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## JCC has become school of choice for many

**H**ello! Summer has arrived and before you know it, Fall classes will be starting at Jackson Community College.

If you find yourself out of step with today's marketplace or are uncertain about your future, the community college can be a great start. Now is the time to call our advising office and let us show you how easy it can be.

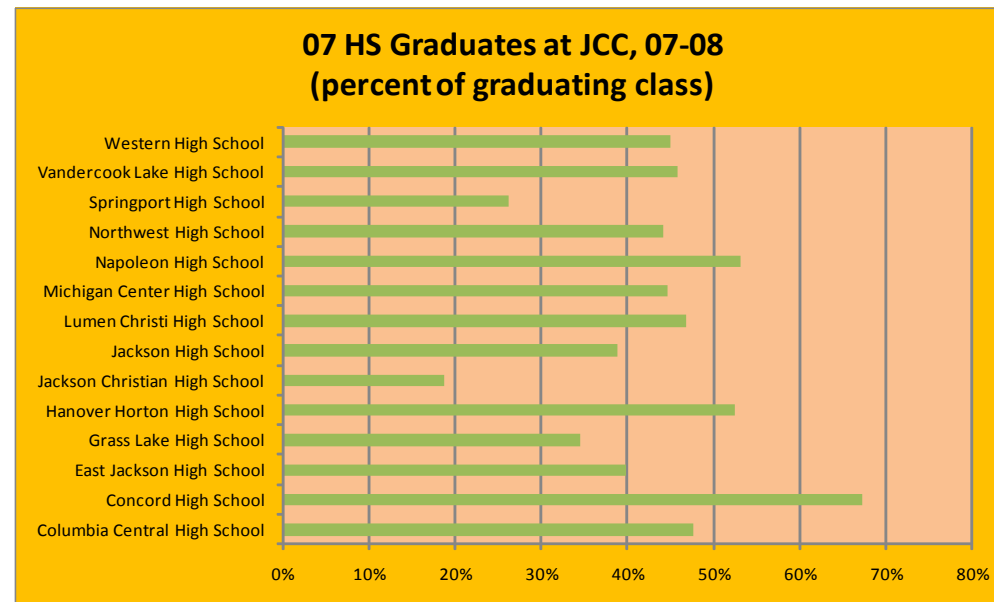
Perhaps you're one of the many recent high school graduates who made JCC their first choice. The reasons why we have become the school of choice are numerous. We have the programs in high demand health careers, automotive technologies, and computer technology along with rigorous content from passionate, qualified faculty, facilitating the learning process in state-of-the-art facilities. We have a comprehensive sports program providing that "true college atmosphere." Our student housing is second to none in the entire state and another unit will begin construction shortly. Consider this a personal invitation to join the celebration on Monday, July 14, at

5PM on the south side of campus (look for the tent near Campus View 1) for a ground-breaking ceremony. If you haven't had a chance to tour our housing facilities, July 14 would be a great opportunity to come and see "The New JCC".

It's more important now than ever to have the right skills for today's workplace. Career areas like health care and computer technology are searching for qualified workers. JCC is also taking steps to ease the burden on college students

high price of gasoline, JCC will begin offering some courses at strategic locations this Fall, helping save time and gasoline for students in the eastern and western portions of Jackson County. We have also increased the JTA bus schedule (see page 4) from downtown to JCC. We have also been mindful of scheduling core classes in "blocks" to try to keep the numbers of days per week students need to drive to campus minimized.

And last but not least, we have several courses available for students to take on-line, from the comfort of their own "computer." Come to campus and see what everyone is talking about. Call the JCC Advising Office for an appointment and personal assessment of your goals at 517.796.8425. There's no time like now to think about your future. Registration for all students begins July 21.



Today's economy underscores the need for more educated workers. Unfortunately, Michigan's jobless rate continues to remain high, at 8.5 percent in May, compared to the national average of 5.5 percent.

in regard to gas prices. With the majority of JCC students driving to class, we want to be mindful of the significant increase in gas prices and how it affects our students' pocketbooks. To help combat the

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Phelan  
President/CEO



**ALUMNI PROFILE****OnDreana Campbell**

Officer OnDreana Campbell of the Jackson City Police began her journey to becoming a police officer to fulfill a dream.

Campbell was hired on as a community service officer with the JPD and took advantage of the education benefits to complete her associate degree in law enforcement with honors.

"I love my job," Campbell said. "I always wanted to be a police officer. When I met the qualifications for the CSO (community safety officer), I was able to go through and succeed in the career I wanted."



As a community safety officer she handled non-criminal matters such as vandalism, found property, parking violations, assisting with community activities and more. She then became a police officer, a post she's held for the past four years since graduating

from JCC. As a police officer, she has more contact with suspects when making arrests and handling more serious crimes.

"Being in front of the community has been easier since people know me," Campbell said of her transition from community safety officer to police officer. "I haven't had many problems."

She thanks instructors Tom Fleming and Frank Kruszka for their teaching during her years at JCC. "I would recommend JCC to anybody who wants to go into criminal justice. I enjoyed all of my professors and teachers."

Campbell hopes to advance within the department and work toward becoming a sergeant or a detective.

"I want to be an example to not only African Americans in the community but also to females in the community that you can succeed in what you do," she said.

**JCC students raising money for service trip to New Orleans**

A group of eight Jackson Community College students plan to travel to New Orleans for one week at the end of July to assist with reconstruction efforts in the continuing wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Students will be traveling to New Orleans as part of the Alternative Break program, an effort by colleges and universities across the country to involve students in service during their school breaks. Students plan this to be the first of a continuing annual effort to offer service in different locations each year, and have formed a student organization called A BIG (Alternative Breaks Interest Group).

Students need to raise about \$4,000 toward the \$8,000 cost; President Daniel J. Phelan offered for JCC to pay \$4,000 toward the effort for this inaugural year. They will be staying in St. Bernard's Parish in an old middle school that has been converted into lodging for 300 to 900 volunteers per week. Students will help with rebuilding projects in the area.

The idea started after a session on Alternative Breaks at the February Project Success Day, a day set aside each Fall and Winter semester to help students with study tips and more on how to be successful as a student. Kathleen Volker and Taryn Daugherty of Jackson attended and were inspired, so they approached Student Parliament President Michael Caligiuri, and the idea spread. "We were really inspired by that lady that spoke, so we decided we wanted to do something like that here," Volker said. "I'm looking forward to helping people in New Orleans, try to help get them back into a place where they can live again."

James Jenkins of Jackson, recent JCC video production graduate, was interested in the challenge. He has done local service projects with the Sons of the American Legion in Jackson, and is looking forward to this larger scale effort. "I am looking forward to seeing firsthand the devastation and disarray in the areas we are going," Jenkins said. "It is difficult to grasp and understand when watching from the confines and

comfort of your living room. The fact that after so many years people are still in need of help and displaced amazes me."

"I really wanted to get into a service program and work with my fellow peers," said James Hubbard, Jackson area student planning to transfer and go into law. "I'm looking forward to learning some new things and getting a better experience about how community service programs work."

Student Za Thao of Parma, is attending JCC and preparing to transfer to Spring Arbor University. "I've always wanted to help others, and have never done anything like this so I am pretty excited," she said. "I'm thinking it will be a lot of work, but I think it will be a very satisfying and rewarding experience."

In order to raise funds for this trip, students are:

- Selling candy bars on the Jackson campus in the Center for Student Success, Walker Hall, and from individuals. Candy bars are \$1 each and available in a variety of Hershey brands.
- Planning an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at Applebee's Restaurant in Jackson from 8-10 a.m. Saturday, July 12. Applebee's has contributed use of their facility as well as supplying bacon, butter, coffee and juice for this fundraiser. Advance tickets are available for \$5 from Amy Leighton at 517.796.8445, or buy one at the door.
- Planning a spaghetti lunch at JCC in the cafeteria in the Potter Center, on Monday July 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$5 per person includes spaghetti, salad, roll and drink. Aramark, the College's food service, has donated all the food. Advance tickets are available for \$5 from Amy Leighton at 517.796.8445.
- Sending fundraising letters to family and friends to ask for donations. A fund has been established at the JCC Foundation for anyone interested in contributing to the A BIG Fund. Call 517.787.0244 for more information.

**EMS/HVA Open House**

Learn more about JCC's EMS program and our partnership with Huron Valley Ambulance. Join us **Saturday, July 17 from 1-4 p.m. Justin Whiting Hall rooms 176 & 177 on the Jackson campus.** Watch paramedic demonstrations and enjoy refreshments.

## Professors honored with teaching awards

Jackson Community College is pleased to honor faculty members Martha Petry and Suzanne McKee, recipients of the 2008 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards for JCC.

Petry is a professor of language, literature and arts at JCC and has taught for the College since 1979. McKee is an assistant professor of accounting and has taught for the College since 2001. Both attended NISOD's International Conference on Teaching and Leadership in May.

"We're thrilled to send these two fine instructors to this conference where they will be recognized with our national outstanding faculty," said Ann Green, dean of arts and sciences. "Suzanne teaches with professionalism, dedication and joy. Martha's teaching is passionate and innovative."



Petry first taught dance at the College, and in 1982 was asked to start teaching several English classes. She continues to teach both areas today, and has taught workshops that combine dance and writing in which students are challenged to come up with ways to express thoughts and emotions through movement. In addition to her teaching duties, Petry has served on numerous committees at the College, including the Academic Quality Improvement Program, the model for accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools that JCC follows.



McKee, a certified public accountant, worked with Plante and Moran before starting her teaching career. She says even when she was a CPA, her favorite thing was teaching and mentoring newer accountants. In addition to teaching accounting at JCC, she has been active with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, in which students are trained to complete income tax forms and then volunteer their time to help lower-income citizens complete their taxes.

## Dare to Dream!

Learn more about the opportunities for men and women in non-traditional careers.

JCC has a grant which will assist women interested in Law Enforcement, Business Administration, Networking, Visual Communication/Graphic Design and men in Medical Assisting.

To learn more join us for an **Open House Tuesday July 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the Potter Center, Federer Room C on the Jackson Campus. For more information please call 517.796.8415.

## College to break ground on more student housing

Jackson Community College will break ground Monday, July 14 on its second student housing unit, Campus View II. A short ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on the land southeast of the current Campus View building.

With JCC's first student housing unit full, the Board of Trustees in March authorized design work to begin on a second unit. Plans are for the unit to be similar in design to the current building, with the addition of a half basement for student activities. Construction cost is \$8 million. Anticipated completion date for the project is July 2009, in time for Fall 2009 semester move-in. This brief ceremony will feature comments from college and local leaders, the official turning of the shovels to start the project, and refreshments afterward. Community members are invited to share in this special event!



## STUDENT PROFILE

### Kimberly Devaughn

#### Returning business student finds college better second time around

Kimberly Devaughn of Jackson has always been interested in business.

The 38-year-old returned to college in Fall 2007 to study business after a nearly 20-year hiatus. She is surprised at the difference now from when she was originally enrolled.



"I wasn't as determined then as I am now, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do," Devaughn said. "This time I'm more determined. I want to either own my own business or go back into management."

She was pleasantly surprised at the support and encouragement she received from her professors upon returning to JCC, especially business Professor Barbara Van Syckle, who answered lots of questions for her when she returned. She was recognized at the end of the academic year with an Excellence in Learning Award in business.

Devaughn has worked in business and managed a business in Ann Arbor for five years. Her husband currently owns his own business.

"I want to get an education so I can get the knowledge behind what I know to do intuitively," Devaughn said. "I've had some experience in business. When I was in the sixth grade I was making corsages for kids in class for Mother's Day and selling them. I took chocolate to school and sold it in the cafeteria. I've been an entrepreneur from the beginning."

She enjoys business because of the flexibility it offers, as well as the opportunity. "You can have freedom and independence. Your determination helps give you how much money you want to make."

“ **JCC graduates are dependable employees who come to work on time, work well with people from diverse backgrounds, listen effectively and work well under pressure, employers report.** ”

**Employer Follow-Up & Focus Group Report. JCC Office of Institutional Research**

## Chief of Police Heins appointed to JCC board

Matthew Heins is thankful for the education he received as a student at Jackson Community College several years ago. Now, Jackson's chief of police is giving back to his alma mater by serving on its Board of Trustees.

Heins was appointed to the Board of Trustees in June to fulfill the term, through November, of William



Lambkin, who resigned his seat in May. Heins is a lifelong resident of Jackson, graduate of Hanover-Horton High School and attended JCC for two years then moved on to Michigan State University, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice. He later completed his master's degree in public administration

from Western Michigan University in 1995.

“I think I owe my success in large part to the two years I spent at JCC, which slowly transitioned me to that college environment and helped me understand what was expected of me at that level,” Heins said. “I thought this was a great opportunity to give back to the College.” Heins was hired at the Jackson Police Department in 1989 and worked various assignments

beginning with patrol. In 1993 he was assigned to one of the first community policing positions in the department, working the northwest section of the city on bicycle and foot patrol. In 1994 he moved into the staff assistant position, which involved coordinating training, grant applications and licensing. In 1996 he was assigned as acting sergeant in patrol. In 1997 he was officially promoted to sergeant and worked in the patrol division. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1998 and then to deputy chief of police in 2001. On Dec. 11, 2007, he was appointed as the Jackson Police Department's Chief of Police.

Heins is a past graduate of the Leadership Academy, Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, and the FBI National Academy. He has been a member of the Northwest Jackson Kiwanis Club since 1995, where he's been a past president and served on the board. He is a past member of the Elks, and has served nine years as a board member for the Cascades Humane Society, two as board president.

Heins has been an adjunct professor at Jackson Community College and Siena Heights University. He is also the vice president of the Criminal Justice Alumni Board at Michigan State University.

## Take the bus: number of runs increase

Students struggling with the high cost of gasoline may get some relief by taking the bus to campus from downtown Jackson. JCC is increasing the number of runs from the downtown transfer center, 127 W. Cortland, Jackson, to campus Monday through Friday. The new schedule began July 1:

Leave Downtown	Arrive JCC	Leave JCC	Arrive Downtown	Transfers Available	Days
7:20 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	7:55 a.m.	Yes	Monday - Friday
8:20 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	Yes	Monday - Friday
10:20 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Yes	Monday - Friday
12:20 p.m.	12:35 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Yes	Monday - Friday
2:20 p.m.	2:35 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	Yes	Monday - Friday
5:10 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	Yes	Monday - Friday
		9:15 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	No	Monday - Thursday

Student fares for the bus are \$1 (subject to change by JTA). Buses do not run when classes are not in session. Students may also purchase 31-day swipe cards and stored value cards from JTA.



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