

Cross Country Team Goes to Nationals

Jefferson College's Cross Country team will be competing in the NJCAA National Tournament in Huntsville, Alabama this weekend. Please wear your Jeffco gear and join the College as we celebrate these student athletes with a send off scheduled for Thursday, November 9, at 2 pm at Viking Woods. Everyone is invited to attend!

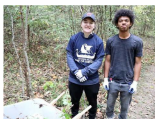


Day of Service

Every day we can see our values statement on display in the work that goes on at Jefferson College and in the people who make it such a special place. Success, Accessibility, Integrity, Learning and Service are a part of all that we do, but our annual Day of Service puts it on display for the entire community to see.

With 125 staff and student volunteers fanning out among 10 organizations and activities, we showed compassion for our community on Friday, October 13. Thank you to all of those who gave of their time to give back to those in need, with a special shout-out to assistant registrar Kaysie Watson for leading the charge.

If you checked out the pictures on our social media you will notice your coworkers and students cleaning, clearing and cooperating to make our corner of the world a better place. You will also see a lot of smiles. Helping other people makes them happy, but what it does for your own soul is the real reward.



Basketball is Back

A big event was planned for the new men's basketball program's first home game in more than 30 years. You could feel the excitement and energy in the Field House. It was great seeing so many faculty and staff at the game, joining the nearly 1,000 fans there that night. It was also the kickoff for the cheerleading squad, who brought their energy and enthusiasm to the night. Special thanks to our student choir members for their performance of the National Anthem, and Foundation partner H-J Enterprises for sponsoring the event.



Town Hall Meeting

The State of the College Town Hall meeting held in October had a turnout of 110 employees for the virtual meeting. Those who missed it can still see the presentation by viewing the slideshow at https://bit.ly/Town_Hall_Oct. The Chronicle of Higher Education/Modern Think Great Places to Work Survey 2023 survey data can be found [here](#).

Board of Trustees Action

At the October meeting of the Board of Trustees, approval was given for more than \$338,000 in technology equipment for classrooms, faculty and staff. The package includes 177 personal computers, 132 monitors, 77 Chromebooks, 77 laptops plus four iMacs, 15 Smartboards, three document cameras, two charging carts, and 13 eSports desktop computers and monitors.

The Board also approved new directional signs for the Farm Road entrance to the Hillsboro campus. The new signs will direct visitors to the softball field parking, Observatory, future Fire Service facilities and other areas as the property is developed. The design of the two signs will match current structures. Piros Signs of Barnhart was awarded the contract for \$44,377 to create and install the signage.

Open Positions

A committee has been formed to coordinate the search for a new Vice President of Finance and Administration. Daryl Gehbauer's retirement becomes official on November 30. Dr. Kim Harvey-Manus and Professor Kathy Johnson will be co-chairing the search, and second round candidates will hold an on-campus Open Forum as part of the interview process.

Additionally, the College is still searching for a Director of Marketing. Please share this position posting with others who may be interested. There are also several other openings listed in PeopleAdmin at <https://jeffco.peopleadmin.com/>.

Thank You Veterans

I would like to give a special thanks to our faculty, staff and students who have served our country as military personnel. The College will be closed on Friday, November 10, in recognition of Veterans Day. And, on Saturday, November 11, the Automotive Program will again be providing free oil changes to veterans, with support from several other departments on campus. I am grateful for your service and thank you for your sacrifices.



Anonymous Q&A

Is there a question you want to ask about some aspect of the College? Please use the Anonymous Question Form (<https://bit.ly/JC-Submission>) at your convenience. Responses will be published in future President's Update newsletters and shared during Extended Cabinet meetings.



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