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Beyond the classroom

Student Government works to enhance student life

What's in a name?

Jackson College officials asked a similar question to students, employees and community members over the past several months, gathering information regarding a possible name change. College officials hosted focus groups and advisory meetings with community leadership in Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee counties, as well as internal discussions and an online survey. The outcome? The time indeed was right, but maintaining "Jackson" as part of the College's identity was heard loud and clear.

With continued progress over the years, much has changed at the College. In 2012, a significant shift for community colleges in Michigan was approved when Gov. Rick Snyder signed a bill into law allowing the offering a limited number of bachelor's degrees in certain applied and technical programs. With this new degree-granting authority and the expansion of international student recruitment, the time seemed right.

So, following action of the JCC Board of Trustees on June 10, what was once JCC is now Jackson

College! Rollout of the new name will be gradual ... existing office supplies will be depleted. Publications (like this one) and marketing materials will be changed as needed. Changing campus signage will be a priority. The board has set a limit to the funds committed to these changes.

"This name change reflects the positive changes occurring here at the College," JC President Dan Phelan said. While the name has been changed, the College continues its commitment to serve the local community and students, which is part of

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Dan Phelan, JC President

its mission and vision. "This in no way lessens our commitment to the community or to our students; indeed, we continue to grow and are expanding our programs."

Jackson College will continue to offer all the facets of the traditional community college, with skill sets, concentrations, certificates and associate degrees, transfer programs, and in the future, the addition of bachelor's degrees. Programs are currently under development in culinary arts and energy production. The

College is emphasizing efforts to draw more international students, many of whom are unfamiliar with the term "community college." JC opened a new International Student Institute this year, and is focusing on both attracting more international students to campus and providing more study abroad opportunities for students here.

So, if you ask, what's in a name, it's all that Jackson Community College was, and much more.

Greetings from the new Jackson College!

Jackson Community College has seen many changes over the past 10 years – new programs, new buildings, student housing, the return of athletics, and facility renovations, as well as an enhanced focus on diversity, student success, and much more.

The most recent of these changes is a streamlining of the College's name to Jackson College. Board of Trustees members approved the name change in June, effective immediately. We needed to modify the name of our institution to accurately reflect the highest degree we are now awarding. The name "Jackson College" will indicate to the public the awarding of both associate and baccalaureate degrees. Jackson College will continue to strongly support our various communities.

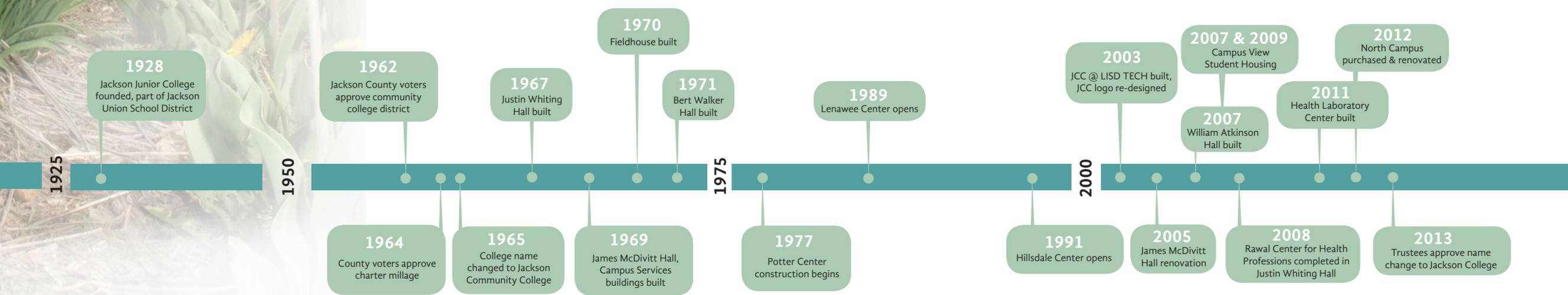
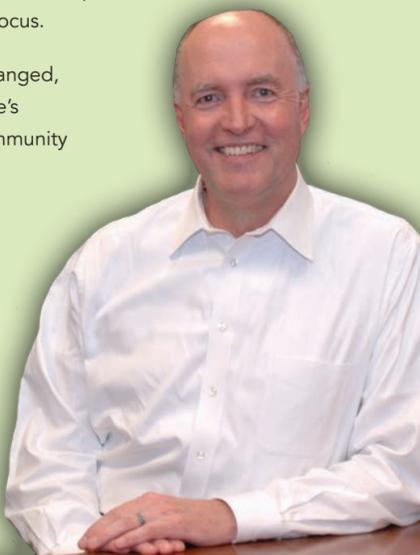
Most significantly, the College is developing two new bachelor's degree programs, following approval for baccalaureate-granting authority to community colleges by Gov. Rick Snyder and the Michigan Legislature in late 2012. Curriculum is being developed for culinary arts and energy production, specific fields that are in demand.

Additionally, with the opening of the new International Student Institute on the Central Campus, the College is increasing its efforts to attract international students to enroll. Many international students are not as familiar with the term "community college" so the name change affirms the College's "higher education/post-secondary education" focus.

The name may have changed, but not Jackson College's commitment to our community and our students.



Dr. Daniel J. Phelan
President, Jackson College



Student Government

eyes new opportunities, potential for campus & students

Jackson College's Student Government wants to engage campus!

Four students comprise JC's Student Government, who plan activities, act as a voice for students on campus, work with campus administration, and much more.

"We want this to be a group of students who are going to be continuously giving back to the campus as well as representing the student body with the utmost respect and integrity," said Maximo Anguiano II, director of residence life and student life, who acts as advisor and oversees the Student Government.

"As a student, there were a lot of concerns I had, and I saw an opportunity for a place where I could go and voice some of them," said Student Government member Paul Lewis. Lewis, of Hudson, has attended college two years and is majoring in computer networking. "I also thought it would be a good place to network and find out more about student life organizations."

Stefanie Flancher is in her third full-time semester at JC. A business major from Eaton Rapids, she first attended Lansing Community College but did not realize her full potential until she came to JC. Stefanie was amazed at how her professors got to know the students personally and cared about all of them being successful. Wanting to get more involved in campus, she decided to be part of Student Government.

"Now I've found a hidden passion for event planning," Flancher said. "I've done a lot of work with student life activities, and it's a lot of fun."

Planning more activities and community service is important to the current Student Government board. Ron Scott, a Vandercook Lake graduate

now in his third semester at JC, said the members have been organizing and participating in about one community service project a month, with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent De Paul, Cascades Humane Society and others. On campus activities include an anti-bullying initiative, and Lewis runs a student group, Geek Out. This summer, students are working in

the Campus View student housing garden, and members are busy getting ready for Welcome Week, for fall semester.

Student Hajrah Ghumman is originally from Pakistan and has lived in the U.S. for three years. A Jackson High graduate, she wanted to be more involved in campus also. "We are here to help students," Ghumman said.

Members are selected through an application process each January and serve for one year. Students selected for the four-member executive council each receive a three-credit scholarship each semester through the year. Members meet biweekly currently, and are continuously involved in the campus and community. Plans are to establish regular monthly meetings in the fall that would be open for all students to attend and learn more about Student Government

activities, in addition to having a platform to voice student concerns.

Later this summer, look for a concert series on campus, as well as an August trip to see a Detroit Tigers game. Events are listed on the college website, college calendar, and Facebook. Contact Maximo Anguiano for more information, 517.990.1331, or AnguianMaximoZ@jccmi.edu.



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what's new HILLSDALE LETARTE CENTER

Jackson College's Clyde LeTarte Center, Hillsdale, offers a variety of classes and programs for area students.

- Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) Hannah Reimann has worked for a year with students throughout Hillsdale to improve learning, increase college-readiness skills and encourage enrollment in post-secondary education. A new VISTA is expected in the fall.
- LeTarte Center will increase college classes offered at Camden-Frontier Schools for students hoping to dual enroll and the community.
- The College has offered a culinary arts degree in Lenawee County for a few years now, and Hillsdale will now offer courses in hospitality.
- New courses will include additional graphic design options and digital photography.
- A new course in office administration systems will provide students some skills they need to become an administrative assistant. Topics will include communication, administrative procedures, problem solving, meeting and travel planning, record preparation, presentation skills and electronic space management.

The Hillsdale LeTarte Center's smaller size offers the opportunity for a more personalized approach. Staff and faculty get to know the students, who learn in smaller classes with more opportunity for interaction with the instructor. Students support each other and engage in peer mentoring. Stop by the Hillsdale LeTarte Center, speak with one of the staff, and check out the facility.



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Good Advice

Meet regularly with an advisor to stay on course throughout college

Jackson College's academic advising staff can help you get off to a good start at college, stay on course and graduate without unexpected detours!

Academic advisors can help students choose the right courses they need to meet their goals. They may help new students decide what academic program they should pursue and map out a student educational plan with a manageable sequence of courses.

"Advising helps students know what classes to take, so they don't take unnecessary classes," said Joyce Dunbar, enrollment services specialist.

"We can help them get to their degree in the most timely and cost-efficient manner possible," said Mary Morrow, enrollment services specialist.

Types of Advising

Getting started - Students should meet with an advisor before every semester, to stay on course. New students should complete the steps to enrollment, available on the JC web site (www.jccmi.edu/student-services/admissions/steps.htm). New Student Orientation includes academic advising.

Picking a program - Advisors often meet with students to talk about and compare academic programs in general. Many students come in and want to talk about, for example, health programs, but they are unsure exactly what program would be best. While advisors are not career coaches, they can assist students comparing and contrasting the program requirements and outcomes to help them reach a decision.

Transfer -- Advising can also help students review their plans for transfer to a university. Advisors can help the student look at the transfer institution, see what is required and what courses JC offers that will apply toward a transfer.

Graduation - Advising can help students as they near the end of their program to be sure they are finished and ready to graduate. Students will frequently come to advising with questions about how close they are to graduation and completing their degree.

Student Athletes - Advising is important to help student athletes, many of whom plan to transfer on after JC, take the right courses they need both for transfer and to ensure their eligibility to play.

Veterans - Advising can help veterans understand their veterans benefits, how to access their benefits, and what they need to do each semester to utilize their benefits and finish in a timely fashion.

In addition, advisors answer a variety of questions that students may have about other services and resources at the College, like financial aid, support services like the Center for Student Success, and much more. Advisors may also help refer students to faculty members in various fields who can offer further advice about a career.

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Dangers of Self-Advising

Advising can save students time, money and headaches in the future! Students who enroll in courses that do not fit into their educational plan may find themselves paying for credits they do not need or won't transfer. Ultimately, it may affect a student's financial aid eligibility because there is a limit to the overall number of classes for which a student may receive aid. Veterans who enroll in courses that are not part of their plan may end up having to pay out-of-pocket if their benefits will not cover it.

Plan ahead

A student's best bet is to schedule an appointment with their advisor prior to registration each semester. Walk-in hours are available at Central Campus two days a week.

This is designed to assist students with quick questions in a 5-10 minute meeting with an advisor. Scheduled appointments guarantee you 30 minutes to meet with your advisor. If you have attended college previously and have unofficial transcripts, bring those with you, as well as any course placement test scores. Students who have an educational plan may need to simply call or e-mail to check-in with their advisor. Distance learning online students may meet with an advisor through e-mail or by telephone.

To schedule an advising appointment, call Central Campus 517.796.8425, LeTarte Center Hillsdale 517.437.3343, North Campus 517.768.7097, or JC @ LISD TECH 517.265.5515.

what's new

JC @ LISD TECH

With JC @ LISD TECH in Adrian, students may go to college without going too far from home! JC @ LISD TECH offers a variety of associate degree and certificate programs, transfer options and more.

One program that is unique to the Lenawee campus is the accelerated bachelor's degree in business program available in partnership with Siena Heights University. Through this partnership, students can obtain their Associate of Applied Science in business administration, management and marketing certificates from the College, and earn their Bachelor in Business Administration degree from SHU in three years instead of four.

Students progress together through the program with a cohort model, which helps to promote team building, leadership and networking with fellow students. The actual courses are offered in a "hybrid" format, part in the classroom and part online, and classes meet only Tuesday evenings and alternative Saturdays. In addition, once you are admitted, classes are guaranteed each semester.

"I think this is a great program for non-traditional students or those who have been to college before. Our cohort does help one another, and I am very grateful for that," said graduate Jenny Engle.

Also at JC @ LISD TECH:

- Culinary arts and hospital management programs continues to go strong. Students can start by earning a skill set or concentration in culinary arts, then continue on to earn a certificate or associate degree. Students practice their new skills with several community dinners throughout the year.
- This summer, the College and LISD TECH center faculty are teaching an Environmental Science class, which has a mixture of college, middle college (JC/LISD Academy) and LISD TECH students.



JC @ LISD TECH • 517.265.5515

JC equals
**valuable
 education**

at a great savings!

Attending Jackson College makes sense for your finances as well as your future!

Take the classes you need while saving thousands of dollars over the cost of four-year college or university. With your savings, you will be that much further ahead when you graduate, go to work, or transfer on to a university.

Teacher education graduate Dawn Howe, now a teacher at Hanover-Horton Elementary, is happy with her choice to attend the College. "I think it's a great

place to start. My classes were very high quality. It is economically a wise choice," Howe said. "Academically, you get just as much, if not more, at JC as the four-year universities."

In addition to JC's affordability, financial aid is also available to those who qualify. Visit the web site for more information on tuition costs and financial aid opportunities.



Tuition Comparison using JC In-County Rate

	Other	minus	JC Tuition	equals	Annual SAVINGS!
Eastern Michigan (EMU)	\$7,701	—	\$3,330	=	\$4,371
Western Michigan (WMU)	\$9,464	—	\$3,330	=	\$6,134
Grand Valley State (GVSU)	\$10,078	—	\$3,330	=	\$6,748
Ferris State (Ferris)	\$10,220	—	\$3,330	=	\$6,890
Central Michigan (CMU)	\$11,220	—	\$3,330	=	\$7,890
Michigan State (MSU)	\$12,862	—	\$3,330	=	\$9,532
University of Michigan (UofM)	\$13,142	—	\$3,330	=	\$9,812
Siena Heights (SHU)	\$21,250	—	\$3,330	=	\$17,920
Spring Arbor University	\$21,998	—	\$3,330	=	\$18,668
Adrian College (Adrian)	\$30,208	—	\$3,330	=	\$26,878
Albion College (Albion)	\$35,454	—	\$3,330	=	\$32,124

Approximate cost for attending these schools based on 2013-14 tuition for equivalent of 30 undergraduate semester credit hours annually. Annual tuition only, does not include fees. Source: College and University websites, June 2013

**PTK chapter
 stars on national level**

**Jackson College's Phi Theta Kappa
 Honor Society chapter is rated five stars!**

Jackson College's Alpha Rho Lambda chapter has been busy over the past year, and those efforts paid off at the national convention in San Jose, Calif., when the chapter was awarded Five-Star level status, the highest honor possible for chapter development. Members must complete specific goals relating to promoting membership, interacting with college administration, and improving student engagement to achieve the Five-Star status. Members also must participate in PTK Hallmark Award, which may include the Honors in Action Project or College Project.



Martha Petry

The Alpha Rho Lambda project was called "Lessening the Fear Factor: Helping Students Register Online and Acclimate to Our Community College Culture." It focused

on helping students who had trouble with online registration process, and involved PTK students helping at new student orientations, campus tours, and assisting fellow students in registration.

"For years, JC has been a one- or two-star chapter. Officers set a goal to achieve five-star status. We were awarded Four Star Chapter development status last year, and

now we are one of the top," said Professor Martha Petry, chapter advisor.

In addition, JC's chapter also received the Distinguished College Project Award, one of the 30 top chapters. Petry was recognized for her leadership and involvement with the 2013 Faculty Scholar recognition.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recognizes and encourages scholarship among two-year college students.

Honors Leadership class to be offered in fall

Motivated students may further their leadership and involvement by enrolling in Jackson College's Honors Leadership course (FYS 150) this fall. This course introduces students to the mission, vision and values of the College. It introduces students to leadership principles with individual and group service learning projects centered on improving the College's connections with area high school, the community and stakeholders.

This will be a two-credit class open to students by permission of the instructor, Professor Martha Petry (PetryMarthaJ@jccmi.edu).



what's new
 NORTH CAMPUS

The College's newest location is going strong with between 500-600 students enrolled in classes each fall and winter semesters. JC began offering classes at the North Campus location in 2012, off Blake Road with easy access from I-94 and U.S. 127 South after the College's Foundation purchased and renovated the building. This location is designed to provide ease of access to students, particularly those who drive from the north end of Jackson County, with a range of student support services available on site.

North Campus classes feature full-time faculty members who are on-site and provide a supportive learning environment for students. Students may choose from a full array of courses to meet the needs of those just starting out and those who are working to complete a degree. The facility features seven classrooms, two with computers, one with laptops and the other with desktop computers. The desktop lab is used as an open lab when there isn't a class in session. In addition, there are:

- Two breakout rooms and two conference rooms available for student use;
- Five computer stations for student use in the upper level hallway;
- Student lounge area with vending machines;
- Main office and faculty space.
- Ample, lighted parking area.



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What's Happening at Jackson College

Fall registration starts soon

A college education is an investment in you.

Statistics show that more learning equals more earning! Let Jackson College help you get started. JC can open the door to more job opportunities, boost your earning power and better your future. Registration for fall semester classes begins in July:

July 17, returning students with 24 or more JC credits may register online

July 18, returning students with 12 or more JC credits may register online

July 19, new students who have met with an advisor and returning students may register online

Fall semester classes begin Aug. 26.

For more information, call any of our locations: Central Campus, 517.796.8425; JC @ LISD TECH, 517.265.5515; Hillsdale LeTarte Center, 517.437.3343; North Campus, 517.768.7097.

Call your preferred location for registration hours or visit online at www.jccmi.edu.

A complete course schedule is available on the JC website (www.jccmi.edu under Admissions)



Jackson College has new and improved degree offerings this fall:



- A new **environmental science program** is taking root at Jackson College. Plans are for a new associate degree program to begin in the fall, following the launch of a certificate program in 2012. Environmental scientists explore nature's systems and how humans influence those systems. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 24 percent increase in jobs relating to environmental science over the next decade.
- Prepare for a job with lots of potential with new **associate degree and certificate programs in sales**, designed to help students interested in sales and sales manager positions. Sales jobs occur in every industry, and the job outlook is bright, with 12 percent growth in the number of openings expected through 2020.

- Prepare for a career in today's business offices with a new **executive assistant associate degree** program. Executive assistants are professional-level positions who provide support for senior management in almost every business type. Job growth for this field is projected to be about 8 to 13 percent.

- Make your own business dreams come true with the new **associate degree or certificate in entrepreneurship** program. Students will draw from a broad range of disciplines and courses, providing them with the analytical tools and diversity of knowledge conducive to thinking like an entrepreneur.

- Prepare for a career in the print industry with a new **print production certificate** program. It will combine some basic graphic design with more practical, technical coursework in printing and press operation. The College will work with the Jackson Area Career Center to offer students a background in many printing areas – screen-printing, linotype, four-color process, web offset press and more.

- Enhance your current career or get a start toward the field of graphic design with a new **skill set in graphic design**. This quick 12-credit credential will introduce students to the industry standard Adobe® Creative Suite graphic design programs.
- One of JC's computer support programs is getting an upgrade! Students may complete their **associate degree or certificate in computer support specialist**, a program formerly known as the microcomputer applications specialist. Program requirements have been revised to help serve today's computer specialists.

To learn more about these or any JC program, visit online at www.jccmi.edu, or call 517.787.0800.

Jackson College a Military Friendly School®

Jackson College has again been named a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, a media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The recognition shows the College's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students. JC offers many services to veterans and their families as they pursue a college education. Contact JC's veteran's advisor, Kelley Emerson, at 517.796.8611 or online www.jccmi.edu/student-services/veterans/index.htm.



New course designed to help sonographers with vascular skills

To help meet the needs of local hospitals and health care providers, Jackson College's vascular sonography program will offer a new course to cross train general and cardiac sonographers.

JC offers associate degree programs in vascular sonography, general sonography and cardiac sonography. The health care industry today is looking for sonographers who are skilled in a variety of areas, and sometimes technologists who are general or cardiac sonographers are asked to perform these vascular procedures. JC will offer a 10-credit class in two common vascular exams, carotid duplex imaging (carotid artery in neck) and venous duplex imaging to evaluate for patency (veins of the lower body).

To enroll in the course, prospective students must either: actively hold sonography credentials, or; be a graduate of a CAAHEP accredited programs with at least 12 months hands-on experience in general or cardiac sonography.

To learn more, contact Heather Ruttkofsky at 517.796.8531, or e-mail RuttkofHeatherM@jccmi.edu.

New bachelor's degree programs in works

This year, college faculty are doing their homework to develop two new bachelor's degree programs at JC, following state approval in 2012 granting community colleges the authority to offer a limited number of four-year degrees. Plans are for a bachelor degree program in culinary arts and hospitality management and a bachelor degree in energy systems management.

While the degrees will not receive final approval by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) until fall 2014, students can get started working toward these degrees in fall 2013. For more information, please schedule an appointment with an academic advisor at any JC location.

Jets pitcher heading for Major League

Jackson College congratulates **Blake Higgins**, a right-handed pitcher for the Jets for the past two years, who was selected in June by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 16th round of the draft. "Blake has worked hard in his two year at Jackson Community College and has represented the program in a professional manner," said Jets baseball coach Rick Smith. "I am so happy for him. The Jets family wishes Blake the best and will be his best fans." In addition to Higgins' good fortune, Jets baseball had nine other players who all signed letters of intent to play baseball next year for four-year colleges and universities.



College welcomes back Alumni to 'Jets 4 Life' Weekend

JC alumni, families and friends are invited Sept. 27, 28 and 29 for a "Jets 4 Life" weekend. Events in the planning are:

Friday, 9/27

6 p.m., Welcome Ceremony, Alumni Feature (\$)

Saturday, 9/28

8 a.m., Breakfast with the President

12 noon, Events include: picnic, class photos at Whiting Hall fountain, kids Olympic games, art activity (\$), live music, campus tours, CPR class.

12:30 p.m., Alumni sporting events

7 p.m., Reconnection Reception, includes cash bar, free finger foods and networking

Sunday, 9/29

8 a.m., Golf outing at Lakeland Hills. (\$)

Please RSVP for all events by calling 517.787.0244 or online at www.jccmi.edu/foundation/jets4life.

Jackson College is committed to diversity. We believe that diversity among our employee and student populations greatly enriches the educational experience and working environment. The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect.



Questions about JC programs and services described in this publication should be directed to Student Services itself. Comments or questions about the publication itself can be directed to the Marketing Department at 517.796.8425.

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Make the world your classroom with international study experiences

For Jackson College alumnus Lauren Prebenda, traveling to a foreign country and being completely taken out of her comfort zone helped build her confidence in new ways.

To prepare more students for the increasingly global workplace, JC launched its International Student Institute this year, dedicated to increasing study abroad opportunities for students, as well as welcoming more international students to campus.

JC currently participates in the US-Brazil Connect program, now in its second year. The College sent one team of

students to Brazil to mentor high school students in English language in 2012; this year the program has expanded and the College has sent three teams. Prebenda was one of the inaugural US-Brazil Connect students, and returns this year as a team leader. With plans to pursue a career in teaching, US-Brazil Connect gave her a taste of her future dreams while still in college.

“Before I traveled to Brazil, I was afraid,” Prebenda said. “I suppose what I was most fearful of was that I would somehow fail. I sometimes questioned whether I could do it, but not only did I end up being just fine – I actually thrived. I learned a multitude of things in Brazil.”

Travel study programs bring the classroom to life for students, said Bethany Burgun, director of the International Student Institute. International study experiences challenge students’ own stereotypes and beliefs about those living in other countries, and help break down stereotypes others may have about Americans.

“We can begin to see that people are more alike than they are different,” Burgun said. Students build skills that are in demand in today’s workplace,

such as increased tolerance and understanding of other people, better problem-solving skills, more foreign language skills, and overall, more self-assurance and maturity. Moreover, since only about 1 percent of the overall population participates in study abroad programs, those who do set themselves apart in future job searches.

Travel can give students “elite” skills that make them more attractive to employers, although travel experiences themselves are not elite, but more and more accessible to all students. Burgun is working with faculty to increase the number of short-term travel programs in which students would spend 10 days to two weeks in another country, something accessible to most students.

“There aren’t as many students, especially at community college, who can take a semester or a year to spend in another country,” Burgun said. “Short-term immersion trips can help fit with one’s family and work life, so they are more accessible, especially to non-traditional students.”

To learn more about traveling abroad, see Burgun in the International Student Institute, Bert Walker Hall, 517.990.1316, or burgunbethany@jccmi.edu.



Bethany Burgun (seated at left) is a native Midwesterner and first-generation college graduate with a life-long passion for international education. Bethany has traveled to nearly 30 countries, speaks Spanish, and has studied French and German. She is a former classroom teacher of language arts, English as a Second Language, Spanish, and theology, and has served as an administrator in higher education since 2004. She has experience in marketing, alumni relations, travel abroad, and international student services. Bethany graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and anthropology. She earned a Master of Education degree with a concentration in language education, receiving Distinguished Portfolio honors from the University of Notre Dame in 2000. In her spare time, Bethany enjoys yoga, hiking, knitting, reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.