable them to see campuses of varying size and location, the MCCA Leadership Academy was held in four different

locations around the state over the past academic year. Certificates were awarded during the closing ceremony at Moberly Area Community College.

Congratulations also to HR Recruitment Coordinator Alicia Smith on being selected for the 2023-24 CUPA-HR (College and University Professional Association for Human Resources) Ignite Program Cohort, a 12-month leadership development experience designed for early-career higher education human resources professionals. Participants were selected based on their HR strengths and areas for development identified on the program application as well as their interest in and commitment to the program. Alicia is one of only 10 participants selected from more than 100 applicants across the country.



Retirees Represent More Than 175 Years of Combined Service

Congratulations and best wishes for a happy retirement to the following employees (listed alphabetically) who have already or will be soon retiring from their positions:

- Kari Alford, User Services Coordinator - 27.5 years of service
- Debbie Bonham, Administrative Assistant - 5 years of service
- Dave Brading, Sr. Maintenance Technician-HVAC - 15 years of service
- Mary Caine, Procurement Specialist - 20 years of service
- Barbara Clements, Testing Specialist - 15 years of service
- Paul Ferber, Police Chief - 9.4 years of service
- Daryl Gehbauer, Vice President - Finance and Administration - 10 years of service (retiring December)
- Scott Holzer, Professor-History - 25 years of service
- Terry Kite, Associate Dean-Business, Social Science, and Public Service - 15 years of service
- Bob Kupferschmid, Sr. Facilities Associate - 20 years of service
- Andrea St. John, Professor-English - 25 years of service
- Sherrie Weber, Enrollment Services Assistant - 8.3 years of service

Each of these individuals--and more than 50 others--were recently honored during the Employee Years of Service and Retiree Recognition ceremony. I appreciate their years of service on behalf of the College!

Foundation Virtual Auction Surpasses \$42K in Proceeds

Thanks to the generosity of corporate event sponsors, employees, College and Foundation Board members, and friends throughout our community, the Jefferson College Foundation's 2023 Virtual Auction was extremely successful this year, raising more than \$42,000 (a 6 percent increase compared to last year). It featured an in-person party for bidders to participate in raffle games and live drawings, a live auction of a number of choice items that resulted in \$4,175, and a fund-a-future scholarship promotion that led to \$3,050. The event was successful, and the overall feedback from participants was positive.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the College's students and programs!

Summer Flex Schedule Begins May 22

We will again utilize a four-day week schedule May 22-August 11 with hours reduced to 36 hours per week for full-time employees. Standard business hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (including a 30 minute lunch), Monday-Thursday. If you have specific questions about the summer schedule or reporting leave, please contact Shelly Mueller, Payroll Manager, mmuell10@jeffco.edu.



**As always, I am a phone call or email away.
I look forward to our collective success.
- Dena**

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