

The cold weather complicated our Week of Welcome activities, but it was great to see smiling student faces on campus again after the holiday break. While we wait for the winter to fade, we can think warm thoughts and have hope because it is officially the “spring” semester.

## Tiered Tuition for Fall 2024

The new tiered tuition model begins this fall and brings transparency of pricing for students by consolidating tuition and course fees (technology, activity, lab, online, hybrid) into a single tuition rate for courses in three tiers. In addition to easier to understand tuition rates, separate fees will no longer be charged to a student’s account, and more costs will be covered by A+ scholarships. Overall, this new model better aligns tuition prices with instructional costs. The textbook fee will remain separate to continue providing students the choice to opt-out.

More information regarding tuition rates will be published soon on the college’s website, and a marketing campaign will begin for the public and prospective students. Employee questions may be directed to Dr. Chris DeGeare at [cdegear1@jeffco.edu](mailto:cdegear1@jeffco.edu) or Dr. Kim Harvey-Manus at [kharvey@jeffco.edu](mailto:kharvey@jeffco.edu).

## Groundbreaking Ceremony

Work has begun on the new Veterinary Technician building, but an important part of the project will kick-off with a ground-breaking ceremony at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 8. All employees are welcome to attend the symbolic event that signals the first step of the public phase of the capital fund-raising campaign. This state supported MoExcel project allows us to expand Vet Tech enrollment by 33%. The current enrollment cannot meet the workforce demands. Being one of only five programs in the state, graduates have multiple work opportunities at graduation.

Please Join Us!  
**VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY EXPANSION**  
Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new  
Jefferson College Veterinary Technology building  
**Thursday, February 8, 2024**  
3:30 PM  
Please RSVP  
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VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY CLINIC  
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Project partially funded by a MOExcels grant

## Employee Connect

With the new semester now in full swing, we can look forward to enjoying time together with casual conversation and free refreshments during the monthly Employee Connect gathering from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, in the Administration Lobby. Stop by for a few minutes for coffee and conversation.

## Board of Trustees Action

In addition to approving the new Tiered Tuition Model at the January 11 meeting of the College Board of Trustees, approval was given for more than 100 new seats and corresponding tables for the Student Center Cafeteria. The purchase price of \$86,942.04 from Modern Business Interiors was made through the E&I Cooperative Contract. The existing cafeteria furniture has been in use for more than 25 years.

## Policy and Procedure Section II Review

All employees should have received the draft of Section II Policies and Procedures from their constituent group president. I look forward to receiving your thoughts on the updates. Feedback is requested by end of day on Thursday, February 1. I plan to submit Section II to the Board of Trustees for First Reading at the meeting scheduled for February 8, 2024.

A Google Form has been created to streamline collection of the feedback. Please take a few moments to complete the survey. All responses will be kept confidential, and honest feedback is encouraged.

## Preview Day - March 2

Mark your calendars for our annual Preview Day event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 2. We will need many volunteers to welcome prospective students to campus. Please contact Carrie Greer at [cgreer4@jeffco.edu](mailto:cgreer4@jeffco.edu) or Suzie Welch at [swelch1@jeffco.edu](mailto:swelch1@jeffco.edu) if you would like to volunteer that day. Or, visit [bit.ly/PD-Volunteer](https://bit.ly/PD-Volunteer) to sign-up.

JOIN US FOR  
**PREVIEW DAY**  
OPEN HOUSE  
Jefferson College  
Preview Day is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to:  
• **TOUR** our campus  
• **EXPLORE** degree & certificate options  
• **MEET** our faculty & staff  
• **LEARN** about student services  
• **ASK** questions  
**FREE T-SHIRT**  
for participants!  
(while supplies last)  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**  
9 AM - NOON · HILLSBORO CAMPUS

## Building and Grounds Shout-out

The Daughters of the American Revolution of Jefferson County partnered with the Spirit of St. Louis Sons of the American Revolution to recognize Jefferson College for “proper use, correct display and patriotic presentation of the flag of the United States of America.”

At a ceremony on Saturday, December 9, the two organizations presented John Willett and Cody Weseman with certificates of appreciation for the department’s work in maintaining the area around the Veterans Memorial.



## Sold Out Crowds

The popularity of the College’s Friday Speaker series, and the loyalty of our regular visitors has led to the series for Spring 2024 being booked to capacity, before the year begins. Guests scheduled for this spring include: author John Robinson in February telling about his 13-year road trip on every state highway in Missouri; a representative from the Drug Enforcement Administration in March regarding overdoses and the fentanyl poisoning epidemic in America; a retrospective in April on the Great Flood of 1993; and in May Dr. Rebecca Ellison with the cast of Jefferson College’s summer musical providing highlights and history about musical theater in America.



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

**I look forward to our collective success.**

**- Dena**

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