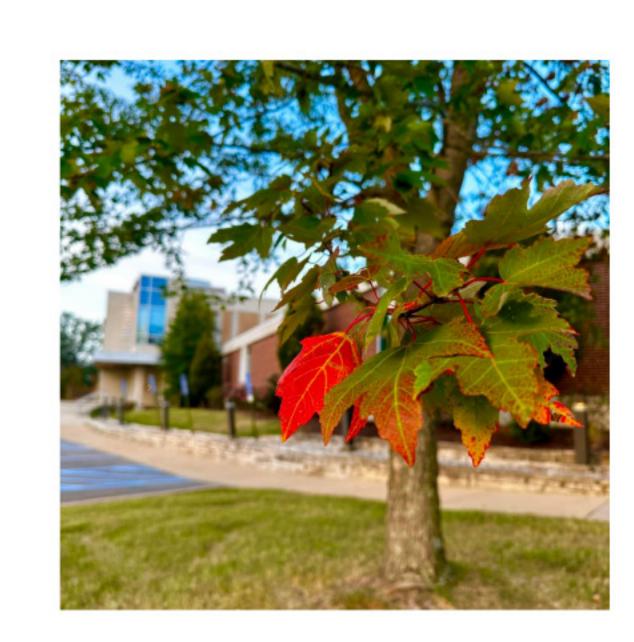
September 2023

The arrival of autumn with its cooler temperatures and shorter days help us to measure our progress through the fall semester. Soon our Hillsboro campus will be a patchwork of pastels that rival the displays that accompanied the Color Run earlier this month. Thank you to Project Success for bringing a fun activity to our campus for an afternoon of enjoyment and creating a palette of painted people.



President's Cabinet

The number of members on the President's Cabinet has expanded to 10 as we work through transitional times with the upcoming retirement of Daryl Gehbauer as Vice President of Finance and Administration, and this summer's retirement of Roger Barrentine, director of marketing and public relations. You can bring any concerns or questions to any of us including: me, Dr. Christopher DeGeare, Daryl Gehbauer, Dr. Kim Harvey-Manus, Dr. Josephine Kershaw, Dr. Kenny Wilson, Tasha Welsh, John Linhorst, Blake Tilley, and Tracy James. We meet regularly so your input will be discussed quickly.

Virtual Town Hall Meeting - October 5

All are welcome to the upcoming virtual Town Hall: State of the College meeting scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 5. Cabinet members will be providing the latest information about enrollment, budget, planning, and other items. Mark your calendars and prepare your questions. Submit anonymous questions that will be answered during the meeting at https://bit.ly/JC-Town-Hall. Deadline for question submissions is Thursday, September 28, at noon. We look forward to hearing from you.



Employee Connect

Save the Date for our next Employee Connect morning coffee. These popular programs provide networking and team building opportunities for all staff members. Following are the Fall 2023 dates and locations:

- Wednesday, October 18 (Administration Lobby) Tuesday, November 14 (Arts & Science II, 1st Floor)
- Thursday, December 14 (Technology Center)

Questions Answered

Like an old fashioned suggestion box, we welcome anonymous questions and try our best to provide answers as quickly as possible. These were answered at this month's Extended Cabinet meeting.

Q. Mel Carnahan Drive is in desperate need of repaving; not just repairs but a total repavement. Is this something we can look forward to?

A. Absolutely, but the project is something that will take some time to complete. The city of

Hillsboro is responsible for the roadway. We have been in discussion with their public works department about getting the improvements scheduled, but we also want to wait until the expansion of Viking Woods is completed. Part of the problem is the heavy equipment that is currently using the road, so we don't want to invest too much in new pavement that would quickly be damaged by construction vehicles. Q. Has there ever been any discussion about extending partial benefits to permanent, part-time

employees as a way to assist with retention?

A. We do offer some benefits to our part-time staff members. They are eligible for tuition

waiver, receive PEERS/PSRS retirement benefits, and have the option to buy into the college's health insurance plan. As a reminder, Extended Cabinet meetings are held virtually and open to all employees.

New Design For Website: The electronic front door for Jefferson College is getting a facelift for the first time in nearly a decade. The Board of Trustees approved a contract with 25th Hour Communications of Mashpee, Massachusetts, for \$154,000. After further contract negotiations, the revised price is \$99,750. The Funding for the complete redesign was

Board of Trustees Action

included in the Strategic Planning Capital Funds budget and will be supplemented by the Marketing Department. You can see all Board of Trustees action items in BoardDocs. The College also provides a virtual option to attend Board of Trustees meetings through Google Meet; meeting dates and



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As always, I am a phone call or email away.

I look forward to our collective success.

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