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A Message from the President

Over the fall semester the College developed a Statement of Values. Like many organizations, we have a culture with distinct institutional values but we had never taken the time to write them down. Much has been written that attributes the success or failure of an organization to the organization’s values and whether their actions are consistent with their values. As Jefferson Community College continues to navigate the difficult economy and the growing learning needs of our community, we felt it was important to be clear about our values and their importance in decision making on campus.

We found that in writing the Statement of Values that the devil is in the details. It was easy to start listing the values that are important to us as individuals but it was challenging to come to agreement as an organization. It was hard to find the exact right words to convey what we meant. We debated how much our value statements should be about who we are and how much should be about aspiration and who we want to be. We decided that our Statement of Values should convey both. For me, it was very reaffirming to see how seriously the College faculty and staff took this initiative and to witness their hard work in coming up with the final statement.

I am pleased to share with you Jefferson Community College’s Statement of Values.

Student success is our purpose at Jefferson Community College. To meet that purpose we strive for excellence through the following core values:

**Learning:** We view learning as a life-long process and education as a shared experience; we are a community of learners.

**Accountability:** We accept responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

**Creativity:** We embrace innovation, exploration, and imagination in the classroom and in day-to-day campus life.

**Access:** We believe that education should be available to all those who value and desire it.

**Community:** We recognize Jefferson as part of a larger, dynamic community and commit ourselves to both our immediate College community and the community at large.

**Sustainability:** We use resources in responsible ways to achieve balance among our economic, environmental, and social practices and policies.

I’ve always said that for an organization to move forward it is important to look at where you’ve been as well as where you want to go. The idea is to look forward and backwards to set a vision that has context. As we celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2011, most of our time was spent looking backward at where we’ve been. In 2012, we are focused on where we are going. We have many challenges ahead including the need for more space to be able to expand our offerings and the ongoing impact of the economy on the College’s funding and students’ ability to pay.

We will follow our values as we face those challenges. Because we value **learning**, you can count on us to meet the broad and varied learning needs of our community through high quality educational offerings. Because we value **accountability**, you can count on us to be responsive and responsible. You can count on us for **creativity** within the classroom and in our approach to student activities and support services. You can count on us to maintain the open door for **access** to higher education. You can count on us to work as a **community** for our community. You can count on us to work toward being eco-friendly as well as financially **sustainable**.

We reaffirm our commitment to these values to you – our stakeholders. You can trust that as we look toward the future through the lens of our values, we will create a palette for student success.

Carole A. McCoy
President, Jefferson Community College
Words of Wisdom for the Class of 2012

When keynote speaker Lt. General Benjamin C. Freakley (U.S. Army, retired) took the stage at Jefferson's 48th commencement exercises held on May 18, he delivered an enthusiastic, impassioned, patriotic, and at times, humorous address that offered four points for graduates to follow on their post-JCC journey.

Freakley first encouraged graduates to be leaders of character and to live value-based lives driven by accountability, responsibility and trust. Second he recommended being a servant. “You are now part of the big “E” – that’s not entitlement, that is educated. You are not entitled to anything than the freedoms this country allow you to have. The rest is hard work. Give your time, volunteer for others.” Third, be a lifelong learner. “You are a graduate, but believe me, your education is just beginning,” said Freakley. He encouraged students to be “physically fit, spiritually fit and professionally fit.”

Lastly, Freakley recommended that graduates find their passion. “Don’t settle. Be passionate about what you do. You’ll make a difference. And, at the end of the day, that is where you will find your happiness, by making a difference in the lives of others.”

Meet the Class of 2012

Jefferson’s class of 2012, like most community college graduating classes across the nation, is marked by diversity. Of the 671 students receiving college degrees, more than 42% are active duty or military related. Thirty-five percent are over the age of 24 and are considered adult learners who attend college while balancing work and family. Sixty-three percent took at least one online class, while 17 earning full-time on Fort Drum.

SFC Donald Manfredi, Army Reserves (at left), and retired SFC John Newsome, U.S. Army, took separate paths to their degrees in Individual Studies. While on active duty at Fort Drum, Manfredi began taking online classes from JCC to complete a degree started at another community college. After returning to Rochester where he is a full-time policeman, Manfredi decided to continue his online studies with JCC because he liked the class format and felt connected through JCC’s staff at the Fort Drum Education Center. Graduation was the first time Manfredi had actually set foot on Jefferson’s Watertown campus! Newsome first began taking classes at JCC in the 1990’s, enrolling in one or two campus classes as time allowed. After a nearly decade-long break from JCC, Newsome came back to Jefferson in the Fall of 2007 and began again to complete his degree requirements, taking a mix of online and on campus classes while working full-time on Fort Drum.

When Zomia Anees arrived from Pakistan in 2009 to stay with relatives and study at JCC, she spoke very little English. In just three years, Zomia has mastered both the English language and business administration, graduating with her associate of science degree. The language barrier was her biggest challenge, but Zomia credits JCC faculty and tutoring services with helping to bridge that gap. “During my first lecture, I didn’t catch a word the professor said,” shared Zomia. Zomia described herself as an average student that would call her mother anytime she faced a difficult situation. While at JCC, Zomia has become more self-sufficient and now enjoys studying. “My confidence is right up there,” says Zomia. “Now I can figure things out on my own.” Zomia plans to move back to Pakistan to be married and continue her education. She hopes to pursue a career as an English teacher.

Accounting graduate Shawn Bookout, of Carthage, found success at Jefferson by mixing online and on campus classes. “Contrary to a common misconception, you are not alone if taking online courses,” said Shawn. “Most courses facilitated online discussions with classmates.” Shawn earned President’s List honors his last three semesters at Jefferson and now he begins work on a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Franklin University which he will earn entirely online while working full-time.

Kendall Meeks, of Clayton, is a Jefferson-Can Scholar who came to JCC after completing a home-schooled education. With her strong work ethic and Jefferson’s welcoming atmosphere, Meeks transitioned easily to campus life and was pleasantly surprised at the number of opportunities to become involved. Kendall joined in many student activities, immersed herself in the Honors Program, worked on campus and still found time to volunteer in the community. She is transferring to Asbury University in Kentucky where she plans to double-major in psychology and equine studies. She hopes to one day open a therapeutic healing center for women and utilize hippotherapy as a treatment strategy.

Both Manfredi and Newsome, along with all other active duty and veteran JCC graduates, wore red, white and blue cords in recognition of their service to our country.
Admissions Process Becomes Paperless
The Office of Admissions is pleased to announce that as of February 2012, the applications process is paperless - all applications are handled electronically. For applicants, this means a more efficient communication flow, accurate data transmission and rapid response time for processing. For admissions staff, it means reduced filing and less time spent following a paper trail and copying transcripts. All transcripts are scanned and indexed upon arrival providing faculty and advisors immediate electronic access to important academic information. Additionally, transcripts are now retained for six years instead of two, so when the applicant decides the time is right, the application process picks up right where it left off. This environmentally-friendly initiative saves the College money and reduces its carbon footprint and gives staff the ability to focus more on the applicant!

JCC Takes Measures to Reduce Carbon Footprint

At Jefferson, students, faculty and staff are working together to increase awareness of how to be green and shrink the College’s carbon footprint. In April, JCC held its 2nd Annual Earth Week Celebration and was chosen by Tree Watertown Community Association as the host site of the city’s 15th Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony. JCC’s EverGreen Committee, formed in 2010, was at the hub of it all.

The mission of JCC’s EverGreen committee is to examine environmental and climate issues important to the campus and community and to help shape the college’s response to those matters. During the past academic year, EverGreen conducted a campus recycling program assessment, initiated a single-stream recycling program, collaborated with the Faculty Student Association to pilot recycled take-out containers and plates in the cafeteria, and initiated the signing of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment on January 12, 2012. The Climate Commitment is intended for educational institutions with a desire to exert leadership in addressing climate change and that are ready to commit to moving in that direction. “Sustainability is far more than recycling; it’s our job,” says Carole A. McCoy, College president. “To ensure a better world for current and future students, we must work collaboratively to think green and adapt eco friendly solutions.”

As expected, the rain arrived in April, but it didn’t dampen JCC’s Earth Week Celebration. Daily activities included lectures on energy related topics, eco-friendly contests, a nature trail clean up followed by a bike and hike outing, preparation of future tree planting sites, and opportunities to initiate one’s own ecological resolution. This year, JCC was the proud sponsor of the 3rd Annual Green Campus Challenge Gathering Conference attended by representatives of neighboring colleges and JCC students. Conference sessions were focused on the theme- green genes: empowering the next generation.

Under hybrid guidance of the JCC EverGreen Committee and a club advisor, students got thinking about their future and decided to do something about it. Thus a green club, Students for a Sustainable Campus, was born. The students’ enthusiasm and ambition shone like the hot sun on a summer day resulting in the sale of more than 750 tree seedlings, including blue spruce, red maple, tulip trees, lilac bushes, mock orange, black cherry and forsythias, sure to brighten our environment for years to come. JCC’s formal Earth Week Celebration concluded on April 27 when five trees were added to the campus landscape during the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony, but all will agree the seeds have been planted for many future environmentally friendly campus initiatives!
The Fall semester at Jefferson brings the availability of two new exciting certificate programs to the community. Winery Management & Marketing is offered through the Business Division and Fire Protection Technology is offered through the Liberal Arts Division.
Winery Management & Marketing

There are seven wineries currently operating in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties and that number is expected to double in the next five years. Additionally, the New York State Fine Winery Bill signed into law in July 2011 allows farm wineries to open up to five off-site retail locations in New York State which opens the door for close to 100 new jobs in the next decade. In response to the growing demand for qualified employees, Jefferson’s Business Division has developed a new certificate program in Winery Management and Marketing.

This course of study is ideal for those currently employed or seeking employment in the winery industry that need college coursework to broaden their understanding of winery operations, marketing and business practices. “This program will prepare students for these types of employment opportunities in the North Country,” said Vicki B. Quigley, dean for business at Jefferson Community College.

The Winery Management and Marketing Certificate is comprised of 26-28 credits including five courses specific to winery operations: Intro to Winery Operations, Winery Management and Marketing, Wine Appreciation and Selection, Viticulture and Enology. Electives in business, accounting, culinary, hospitality and hotel restaurant management allow students the flexibility to tailor coursework to fit their desired career path within the winery industry.

Students choosing to continue their education can apply the courses earned in the winery certificate to meet the requirements of an associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree in Hospitality and Tourism from Jefferson.

Fire Protection Technology

The recruitment, training and retention of employees in emergency management services is important to the community and Jefferson’s public safety degree and certificate programs (paramedic, criminal justice and fire protection technology) provide a solid educational foundation for a variety of career fields within public safety. Most recently, Jefferson has added a Fire Protection Technology (FPT) Certificate curriculum, developed in collaboration with fire services in Jefferson and Lewis counties.

The FPT certificate curriculum has been designed to serve the training needs of volunteer or paid firefighters who want to learn advanced skills in the area of firefighting, but may not need a two year degree for their career path. The course material consisting of 18 credit hours in Fire Protection Technology electives and 9 hours of required Fire Protection Technology courses, is appropriate for those seeking entry into either the paid or volunteer firefighting profession, or for those already serving in such capacities. The Certificate is also open to individuals interested in firefighting as a career path and all coursework completed for the FPT certificate program may be applied to Jefferson’s FPT associate of applied science degree program.

There is also good financial assistance news for firefighters. The Firemen’s Association of the State of New York (FASNY), is currently offering grants to volunteer firefighters who seek a college degree while serving their communities. It is not necessary to enroll in JCC’s Fire Protection Technology degree program in order to qualify. The grant program provides for reimbursement of tuition based on grades. To learn more, contact Charles F. Ruggiero Jr., JCC’s Education Coordinator for Public Safety/Fire Protection, at 315-786-2452 or email cruggiero@sunyjefferson.edu.

Both the winery management and fire protection technology certificate programs are eligible for financial aid and can be completed in two semesters of full-time study or over a longer period through part-time study. All of the required classes are offered on campus and several are offered online and evenings. Fall semester classes begin August 27, 2012 and interested students are encouraged to contact the Admissions office, 315-786-2277, as soon as possible for the best course selection.
Creative Writing and Literature Concentrations Present New Transfer Opportunities

Beginning this fall, JCC will offer two new academic concentrations for students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in English - Creative Writing and Literature. Students enrolled in JCC's Liberal Arts – Humanities and Social Sciences Associate of Science degree program can choose to "concentrate" in one of these areas, which will provide a strong academic foundation for transfer to a baccalaureate program in English.

The creative writing concentration will provide a general liberal arts education with emphasis on writing practice and literary study, which encompasses mastering the practice and conventions of creative writing genres and the study of literature. In addition to providing a solid general liberal arts education, the literature concentration emphasizes literary study, which includes the study of British, American, and world literatures in diverse genres. Career opportunities for students who continue with 4+ years of English education include a broad range of fields including pre-law, editing, teaching, writing, publishing and other communications related fields including media.

To learn more, please contact the English department at Jefferson Community College at 315-786-2328.

Student Earns Honorable Mention in Annual Legal History Essay Competition

Winery management and marketing student, Alexandra M. Woodruff of Lowville, received an Honorable Mention Award for her essay submission in the 2012 David A. Garfinkel Essay Competition sponsored by The Historical Society of the Courts of the State of New York. The 2012 competition theme was The Blue and The Gray: New York During the Civil War.

Students were required to select one essay topic related to the legal developments that occurred as the result of the war. Alexandra composed a 1500-word essay (minimum) on the New York City draft riots.

The David A. Garfinkel Essay Competition was open to all students enrolled at a CUNY (City University of New York) and SUNY community college students during the Fall 2011 or Spring 2012 semesters. Woodruff's submission was one of only seven chosen for honorable mention. Winners were chosen by a panel of members of the New York State Bench and Bar. Congratulations!

JCC Students Take Advantage of New Library Learning Center

With a little creativity and a lot of rearranging, the first floor of the Melvil Dewey Library underwent some changes to incorporate a new Library Learning Center (LLC) for students. The modernized LLC provides an area for quiet group study with laptop accessibility, and one-on-one professional tutoring and group tutoring services provided by Learning & Success Center staff. Prior to the LLC, students received tutoring services at the Learning & Success Center in the Jules Center, which provides many additional services and was busting at the seams as a result of increased enrollment at the College.

"Many of our students are first generation students, meaning neither parent has earned a college degree, and they must be taught how to learn and study," says Rebecca Small Kellogg, director of the Learning & Success Center at JCC. "Students have heard the theory in class, and now the LLC provides the hands on component."

Renovations to create the LLC environment were partially funded by JCC's Student Government (SG). Britn Haviland, then-president of SG, had this to say, "We wanted to help refurbish an area on campus that would provide an environment more conducive to learning for students, that made studying seem less like a chore. JCC students appreciate the comfortable chairs and organic feel of the LLC."

Wind Lab and Solar PV System Provide Real Time Data for Students

JCC students studying energy and the environment are able to use real-time data in the classroom with the addition of both a wind lab and a 14 panel solar photovoltaic (PV) system on JCC’s campus over the last several months. The wind lab consists of five wind turbines at three varying heights, one solar photovoltaic (PV) panel and a weather station. The 3.3 kW solar PV system serves not only as a working laboratory, but will also provide an additional source of power directly to Jefferson Campus Care, generating approximately 15-25% of the power used annually by the childcare center.

Jefferson's Renewable Energy Management Certificate program is unique because it couples renewable energy courses with business management courses and can lead to a variety of employment opportunities including sales and marketing of renewable energy systems, assisting in renewable energy business management, and assisting installers of renewable energy systems.

For additional information about JCC's renewable energies certificate, please contact Ron Meyers at 315-786-2508 or 315-786-2320.
Animal Management Students Get Hands-on Venomous Snake Training
Jefferson Community College students majoring in animal management learned how to safely handle venomous snakes using five live cold blooded reptiles.

Thomas R. Hudak, wildlife educator with more than 30 years of snake training experience, provided the instruction and supplied the snakes for practice including a black phase timber rattlesnake, a cottonmouth, a western diamondback, a yellow phase timber rattlesnake and a rhinoceros viper.

Training consisted of how to tube a snake for medical and research procedures, determine a snake's gender and how to safely handle snakes using a snake hook and gripper. According to Hudak, training with the real deal affords students the experience of how their body will respond. "Most people experience a physiological reaction, or rush, from being in proximity to these dangerous animals," says Hudak. "This includes an adrenaline release, increased pulse rate, possible shakiness and a slowing of the sense of time. They need to be able to do their job while feeling these things, and you can't get that feeling with a snake they know is harmless. The students are never in any actual danger."

Jefferson's animal management program provides broad training for students interested in professional zoo keeping. "We provide students with theory and hands-on experience that prepares them for working with all types of animals," says Dr. Mark D. Irwin, animal management program director. "With any dangerous animal, it is important that student keepers learn proper technique and understand the related principles. Venomous snakes fall into that category and this workshop provides students with an opportunity to learn in a controlled environment."

Fort Drum Soldier-Student Turns Assignment into Savings for College
Here at Jefferson where nearly a third of our student body is military-affiliated, it is common place to see U.S. soldiers grace our halls and classrooms in jeans and t-shirts during a 6-month education leave. "It amazes me how these students, with all they do, are able to remove themselves from their daily routines and hierarchy of the military to come to our campus and immerse themselves in college coursework," says Genn Pond, associate professor of engineering science. "So many of us (professors) are unaware of just who is a soldier, and who is not."

This spring a military student took on a voluntary assignment and left behind a unique legacy that will assist future biology students with DNA study. Sgt. Ryan W. Chambers, originally from Colorado, was enrolled in JCC's engineering graphics (ENS 101 CAD) class and volunteered to try to replicate a 3D comb that is necessary to run DNA samples in JCC's biology labs. Chambers used reverse engineering to plan the design and draw it in SolidWorks. Next, working collaboratively with CADimensions, Jefferson's Solidworks vendor, the comb was produced into a tangible item. One design flaw was quickly corrected and kudos were heard around the JCC biology labs when faculty and staff lauded Ryan for his hard work, and CADimensions for their production assistance, which combined saved the college upwards of $500.

"Engineering graphics has been a blast," says Ryan. "This electrophoresis comb was a cool opportunity to do something off the wall that I never thought I would do; design something on CAD and actually have it produced. This class only solidified my aspirations to continue in the engineering field, but I'm going to transition to the electrical side of the house."

"So to any of the hundreds of students who examine DNA in biology over the next year or two or three, thank a Fort Drum soldier named Ryan Chambers and wonder where he is, what he's doing, and hope he becomes an engineer some day," says Pond. "We could use a few good men and women like him in the engineering ranks as well."
Jefferson Higher Education Center Celebrates Two Years of Academic Trail Blazing in the North Country

Jefferson Community College's Higher Education Center has blazed new trails since opening its classroom doors in June 2010 by creating a clear pathway to bachelors and advanced degrees for North Country residents.

Located in the Extended Learning Center (Building E) on the Jefferson Community College campus, the Higher Education Center serves as the “facilitator of higher education in the North Country,” according to Jill Pippin, Jefferson's dean for continuing education, by partnering with four year colleges and universities who lease space in the Extended Learning Center and offer classes in a variety of degree programs.

The Right Place, At the Right Time
The Jefferson Higher Education Center did not come to be by happenstance. Rather, three factors fell right into place at the right time. “All of the stars aligned,” says Pippin, when recalling how the Higher Education Center came to be. Among those “stars,” included the backing of the College and greater community; a need for higher education opportunities in the North Country; and available grant money to fund the project.

Soon after Dr. Carole McCoy joined Jefferson Community College as president in 2007, the College started the process of reviewing its strategic plan. The Higher Education Center initiative became one of the College’s five year goals.

“One of the community needs that became very clear to the Strategic Planning Committee was creating access to additional higher education opportunities for those students who had graduated from Jefferson,” recalls Dr. McCoy. “The Committee was especially concerned for those students who are working adults. We wanted to help them continue their education.”

Not only was the need for a Higher Education Center on the College’s radar, it was a hot button topic in the community. With few brick and mortar options available in the area for a traditional bachelor’s or master’s degree and with Fort Drum’s Education Center at capacity with students, the community was eager to fill its education void.

Cognizant of budgetary constraints, the College opted to remodel an older modular campus building and JCC’s own facilities department provided the expertise. Still, there was no money to pay for the needed building materials and outfit the classrooms with technology and furniture.

Fortunately, “People wanted to help,” says Pippin. After months of attending community meetings, networking with local leaders and writing proposals, many organizations stepped up to help including the Development Authority of the North Country, the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and the Jefferson County Local Development Corporation Community Development Fund who generously donated the money needed to buy classroom technology and furniture. A U.S. Department of Labor Community Based Job Training Grant of $250,000 covered the costs of distance learning technology and a part-time evening receptionist. The SUNY Colleges of the North Country Consortium on Fort Drum also funded a part-time evening receptionist for two years.

“It was about being in the right place at the right time,” says Pippin. “There was a real desire in the community to bring the Higher Education Center to the area.”

In June 2010, the Jefferson Higher Education Center held a Grand Opening Ceremony with five partners in place — SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Empire State, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Keuka College and Paul Smith’s College.

JHEC Today
Today, the Jefferson Higher Education Center or the ‘J-HEC’, as it’s often called, has a total of six partners with 14 degree programs. Partnerships with St. John Fisher College and SUNY Cobleskill, as well as an additional degree program from Keuka College, are the most recent additions.

This fall, St. John Fisher College brings the first doctoral program to the JHEC. The Education Doctorate in Executive Leadership is geared toward executives and senior managers in P-12 and higher education, healthcare, not-for-profit, business, military and government agencies. The accelerated, alternating weekend format is an attractive feature that allows working professionals to complete the program in approximately 28 months.
SUNY Cobleskill also brings its bachelor’s degree completion program in Early Childhood Studies (Birth to Age 5) beginning this fall. Tailored for professionals and students in the field of early childhood studies, candidates can use their associate degree as a foundation and transfer to complete their baccalaureate degree part-time.

Keuka College will offer a B.S. in nursing for registered nurses beginning in the spring of 2013. This program is designed for registered nurses who currently have their associate degree and are looking for career advancement. Candidates can earn their B.S. in as little as 18 months by attending class one night each week.

Debra Gates, Interim Chair of the Division of Nursing for Keuka College says, “Our students comment that the program we offer though the Accelerated Studies for Adults Program (ASAP) format is one of the best. They find the faculty to be engaging and dynamic; the cohort model is supportive and contributes to group learning as well as lifelong friendships.”

Additionally, Keuka College offers two Bachelor of Science programs in the same accelerated format (ASAP), Criminal Justice Systems and Social Work, at the JHEC. Keuka College first began offering the criminal justice program in 2008 and has since graduated two cohorts. The Social Work program has two cohorts currently underway.

SUNY Potsdam continues to offer its jointly registered A.S./B.S. Business Administration degree, four master’s level professional educator programs and a master’s degree in Information & Communication Technology with a concentration in Organizational Leadership. In December 2011 and May 2012, SUNY Potsdam graduated more than 49 students from its programs offered through the JHEC. With more than 90 students enrolled for fall 2012, SUNY Potsdam’s classes at the Jefferson Higher Education Center are generally hubs of activity with students working with one another collaboratively.

SUNY Empire State College offers Individual Degree Programs (B.A., B.S., B.P.S.) and an Early Childhood Studies, B.S., through guided independent study with faculty mentors and online learning. In June, SUNY Empire State College celebrated the graduation of 26 students from its JHEC programs.

The possibilities are endless for SUNY Empire State College students because each student is paired with a faculty mentor who assists with planning an individualized degree program.

“The studies our students pursue are limited only by their own resourcefulness and the resourcefulness of their mentor in identifying faculty or adjuncts with the expertise to teach independent studies, supervise field studies or facilitate small group studies,” says Frances Mercer, SUNY Empire State faculty/mentor.

Also going strong is SUNY Upstate Medical University’s Master of Science Degree in Family Nurse Practitioner, a rigorous course of study that prepares students to diagnose and treat both the overall physical and mental health of patients.

To accommodate its steady growth, the JHEC recently hired its first coordinator. Funded solely by JHEC partner lease income, Alecia Blair promotes communication between the JHEC and its partners, organizes the JHEC’s marketing and outreach efforts and facilitates classroom scheduling and general program administration.

Higher Education at Home

While the future points to the continued growth of the Jefferson Higher Education Center, its partners and degree programs, the challenge will be in securing sufficient space and resources to accommodate that expansion. One thing remains certain. The Jefferson Higher Education Center will stay true to its mission of creating clear pathways for those seeking higher education.

“We will continue to match our community’s need for education with willing partners and programs,” says Pippin. “Our goal is to prepare students for careers that are right here in the North Country.”
New Scholarships Provide Another Advantage for High School Students

High school teachers at eighteen different schools and offsite locations delivered sixty-two Jefferson EDGE concurrent enrollment classes to approximately 550 students during the spring 2012 semester. With the idea of getting a head start on college, most of these students will earn somewhere between 6 and 40 college credit hours while EDGE students still in high school. About a third will continue their college careers here on campus after their high school graduation and the rest plan to transfer the credit they have earned to colleges and universities across the country.

Participating high school teachers, who volunteer to serve as adjunct instructors, offer college classes during the school day in subjects ranging alphabetically from art to Spanish, with several recent additions. These new classes include Guitar 1 and Responding to Emergencies at Alexandria Central, Personal Finance at Belleville Henderson, Electrical Theory and the science class, Energy and the Environment, at the Bohlen Technical Center, Human Biology at Immaculate Heart Central, and Nutrition at Watertown High School. Just about any course contained in the Jefferson Catalog could be offered as an EDGE course at a high school where there is an interested and qualified teacher.

Also new is the Jefferson Foundation’s EDGE Scholarship $10,000 Challenge Grant. Under this program, all donations made to the Foundation to sponsor an EDGE scholarship will be matched, dollar for dollar by the Foundation. So far, individuals and organizations affiliated with both the high schools and the College have provided about $3000 in donations, with the Foundation matching every penny, to provide 33 scholarships to EDGE students at Alexandria Central, Beaver River, Belleville Henderson, Carthage, General Brown, Pulaski, South Jefferson, South Lewis and Thousand Islands.

“This scholarship has inspired me to give back to the community and help others as you have helped EDGE recipient she can deserving she can someday assist them as this scholarship as done for me.” This theme of inspiring local philanthropy and investment in the community was apparent in the letter of another EDGE scholarship recipient who wrote, “I promise you I will use this opportunity to further advance my goals and eventually those of others.”

Although many scholarships have been awarded, there is still need among students across the program and thousands of dollars waiting to be matched by the Foundation to new donations. If you or your business is interested in helping an EDGE student in your school district, please contact the Jefferson Foundation at 315-786-2291. Your donation of any amount will be matched and awarded to the school of your choice.
Community Events
Coming this Fall

Calling all Writers!
North Country Writer’s Festival Contest Submissions Due Sept. 14

The English department at JCC is now accepting submissions for its 2012 North Country Writer’s Festival contest open to all residents and friends of the upstate New York region. The writers contest is one component of a North Country Writers Festival (NCWF) held October 22 through October 26 at JCC. The festival features daily readings by guest authors, poets and JCC faculty/staff and student-focused writing contests and a work-in-progress poetry board. Community members are invited to attend the daily readings. NCWF activities will conclude with a coffeehouse reading featuring winners of the writers contest.

The writer’s contest submission deadline is Friday, September 14, 2012. Complete contest rules and entry guidelines are available on www.sunyjefferson.edu. There is no entry fee and categories include these genres: short fiction, poetry and essay/non-fiction. Submissions must reflect a connection to the North Country, be previously unpublished work, in letter quality, and must be double-spaced. A maximum of three submissions will be considered from any one participant. Past winners may submit works in a different category. The award for each genre is $100 and publication on JCC’s website. Entries which receive honorable mention will be awarded $25 and be published online. Authors retain all rights to their work. The North Country Writers Contest is sponsored by the Jefferson Community College Faculty Student Association and JCC’s English Department.

NCWF Weekly Events:
Monday, October 22
12:20-1:15 p.m. / Room 6-002, Jules Center
Campus Writers Read featuring Dr. Ray Petersen who will read from his soon-to-be published novel The Middle of Everywhere

Tuesday, October 23
12:30-1:50 p.m. / Room 6-002, Jules Center
Poetry reading by guests Leslie Heywood and Maria Gillian

Wednesday, October 24
12:20-1:15 p.m. /Room 6-002, Jules Center
Readings by guest poet Phil Memmer and fiction writer Phil LeMarche

Thursday, October 25
12:30-1:50 p.m. / Sturtz Theater
Mini-performance by slam poet Asia
7:00-8:30 p.m. / Student Lounge
North Country Writers Festival Coffeehouse featuring winners of the Writer’s Contest

TWLOHA Coming to JCC on October 18

The Student Activities Center at Jefferson Community College will host a presentation by Jamie Tworkowski, founder of the non-profit movement To Write Love On Her Arms (TWLOHA), on October 18 at 7:00 pm in the McVean Center Gymnasium. The presentation, entitled “A Conversation about Pain, Hope, Questions and Community” is free and open to the public and will include time for questions from the audience. The mission of TWLOHA is to deliver the message of hope to and find help for people suffering from depression, addiction, self-injury, and thoughts of suicide.

Jamie Tworkowski founded TWLOHA (www.twloha.com) in 2006 when he began fundraising for a friend in need of treatment. Tworkowski’s message of hope spread quickly, soon acquiring a considerable following both online and in the music industry. While he speaks regularly at schools, colleges, and church groups, Tworkowski uses TWLOHA’s presence on Facebook and Twitter and other social networking sites to connect people suffering from depression with healthcare professionals. The organization, now with eight full-time employees, has raised and disseminated more than $500,000 in donations to treatment and recovery organizations.

This is Tworkowski’s second visit to Jefferson’s campus. He gave a presentation to JCC students in February of 2010. Tworkowski has been featured on CNN’s Young People Who Rock series as well as interviewed by NBC Nightly News, CNN, MTV, Spin magazine, and Rolling Stone magazine.

Prior to the TWLOHA presentation, a mental health fair featuring local resources will take place from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the McVean gymnasium. For more information, please contact JCC Student Activities at 315-786-2431.


Residence Halls in JCC’s Future

Almost 300 students may call Jefferson Community College ‘home’ in the not-so-distant future as the student housing project continues to advance. Plans are underway to build a residence hall on campus with an anticipated Fall 2014 opening.

The Faculty Student Association (FSA), a not-for-profit organization providing ancillary services in support of Jefferson Community College, will own the housing. The FSA consists of all students, faculty, and staff of the College and currently provides childcare, bookstore and dining/catering services at Jefferson. The organization is led by a Board of Directors comprised of five students, four college staff and three faculty.

In July 2008, Jefferson retained the services of a national firm to perform a Student Housing Market Study. The results of which estimated student demand for housing to be between 221 and 356 beds at monthly rental rates ranging from $660 per month to $925 per month. Units will be suite style with single and double rooms available. A comprehensive request for proposals was issued in March of this year and the residence life committee and FSA are currently evaluating submitted proposals. A design-build firm is expected to be selected this summer.

Adding residence halls is a turning point for the College. Creating a residential life experience will add vibrancy to the campus, provide a safe and secure living environment for students, build a foundation for new programming opportunities, and position the College as a viable choice for students, from our service region and beyond, who desire a residential life experience.

Jefferson Express Receives James C. Hall Jr. Exemplary Program Award

On the exact date of the College’s 50th anniversary, November 7, 2011, nearly 300 campus and community members gathered in the Sturtz Theater for the dedication of a Time Capsule to mark the College’s golden anniversary. Items of significance from the College’s rich history, both past and present, were placed in the time capsule by current and retired faculty and staff, students, alumni and community members. The time capsule itself - an actual gym locker removed from the McVean Center Gymnasium during recent renovations – is a unique representation of JCC’s long athletic history. Attendees enjoyed the milestone event emceed by Donald Alexander which included a performance by the Jefferson Singers student ensemble and a reading of winning entries from the JCC Foundation’s 50th Anniversary Essay Contest. Additionally, five granite benches were donated to the campus by Joseph and Beth Thezier for the Class of 1981;

Papworth O’Neill.

New Student Trustee

Benjamin J. Roggie, Carthage, has been elected by his peers to represent the JCC student body on the College’s Board of Trustees for the 2012-2013 academic year. Roggie is a graduate of Carthage Central High School and a Jefferson-Can Scholar. He is in his second year of study at Jefferson, enrolled in the engineering science program.

Jefferson Joins National Entrepreneurship Forum

Jefferson president Carole A. McCoy joins six other New York community college presidents in a commitment to support entrepreneurship through the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship. JCC has joined the Presidents for Entrepreneurship Forum, an initiative developed in response to President Barrack Obama’s Startup America call to action launched at the White House last fall. Throught the program, community colleges commit to increase the focus on entrepreneurship at their institutions and the impact these colleges have on the economic well being of the communities they serve.

Jefferson Designated “Start! Fit Friendly Company”

JCC has been recognized by the American Heart Association as an employer who champions the health of its employees and works to create a culture of physical activity and health in the workplace. The College’s office of athletics/physical education worked alongside the College health office to successfully apply for Gold Level Fit Friendly recognition. In doing so, JCC demonstrated that it implements at least six activities in the ‘Physical Activity’ area, at least two in the ‘Nutrition’ area and at least one in the ‘Culture’ area of the application form. The College plans ‘go for the platinum in 2013. Congratulations!
$1.98 Million Title III Grant Supports Student Success

Jefferson Community College successfully applied for a Title III Strengthening Institutions federal grant and will receive $1.98 million dollars over 5 years. The grant funding will be used to implement initiatives aimed at increasing student retention and persistence, with particular attention to adult and military related students who enroll primarily in online courses. The grant also provides an opportunity to build the College’s endowment (see page 22) through matching gifts.

First year Title III funding has already brought many new faces to JCC and increased opportunities for students during the spring semester. Lewis Williams was hired to implement the web portal for the College. The “MyJCC” portal is the online point of entry for students, faculty and staff to access web based services and programs at JCC. Matt Lambert will dedicate time to teach student success courses, advise students, and provide transfer counseling. A new personal counselor, Katy Troester-Tate, is based in the health office. Shawna Spencer joins the Learning and Success Center (LSC) as a reading specialist providing teaching and tutoring services. Hourly success coaches have also been added to the LSC staff to connect with struggling at-risk students and help them succeed. Other initiatives in progress include personalized outreach to high risk online students; creation of an online career pathways tool; and development of an online orientation program and online pre-advising program.

“We are excited about this opportunity,” said Jefferson president Dr. Carole A. McCoy. “Being selected as one of the top 10% of all community colleges is wonderful validation of the outstanding work done by our faculty and staff to help our students succeed.”

College Competes for $1 Million Aspen Institute Prize Fund

In April, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Jefferson Community College as one the nation’s 120 top community colleges, challenging it to compete for the $1 million fund for the 2013 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. Using public data, the Aspen Institute identified the 120 community colleges – 10% of all institutions – using a quantitative formula that assesses performance and improvement in the areas of graduation rates, degrees awarded, student retention rates, and equity in student outcomes.

Jefferson must next submit an application containing detailed data that demonstrates that the College delivers exceptional student results, uses data to drive decisions, and continually improves over time. Using the application as an evaluation tool, a panel of experts will then select eight to ten finalists in September.

Center for Community Studies Honors Supporters

The Center for Community Studies (CCS) at JCC honored a long-time CCS supporter and an exceptional Jefferson student at its annual meeting held on June 21.

In recognition of his efforts in support of the Center since its inception in 1999, Jefferson president emeritus Dr. John W. Deans was appointed an honorary lifetime member of the Center for Community Studies Advisory Board. “John has been a major force in shaping and guiding the work of the Center beginning with its founding, making it a resource for everyone in the community,” said CCS director Dr. Raymond Petersen.

Jefferson student Danielle Aguilar, Pulaski, was recognized with an “Over the Top” Service Award for being a key contributor to all the activities, projects, and speakers’ programs for the Center for Community Studies during the 2011-2012 academic year. “She worked on every single Center project throughout this year and was excellent with organizing the speaker series; reports; and preparing for the research for the projects,” said Petersen.

At the annual meeting, the CCS released the findings of the 13th annual Jefferson County Survey of the Community. All Jefferson County surveys (since 2000) and Lewis County surveys (since 2007) are available on www.sunyjefferson.edu by following the link for the Center for Community Studies.

Student AAUW Group Produces Film on Harassment

Jefferson Community College was one of seven colleges in the nation to be awarded a Campus Action Project (CAP) grant through the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The CAP grant provided funding to focus on the issues raised by a research report released in November by the AAUW entitled Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment in Schools. The report is the first in 10 years to include nationally representative data about sexual harassment in grades 7-12 and shows that sexual harassment, including cyber-harassment, is prevalent in middle and high schools today.

Jefferson’s CAP project was implemented by the College’s AAUW student group, led by adjunct professor of philosophy Katherine FitzGerald, who partnered with WPBS to produce a 30-minute film. The film documents the issue of sexual harassment through interviews with students, parents and educators, and offers best practices for preventing and stopping sexual harassment. The film premiered on March 3 at the District 7 AAUW conference, Bully Culture: Understanding It and Overcoming It, at Jefferson Community College. The film has also been made available, free of charge, to schools, community organizations and AAUW groups.

The AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

(Student AAUW Group Produces Film on Harassment)

(left to right): William J. Kenney, Depauville; Walter S. MacPherson, Alexandria Bay; Amber S. Over, Buffalo; Katherine FitzGerald, JCC adjunct professor of philosophy and student advisor; and Martha Gray Adkins, Watertown.

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Student Clubs at Jefferson

They inspired us …

• Student Events Managers brought An Evening with Martin and Langston to campus recreating the power and passion of Martin Luther King’s Drum Major Instinct speech as delivered by Felix Justice alongside Danny Glover who touched the heart through Langston Hughes’ poetry.

They thought about the future and DID something about it…

• Students for a Sustainable Campus sold over 700 tree seedlings which will beautify our region for years to come!
Jefferson has more than 30 clubs and organizations that provide a vibrant campus life for our students. In addition to being just plain fun, the clubs provide leadership opportunities and other resume building activities for students. During the past year, JCC clubs have been busy—here are just a few of the great things happening on our campus and in our community!

They helped those in need in our community...
- Student Government (SG) held two record-setting blood drives and organized a food drive competition to stock JCC's food pantry.
- Criminal Justice Club organized a supplies drive for the elderly and the SPCA, and were the biggest contributor to the campus food drive.
- Boheadie'n Club organized a clothing drive for the Watertown Urban Mission.

They raised some money for non-profits...
- Human Services Club raised funds for the American Cancer Society through JCC's Relay for Life team.
- Phi Theta Kappa raised over $700 for the American Heart Association.

They had loads of fun!
- Art Club went to NYC and saw Wicked on Broadway and visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Guggenheim and two other museums.
- FAR Outing Club hiked one of the 46 Adirondack high peaks, Mt. Marcy.
- Ski Club took a road trip to ski Jay Peak in Vermont.
- Office Technologies Club traveled to Poughkeepsie and visited the FDR and Locust Grove museums.
- Business Club traveled to Darien Lake Amusement Park.

They formed new clubs this year and reactivated others...
- Veterans Club.
- Independent Film Club.
- Boheadie'n Club.
- International Club.
- Students for a Sustainable Campus.

They learned new things...
- Student Nurses Association went to Pittsburgh for the National Convention.
- Student Government sponsored a Multi-Cultural Fair with over 14 clubs participating.
- Zoo, Exotics and Wildlife (ZEW) Club road-tripped to the National Zoo in Washington, DC, where they enjoyed a behind the scenes tour of the zoo.

They used their talents to help others...
- EMS Club provided medical issues support at the concerts held on campus.
- Independent Film Club will assist with filming this summer for the Fireball Run.
- Cheerleading Club brought young women from the area to cheer at two Cannoneers basketball games through the Little Sisters mentoring program.

Opposite page, top to bottom:
Art Club in New York City
An Evening with Martin & Langston featuring Felix Justice and Danny Glover
Business Club in Darien Lake
ZEW Club at the National Zoo in Washington, DC
FAR Outing Club atop Mt. Marcy.
2011 Cannoneer Hall of Fame Inductees

(l-r) Barbara Gaskin, wife of Peter N. Gaskin (awarded posthumously), Melvin J. Busler, John F. Penrose, Joy Williams Zimmerman, Terry L. Biedekapp, Malcolm C. Biedekapp

2012 Cannoneer Hall of Fame Induction to be held August 9

The 2012 Cannoneer Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony on Thursday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Watertown Elks Lodge. Joining the Athletic Hall of Fame are Kenneth Puffer, JCC coach and athletic director from 1967-1990; Amy Leonard Sipher ’92, basketball player; and Scott Wilson, basketball player from 1982-1984.

The public is welcome to attend this celebration! Reservations are required as seating is limited. Please contact Mary Kinne at 315-786-2327.

JCC athletics has a new home online!

Visit www.cannoneerathletics.com (or link from www.sunyjefferson.edu) to watch the Cannoneers in action, follow game scores, meet the teams, and stay apprised of news. Miss a game? No worries. Many Cannoneer games are video streamed live and archived for future reference. Learn more by visiting the website!

Calling all alumni athletes! JCC’s first ever All-Alumni Reunion Weekend will be held August 9-12. Please see page 24 for details!

MSAC All Conference Team

Nicolas Espino, Bronx, baseball
Taylor E. Reardon, Watertown, men's lacrosse
Joelle G. Percy, Black River, women's basketball
Jabriel M. Blue, Bronx, men's basketball
Cory L. Walker, Chaumont, men's soccer
David M. Spaulding, Evans Mills, men's soccer
Briana M. Guarino, Brownville, women's soccer
Katie Peters, Lowville, volleyball
MSAC Player of the Year
Jabriel M. Blue, Bronx, men's basketball, guard
Chelsea R. Monroe, Watertown, softball second baseman

MSAC Athlete of the Week
Thomas M. Kelso, Ogdensburg, men's basketball, center
Morgan-Taylor E. Kiernan, Copenhagen, women's soccer, forward
Jabriel M. Blue, Bronx, men's basketball, guard

MSAC All Conference Coach of the Year
Men's soccer coach Chris Pacilio was named the Mid-State Athletic Conference (MSAC) All Conference Coach of the Year. Previously, Chris received the 2010 National Administrator of the Year Award and the 2009 New York State West Youth Soccer Administrator of the Year Award from the U.S. Youth Soccer Association. Chris just finished his 6th season at the helm of the Cannoneers, taking his team to a 2nd place finish in the MSAC with a 4-1-1 record.

NJCAA Athlete of the Week Honors
Jabriel M. Blue, Bronx, men's basketball, guard
Morgan-Taylor E. Kiernan, Copenhagen, women's soccer, forward

NJCAA Region III Athlete of the Week Honors
Jabriel M. Blue, Bronx, men's basketball, guard
Joelle G. Percy, Black River, women's basketball, guard
Chelsea R. Monroe, Watertown, softball, second baseman
Morgan-Taylor E. Kiernan, Copenhagen, women's soccer, forward

NJCAA Region III All-Region Team
Jessica L. Dobson-Tufo, Watertown, women's soccer, 1st Team
Rhaia J. Hull, Evans Mills, women's soccer, 2nd Team
David E. Spaulding, Evans Mills, men's soccer, 2nd Team
Jabriel M. Blue, Bronx, basketball, 1st Team (2nd time to receive All Region 1st team honors)
Joelle G. Percy, Black River, women's lacrosse, 1st Team
Gabrielle I. Navarra, Watertown, women's lacrosse, 1st Team
Jenna Flath, Dexter, women's lacrosse, 1st Team
Olivia A. Roggie, Carthage, women's lacrosse, 2nd Team
Brittany N. Koelmel, Dexter, women's lacrosse, 2nd Team
Caitlin E. Stone, Watertown, women's lacrosse, 2nd Team
Chelsea R. Monroe, Watertown, softball, 1st Team

NJCAA Region III Division III All-American
Congratulations to Joelle Percy, Black River, a member of the women's lacrosse team who earned National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region III Division III All-American honors. Joelle is a liberal arts - humanities and social sciences major at JCC. Also a member of the Lady Cannoneer's basketball team, Joelle was named to the NJCAA Region III All-Region Team 1st Team, Mid-State Athletic Conference Team and received NJCAA Region III Athlete of the Week honors and the Jefferson 2012 Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year Award. She plans to transfer to SUNY Canton this fall.

NJCAA Region III 2012 Academic All-Region Team
NJCAA Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence (4.00 GPA)
Chelsea Monroe, softball, Watertown, GPA 4.00

NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement (3.80-3.99 GPA)
Brittany Sharlow, women's soccer/lacrosse Chaumont, GPA 3.85

NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.60-3.79 GPA)
Rhaia Hull, women's soccer, Evans Mills, GPA 3.66

NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.60-3.79 GPA)
Heather McManus, softball, Boonville, GPA 3.66
Faculty/Staff

Spirit of Jefferson Award

The Science Division – Super Science Saturday

SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence

William A. Troy Service Award from SUNYFAP

2012 Retirees

SBDC Advanced Certifications

Milestone Years of Service

(to l) Jackie O’Neill and Cherie Ditch – 30 years;
Rosanne Neer and Mary Lofthus – 35 years

(to l) Trustee Dan Villa, Susan Spragier, Jackie O’Neill, Richard
Young, Doris Whelan and Dory Sheldon with President McCoy

(to l) SBDC Advisors Sarah O’Connell and Robin Stephenson

Betsy Penrose, Vice President for Students
Students

SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence

SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, Katie Norstrud, JCC VP for Academics Tom Finch

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

(J to r) PTK Officers Michael Fager, Barbie Roberts, Amanda Shane and Belinda Jones

E-Day Business Competition Winner

Jessica Cuppernall

Clarkson Transfer Scholarship Recipients

Joshua Eppley and Katie Norstrud

NYS and National Competition Champs

Cheerleading Club at Cheer Competition in Maryland

Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities Award

Blake VanValkenburgh, Printed Advertising Category
“Double your pleasure, double your fun…” Do you remember that advertising jingle from the 1970’s for Doublemint gum? I must admit, it was running through my head when I got some very good news recently. The Foundation has been given the opportunity to double your donations to two special funds through two challenge gifts. Talk about a Daily Double!

First—Jefferson Community College has been awarded a Title III grant worth $1.98 million over 5 years from the federal government (see page 15 for more information). Part of the grant has been earmarked for increasing the Foundation’s endowment. The government will match the funds we raise for our endowment fund dollar for dollar, up to $150,000 over the next 5 years. These funds—up to $300,000—will then be set aside for 20 years to earn interest. When Jefferson participated in a similar Title III match back in 2000, it was able to put away funds that have grown to almost $1,000,000 as of today. This new Title III matching grant is a fantastic opportunity to grow the Foundation’s future capacity for serving Jefferson’s students. If you would like to earmark your donation for this grant, be sure to make a note on your check that you are designating it for the Title III endowment.

Our second opportunity to double your investment is through a generous gift from Stephen Can, a member of the Class of 1981. Stephen has underwritten the Jefferson-Can scholarship program for many years, and will continue to do so through the 2012-2013 school year. Jefferson-Can scholars are drawn from the top 15% of graduates from our local high schools, and their tuition is completely covered through the Jefferson-Can scholarship for their first year at JCC. This program brings some of the region’s brightest students to Jefferson, where they add immeasurably to the quality of service and scholarship on campus. To keep this program going for the foreseeable future, Stephen has offered a challenge: he will make a one-to-one match of donations to the Jefferson-Can scholarship, up to $50,000 per year, to fund the scholarships beyond 2013. Would you like to help fight the “brain drain” that so often happens when bright local high school students leave the area for school, and never return? If so, please consider making a contribution toward the Jefferson-Can scholarship program—and double the impact of your donation!

Christine M. Rizzo
Executive Director

Jefferson-Can Scholar Spotlight

From JCC to Cornell to Nepal and on to Johns Hopkins!

After graduating from Watertown High School in 2008, Jefferson-Can Scholar Caitlin Dreisbach attended Jefferson Community College as a math/science major.

“Jefferson offered me the chance to further my education and stay close to home my freshman year while I was still undecided about a university and my major. It was a bonus to be a Jefferson-Can Scholar and attend tuition-free,” Dreisbach said.

One of her favorite memories of Jefferson was traveling to New Orleans during summer 2009 to learn through immersion in the culture and literature of the Crescent City. Taught by assistant professor Christine Grimes, the English 102 class trip followed three weeks of campus instruction.

In Spring 2011, Dreisbach participated in Cornell’s Nepal study abroad program. “I loved spending the semester in Nepal,” said Caitlin. “It broadened my view of the world. I probably could not have studied abroad if it was not for the ease of transfer of my courses at Jefferson. I would have needed to remain in Ithaca that semester to complete all of my coursework in order to graduate on time.”

Following an internship with the Fort Drum Health Planning Organization last summer, Caitlin is interested in pursuing a career in nurse-midwifery. She has been accepted to the accelerated nursing program and the MSN in Women’s Health and Nurse-Midwifery at Johns Hopkins University for Fall 2012. Congratulations, Caitlin!
Have you ever simply reached out to someone to make sure that they are still there? In today’s technology-filled world, it’s becoming easier to stay connected. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and the growing list of social media applications allow us to electronically visit our friends and family. Our followers, our friends - they know what we’re up to and we know what they’re doing. They can see if we have a new job or are looking for one, they know how we feel about an issue and know how that issue affects our life, they can even discover if we’ve had a bad day or if it’s our birthday. From the important to the ordinary, we’ve become a society that connects through social media.

Like Piglet did when he called out Pooh’s name, we check our wall or follow people to make sure they are still there. It’s often not about the message. Our desire to connect with each other is one of the characteristic that makes us uniquely human. Social networks give us the ability to connect with a click.

Reconnecting with 50 years worth of students, more that 18,000 alums, is a formidable task. People move, emails change with employment or educational institution. Are our alums – whether they graduated a year ago or 47 years ago – in the same place as when they left Jefferson? Highly unlikely!

As a casual user of social media, I decided to bring this method of connecting with my personal friends and family to your Jefferson Community College Alumni Association. With the help of Carleen Huxley, JCC Librarian extraordinaire, we created a Facebook page last August. As of this June, we have more that 150 “likes.” Facebook is proving to be a tool to rebuild relationships with our alumni. To reconnect in a virtual world. “…to be sure of you.”

And you can be sure of us, too. As your SUNY Jefferson Community College Alumni Association, where you are and what you are doing is important to us. We will explore new ways to connect with you even as we maintain the more traditional contacts, because you are the people who define us—our College and our purpose. We want you to know that we’re here for you. Our relationship didn’t end with your graduation or transfer to another college. Just because you’ve been away from campus doesn’t mean that we have forgotten about you. Please don’t forget about us.

Like us at www.facebook.com/SUNYJeffersonAlumni
Link with us on linkedIn Groups at SUNY Jefferson Alumni

Mary Kinne
Alumni Development Officer

Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

This year’s distinguished alumi and Cannoneer Hall of Fame inductees will be honored together at one ceremony to be held on August 9 as part of the first ever All-Alumni Reunion Weekend. Congratulations to 2012 inductees:

- Dr. G. Nicholas Verne, Class of ’83, Professional Achievement Award. He is currently Professor and Associate Chairman of Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch.
- Dr. Marie A. Hess ’74, Jeffersonian Award. Professor Hess has been involved in healthcare education at JCC since 1975 and currently manages the Department of Labor Grant which funds JCC’s Weekend Nursing Program.
- Nathaniel J. Chapin ’03, Rising Star Award. Nate works for Google in California’s Silicon Valley as a senior software engineer.
- Kenneth Puffer, JCC coach and athletic director from 1967-1990, Hall of Fame Inductee.
- Amy Leonard Sipher ’92, basketball player and Hall of Fame Inductee.
- Scott Wilson, basketball player from 1982-1984 and Hall of Fame Inductee.

The ceremony will be held at Watertown Elks Lodge, 728 Bradley Street, Watertown. The public is welcome to attend, however reservations are required as seating is limited. Please contact Mary Kinne at 315-786-2327.
Mayor’s Ball a Blast to Celebrate the Past

More than 700 people were transported back to the 1960’s on November 12, 2011. Lights and music pulsed in the Psychedelic Dance Club as Watertown's own Fred and the EDs presided over JCC’s 50th Birthday Bash where the guests sparkled and the air crackled with energy! Patrons enjoyed food by RJ’s Catering, drinks by The Paddock Club, and an additional dance floor with music from Atlas.

The evening was a tremendous success! We are so grateful to our Gold sponsors—M & T Bank and New York Air Brake; Silver Sponsors—Samaritan Health and Bernard, Car and Associates; Bronze Sponsors—Haylor, Freyer & Coon, W. B. Mason and WWNY-7/FOX 28; and Birthday Bash Sponsors—Capital Construction Corporation, Intrepid Broadcasting/Tunes 92.5, Newzjunky, Rose & Kiernan; The Events Company; and Watertown Savings Bank.

The 2011 Mayor’s Ball benefitted the Jefferson Community College Foundation and Transitional Living Services of Northern New York who shared proceeds of over $40,000.

All-Alumni Reunion Planned for Aug. 9-12

Calling all Jefferson alumni, retirees and friends! We miss you! Whether you have settled far away, or made the North Country your home, we'd love to see you at JCC's very first All-Alumni Reunion Weekend. Come back to the campus on the hill for these fabulous events:

**Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony***
Thursday, August 9, 5:30 p.m.

**Alumni and Friends Golf Outing**
Friday, August 10, 8:00 a.m.

**North Country Wine Tour**
Friday, August 10, 10:30 a.m.

**Bus Trip to Thousand Islands OLG Charity Casino**
Saturday, August 11, 9:30 a.m.

**Old McDonald’s Farm Tour**
Saturday, August 11, 10:30 a.m.

**Bobcats, Bears and Brews**
Saturday, August 11, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Summer Fest Picnic***
Sunday, August 12, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Event is free of charge thanks to our valued sponsors.

Full event descriptions and registration forms are available on www.sunyjefferson.edu/alumnireunion2012. If you would like a registration form mailed to you, please call 315-786-2327. Many events have space limitations and registrations are due by August 2, so don’t wait! Register to be a part of JCC’s 2012 All-Alumni Reunion today!
Class of 1998 Alum Produces Documentary on Japan Tsunami

“You can’t always sit in the corner of the forest and wait for people to come to you, you have to go to them sometimes.” A.A. Milne

And “go to” is much easier now using the technologies available to us. Below is an update regarding alum Ian Thomas Ash ’98 that was compiled from various emails, his video blog, and a wonderful Skype conversation this past January.

Friday, March 11, 2011, is a day that Ian Thomas Ash, class of ’98, will not soon forget. The magnitude nine earthquake at 2:46 that afternoon triggered a tsunami that devastated portions of Japan and led to significant failures in Japan’s nuclear power structure. It is one of the most costly natural disasters, both in terms of human life lost and economic factors, to ever have occurred.

Ian was visiting with a friend in Tokyo, Japan, when the shaking began. Within days, he followed his passion and heeded the advice of his brother-in-law to grab his camera and begin documenting the disaster. While rolling blackouts and food and water shortages, the subjects of his first expeditions, were inconveniences to the residents of Tokyo, the complete annihilation of communities affected by the Tsunami soon filled his film. As the extent of the damage to the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant began to make headlines, Ian shifted his viewfinder to Minamisoma City in the north to document the stories of the people who could not evacuate from this “optional” evacuation zone. Before the end of March he was a guest blogger for Discovery News.com who also featured his short documentaries.

Now, just over a year later, Ian has just completed editing “In the Grey Zone,” a film documenting the story of the lives of people who are living in the shadow of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant. The documentary will be screened at the 2012 Rhode Island International Film Festival August 7-12, 2012.

Here is what he offers about his role in bringing this story to the world’s attention:

“When everything was happening, I didn’t have time to think about what I was doing, I simply got out there and did what I felt I could - filming and editing. Now things have calmed down and I have had to try to balance what I feel I can do and what some people came to expect of me. Basically, for some people, I had become an activist, a voice for the victims. However, I am not an activist, I am a filmmaker. I am happy for my work to be used by activists, but there will come a time that I will move on from this event and do something else. Is that cold and calculating? I hope not. Just as the activists must continue to work for the victims, I must also move on to my next project. My work following March 11 has taught me so much and I hope to utilize those experiences to do more/other/different good in my next film project, wherever that takes me.”

Ian Thomas Ash holds a associate of arts degree in liberal arts - humanities and social sciences along with a hospitality and tourism certificate from Jefferson Community College. He later received a bachelor of arts in English literature and theatre from Plattsburgh State University in May 2000 and a master’s in arts in TV production from the University of Bristol, United Kingdom, in 2005. From 2000 to 2003, he worked for the Bato Board of Education teaching English as a second language in rural Tochigi, Japan. Since 2006, Ian has called Toyko his home, working for an import/export company and pursuing his filmmaking. In 2007, Ian was honored with the Rising Star Award from the Jefferson Alumni Association.

This past year, in addition to his film work about the earthquake/tsunami, Ian produced and starred in a cable TV series commissioned by the local government as part travel guide, part welcome home series called “Tadaima, Ian desu!”, which translates roughly as “I’m home! This is Ian.” In it he revisits the people in the town where he taught English from 00-03. The series will morph into a cooking show during the next season where Ian will use this other, very different passion (and maybe even what he learned at Jefferson) to share his love of cooking as a form of communication.

Want to follow Ian? Check out: DocumentingIan YouTube Channel and Blog or @DocumentingIan on Twitter
Alumni Class Notes

We have been hearing from alumni far and wide. Here’s what some of them are up to:

Award-winning reporter Marsha (Davis) Spiridigliozzi ’66 has been enjoying life as an instructional assistant at Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia after an illustrious 25 years with the Watertown Daily Times - which you can read about in the September 22, 2011 edition of that newspaper. She still owns her 1968 Pontiac Firebird, a graduation present, and has received awards for it. When not working, she enjoys traveling and RV camping with her partner, Phil Anderson.

“Thank you JCC and God Bless Vince Deel!” Tabatha (Creagan) Renegar ’89 brags that her JCC degree in hospitality & tourism has provided her non-stop employment in her career field her entire adult life. She has worked for a cruise line, an airline, a travel agency, a children’s museum and is currently the managing director of WinMock at Kinderton in Bermuda Run, North Carolina.

Had a great note from and phone conversation with Winifred Dunn ’82. Winnie shared stories of riding to college with John McGrath, former Dean of Administration, jitterbugging at the Friday afternoon beer blasts, and traveling to New York City with retired art professor Klaus Ebeling. She attended Jefferson after raising her three children, continued her education at SUNY Potsdam where she completed a year of studies abroad – at Liverpool College in England, a mere 15 miles from where she was born. She now enjoys her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Wayne Kirby ’76, former vice president of JCC’s Photography Club, is now a self-employed financial sales consultant with IBN Financial Services, Inc. He retired from Prudential Insurance in 2009, has been active in his church and with youth sports, and is enjoying his grandchildren and riding his motorcycle.

Shauna Dock ’04, an interior designer with Montroy Andersen DeMarco in Manhattan, is sharing her life with fellow Jefferson grad John Ramsey’04. They met on the Coffeen Street campus. She not only saved money by completing her first two years at Jefferson, she also earned scholarship opportunities that helped her continue her education at Cazenovia College, where she graduated magna cum laude. She’s proud to say that she paid off her student loans in five short years!

Sarah Smith ’00 hasn’t been sitting still since leaving Jefferson. She attended SUNY Cortland, SUNY Oswego, East Carolina University and currently has a M.A. in Health Promotions. She works for SciMetrika, LLC as a research analyst and has run three half marathons, one full marathon, a 5.2 mile mud run, and numerous 5K runs.

Congratulations to Thomas J. Spaulding ’90, current director of marketing and program development at Transitional Living Services, for graduating from the Jefferson Leadership Institute in June 2011.

A Family Affair - From 1986 to 1991, Jefferson graduated three members of the Fontana family: Pat, Jr. in ’86, David in ’88, and Margaret (now Farone) in ’91. David, a work study student when he attended, is now a grandfather and Margaret tells us that her nephew, Joe, son of Pat, Jr. is currently enrolled. Hope we see them all at the alumni events planned for this coming August.

Also heard from some of the Myers clan. Tom ’68 and wife Barbara (Defiette) ’69 recently sold their home in Adams Center and flew south with the other snow birds to Leesburg, FL. You might remember Tom as the manager of the College Bookstore for more than 35 years, retiring in 2007. Tom’s brother William (Bill) Myers ’75 also retired in 2008 after more than 30 years in the Clark Burn Unit at Upstate Medical Center. A grad of JCC’s nursing program, Bill still visits the Jefferson campus to talk with students in the paramedic program about field care of burn victims.

We want to hear from you!
Reconnecting with our alumni is one of the most important elements of the Alumni Development Office. It is a charge that can bring with it tremendous satisfaction. Knowing where our alumni are - what you are up to and what's new to you - is as important to us now as it was when we called you 'students'. We celebrated your successes when you were working on your education; we continue to care about your achievements and like to think that maybe we had a little something to do with it. Let us know what you have been up to since graduating from Jefferson!

As we move forward and create a strong alumni group, we will highlight our Alums from time to time. If you, or someone you know, have an interesting story to share, please email us at alumni@sunjefferson.edu or call 315-786-2327.

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Jeffersonian Yearbooks Available Online
Take a trip down memory lane! Thirty-seven years of JCC’s yearbook, The Jeffersonian, from the Class of 1965 through 2001, are virtually at your finger tips by visiting the New York Heritage website at www.newyorkheritage.org/ncjcc.php. Click on “Jeffersonian Yearbooks Collection” near the top and then choose the year you would like to view. Funding was made possible by a Northern New York Library Network Technology Service Improvement Grant through the Northern New York Library Network. Support was provided by the JCC Student Association and the JCC Melvil Dewey Library.

JCC Alumni & Community Professionals Invited to join JCC’s new CAREERLink
JCC is developing a resource of professionals representing a variety of career fields to highlight in the College’s new, web-based career exploration tool CAREERLink. CAREERLink is designed for use by JCC students and area high school students to learn more about prospective careers and related programs of study.

The Professional Profiles section of CAREERLink will feature JCC alumni and community members sharing information about their career and academic background. The profiles will also demonstrate how students can begin their career path in one of Jefferson’s academic programs. If you are interested in sharing information about your career with prospective students, please complete the professional profile form on Survey Monkey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TWFF8YV) or contact Michael Burns or Michele Gefell for additional information at 315-786-2271.

The Alumni Association recently held a Family Photo Fundraiser to help raise funds for scholarships. Pictured, Warren G. Fargo ’03 and Alumni Association Treasurer. Photo courtesy of Annie Astafan, Lifetime Portrait Studio.
My Musical Renaissance

Submitted by Matt Lambert, JCC Staff

My last organized music experience was playing the baritone saxophone back in 1973 with the Bethlehem Central High School concert band. In 1974, I ventured off to attend SUNY Fredonia and proceeded to hock my $400 Conn saxophone (which was a lot of money back then!) for $125, to help pay the bills. That departure of my sax started a thirty-two year period during which I never picked up a saxophone again.

About six years ago I had purchased a new Wexler Eb alto saxophone on eBay, with the hope that at some point there would be some kind of an opportunity to play it. With the 32 year lay-off, I was a little intimidated to join the JCC wind ensemble, so I was waiting for something a little less formal.

In the Spring of 2010, the JCC music department offered a jazz-rock ensemble class and that was the opportunity I had been waiting for. It was time to get back into the saxophone swing of things. What I’ll never forget about the first night of class is that ensemble director Steve Lester had us improvise solos in a play-around. I was petrified because all of my playing experience has been from reading the music from concert scores, and I didn’t have the first clue about how to ‘jam’ or improvise without music. I took the plunge, and while my first solo jam was awkward and often out of key, it was also liberating and exciting! I’m now hooked on jazz!

From that point on, I have become enthusiastically involved in not only the JCC Jazz-Rock Ensemble, but also the JCC Wind Ensemble and the 50th Anniversary Community Chorus singing ensemble. One of the main reasons that these have been such gratifying experiences is that the ensemble directors have been so supportive and flexible. With all the bad notes I’ve hit through the course of playing, I’ve never been embarrassed, humiliated or scolded. No one wants to be called out in a group setting and our music directors couldn’t be more encouraging of our broad range of talents.

Several of us who are participating in multiple ensembles have enjoyed some outstanding fellowship and fun, in addition to making music. This has been a tremendously fulfilling and enriching experience, and I would highly recommend these opportunities to anyone with some music in their background. The more music-makers, the merrier!

JCC’s music ensembles are credit-bearing humanities courses, however community members who do not seek college credit may register for the orchestra, wind and jazz ensembles at a cost of $40 per workshop by calling the Continuing Education Division at 315-786-2233.

Just want to listen? Two concerts for the community will be held in December. The Jefferson Singers, under the direction of Dennis Pucci, and the jazz rock ensemble, conducted by Steven Lester, will join talents for one performance while the orchestra and wind ensemble, under the baton of conductor Dan Moser, will join for a second concert. Concert dates will be available on www.sunyjefferson.edu.

To stay apprised of upcoming events and non-credit workshops offered at JCC, visit www.sunyjefferson.edu.