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A Message from the President

I am very excited that the College has embarked on developing a new strategic plan. I’m an avid supporter of planning because in the words of Yogi Berra, “If you don’t know where you are going, you’ll end up someplace else.” The future is uncertain and the world is changing rapidly; a strategic plan provides a tool to navigate the uncertainty and change and make sure that we as a college stay focused on meeting the needs of our community.

Our current strategic plan “The College of Choice” was developed in 2008. That plan positioned us to launch a number of initiatives over the past four years many of which you have read about in this publication. To recap a few accomplishments from our last plan, we:

- Studied the feasibility of residence halls, selected a builder, and are in the process of obtaining funding for the project so that we can break ground in June.
- Added a weekend format to our nursing program and increased the number of nursing graduates.
- Created the Higher Education Center bringing five partner colleges to Jefferson County offering more than 12 degree programs at the Bachelor’s and Master’s levels.
- Integrated our tutoring center into the library creating enhanced educational support services for students.
- Developed Super Science Saturday to help attract students to careers in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields.
- Focused on increasing academic success and increasing the number of students who complete their degrees through innovations in the classroom and in support services.
- Added programs that meet community needs including certificates in Fire Protection, Renewable Energy Management, and Winery Management and Marketing; associate degrees in Chemical Dependency, Sports Management, and Physical Education; and concentrations in Creative Writing, Literature and Winery Management.
- Created E-Day for budding entrepreneurs at the high school and college level.
- Launched the Jefferson Express mobile training lab and conducted courses all over the tri-county region.

The list goes on and on.

So where will our next plan take us? I don’t have the answer to that yet but I do know for certain a few things about the plan: it will be focused on student success and will be grounded in where our community needs us to go.

At a community breakfast this past fall, I asked those in attendance three questions in anticipation of starting our planning effort:

1. **What is one thing about the College that you value and hope does not change?**
2. **Are there educational needs in the community that are not being met?**
3. **Five years from now, when the College is listing our accomplishments, what would you like to see?**

I would love to hear your thoughts on these questions as we consider our future direction. Please call me at 315-786-2404 or email me at cmccoy@sunyjefferson.edu.

I look forward to sharing our plan with you as we move forward.

Carole A. McCoy
President, Jefferson Community College
At the start of the spring 2013 semester, fourteen students on campus were enrolled in a brand new degree program at Jefferson – chemical dependency. JCC announced the new associate of applied science degree program in October in direct response to community need in the specialized area of substance abuse counseling. The program is designed to provide the education and training for graduates to enter the field of chemical dependency as an entry level counselor, intake coordinator or service provider. Graduates will be prepared to take the written portion of the exam for Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Certification (CASAC) through the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS).

The program curriculum, which includes 18 hours in chemical dependency and six hours in human services theory and application along with a fieldwork placement, was developed in collaboration with human services agencies in Jefferson and Lewis counties. Students will develop an understanding of chemical dependency and approaches to treatment, learn the basics of counseling and assistance skills, and understand the ethics and professionalism required for effective treatment. For their fieldwork placement, students can choose from a variety of settings including Credo Community Center for Treatment of Addictions, Samaritan Medical Center, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council, Fort Drum Behavioral Health as well as private counseling centers. Upon completion of the program, students will have earned 350 educational hours and 1000 work-related hours toward their CASAC Certification.

“Jefferson developed this program in collaboration with several area providers who outlined a need for employees with advanced training in the area of chemical dependency / substance abuse,” said Thomas J. Finch, vice president for academic affairs at Jefferson. “The A.A.S. program provides a clear career pathway for graduates as they will begin working in the field with 1350 hours already earned toward Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Certification (CASAC). Additionally, the program is designed to

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transfer easily to numerous baccalaureate programs for those who want to continue their education in chemical dependency or a related field such as human services or social work.”

Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions, Watertown, is excited to see this career-focused program available right here in Jefferson County.

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“The degree in chemical dependency paired with the bachelor’s degree in social work offered by Keuka College through JCC’s Higher Education Center is a combination that will make a graduate even more marketable,” said Scordo.

With changing job requirements in the field of chemical dependency, students may choose to continue their educational studies in chemical dependency or in a related Bachelor’s degree program. JCC graduates will benefit from easy transfer to many academic institutions including Syracuse University, Keuka College, SUNY Binghamton, Columbia College, SUNY Brockport, Cornell University, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Empire State College and Ithaca College. Further, New York State CASAC is officially recognized in 28 other states, making this program appealing to military or military related students who may only be in New York State on a temporary basis.

The Chemical Dependency A.A.S. degree can be completed in four 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. Students who wish to enroll in this program for the fall 2013 semester may be able to get an early start by taking a class or two this summer.

For more information, please visit www.sunyjefferson.edu or contact Gwen Francis-Frey, associate professor of early childhood, at gfrancis-frey@sunyjefferson.edu or 315-786-2278 or Ronald Theobald, human services instructor at rtheobald@sunyjefferson.edu or 315-786-2494.
With Distinction...

Two Jefferson Professors Earn SUNY Distinguished Rank

In January, Jefferson Community College received the exciting news that two of the College’s faculty, Dr. Raymond E. Petersen, professor of political science and Dr. Joanna B. Chrzanowski, professor of English, were appointed to distinguished rank by the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees. Dr. Chrzanowski, who received the Distinguished Teaching Professorship, and Dr. Petersen, who received the Distinguished Service Professorship, are two of only eight faculty from among the entire 66-campus SUNY system appointed to distinguished ranks in 2012.
The recognition from SUNY affirms what Jefferson has always known - that Jefferson Community College faculty provide the highest quality education to students who choose Jefferson. It has only been since 2005-2006 that community college faculty has been eligible for distinguished rank in the areas of teaching and service and Drs. Petersen and Chrzanowski are the first candidates Jefferson Community College has nominated for this prestigious recognition.

“To be recognized with SUNY’s highest distinguished ranking for faculty is validation of Dr. Petersen’s and Dr. Chrzanowski’s accomplishments and contributions to the success of our students, to the quality of a Jefferson education, and to the vibrancy of our community,” said Carole A. McCoy, president of Jefferson Community College. “Jefferson’s high quality educational experience is rooted in our outstanding faculty who choose to be at Jefferson because of their commitment to teaching and student success. I am delighted that Joanna and Ray were recognized for this distinction. It is a wonderful testament to them as well as a reflection of those who teach at Jefferson.”

Dr. Chrzanowski first joined Jefferson in 1980 and Dr. Petersen in 1984. Both were in the early stages of their teaching careers and neither expected to be at JCC decades later. It is evident, however, that the relationship with Jefferson has been as rewarding for the two professors as for the students who benefit from their instruction.

“I made the decision to dedicate my professional life and my considerable energy to student development at the two-year level because the first two years of college make an indelible mark on students and their career paths,” said Dr. Chrzanowski. “Over the years, I have been enriched by my students and fulfilled in my ability to bring innovation and change to my classes and the College.”

“What I like best about teaching here is that I can re-experience through my students what it’s like to come from a working class background with narrow horizons and have them broadened in so many ways,” said Dr. Petersen. “I have many former students now with advanced degrees, teaching in my field, or working professionally in various government and social agency capacities. Every day I enjoy the excitement of seeing students get it and to really come to understand how far they can go, and how much of an asset they can be to their communities.”

For the Distinguished Teaching Professorship to be conferred, candidates must have demonstrated superior mastery of teaching, outstanding service to students, and commitment to their ongoing intellectual growth, scholarship and professional growth. Dr. Chrzanowski’s passion for teaching and the success of her students remains as strong now as it was when she began her tenure at Jefferson 33 years ago. Her teaching innovations keep her instruction vibrant and student-centered whether in a traditional classroom, online course or hybrid environment, within both college success classes and enriched learning environments such as JCC’s honors program. She has numerous curricular innovations to her credit including most recently creating two English concentrations in creative writing and literature. Dr. Chrzanowski extends the same guidance and enthusiasm she shares with students to mentoring colleagues. She holds a bachelor of arts in English and a master of arts in English education from SUNY Albany as well as a doctorate of philosophy, Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation, from Syracuse University.

Dr. Chrzanowski is ‘humbled and honored’ by the prestigious appointment. “It is an affirmation by the campus community and SUNY community that teaching, and in particular teaching of English, matters in the lives of our students;” said Dr. Chrzanowski. “It is also recognition of the important role of community colleges and their faculty in the higher education arena.”

To be considered for Distinguished Service Professorship, candidates must demonstrate distinguished service not only at the campus and the State University, but also at the community, regional and State levels. Service must go ‘above and beyond’ and must involve the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate’s scholarly and research interests to issues of public concern. Encouraging efficacy is at the heart of everything that Dr. Petersen does and the impact of his service reaches far beyond Jefferson County. Through his efforts in developing a prospectus for the Center for Community Studies at JCC, coordinating its speaker series, and now as the director, Dr. Petersen helps to empower students, faculty and staff in conducting and providing research and forums on community, regional and international issues. As the founding faculty advisor for POLIS, a student club which encourages active participation in civic and political issues both locally and nationwide, Dr. Petersen has worked with students to organize political debates and hold public forums on issues such as budget crisis and healthcare reform. Additionally, Dr. Petersen has conducted research, provided testimony and taken part in regional, state and national symposiums with regard to energy policy and sustainable energy programs. Locally, he has been instrumental in strategic planning for JCC and many area non-profit organizations. Dr. Petersen holds a bachelor of arts in political science from SUNY Oswego, and both a master of arts and doctorate of philosophy in political science from the City University of New York.

“I’ve always considered myself to be like the number 2 hitter in baseball, who sacrifices his own at-bats and statistics to move the runner along and do what’s best for the team as a whole,” said Dr. Petersen. “Personally, the award has been an affirmation of how the work I’ve done here has been recognized and appreciated. Professionally, the award is a statement of how important the work of the Center for Community Studies and the value of applied participatory research are for the community and beyond.”

“This is an extraordinary honor for these two deserving individuals and for Jefferson Community College,” said Thomas J. Finch, vice president for academic affairs at Jefferson. “For two professors from one college to earn distinguished rank in the same year is further testimony to the quality and breadth of the educational experience students receive at Jefferson. Drs. Petersen and Chrzanowski have dedicated themselves to both our students and to this community. We are proud of their accomplishments and honored they are members of this College’s faculty.”

Since the program’s inception in 1963 and including these most recent appointments, SUNY has appointed a total of 950 faculty to distinguished ranks including 287 Distinguished Service Professorships and 343 Distinguished Teaching Professorships.
During their time at Jefferson, students are exposed to many opportunities to hone and develop leadership skills through involvement in clubs, student government and various campus activities. Vidhi Udeshi is a shining example of a student who has taken advantage of those opportunities and her efforts were rewarded in November with the Emerging Leader Award, a new honor from the State University of New York (SUNY).

Vidhi is one of only seventeen students to receive SUNY’s Emerging Leader Award in its inaugural year. The Emerging Leader Award honors students who have best demonstrated significant leadership within their campus and community based on one or more of the six Big Ideas included in SUNY’s Strategic Plan, The Power of SUNY: entrepreneurial century, seamless education pipeline, healthier New York, energy smart New York, vibrant community, and the world. Udeshi was nominated by Jefferson for her efforts relating to the entrepreneurial century. To be eligible for the award, students must have a grade point average of at least 3.0.

Udeshi is currently in her second year as the president of JCC’s Business Club and she is also president of the College’s Tau Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges.

As president of the business club, Vidhi helped organize and carry out the College’s collaborative Entrepreneurship Day (E-Day) event, a daylong conference for college and high school students from across the North Country. The hallmark of E-Day is a business concept competition for high school students, with a potential reward of $1000 to the winning team and $500 and $250 awards to the second and third place teams, respectively. E-Day also features a keynote address and panel of local North Country entrepreneurs. Under Vidhi’s leadership, the business club hosted a tropical-themed reception to greet high school students and team participants. Vidhi welcomed the teachers and team captains to Jefferson, educating them about the business club, and supporting their efforts throughout the competition. Additionally, the business club developed and managed the concession stand and donated all proceeds to the local American Red Cross chapter.

“We embody the Emerging Leader Award through her campus leadership,” said Betsy D. Penrose, vice president for students at JCC. “She motivates her peers with creative ideas, a collaborative spirit, and willingness to work hard to achieve goals. Jefferson is proud of her many accomplishments.”

“We are proud to offer this new award, which recognizes SUNY students who have proven to be leaders in the areas that SUNY has identified as the driving tenets of its own strategic plan,” said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. “Our first group of emerging leaders has set the bar high for future honorees. Congratulations to all of our emerging leaders.”

Vidhi is a business administration major at Jefferson. After graduation in May, she plans to transfer and pursue a bachelor’s in international trade and development or finance. Eventually, she hopes to become an attorney specializing in international or corporate law. Most recently, Vidhi was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team.
When Emily Kirch enrolled at Albany College of Pharmacy, she was making a well-informed decision to pursue a career as a pharmacist. The outgoing, high achieving 2011 Watertown High School graduate had visited the college twice, completed a summer internship at a local pharmacy, taken AP chemistry classes in high school, but I've also met lots of new friends," says Kirch. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has joined the College's community wind ensemble, for which she is also receiving college credit.

And, she is not racking up student loans. Emily has been able to set a schedule flexible enough that she can maintain her 16-hour per week job at the local mall that helps pay for gas and textbooks, and in the summer she works an additional job at a golf course. Kirch, who has a student loan for her one semester at Albany, considers herself fortunate she has been able to pay her JCC tuition for the last two semesters. Smiling, Emily admits it's "such a good feeling to not owe Jefferson any money."

The key to Kirch's successful experience at Jefferson may be mindset and determination. "I was committed to treating Jefferson like it was my first ever semester at College. I set a goal the first day of classes to be on the President's List." Kirch has indeed earned President's List honors both semesters and currently carries a 4.0 grade point average.

Kirch is majoring in liberal arts-humanities and social sciences at Jefferson. She plans to transfer and earn a bachelor's degree in communications so she can pursue her second career choice - broadcast journalism. All of the credits she took at the College of Pharmacy transferred to Jefferson so she hasn't missed a beat. Emily is expecting to graduate from JCC in May.

Depending upon which college she transfers to, Kirch may or may not live on campus. But, she has no doubt in her mind she is ready.

Kirch is not the only student who has come "home" to Jefferson after a semester away from home or at a larger university, according to JCC director of admissions, Rosanne N. Weir.

"We see this quite often and Jefferson is a great choice for these students," says Weir. "In most cases, students are either not quite ready to move so far from home or they are not certain what career path they want to take and it is easy to get overwhelmed at a larger school. Jefferson's career counseling services help you match your personal interests with an academic program and career path and, while you are deciding what is right for you, you aren't accumulating a lot of debt."

When asked what advice she would give someone who finds themselves in a similar situation, Emily says "Even if you think you are confident that you know what you want to do, you'll save money by coming here first. I feel I've gotten so much here. You'll be surprised at how much you get from your experience at Jefferson Community College. It's a smart decision."
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Recognition devices. of visitors to the website were using mobile devices. In the month of January 2013, 12.6% was 5.6% in 2011 and nearly double that in 2012. The percentage of visitors to Jefferson's website using mobile devices is important for quick access to information in an easy-to-read and easy-to-navigate format on a mobile device. All four initiatives provide students with quick access to information from any place using popular mobile devices.

Going Mobile! JCC Launches New Apps

In response to the ever increasing number of students using smartphones and other mobile devices, JCC has launched four major mobile initiatives over the last six months aimed at making it easier for students to stay connected to JCC and access JCC information from any place using popular mobile devices. In August 2012, the College unveiled a redesigned, mobile-friendly website, which included the new MyJCC portal for single sign-on to key campus applications. Most recently, Jefferson has launched Blackboard Mobile and MyJCC Mobile, with free applications available for Apple iOS and Android™ devices. All four initiatives provide students with quick access to information in an easy-to-read and easy-to-navigate format on a mobile device. The percentage of visitors to Jefferson's website using mobile devices was 5.6% in 2011 and nearly double that in 2012. In the month of January 2013, 12.6% of visitors to the website were using mobile devices.

College Earns Military Friendly Designation

JCC is one of 33 SUNY campuses named by G.I. Jobs Magazine as a Military Friendly School® for 2013. The 2013 list of military friendly schools was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. The 1,739 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience...including programs and policies for student support on campus, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility, and other services to those who served. On average, nearly 33% of annual enrollment at JCC is comprised of active duty military, family members, veterans and retirees of the armed services.

JCC Joins CNY Veterans Higher Education Regional Consortium

JCC has joined 25 institutions of higher education located in the 13-county region of Syracuse’s Department of Veteran Affairs to form the Central New York Veterans’ Higher Education Regional Consortium dedicated to supporting active duty, reserve and National Guard members, veterans and their family members in their successful civilian reintegration to the region. There are increasing numbers of veterans enrolling in college due in part to the benefits provided by the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the distinct experiences of these nontraditional students can warrant services tailored specifically to veterans. Nearly 400 veterans are attending JCC during the spring 2013 semester; up from 300 veterans during the fall 2012 semester. The consortium partners with regional businesses, government stakeholders and non-profit organizations to better serve veterans through a coordinated response of advocacy, resource and information sharing and outreach. Among the partners are the Army Careers and Alumni Program at Fort Drum, Clear Path for Veterans, New York State VA and the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University.

Jefferson’s Table Open to the Public

Spring Luncheons Showcase Student Talent ~

Gather your colleagues, friends or family and head to Jefferson’s Table at Jefferson Community College!

If you have yet to try Jefferson’s Table, a few opportunities remain during the spring semester! The Jefferson’s Table Spring Luncheon Series began in February and features the talents of JCC students enrolled in the hospitality and tourism degree program. Under the guidance of longtime Jefferson professor, Alexander ‘Pope’ Vickers, students develop international-themed menus, prepare the meals and serve patrons. You will enjoy a delectable lunch in a setting that allows students to advance their culinary techniques and gain hands-on fine dining experience in a public setting. Remaining dates include:

April 5: A Taste of the Mediterranean
April 19: A Taste of Italy
May 3: A Taste Asia

Lunch is served from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and costs $12 per person. Advance reservations are required; please call Kim Mattraw at 786-2495 to reserve your table. If you can’t attend a luncheon, Jefferson’s Table culinary students prepare a delightful dinner series open to the community during the fall semester. Please contact Kim Mattraw at the number above for additional information.
JCC Offices on Fort Drum Have Moved...But Not Far
Previously housed in the Fort Drum McEwen Education Center, JCC offices and many JCC classes have moved to the new Education Center Annex at 10450 5th Armored Division Drive, Fort Drum. JCC offers academic advising for soldiers and family members on post, as well as evening classes in condensed 8-week formats. Additionally, JCC can make arrangements for special unit classes upon unit commander request. To contact JCC on Fort Drum, call 315-786-6566 or email Don Johnson, director of military programs, at djohnson@sunyjefferson.edu.

Former Fort Drum Garrison Commander Named to Board of Trustees
New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has appointed David J. Clark, Watertown, to the JCC Board of Trustees. Colonel Clark, U.S. Army-Retired, currently serves as the site manager for General Dynamics Information Technology on Fort Drum where he leads a team providing training and technical support to soldiers via the Army Battle Command Training Center. Clark has extensive military and civilian experience relating to fiscal management, operations, business development and human resources. He served as Fort Drum’s Garrison Commander from 2005-2008 where he led the garrison of over 31,000 soldiers, family members and a combined military and civilian workforce of 1500 employees. After a distinguished military career of nearly 30 years, Clark retired from active duty in 2009 and has remained in the Watertown community with his wife Karen. Clark’s appointment fills the trustee position of Nathan A. Holloway who retired from the Board of Trustees in 2011.

9th Annual Business of Women Conference
On December 5, the NYS Small Business Development Center at JCC presented its 9th annual Business of Women Networking Conference. Over seventy women from the North Country enjoyed lunch, chocolate and presentations on “What Can I Deduct?” by Laurie Podvin (CPA) of Poulsen and Podvin in Watertown; “Turning Your Hobby into a Business” by Brooke James, business advisor from the SUNY Canton SBDC; “Pinterest and Other Social Media” by Chena Tucker, business advisor from the SUNY Oswego SBDC; and “What Type of Business Structure Should I Form?” by Kimberly Steele of the Steele Law Firm in Oswego. Retired Watertown City Manager Mary Corriveau delivered an inspiring keynote entitled “The Privilege of Leadership.” To learn more about the Business of Women, please contact the SBDC at JCC at 315-786-2252.

JCC Music Professor Salutes Chuck Berry
Last semester, associate professor of music Dr. Lisa M. Scrivani-Tidd attended the 17th Annual American Music Masters Conference, Roll Over Beethoven: The Life and Music of Chuck Berry at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. The weeklong event culminated with an academic conference and a tribute concert honoring Chuck Berry with a performance by Chuck Berry himself. Dr. Scrivani-Tidd was among a select group of rock scholars who attended the academic conference, engaging in scholarship and examining the scope and impact of Chuck Berry’s remarkable career. Dr. Scrivani-Tidd, author of The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Rock History: The Early Years: 1951-1959, has served on the faculty of the Education Department at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame since 1998. She began her affiliation with the Rock Hall in 1998 when she first engaged in rock music research to create Jefferson’s popular MUS 150 History of Rock & Roll course.
Just a drive down Arsenal Street or a cruise along Route 12 near the “the river” and the growth in our community is hard to miss. The landscape is dotted with new restaurants and hotels paired with a variety of new shopping opportunities. Roadside signs mark the Seaway Winery Trail, directing tourists and residents alike to the vineyards and wineries that have popped up in the North Country over the last decade. Combine the dining, shopping and local lodging with recreational and vacation opportunities in the nearby Thousand Islands, and we have a booming local hospitality and tourism industry.

Jefferson Community College is here to meet the needs of the community’s changing climate and workforce needs with an expansion of the college’s hospitality and tourism degree program to include a winery management concentration. Jefferson has offered an associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree program in hospitality and tourism (HAT) since the late 1970s. Students in the program choose from a culinary track, a hotel/restaurant management track or now a winery management track. No matter which concentration students choose, they will benefit from an internship component, which allows students to gain real-world experience in their field and make job/career contacts.

The winery concentration was developed in direct response to the growing industry in Northern New York which now boasts seven wineries across the tri-county area with more to open in the near future. In fall of 2012 the College launched a winery management and marketing certificate program in which 18 students are currently enrolled. The certificate can be completed in just one year. The concentration within the HAT degree meets the needs of those who desire a greater breadth of business acumen and hospitality training or who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate program.

The A.A.S. degree – in any of the three concentrations - provides students with hospitality event planning, culinary, and food service management basics rounded with several writing and business courses relating to marketing, human resources and management. The curriculum is supplemented by 8-12 credits in the area of specialization.

Students choosing the new winery track will take courses in Winery Marketing and Management, Wine Appreciation and Selection, Viticulture and Enology. They will learn the characteristics of successful grape varieties, site selection, and layout for a vineyard in Northern New York along with understanding the aesthetic considerations and technical process of wine making.

“We have learned how jobs in the growing wine industry run the whole spectrum from gardening to accounting,” said Jake Smith, a JCC student currently interning at Tug Hill Vineyards. “My dream is to become a winemaker. The internship has allowed me to work hands on with the winemakers at Tug Hill Vineyards and has given me experience that I could not find anywhere else.”

Approximately 30% of JCC’s HAT graduates choose to continue their education and transfer to a four-year institution. Popular transfer colleges include Niagara University, Rochester Institute of Technology and Paul Smith’s College.

For additional information about JCC’s hospitality and tourism studies, please visit www.sunyjefferson.edu or contact Alexander ‘Pope’ Vickers, assistant professor and HAT department chair, at 315-786-2356.
Allied Health Career Training Programs

Non-Credit Training in Less Than 3 Months of Study

Not all employees in the allied health field have completed years of study leading to a formal college degree before starting a successful and rewarding healthcare career. Many allied health careers require extensive training in a non-college credit bearing format and some also require a national exam for state or national certification. In collaboration with Condensed Curriculum International (CCI), the Continuing Education Division at JCC will offer three such training programs in Phlebotomy Technician, Pharmacy Technician and Home Healthcare Aide. Each training program begins in June and concludes in August.

Phlebotomy technicians draw blood from patients for laboratory analysis. The program consists of 90 hours of classroom training on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Upon successful completion of the program the student will receive a certificate of completion and be eligible to sit for the national exam to become a Certified Phlebotomy Technician. The course fee, including the cost of textbooks, is $1599. This program will run from June 11 through August 22, 2013. Application deadline is April 19, 2013.

Pharmacy technicians work in hospitals, community pharmacies and other healthcare settings under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. The program consists of 50 hours of classroom training on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Upon successful completion, students will be prepared to enter the pharmacy field and take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board exam. The course fee of $999 includes the cost of textbooks. This program runs June 17 through August 5, 2013. Application deadline is April 19, 2013.

Home healthcare aides assist patients in their homes by focusing on their specific health and personal needs. Classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and two Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to sit for the National Association for Home Care & Hospice Home Care Aide Certification examination. The course fee is $1499 and includes the cost of textbooks. This training program will run for 11-weeks beginning June 11 through August 20, 2013. There is not a separate application, however advanced registration is required no later than June 3, 2013. Visit www.sunyjefferson.edu for a registration form.

Career Exploration Sessions Aimed at Helping the Undecided

This spring, JCC’s admissions office has collaborated with faculty and the College’s career counselor to hold a series of career information sessions throughout the semester. Each session will feature a particular career field and attendees will learn more about:

- Employment Outlook: Careers within a field / Salaries / Job Placement
- JCC academic program pathways
- Transfer opportunities to 4-year colleges & universities
- Pre-requisite coursework (if recommended)
- Admissions & financial aid processes

A campus tour, prior to each information session, is optional for attendees. Career areas for upcoming sessions include allied health, registered nursing, business, creative writing, literature, public safety, criminal justice, fire protection, human services, chemical dependency, psychology, early childhood, education and zoo technology.

For the complete schedule or to learn more about JCC’s academic programs, visit www.sunyjefferson.edu or call the JCC admissions office at 315-786-2277.
Need a little inspiration? Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, alumni and community supporters took the time to tell the Jefferson Gala Committee how JCC had inspired them. Want to see more? Visit www.facebook.com/SUNYJeffersonGala.

Thank you to everyone who was inspired to support the first Jefferson Gala! Over $41,000 was raised to support the JCC Foundation which annually distributes more than 250 scholarships worth over $250,000 to Jefferson students. Mark your calendars and please join us for the second annual Jefferson Gala on Saturday, November 9, 2013.
COMMIT.
COMPLETE.
COMPETE.

New York Community College Completion Day

By completing your Associate’s degree, you …
… can qualify to seamlessly transfer to hundreds of four year colleges.
… can establish a career versus a job.
… will have something that no one can ever take away.
… will be able to state you are a College graduate when applying for a career position.
… will never have to explain to a prospective employer (or your children) why you have lots of college credits, but not a degree.
… may be the first one in your family to graduate from College.

During the Fall semester, Jefferson Community College took part in New York State Completion Day, an initiative of all 37 SUNY and CUNY community colleges in New York to send a simple message - students who complete an associate degree have better prospects for jobs, scholarships and transfer to four-year schools.

The statewide completion day held in October was a local response to the national Completion Agenda, a call to action driven by the United States’ alarming drop in rank from 1st to 15th among major industrialized countries in higher education attainment. The overall goal of the Completion Agenda is to reestablish the United States as a global leader in education and ensure that 55% of Americans hold a postsecondary credential by 2025. The Completion Agenda has received strong support from President Barack Obama and the American Association of Community Colleges, along with funding support from the Lumina Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The topic is serious, yet many NY community colleges took a more lighthearted approach to convey the message to students.

At Jefferson, students were taken by surprise and for a ride in a Completion Cab. While being taxied across campus in golf carts driven by faculty, staff and even college administrators, students were engaged in a conversation about the importance of completing a college degree. A Completion Resources Fair featuring nearly 15 college departments made students aware of available academic and personal support services in fun and memorable ways. Eye-catching displays of snowmobiles and ATVs alluded to lifestyle benefits of earning the higher salary associated with a college degree. Faculty and staff wore jerseys bearing the name of their alma mater.

Throughout Completion Day, students signed a banner signifying their personal commitment to completing their degree.
College Degree = Higher Earnings

Those who complete an associate degree can expect to earn $400,000 more in a lifetime than a high school graduate. For those who transfer and earn a bachelor's degree, the figure rises to $900,000. Locally, the value of a JCC associate degree yields the average graduate at their career midpoint 35% more per year than a student with a high school diploma.

A comical ‘Top Ten Reasons Why You Should Complete your Degree’ video featured JCC faculty/staff with the #1 reason, “College Dropout to College President,” delivered by JCC president Carole McCoy. Many students were surprised to learn that Dr. McCoy, who went back to school as an adult learner and earned not one but three degrees including her doctorate in public administration, had quit college the first time around.

For student Brenda Yerdon, Completion Day served as an important reminder that she is indeed accomplishing something she never dreamed possible. “Sometimes I get so caught up in the day to day stresses of school, work and caring for a family, that I forget that I am accomplishing something each and every day. I am working towards providing a better future for me and my children, as well as showing them that anything is possible if you work hard enough for it,” said Yerdon. “Completing my degree means I am opening doors for more opportunities.”

There are a variety of reasons why someone may not complete their postsecondary education the first, and even the second, time around. “They may come to college underprepared academically or do not have the study skills in place to succeed,” said Thomas J. Finch, vice president for academic affairs. “And sometimes life just gets in the way. Our students typically work while attending school, many are married and have children. It’s difficult balancing a busy life with your educational goals.”

And it is not just students who struggle academically that don’t complete. “We have students transfer to a four-year institution just 3 credits short of a Jefferson degree,” said Finch. “We really encourage them to finish that associate’s degree. If they don’t complete their bachelor’s for whatever reason, they will end up with a lot of college credits, but no academic credential to their name or résumé.”

“With Completion Day, we wanted to show students not only why it is important to complete your degree, but also how we are here to help them succeed,” said Finch.

JCC English instructor and community college graduate Mike Avery, who walked around campus in his cap and gown wearing a sign that said “Ask Me about My Community College Days” recommended that students take advantage of all the support services offered at Jefferson. “If you are struggling with grades in college, I would suggest seeking help with tutors, teachers, and fellow students. There is no magic solution to everything but help is out there.”

JCC hopes that Completion Day helped to bring the need for degree completion and available support services to the forefront. “Our tagline for the event was ‘Commit. Complete. Compete.’ and we challenged students to sign a banner with their personal commitment to complete their degrees,” said President McCoy. “We are making sure that every student is aware of the true value of completing their education.”

Have YOU started a college degree? Whether you are 3 or 30 credits short, let Jefferson Community College help you to Commit, Complete and Compete. Call 315-786-2277 to speak with an admissions counselor today.

JCC retention specialist and completion cab driver Al Speno handed out ‘$100 Grand’ in the form of candy bars to students who answered completion day trivia while catching a ride across campus.
JCC Athletes Dig Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

At home games, the JCC volleyball and men/women’s soccer teams donned pink uniforms to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research. The Cannoneer’s enthusiasm spread to visiting teams who sported pink arm bands and athletic tape. Donations, collected at each game, garnered a total of $813.

Nominations for Athletic Hall of Fame Due May 1

In August 2009, Jefferson opened its Hall of Fame with six inductees who were either a former athlete, athletic director, coach or score keeper. Today, nineteen inductees fill the Hall of Fame.

Jefferson is now accepting nominations for its Athletic Hall of Fame. To be eligible for induction, candidates must be nominated as a past Jefferson athlete, group or team who achieved outstanding success or had a major impact on Jefferson athletics. Coaches, administrators and special friends of the College who contributed significantly to JCC’s athletic program are also eligible for consideration.

Nominations must be received by the JCC athletic office no later than May 1, 2013. Nomination forms can be found online at www.sunyjefferson.edu. For more information, call the JCC athletic office at 315-786-2248.

Malcolm C. Biedekapp  
Terry L. Biedekapp  
Melvin J. Busler ’07  
Cheryl A. Clark ’86  
Lawrence “Hank” B. Darden ’71  
Jerry B. Flanders ’66  
*Peter N. Gaskin  
Marcia J. Laidlaw ’69  
Elizabeth “Bippie” Luckie ’82  
Dianne D. McCargar ’78  
Thomas W. Myers ’68  
John F. Penrose  
Kenneth R. Puffer  
Amy Jo Sipher ’92  
*D. Rene Valentine  
Robert F. Williams, Sr.  
Scott K. Wilson  
Daniel P. Woodward ’77  
Joy Williams Zimmerman ‘92

*awarded posthumously

Amy Jo Sipher ’92  
2012 Hall of Fame Inductee

JCC Athletes Dig Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness
Lady Cannoneers Volleyball Team Ends Season as MSAC Champions

The Lady Cannoneers volleyball team cruised through the season on one hot streak after another. Undefeated for three weeks, the Lady Cannoneers dominated the court early in the season, followed by a 12-game winning streak. They competed in the Mid-State Athletic Conference (MSAC) tournament, held at JCC, going undefeated and captured the championship trophy and title. “This is a huge accomplishment for the team, it is something the girls have worked hard for and certainly deserve,” said coach Sara Kent. “Anyone who was in that gym on Saturday was able to see this team play at their best, several plays were ran and executed with domination. The team had a point to prove, this was their day. JCC will be and is a force to be reckoned with.” Additionally, the volleyball team was named “JCC Athlete of the Week” for the week ending October 28, 2012. Kudos to the Lady Cannoneers for a great season!

Fall 2012 MSAC All-Conference Team

- Hugo Oliveira (Men's Soccer)
- Graham Whalen (Men's Soccer)
- Amber Dibble (Women's Soccer)
- Kari Gehrke (Women's Soccer)
- Morgan Kiernan (Women's Soccer)
- Ashley Capone (Volleyball)
- Lahni M. Duffer (Volleyball)

Fall 2012 NJCAA Region III Division III All-Conference

- Melissa Abbate (Women's Soccer 2nd Team)
- Morgan Kiernan (Women's Soccer 2nd Team)
- Lahni M. Duffer (Volleyball 2nd Team)

Winter 2012-2013 MSAC All-Conference Team

- Derrick Williams (Men's Basketball)
- Jasmine Canady (Women's Basketball)
Keuka College
Thanks to a partnership between Keuka College and the Jefferson Community College Higher Education Center (JHEC), Watertown residents can earn their bachelor’s degree at an accelerated pace. Keuka College’s Accelerated Studies for Adults Program (ASAP) is designed to meet the needs of working adults and features a format whereby you attend class one night a week at JCC and complete your degree in just about two years.

Keuka’s accelerated programs blend face-to-face, classroom learning with your work and life experiences. Use what you learn in the classroom the very next day. Plus, your tuition covers all the costs of earning your degree. There are no technology, activities or graduation fees, and course materials, including books, are provided at no additional cost.

Join us this Fall
• B.S. in Nursing for RNs – begins September 2013
• B.S. in Social Work – begins September 2013
• B.S. in Criminal Justice Systems – begins September 2013

According to Krysta Ortlieb, a student in the social work program who’s looking forward to graduating this May, a bachelor’s degree wouldn’t have been possible without Keuka’s ASAP.

“Without Keuka, I wouldn’t have been able to work full time and provide for my family, while earning my bachelor’s degree,” she says. “The program has been a great experience. It’s been very flexible.”

Krysta, who has finished all of her coursework and is in the process of completing her internship, enjoys “learning skills in the classroom” that she can immediately apply at work. “I’ve been able to advance faster,” she says. Krysta hopes to continue on through a master’s program soon.

If you are a busy, active adult who’s looking for a brighter future, you owe it to yourself to consult with a Keuka College admissions counselor. Find out just how convenient and affordable higher education can be for you.

For more information:
Tim Norris, Admissions Counselor
Phone: (315) 694-8151
E-mail: tnorris@keuka.edu
Web: www.keuka.edu/asap

SUNY Cobleskill
Are you looking for a traditional, classroom-based bachelor’s degree completion program, yet one that offers evening classes, in early childhood studies (birth to age 5)? Thanks to a partnership between the Jefferson Higher Education Center and SUNY Cobleskill, this opportunity is within reach right in Watertown. SUNY Cobleskill is currently accepting applications for its second class to start in fall 2013!

For current student Lindsey Ganter, pursuing her bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood seemed a daunting task at first. Then she discovered SUNY Cobleskill’s bachelor’s degree completion program through the JHEC.

“Eight years ago, I graduated from Jefferson Community College with an associate’s degree in Early Childhood. When I found out that the Jefferson Higher Education Center was partnering with SUNY Cobleskill to offer a bachelor’s degree completion program, I simply couldn’t pass up such an amazing opportunity,” says Lindsey.

“Having a full-time job and a family, I have to admit that I was a little hesitant about going back to school. This program offered me the flexibility of continuing my education while staying close to home and my family. I just finished up my first semester, and I am now confident that I made the right decision to take advantage of this program,” she says.

For more information:
Call: (518) 255-5528
E-mail: pace@cobleskill.edu
Web: www.cobleskill.edu/pace.

SUNY Potsdam
For more than 10 years, SUNY Potsdam has offered a jointly registered bachelor’s degree completion program in Business Administration on the JCC campus. Jointly registered means that you apply to and are accepted to both JCC and SUNY Potsdam simultaneously. After earning your A.S. degree in business from Jefferson, you continue on taking the upper level courses to complete the B.S. degree from Potsdam without leaving the JCC campus.

The course schedule for this program has been a combination of classroom-based, weekday evening courses; online classes and/or Saturday class sessions, designed for non-traditional adult students who had weekday work, family or other obligations.

The results of a recent survey of JCC business students indicated a likelihood that, of those who responded, more than 50% would continue their education and pursue a bachelor’s degree in business. These same students clearly prefer to continue their studies on a full-time basis, by enrolling in face-to-face courses offered during the weekday.

Due in large part to the results of this recent survey, SUNY Potsdam is pleased to announce it will begin offering a full-time Business Administration degree completion program beginning with the fall 2013 semester. Several open houses and information sessions will be offered over the
coming months. Dates and times can be found on www.potsdam.edu/exted or by contacting Gail Miller, SUNY Potsdam’s on-site program counselor. Her office is located in the Jefferson Higher Education Center, and she may be reached at 315-786-2257 or millergw@potsdam.edu.

Additionally, SUNY Potsdam continues to offer an M.S.Ed. in Information & Communication Technology with a concentration in Organizational Leadership and graduate education programs in Curriculum & Instruction, Literacy Specialist, Literacy Educator and Childhood Education.

Dawna Benoit, a current student in the Childhood Education M.S.T. program, has this to say about her graduate experience. “My advisor, Kathleen Morris-Kortz, has been very approachable, always available, always considerate of my life when planning my course schedule. Graduate school is important, but I am able to work it around my life. If this program wasn’t close by, I wouldn’t be able to pursue my master’s degree,” she says.

For more information regarding SUNY Potsdam’s M.S.Ed. in Information & Communication Technology, please call Dr. Tom Fuhr (315) 267-2166. Contact Kathleen Morris-Kortz at (315) 786-2373 for more information on Potsdam’s graduate education programs.

SUNY Empire State College
According to Jacqueline Radell, a graduating senior in SUNY Empire’s B.S. in Early Childhood Studies program, the ability to attend college while working full time was “a godsend.” Thanks to Empire’s individualized, flexible model, which includes a combination of online courses, accessible, supportive mentors and small group study, Jacqueline is able to pursue her bachelor’s all while working full time as a Head Start teacher and director in Oswego County.

“It was a bit daunting at first,” admits the England native. “But it has gone by really fast, and it’s been a really great experience.” Jacqueline credits Empire’s flexible model with her success. “I’ve been able to take one class a semester and many online classes where it’s possible to adjust due dates for assignments if work is particularly busy,” says Jacqueline. “The mentors are also very supportive, and it’s helpful that they are available to meet at the Jefferson Higher Education Center on JCC’s campus in Watertown.”

According to Jacqueline, one of the best things about Empire’s model is that she’s had the opportunity to work and learn with other students around the world through her online courses. “Empire has widened my horizons,” says Jacqueline.

Through its partnership with the Jefferson Higher Education Center, SUNY Empire State College offers dozens of individualized degree programs in a variety of subjects.

For more information on these programs, please call (315) 786-6541 or visit www.esc.edu.

What is a ‘Bachelor’s Degree Completion’ Program?
Jefferson Higher Education Center offers several bachelor’s degree completion programs for students who already have their associates’ degrees (or the appropriate transfer credits) and want to take their education to the next level. Complete your first two years of study at Jefferson Community College or a school of your choosing and transfer to one of our partners’ degree completion programs to complete the upper level coursework, typically the final two years of study. The possibilities are located here in Watertown!

SUNY Upstate Medical
Are you a bachelor’s or master’s prepared Registered Nurse who is looking to advance your career? Consider SUNY Upstate Medical University’s North Country nurse practitioner (NP) programs in Family Nurse Practitioner, M.S. and Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, M.S, both offered in Watertown through the Jefferson Higher Education Center.

These part-time master’s degree programs are scheduled to start in fall 2013. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2013, so don’t delay. Classes must be filled in order to be offered! NP students will complete the program in four years with two courses offered per semester.

For more information, please call (315) 464-4570 or e-mail admiss@upstate.edu and put “NP North” in the subject line.
Jefferson Express Rolls On

If you haven’t already heard, the Continuing Education Division at JCC has officially named its non-credit department Jefferson Express. Jefferson Express (JEX) will now encompass all non-college credit bearing workshops and seminars offered by Jefferson’s Continuing Education Division, including those taught on campus or online and those taught at locations throughout our community.

Jefferson Express was first launched in 2011 as a means to deliver workforce training to rural areas in Jefferson and Lewis counties. With funding provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant, free or reduced cost training with an emphasis on developing Internet skills was provided in local communities using 15 laptops and a JCC instructor. Although the grant ended in September 2012, Jefferson Express has become a name synonymous with easy, affordable access to quality training and individual growth, both personal and professional – which is also the aim of any non-credit activity the College provides our community. Without the grant, classes will be offered at our regular, economical prices. Workshops and trainings, including professional certifications and the popular kids camps, will continue to be held on campus, online, and off site in communities across Jefferson and Lewis counties.

On the Road

Many workshops are scheduled to take place this Spring at the Annex on Fort Drum including Intro to Adobe Photoshop CS5 and Intro to Adobe InDesign CS5. Effective Communication and Living with a Purpose workshops will be offered at the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce in Lowville. Additionally, two workshops designed with the small business owner in mind, Excel for Business and Social Media for Business, are scheduled at the Thousands Islands Bridge Authority in Alexandria Bay.

Online

Currently, Ed2Go offers six-week courses in a wide variety of computer, professional, and personal development topics and Gatlin Online Career Training Courses offers self-paced workforce training varying in length from 90 days to 12 months. Additionally, TheCourse™ which teaches core competencies of project management is offered online.

On Campus

Jefferson Express continues to offer a wide variety of personal enrichment, youth-oriented, technology, professional growth, and pre-certification workshops throughout the year on JCC’s campus. Personal interest topics range from art to dance to massage, while workshop topics such as grant writing and strategic management are designed to hone your professional skills.

Visit www.sunyjefferson.edu for detailed information and a complete listing of all Jefferson Express workshops. To schedule a training at your location, please email JEX@sunyjefferson.edu.
April Focus on Environmental Workshops…

...for Kids
Hands-on learning is the key to Easy Green Energy Technologies, a new school break workshop for kids ages 9-12. Types of energy are explored in simple, practical terms as students discover how Earth-friendly technologies keep us comfortable and save us money while minimizing impact on the environment. This workshop supports STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) core curriculum standards. The workshop takes place on April 5 (1:00-5:00 pm) and April 6 (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) and costs $75. Maximum 8 participants; deadline to register is March 29.

...for Adults
In partnership with SUNY-College of Environmental Science and Forestry’s (ESF) Office of Outreach, JCC will offer Basic Solar Power as Renewable Energy Photovoltaic Installation (SPARE) Training. Industry expert Dr. Gay E. Canough and ESF assistant professor Dr. Neal Abrams will lead the four days of instruction from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on April 1-4, 2013. The BASIC SPARE training includes instruction on sighting, design, installation, orientation, tilt and electrical codes, along with a mock build. This course can be applied toward North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) prerequisites. The cost of the workshop is $700 and the deadline to register is March 24.

To register for either workshop, please call 315-786-2438.

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Coming this Summer – The Monticello Project

This summer Jefferson Community College will unveil The Monticello Project. Named for Thomas Jefferson’s home, a place where Jefferson studied, wrote and often engaged guests in debate and conversation, the Monticello Project will offer participants an opportunity to learn more about issues that are pressing in American politics and government. Topics of importance will be discussed each Wednesday beginning June 12 through August 21. Discussions will take place on campus and are offered mornings, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., or evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Participants can register for as many discussions as they choose; each costs $45. For those that want to continue their learning, the Great Decisions workshop, offered through the Foreign Policy Association, will start on Monday, September 9. Great Decisions explores and questions current events and dilemmas in Foreign Policy.

Molly Reilly, adjunct instructor of social science at Jefferson and Alexandria Central School secondary social studies teacher, will lead The Monticello Project discussions this summer and facilitate the Great Decisions workshop in the fall. Mrs. Reilly holds a master of arts in political science from the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at SUNY Albany.

Morning Meetings: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 26: The Supreme Court: How to Read the Constitution?
July 10: Political Economy: Can Democracy Survive the Free Market Economy?
July 24: Digital Democracy: How Social Media is Changing Democracy
August 14: Civil Rights: Debating Marriage Equality

Evening Meetings: 5:00-8:00 p.m.
June 12: Immigration: Strengthening or Threatening American Democracy?
June 19: How Divided Are We? A Look at Political Culture, Society and Political Parties
July 17: Is the Deficit a Threat to the Nation?
August 7: Civil Liberties: Debating Free Elections after Citizens United AND Elections after ‘Willie Horton’
August 21: Church and State Relations in the United States

To register, please call the Continuing Education Division at 315-786-2438.
“I wish I’d found out sooner…”

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You know that disappointed feeling that comes with finding out that you missed a wonderful opportunity? Those moments when you say, “I wish I’d known…”

I have those moments when I open official-looking envelopes from attorneys’ offices, and discover that the JCC Foundation was named a beneficiary in generous donors’ wills. No one at JCC had any idea that those gifts were coming, so we didn’t get to say thank you to the donors while they were alive.

The Foundation is deeply grateful for those beautiful legacy gifts. It is moving to follow a donor’s final wishes—to establish a scholarship or endow a program that clearly meant a great deal to a person who thought highly of JCC. But it is so sad to work with an attorney or an executor to learn more about a donor and his or her intentions when I never had a chance to meet and to talk with the donor himself or herself! Sometimes, the best the attorneys and I can do is guess what would have made the deceased donor happy. It is so much easier to ‘get it right’ when we get to talk to the donor himself or herself!

If you intend to make a gift to the Jefferson Community College Foundation in your estate plans, please let us know! I would welcome the opportunity to hear directly from you about how you’d like us to use your legacy gift, so that we can make the appropriate decisions when the gift is finally made. I’d love to have the opportunity to thank you in person, on behalf of the College, for your generosity. People who have named the JCC Foundation in their estate plans become members of the prestigious McVean Legacy Society. We would be honored to add your name to the honor roll. Please contact the JCC Foundation at 315-786-2291.

Christine M. Rizzo
Executive Director

McVEAN LEGACY SOCIETY

Jefferson Community College’s first president, James E. McVean, was known as a man of purpose, tireless energy, enthusiasm and faith in the future of the College. These qualities, vision, dedication, leadership and generosity, are mirrored by those who have chosen to remember JCC in their planned giving. Membership is offered to all individuals who have made a deferred gift commitment to Jefferson, regardless of the amount. JCC is fortunate that these individuals have demonstrated their belief in the important work and mission of the College in such an extraordinary way. The following have made a commitment to Jefferson through a bequest, charitable trust, life insurance, retirement plan or other form of charitable giving through estate planning.

Anonymous
Elizabeth Brown*
Edison W. Cox, Jr. ’76
James H. Cox*
Webster A. Daniels, III*
Donald J. “Dutch” Grant*
Donald C. Helmer*
Richard C. Howland ’68
Elizabeth T. Loran
Anna M. Lyng*
Richard S. and Marion Lewis Merrill
Theodore R. Otakie*
Aline C.J. Taylor*
* Deceased
A message from Jefferson’s Alumni Association
Director

“Can you do addition?” the White Queen asked.
“What’s one and one and one and one and one and one and one and one and one and one?”
“I don’t know,” said Alice. “I lost count.”
~ Lewis Carroll, “Through the Looking-Glass”

We are inundated, every day, with a multitude of numbers. What time do we go to work? How many of our kids will be home for dinner? What is the pin number for this debit card? How much does that cost? From the balance in our bank account to the phone number of our favorite pizza place, numbers are a part of our daily routine.

We use numbers to measure progress and we use numbers to measure time. When Jefferson Community College held its first graduation ceremony in 1965, thirty-four students crossed the stage to receive their degrees and to become our very first class of alumni. Last year over 600 new Jefferson alumni were created. As we fill in the years from 1965 to the present, and as we count each alum, one-by-one, we realize that we are on track to hand out our 20,000 degree at this May’s 49th Annual Commencement Ceremony.

Unlike Lewis Carroll’s Alice, we didn’t lose count. Each student who made a conscious decision to pursue an education, who persisted even when life got in the way of completing that plan, who overcame the everyday challenges and enormous obstacles – sometimes with the help of a scholarship or extra tutoring from a caring teacher or the loving support of family – is special to us. The number of alumni may be approaching 20,000, but each one counts!

We have also found that we can count on our alumni. From that very first class to the most recent, Jefferson grads support new JCC students in their dream to earn a degree. Our alumni give back in so many ways. Some of them share their expertise and connections by offering mentoring and internship opportunities in the work-world, others share their time and talent helping students make connections to their transfer institutions. By far the most enduring gift has been the support for scholarships – through membership fees and donations – that provides the financial resources for a new generation of students to earn an education and to become Jefferson Alumni!

Mary Newman
Alumni Development Officer

Nominations Sought for Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame

The Jefferson Community College Alumni Association is soliciting nominations for the 2013 Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Awards. These awards are presented annually to outstanding Jefferson graduates who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement, in service to their community, or for their contribution to athletics at Jefferson. Awards will be presented at a special ceremony to be held on August 15, 2013 at the Watertown Elks Lodge.

The Professional Achievement award recognizes a graduate who has ten or more years in professional life, exhibits leadership within his or her profession, and has achieved recognition for success.

The Rising Star award recognizes a recent graduate who is on the rise in his or her career, exhibits a promise for continued success, and sets an example for future alumni.

The Jeffersonian award recognizes a graduate who demonstrates a dedication to service on a local, state, national, or international level. The Community Service award recognizes a non-JCC graduate who has exhibited significant service to Jefferson.

The Athletic Hall Of Fame recognizes individuals, athletes and teams who have exhibited outstanding athletic success or have had a positive impact on Jefferson Athletics.

Go to www.sunyjefferson.edu to download a nomination form. All nominations are due by May 1, 2013 to:
Jefferson Community College, Alumni Development Office, 1220 Coffeen Street, Watertown, NY 13601. You can also fax your nomination to (315) 786-0158 or email it to alumni@sunyjefferson.edu. Please contact Mary Newman, Alumni Development Officer, at (315) 786-2327, or Jeff Wiley, Athletic Director, at (315) 786-2248 if you have any questions or for more information.
At Jefferson, I had the opportunity to intern with Bet-Ceramics:
Keri (Nelson) Jobson ‘08, has been busy since she left Jefferson and her role here as Student Government president. In May 2010, she graduated with high honors from Rochester Institute of Technology, quickly followed by her marriage to Matthew and a move to join him in Virginia Beach, where he was stationed with the U.S. Coast Guard and where she worked as a loan officer for a mortgage broker. A new Coast Guard assignment took them to Kodiak, Alaska in 2012, shortly after they welcomed their beautiful daughter, Audry JoAnn, into the world.

Along with the world, we have been following the miraculous story of twins Allison June and Amelia Lee Tucker, born conjoined on March 1, 2012 to Shellie (Am- been to hear from fellow classmates and other alumni in the Staten Island area.

JCC Connections

Congratulations to the five “20 Under 40: New Leaders, Classic Values” honorees with a Jefferson connection featured in the December issue of Northern New York (NNY) Business Magazine:

- Andrea Bates, former JCC Alumni Development Officer
- Joshua Coburn, attended JCC in the late 1990s
- Michelle (Sabre) Farrell, Class of ’94
- Tracy Leonard, Class of ’06 and 2010 Distinguished Alumni, Rising Star Award Recipient
- Daniel Myers, Class of ’95

JCC takes great pride in the achievements and success of our alumni! Your alumni association wants to hear from you and to share your news with your fellow Cannoneers. Have you received a promotion? Landed a new job? Won an award? Started a business? Maybe you recently got married or had a child? If so, please submit your news to alumni@sunyjefferson.edu or call 315-786-2327.

Alumni Class Notes

Chiara Joseph ’06 is enjoying the fine weather in Savannah, GA. After Jefferson, she received a B.S. from SUNY Oneonta with a concentration in business and textiles. While at Oneonta, she attended the American Intercontinental University program in London where she studied fashion journalism and styling during the summer of 2007. This past fall, she received a Master of Fine Arts from Savannah College of Art and Design and is proud to share that she had the opportunity to intern with Betsey Johnson, one of her favorite designers. She is currently employed at Professional Case Management Services, a job she held while pursuing her fine arts degree, where she searches for a position in her field of study. She offered that “if it was not for all the fine professors at JCC and the support and guidance of the STAR program, family, and friends, I do not think I would have ever gone as far as I did in my education.

Sarah Wilson ’05 “misses JCC and Northern New York more and more every day!” She has been living in Palestine, TX for the last 6 years where she has been busy raising her family, 4-year old Ahnaleigha and 8 month old Evan, with her partner Travis Montroy. She is currently the facilities administrative assistant at Capgemini America. She plans to resume her studies soon and hopes to become an ultrasound technician.

One of our very first graduates, Marcia Walton Lawrence ’65, has had a very busy year. She got married in September to Charles E. Lawrence after being with him for well over a decade. She and her husband were snowbirds during the winter months living in Englewood, FL and during the summer months, living at Collins Landing, NY on the St. Lawrence River. Chuck was the seasonal manager of Boldt Castle and Marcia worked in the Advising and Counseling Office at JCC until 2009. They both sold their homes this past year and have moved to Aiken, SC where they bought eight acres and built a new home. Their future plans include traveling and training their Brittany Spaniels for field trials and the show ring.

Jerry Flanders ’66 is currently enjoying retirement with his wife, Lucille, who recently retired after 39 years at the Watertown Daily Times, but he certainly hasn’t slowed down! This proud 2009 JCC Athletic Hall of Famer generously supports the college in many ways including running the shot clock at JCC basketball games. He is president and 3rd assistant chief of the Copenhagen, NY fire department and is secretary of a state firematics organization. His daughter is currently attending Finger Lakes Community College.

Chris Ried ’07, remembers the wonderful experiences of life at JCC and especially the time he spent in student government. He currently lives in Nashville, where he works as a software developer for a small company that develops business intelligence solutions and inventory processing software. Most recently he began studying Arabic, programming languages, reading and enjoying an insurmountable mountain of hobbies.

Rachel Hunter ’10 graduated with a B.S. in journalism from Cornerstone University (MI) this past December. Using her passion for journalism and the experience she gained editing The Cannon while at JCC, Rachel was editor of Cornerstone’s student newspaper, The Herald. In the summer of 2011, she interned in Washington, D.C. at the Washington Times. While there, she attended the 2011 Values Voter Summit where she talked for two whole minutes with Newt Gingrich and shook hands with Michele Bachmann and Glen Beck (right after he was fired from Fox News). After a short visit home to Gouverneur for the holidays, she packed up her belongings and traveled to Marion, KS where she now works for Hoch Publishing as a reporter, copy editor and paginate.

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JCC Faculty Promoted to Colonel in Reserves

At the urging of a friend, JCC assistant professor of physical education Kim Sell first enlisted in the Army Reserves at age 17 to help pay for college and to ‘try out the military.’ Little did she know she was about to embark on a long and rewarding career that would earn her a promotion to Colonel in December 2012 and would also bring her here to Watertown and Jefferson Community College.

Sell first enlisted in the Reserves as a high school senior in Pennsylvania, taking advantage of GI Bill benefits to enroll at Slippery Rock University. Almost immediately, she enrolled in ROTC and then later applied for active duty. After earning her bachelor’s degree in physical education/health, Sell was assigned to Fort Drum with the rank of Lieutenant. In 1991, Sell went off active duty but immediately went back into the Reserves. She earned her master’s in education from St. Lawrence University in 1996 and was hired as a full-time instructor at Jefferson the following year. Over the last decade, Sell has been activated three times, in 2003 to train deploying Guard and Reserve units; again in 2006 as the training officer responsible for the Udairi Training Ranges in Kuwait, the final training before all units moved into Iraq; and again in 2008 as the Logistics Support Battalion Commander for the units running pre-deployment training events at several installations across the country, including Fort Drum.

Currently, Colonel Sell is the 2nd Branch Chief of the 2nd Brigade, 75th Training Division at the Naval Station in Newport, Rhode Island. She travels one weekend a month and has at least 17 additional days of duty during the year, most often during the summer. Sell is with a training and evaluation unit that works with the staffs of Headquarters and sustainment units (supply, mechanics, food, medical, transportation, etc.) to ensure that “all parts are working well together.” She describes the large scale training events as “complex, confusing and fun!”

Sell knows she has grown as a person as a result of her experiences in the Reserves. “I have been exposed to situations that the usual job does not offer: responsibility for large numbers of people and equipment; adapting to changes on the spot and doing many jobs at once; being responsible for seemingly ‘everything.’ I have worked with people from all over the world and have been in situations that have been outside my comfort zone.”

Perhaps most importantly, Sell, who teaches physical education (PED) courses and a business/PED course entitled Leadership for Sports Professionals, has a profound appreciation for the demands placed on military members and their families that only comes with first-hand experience. “I have had the good fortune of never being shot at or having to take another’s life, but I appreciate the gravity of police and first-responders duties in everyday life because I worked with them on activations and saw them go to war and come back home several times in the past ten years. I have seen so many young soldiers, the same age as the majority of the students here at JCC, go into war and return home as permanently injured adults—physically and mentally. I have great respect and gratitude for every member of our all-volunteer armed services.”
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