

NEWS FROM jackson community college

Whiting Hall renovation benefits College and community

Winter may be right around the corner, but construction crews are hard at work at Jackson Community College starting the next phase of renovation of our academic building Justin Whiting Hall.

Plans are for demolition and reconstruction of the entire east and west wings of Whiting Hall, as well as expansion of the west wing to add a new, 42,000-square-foot Health Laboratory Center. Renovation will allow for expansion of nursing and allied health career programs and will include advanced classroom technologies, state-of-the-art instructional laboratories,

related equipment and more. Construction is expected to conclude in July 2010. The project will cost \$21.9 million, half of which is being paid by capital outlay dollars from the State of Michigan.

This project will help to ensure quality learning environments and technology for JCC students. Nursing and allied health fields continue to grow even in difficult economic times, and all indicators say that it will continue as a large percentage of our population ages and reaches retirement age. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in October reported that the healthcare sector of the economy is continuing to increase despite the recession. This is good news for students and for the community. JCC educates many registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, and allied health workers such as sonographers, radiographers, respiratory care technicians, emergency medical personnel, medical assistants and

more. In addition, this building will house newer courses in sustainability, entrepreneurship, alternative energy, bio-technology and corporate and continuing education office.

According to estimates of the numbers of workers necessary for the project and the purchase of materials locally, the Whiting Hall project is expected to create between 80 and 156 jobs here in Jackson County. This is a \$21.9 million project with an economic impact equaling \$153 million through Michigan, with most of the contractors coming from this area. Not only does this create more jobs and more business for those directly involved with the project, but that money flows through our local community when workers shop and utilize local businesses and services.

Helping to boost the local economy in the short run through the construction process, and helping to provide education for students to get great jobs in the future,

the Whiting Hall project benefits our community for years to come.

Just a reminder that our Winter 2010 semester begins Jan. 11. With construction underway on our Jackson campus, we will be offering more classes at off-site locations, so check the schedule carefully.



Daniel J. Phelan
JCC President



Please consider a gift to the College to support one of our major initiatives, including student scholarships, to make the difference in the lives of many of our youth! I wish you a happy new year from Jackson Community College!

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ALUMNI PROFILE: Dr. Stephanie Richmond**Attending JCC the right prescription for future pharmacist**

Attending JCC gave Stephanie Richmond a great start in college and toward her career in pharmacy.

Now, the JCC alumna and Jackson-area pharmacist is sharing her experience as part of JCC's latest billboard advertising campaign. She is one of six alumni and six students to be featured in the College's campaign.

Richmond grew up in Jackson and attended Northwest High School before continuing her education at JCC, from 1991-93. Both she and husband, Dave Richmond, attended JCC.

"I was doing all pre-pharmacy at JCC, which was convenient and so I could get high grades and get into (University of) Michigan," Richmond said. "It was excellent, I actually thought it was better than

a university. I had one-on-one contact with my professors and enjoyed them all. It was close to home, and it was a lot of value for your money."



After two years she transferred to attend the U-M College of Pharmacy, where she graduated in 1997

with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Her professional career includes disciplines in clinical, hospital and retail pharmacy. She works at Weatherwax Family Pharmacy in Jackson.

Her husband, Dave Richmond, is a founding partner, chairman and chief investment officer of Richmond Brothers. She is active as a consultant at the Richmond Brothers Foundation whose focus is on child welfare through opportunities in education, health and fitness, including contributing to the Jackson Community College Foundation, where Stephanie also serves as vice president. She is the mother of two, Taylor and Hunter, and is active in the Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish.

"I think you get a better quality of education at a community college because you have the smaller environment and it is not so intimidating. Your voice can be heard in your class setting she said."

Attorney George Lyons to speak at King Dinner

Jackson Community College is pleased to announce that local attorney George Lyons will be the keynote speaker at the 2010 Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Dinner Celebration, Jan. 16 in the Potter Center.

Mark your calendar for this evening of celebration and inspiration as the College commemorates the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lyons will present an inspiring address entitled "Making Dreams Come True," sharing how he went from high school dropout to distinguished attorney. Also at the event, the 2010 winners of the King Medal of Service Awards will be awarded. This year's winners include:

Bobby Burton, a JHS educator who died of leukemia in October; Gail Mahoney, who represents the 8th District on the county's Board of Commissioners; and Golden Gibson, owner of Body Works Reconditioning on E. Prospect Street and South Street Salvage & Body Works.



Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students and may be purchased by calling 517.796.8600.

Camp offers lessons in leadership

Seven JCC students spent a recent fall weekend learning to lead. Students participated in a Michigan Campus Compact's Service Leadership Camp held at Sherman Lake YMCA Camp in Augusta, Mich. in September. Focusing on developing leadership that is service minded, students spent a weekend attending informational sessions, all focusing on the theme "Rebuild, Revitalize, Reinvent!"



Activities were designed to help students better lead others when they returned to campus, such as how to plan an event or how to recruit for an event. Topics included "The Poverty Profile: Blurring the Divide Between Volunteers and the People They Serve," and "Motivation and Time Management in Service: It Takes Two to Tango," which was presented by JCC's VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Bethany Shephard.

"We learned a lot about how to be better leaders," said Marshawn Goodloe, JCC student. "There were some great ideas you could immediately put to work."

At JCC, Goodloe is a member of the Men of Merit, the Alternative Breaks Interest Group (A BIG), and is a supplemental instructor in developmental math classes at JCC, a "tutor" embedded in a class to help fellow students. He is in his third year at JCC and is completing his basic classes in order to transfer to Eastern Michigan University and

complete a bachelor's degree in dietetics. "I found some things that I do normally that I could do a little better, enhance my performance more," Goodloe said.

In addition, those attending from JCC include: Nancy Thomas, Matthew Polson, Oveda Parker, Tirelle Haynes, John Taylor and Stephanie Rodriguez. The camp was facilitated by Michigan Campus Compact Volunteers In Service to America (VISTAs), including Shephard.

"I felt that the students gained a lot of knowledge on service leadership," Shephard said. "They also connected with as many as 200 students from various campuses across Michigan."

Women invited to "Cul-TEA-vate the Future" at high tea fundraiser

Moms, aunts and grandmothers, treat that special young lady or a friend to an afternoon of musical entertainment, refreshments and conversation.

Successful women from Jackson, Hillsdale and Lenawee counties will share their career experiences to inspire young girls while nibbling cakes and finger sandwiches over English high tea on **Saturday, Jan. 16** from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on the Baughman Theatre stage, Potter Center.

Laurie LaZebnik and Pat Willis will co-host the event, "Cul-TEA-vate the Future; Women Creating Momentum,"

a fundraiser to benefit Jackson Community College Foundation scholarships.

Enjoy a presentation on social skills essential for success presented by Kellie Garris. Enjoy musical entertainment by Michael Heald, concert violist, and Miyamoto, concert pianist.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Reservations must be made by Jan. 8, 2010 by calling 517.787.0244. Checks are payable to the JCC Foundation, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson, MI 49201. For more details call 517.787.0244.

Nursing, allied health program students score on exams

Jackson Community College nursing and allied health students have performed well above the national norm on exams.

Nursing students taking the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for nurses for the third quarter of 2009, with 97 percent, 42 of 43, graduates passing on their first attempt. The national pass rate for this quarter was 88.19 percent and Michigan's was 88.53 percent. In Michigan the baccalaureate rate was 86.86 percent and the Michigan associate degree rate was 89.6 percent.



JCC's LPN practical nursing graduates all passed their NCLEX exams, 20 out of 20, for a 100 percent success rate for the third quarter. National rate for this quarter was 88.03 and Michigan's rate was 94.55 percent.

Radiography students celebrated a 100 percent pass rate on first attempt for all graduates taking the board exams for the past year. For this year's second year radiography class that will graduate in May, JCC has a 100 percent retention

rate, meaning no students have dropped out of the program.

STUDENT PROFILE: Kimberly Garcia

JCC provides supportive environment for returning student

Kimberly Garcia marvels at the supportive environment she has found at JCC as she furthers her studies.

Garcia is a registered nurse and physician assistant returning to college to study vascular sonography. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Florida State University in 1996, and her master's degree in physician assistant studies at Grand Valley State University in 2004. She says her experience at JCC has been the best of all.

"The camaraderie among the students is outstanding, as well as the support from staff," Garcia said.

"I can't say that I have ever been in a program as wonderful as this."

Her husband, Dr. Manuel Garcia, owns VeinsPlus, a clinic in Lansing, where he performs many varicose vein and other treatments. With the clinic growing, Garcia wanted to learn more about venous anatomy to take on more procedures, freeing up her husband to do more.



Working with one's spouse may be challenging for some, but Garcia said it's really not an issue for them. "We have the same relationship that any physician and physician's assistant would have; we keep things professional in the office. Sometimes we may butt heads, but he is a very good listener, and we listen to each other. He values my opinion, and if I am having a problem, if I have a question or concern, I always go to him."

In addition to working and going to school full-time, the Garcias have two children at home, 5- and 10-year-old girls. She says she's happiest when she is busy, which makes it easier. "I really enjoy it, I like to be busy." The vascular sonography program is challenging, and students thinking about returning to college should be focused and have support at home.

"You have to go into this program specifically already with the vision that this is what you are going to be, this is what you are going to do, because it can be extremely challenging," Garcia said. "The support you get from Heather (Ruttkofsky, program coordinator) and other students will help keep you going."

Saving energy, finding new energy sources topics of new classes

Jackson Community College will expand its offerings in environmental areas with two new classes this Winter 2010 semester exploring alternative energy and energy efficiency.

Principles of Alternative Energy (ELT 160) will be a three-credit class that will introduce students to alternative energy systems and their design and applications. It will primarily focus on wind turbines and solar systems, and include information on hydrogen and geothermal systems. A basic understanding of electricity is recommended. Further classes will be developed to provide a certificate or degree in alternative energy.

Fundamentals of Energy Efficiency (CCT 160) will be a two-credit course and explore the fundamentals of designing and maintaining an energy efficient building to reduce a homeowner or business's cost of utilities. Learn techniques to identify wasted energy and the methods needed to modernize an energy inefficient home. It is part of the climate control and technology program because additional

coursework will be developed to provide students with an energy audit type degree or certificate.

"We're going to be developing entire degree programs in alternative energy and energy efficiency to expand on these introductory classes," said Mark Rabinsky, director of sustainability at JCC. "Several students have already expressed interest in the courses."

JCC began offering a course, Introduction to Sustainability, in 2008 that offered an overview of the wide range of issues involved in the topic of sustainability, "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." That course will be a prerequisite when the new degree programs are established.

For more information, contact Mark Rabinsky at Rabinsk-MarkJ@jccmi.edu. To register, visit any JCC location, or online at www.jccmi.edu.

Men's Basketball

- 12/21 Mott Community College, 7:30 p.m.
- 1/6 Glen Oaks Community College, 7:30 p.m.**
- 1/9 Muskegon Community College, 3 p.m.
- 1/11 Ancilla College, 7:30 p.m.**
- 1/16 Lansing Community College, 3 p.m.
- 1/20 Lake Michigan College, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- 12/19 Owens Community College, 1 p.m.
- 12/21 Mott Community College, 5:30 p.m.
- 1/6 Glen Oaks Community College, 5:30 p.m.**
- 1/9 Muskegon Community College, 1 p.m.
- 1/11 Ancilla College, 5:30 p.m., home**
- 1/16 Lansing Community College, 1 p.m.
- 1/20 Lake Michigan College, 5:30 p.m.

HOME GAMES ARE IN BOLD AND ARE HELD IN THE VICTOR CUISS FIELDHOUSE ON JCC'S JACKSON CAMPUS - 2111 EMMONS ROAD.

Lady Jets volleyball makes it to championship round in tourney

Congratulations to the Jackson Community College Jets women's volleyball team on a strong performance at the recent National Junior College Athletic Association District F Volleyball Tournament.

"The team had a huge run at the regional tournament," said Leigh Ann Swihart, head coach.

The Jets fell in the first round to Vincennes University, then came back to knock out Grand Rapids Community College and Vincennes in the



second round, placing them in the semi-finals against Edison Community College. The Jets defeated Edison to face the No. 1 seed, Kalamazoo Valley Community College in the finals. Jackson lost to Kalamazoo 25-23, 26-24, 25-15. The Jets end their season with a 21-18 record.

Congratulations also to Ashley Nugent, outside hitter from Jackson and graduate of Northwest High, and Kelsey Hinkle, outside hitter from Jackson and graduate of East Jackson High, who were both named to the all-tournament team.

New year, new direction: Register now for Winter 2010

Registration for Winter semester is underway at Jackson Community College. Winter classes will begin Jan. 11.

Current and prospective students may meet with an advisor to discuss their schedule by contacting Student Services at 517.796.8425, or any JCC location. In-person registration hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Hillsdale and Lenawee counties). Students may also register by mail or fax.

A complete course schedule and information is available at the JCC web site, www.jccmi.edu (under Admissions & Registration). For additional information in Jackson call 517.796.8425, in Lenawee County, call 517.265.5515, and in Hillsdale County, call 517.437.3343.

Community volunteers sought to help JCC students

Jackson Community College and the Center for Student Success have several opportunities for you to contribute to the education of our community. Through your help and effort you can impact Jackson. An educated community builds a stronger community.

We are looking for individuals who are willing to volunteer to encourage students through phone calls, help students improve their reading, writing or basic math skills, work with students in other subject areas in which you have knowledge or expertise, as well as opportunities to mentor or otherwise encourage students. Just two hours a week could make all the difference in a student's success.

If this opportunity sounds interesting to you, please contact Marian Burlingham for more information at JCC's Center for Student Success, 517.796.8415.

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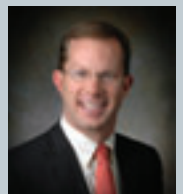
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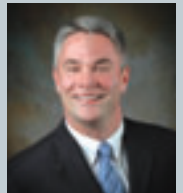
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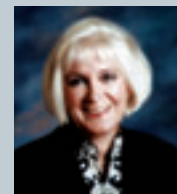
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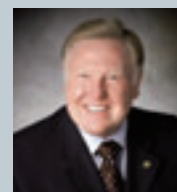
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