

NEWS FROM jackson community college

It's all about your success!

Fall semester is here at Jackson Community College, and our campuses are booming!

Next to Commencement, this is my favorite time of the year. I enjoy seeing new faces on campus, thousands of students continuing their education with former high school classmates and meeting new friends along the way. Our adult population continues to seek JCC to advance themselves in their careers as well as begin training for new careers. We continue to see growth at JCC as more and more students make us their choice for their higher education needs!

Now that classes have begun, we have an extremely important task in front of us. The next few weeks are crucial to a student's success. JCC's Center for Student Success, located in Bert Walker Hall, is ready to help students with their challenges; whether it's trying to get acclimated to a college environment, struggling with finances, juggling family responsibilities, transportation, struggling in a particular subject or just feeling

overwhelmed, the Center is there to help all JCC students. The last thing we want is for a student to feel overwhelmed and just disappear. We are here to help each and every student with any real or perceived barriers.

As a new student at JCC or the parent of a student, there are still important checklists to follow. Students need to find the delicate balance between school, social activities, study time, family, children and jobs. Parents, while they feel it's the time to let go, still can be very supportive of their son or daughter by asking how their classes are going, engage them in conversation



to see how comfortable they are feeling and by all means, encourage them to seek out assistance at our Center for Student Success.

We are working to not only provide quality higher education that is relevant in today's workplace, but to improve accessibility in light of changing times. The addition of our weekend college format is particularly inviting to those individuals who work during the week, but want to come back and finish what they started or begin the education needed for a new career. And offering classes at our satellite locations at Camden-Frontier, Grass Lake, and Western High Schools are so much more than saving gas money. It's about making the transition from high school to college seamless. It's also an opportunity for high school students to get a "taste of college" while still in high school, to hone their skills and build that self-esteem necessary to be successful at college. For our adult students, it's about offering classes convenient to home, work and family.



We thank our students for choosing JCC to help them reach their goals. With all the numbers and statistics that we track as a higher educational institution, the most important number is one – serving the needs of each individual student, one at a time. Our students are our No. 1 priority!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Phelan
President /CEO



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**Morse joins JCC's new soccer program**

Jackson Community College is pleased to announce that Bill Morse is the new assistant women's soccer coach for 2008.

Morse has been playing soccer since age 10 and coaching since age 14. He has 30 years of soccer coaching experience at the recreational, club and high school varsity levels. He

started the boys' varsity soccer program for Columbia Central High School in 1995 and continued through the 1998 season. Morse also coached Onsted boys' and girls' varsity soccer programs starting in 1999, which was only its second year. He continued as the girls' coach through the 2004 season and as the boys' coach through the 2006 season.

Morse was chosen as the Lenawee County Coach of the Year for the girls' team in 2002 and 2004 and for the boys' team in 2002. He joined the Columbia Central girls' varsity soccer program in the spring of 2005 as an assistant coach to Andy Hosmer, now JCC's women's soccer coach.

Morse played varsity soccer at Lancaster High School from 1979 to 1982 and was team captain his senior year. In 1982 he started as an outside mid-fielder for Walsh University in Canton, Ohio. He was a member of the Walsh team for two years before an ACL injury kept him from competing at the collegiate level.

What made you decide to attend JCC?

"For the small class sizes."
-Cory Bartholomew



"Because of the warm and friendly environment. Other colleges weren't as happy to see me."
-Morgan Yates



"I came here because of the re-organized EMS program."
-Jimmy Videto

Volleyball team to host breast cancer benefit

Jackson Community College's women's volleyball team will host a Breast Cancer Survivor Benefit Match against Siena Heights University at JCC at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Victor Cuiss Fieldhouse on the Jackson campus. Donations will be accepted to benefit the American Cancer Society and breast cancer research.

"We wanted to do something to promote our sport locally while doing something to give back," said volleyball coach Leigh Ann Swihart. "Breast cancer is so common that almost every person has been touched by or knows someone that has either passed away from or survived breast cancer. The scary thing is that, detected early,

there is a very high survival rate, yet many women die from this disease every year."

Swihart and Siena Heights coach Susan Kelly thought this would be a great cause to get the colleges working together on and helping out the community in the effort. Each player and coach sponsored a survivor or memorial person for the match, and each person or family member will be invited and recognized at the start of the game. There will also be a "Real Men Wear Pink" contest with some of JCC's administrators and coaches, as well as a jersey auction and a serve contest raffle.

LaZebnik family establishes scholarship to honor their parents

The family of Sam and Edith LaZebnik are remembering their parents with a newly established scholarship fund with the Jackson Community College Foundation. To kick off this new scholarship program, Jackson Community College will present three days of arts workshops in September in the Ruth Day Theatre, Potter

Center. The Sam and Edith LaZebnik Endowed Scholarship for the Arts will support students pursuing the arts, many of whom are busy with time in rehearsals, studios, and in practice for their particular arts.

Seminars for writing and composing for television, film and literature will be held Sept. 25, 26 and 27, and will culminate with performances of the play, "Rachel Calof," all to the benefit the LaZebnik scholarship fund. "Rachel Calof" tells the story of an 18-year-old mail-order bride who leaves her tough life in 1894 Russia to face even more challenges on the North Dakota frontier. This 80-minute play details the extraordinary life of a Jewish pioneer woman living with her husband and family in a 12-by-14-foot plank house. It will be presented at 8 p.m. Sept. 26 and 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 27. Tickets are \$15, with special pricing for students. For more information, contact the Potter Center Box Office at 517.796.8600.

The public is invited to participate by attending several of the events and by making a tax deductible contribution in any amount. All money collected will go to the JCC Foundation for scholarships for talented students in the arts. All events take place in the JCC Potter Center.

Sam and Edith LaZebnik emigrated from Russia to the U.S. as teenagers, met and married in Detroit, and moved to Jackson in 1922. They worked and made it possible for their six children to each have an education. All attended JCC.

Free weekend workshops**Composing Workshop**

Thursday, September 25 3:00pm

Friday, September 26 3:00pm

Presented by Leslie Steinweiss, composer

Production Workshop

Thursday, September 25 3:00pm

Friday, September 26 3:00pm

Saturday, September 27 1:00pm

Presented by Paul LaZebnik, film producer

Acting Workshop

Friday, September 26 12:30pm

Presented by Becky Borczon, actor

Writing Workshop

Friday, September 26 12:30pm and 7:00pm

Saturday, September 27 3:30pm

Presented by Faye Moskowitz, author, poet & playwright

Playwriting Workshop

Friday, September 26 12:30pm

Saturday, September 27 3:30pm

Presented by Ken LaZebnik, film and TV writer, playwright and author

Round Table

Saturday, September 27 5:00pm

Presented by Faye Moskowitz, Leslie Steinweiss, Becky Borczon, Ken LaZebnik and Paul LaZebnik

Talk Back

Saturday, September 27 After the show

Presented by Becky Moskowitz, Ken LaZebnik and Leslie Steinweiss

Show ("Rachel Calof")

Friday, September 26 8:00pm

Saturday, September 27 2:00pm & 8:00pm

Presented by Becky Borczon, actor

Tickets are \$15 with special pricing for students



Join us for our Fall Community Day!

Jackson Community College will host a Fall Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 27 from noon to 5:00 p.m.



Activities are planned throughout the day for the whole family!

10,000 Steps - walk with the YMCA

CPCFU children's tent with Kirby the Kangaroo

Environmental Speakers

Environmentally friendly cars on display

Demonstrations by the City of Jackson Police Department

Tour Campus View Student Housing

Tribute to Veterans

Tours, information, fun & food!

Mark your calendar now and join us at JCC!

Students learn valuable lessons during service trip

A group of eight Jackson Community College students and an adult advisor traveled to New Orleans in July to assist with reconstruction efforts in the continuing wake of Hurricane Katrina. What they found there was not quite what they had expected.

"It was not like I thought it would be at all," said recent JCC graduate James Jenkins. "I expected that we'd just be doing clean-up work, I mean it has been three years. To get there and see that many homes had not been returned to because most people in this area were renters, so what do you come back to?"

"To hear the stories from the pastor and his family and how for two days they were denied any assistance because they were told they had to have ID. How could you have ID when your entire home is under water? Or seeing refrigerators sitting on the roof of a house because that is where it landed when the water receded."

Student Za Thao did some reading about New Orleans before going so she could be more prepared, but found what she read about and saw on TV is different than going there.

"When we first arrived in St. Bernard's Parish, we drove by neighborhoods that had blocks of empty houses with an "X" marked on the door or on the side. To me, this was depressing, yet I was also excited, because I thought maybe we would be able to work on one of these houses. Because, as you drove by these houses, you'd eventually spot a house (that was recently built) pop up like a daisy in the middle of a field of dead grass. And to me, that gave me a sense of hope, that we would be able to do something of that sort."

Jenkins and Thao recall going into an abandoned apartment building where one of the units still had a half-full bottle of beer and an iron plugged in, sitting on an ironing board, indicating how quickly the people had to flee.

"Words cannot even begin to explain the feelings you get when you talk to the people whose home you are helping to build, and they are still living in FEMA trailers and have been since 2005," Jenkins said. "Or, talking to actual survivors who tell you how they were on the roof and had no food or water for two and three days."

Both students said they would like to go back again. "As for the trip, it was an experience none of us will ever forget. We left as a group of friends and came back a family," Jenkins said. "I am actually thinking about going back on my own and becoming a full-time volunteer at the camp."

Thao said, "I would definitely go back in a heartbeat. I felt my group and I accomplished a good deal of work, and we worked well together." Students traveled 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).



Members of A BIG (Alternative Breaks Interest Group). This group traveled to New Orleans in July to help with Hurricane Katrina reconstruction efforts.

Win an Apple iPod touch with an 'ed2go' course registration

Jackson Community College's Center for the Advancement of Business and Civic Engagement (CABCE) announces a new promotion to win an Apple iPod touch by simply enrolling in an Education to Go (ed2go) online course.

In partnership with Education To Go (ed2go), www.ed2go.com/jackson, JCC offers a variety of high quality, affordable online courses that make it easy to take courses from the comfort of your home, office, or anywhere you have an Internet connection. Courses offer well-crafted lessons, expert online instruction and interaction with both an instructor and fellow students. Students have the flexibility to study at their own pace and can access the classroom 24 hours a day, seven days a week. New sessions of each course run every month and last for six weeks, with two new

lessons released weekly. Courses include lessons, quizzes, assignments, discussion areas and a final exam. Students who successfully complete the program are awarded a Certificate of Completion. These courses do not count toward a JCC degree.

As part of a Fall student campaign ed2go is awarding three free Apple iPod touch devices for the 100th, 1000th, and 10,000th student enrolled in each of the months of August 2008 through November 2008. In addition to the iPod touch giveaway, ed2go is also offering participating institutions the opportunity to win scholarship money.

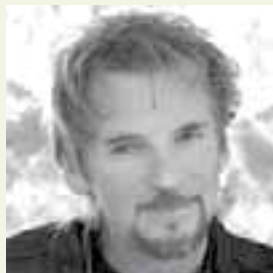
For more information please call Dott Znosko at CABCE at 517.796.8610.

Upcoming Performing Arts Schedule

for more information please visit www.jccmi.edu/events or call the Potter Center Box Office at 517.796.8600



The Rat Pack is Back
September 30, 2008



Kenny Loggins
October 11, 2008



LA Theatre Works: The War of the Worlds & The Lost World
October 17, 2008



Bowfire
October 25, 2008



NUNSENSE
October 30, 2008



Dancing Queen
November 1, 2008

JCC Jets Fall Sports Schedules

Home matches are **bold**. Visit www.jccmi.edu for the most recent sports schedules, as times are subject to change.

Men's Soccer

9/17	Kellogg Community College	4 p.m.
9/20	Macomb Community College	1 p.m.
10/1	Ancilla College	4 p.m.
10/4	Delta Community College	1 p.m.
10/8	Kellogg Community College	4 p.m.
10/11	Macomb Community College	1 p.m.
10/19	Schoolcraft Community College	1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

9/14	U of M Dearborn	1 p.m.
9/21	Schoolcraft Community College	TBA
9/23	Siena Heights University	4 p.m.
9/26	Cincinnati State University	5 p.m.
10/2	Alma College	4 p.m.
10/6	Adrian College	7 p.m.
10/8	Holy Cross	5 p.m.
10/14	Olivet College	4 p.m.
10/19	U of M Dearborn	1 p.m.
10/22	Alma College	4 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

9/16	Lansing Community College	6:30 p.m.
9/18	Lake Michigan College	6:30 p.m.
9/19	Breast Cancer Survivor Match	6:30 p.m.
9/20	Tri Match Wayne County CC	11:00 a.m.
9/23	Muskegon Community College	5 p.m.
9/25	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	6:30 p.m.
9/30	Ancilla College	6:30 p.m.
10/2	Kellogg Community College	6:30 p.m.
10/7	Grand Rapids Community College	6:30 p.m.
10/9	Lansing Community College	6:30 p.m.
10/10-10/11	Kankakee Tournament	TBA
10/14	Lake Michigan College	6:30 p.m.
10/16	Muskegon Community College	6:30 p.m.
10/17-10/18	Jets Invitational	TBA
10/21	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	6:30 p.m.

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