



# Saying goodbye to 2021 & welcome 2022!

This past year has been interesting and challenging on many levels. Still, there is much for us to hold in gratitude. After more than a year, and after the introduction of many safety protocols and practices, Jackson College re-opened the Central Campus for on-campus classes and operations in July, which had been at a bare minimum due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While many students continue to prefer learning online, more in-person classes are being added all the time. We welcome all students and guests

to return to the classrooms when they feel comfortable to do so.



As we approach two years of the pandemic in March, know that Jackson College remains vigilant in keeping our campuses safe for everyone. Our Reintegration Task Force (i.e., the group that helps guide our College through the data, science, protocols, and laws related to COVID and human safety) meets weekly to review changing conditions, campus procedures, and plan for our future. From welcoming the community back to Potter Center shows and events, to gathering as students and employees on campus, each step has been carefully considered and

reviewed to be as safe as possible. Jackson College remains guided by what we call our Total Commitment to Student Success (TCS<sup>2</sup>); it's our laser-like focusing on every aspect of helping students find success. Maintaining a safe, healthy campus is clearly a big part of that commitment.

I want you to know that when your son, daughter or other family member wants to continue their education, Jackson College is here for them. Whether in-person, online, or a blend of the two, Jackson College is ready to help them pursue their college dreams, create a new future, or improve their current situation. Our student services staff members are ready to help everyone in reaching their goals. Despite a pandemic, the need for education and training has never been stronger, and our faculty offer outstanding instruction, regardless of how it is delivered. Our College's leadership, faculty and staff continue to innovate and provide new and improved courses, programs, instructional technology, and support for students.

So, while we say goodbye to 2021 and look forward with greater hope for 2022, we are grateful for the continued privilege to serve and educate our community. Jackson College is here, for you. Happy holidays to all!

Dr. Daniel J. Phelan, President & CEO, Jackson College

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## Semester names change in 2022

Beginning in January 2022, what used to be winter semester will now be called spring semester. Likewise, what was spring semester will now be summer semester.

This change brings Jackson College in line with terminology used by many other colleges and universities, according to President Daniel J. Phelan. The vast majority of the nation's higher education institutions, including those in the most Northern states with snow, use the standard fall, spring and summer trio.

*"As we seek to serve students better, serve more students from other states and institutions, as well as to assist our students with transfer plans extending to other states, I wanted to use the traditional semester nomenclature. Doing so will help eliminate confusion and improve communications,"* Phelan said.



## You can – with Jackson College!

Start the new year with a new beginning! The future you've dreamed of is within your reach. Jackson College's spring semester begins Jan. 10, 2022 with the full 15-week classes and end April 30. The College offers a variety of class lengths to fit your schedule. Check the website for the full class listing for each session.

**Jan. 10**  
7-week  
and 5-week  
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Jackson College became a board member in the League for Innovation in the Community College in 2019.



## Jets Village family housing: A new future can start now

Tired of working hard just to make ends meet? A college education could put you into a better job for you and a better future for your family. Jackson College can help.

Families may now live on campus in the Jets Village family residences located on Central Campus, with support services and mentors to help students reach their goal and graduate. Already, students are enjoying the program and have reported the program supports their career aspirations while easing some barriers. Central Campus has a childcare center available, and students may secure campus jobs, as available.

#### Family residences will be open to:

- Single students with dependent children;
- Legally married students with dependent children;
- Domestic partners with dependent children.



To qualify, students should enroll full-time in the fall, spring and summer semesters. Housing contracts will be 12-month terms, to encourage completion of an associate degree and provide stable housing for families. Rent is just \$425 per month, with utilities and Internet provided! To apply or learn more, visit [www.jccmi.edu/family-housing/](http://www.jccmi.edu/family-housing/).

# Jackson College launches new affinity groups, liaisons to build community

***Affinity: a feeling of closeness and understanding that someone has for another person because of their similar qualities, ideas or interests.***

The Merriam-Webster definition of affinity describes feelings of closeness and understanding, a quality that makes people suited to each other. At Jackson College, a new effort creates affinity liaisons, individuals from diverse backgrounds who will reach out to the community and students to enhance diversity efforts.

“This is an effort for us, as a college, to better identify and serve all students in an inclusive campus culture,” said Kelly Crum, chief diversity officer and director of diversity, equity and belonging. “Jackson College is excited to reach out to these sometimes-marginalized groups.”

Liaisons will build connections with others in their community, as well as offer student activities and cultural programming. From those connections, they will ask questions and learn more about any barriers or hindrances to attending or succeeding at Jackson College.

**Jacob Inosencio, Latinx/Hispanic communities liaison** “I want to work to help Jackson College continue to do great work expanding access to minorities and develop new programs to find and help retain new students.”



**Daniel Mahoney, African-American communities liaison** “My first hope is to achieve the lofty goals outlined in the responsibility of the position: to increase recruitment, retention and graduation rates of the affinity group that I represent.”

**Cheryl Ragland, faith communities liaison** “My hopes and plans are to reach out to the local faith-based community by developing relationships and implementing programs designed to increase this connection, resulting in a more inclusive campus culture.”



**Jonathan Robertson, LGBTQIA+ liaison** “I hope that I can establish a space for LGBTQIA+ students and their allies that is equitable, equal, and supportive of them.”

**Elizabeth Storey, senior/elder groups liaison** “My hope is to dispel myths and stereotypes that evoke a one-dimensional image of the elder population; it is not about the number of years in someone’s life, but the life infused in those years that matter!”



**Sidra Tousif, Pakistani community liaison** “I hope to increase the count of Pakistani students in the U.S. and make the opportunity of getting an education in the U.S.A. more accessible for Pakistani students. I also plan on communicating the opportunities and resources the College provides to my community’s students.”

**Ai Yoshida, Asian/Pacific Islander communities liaison** “My mission is to promote a deeper understanding of the problems we are facing today while advocating to create safer and healthier Asian/Pacific Islander communities here in Jackson.”



**Matthew Zelasko-Barrett, Indian communities liaison** “I love to mentor and advocate for youth and young adults in general, especially youth who are from India or have roots in India, so I am excited to be in this role for Jackson College!”

**For more about the affinity liaisons, visit [www.jccmi.edu/diversity-equity-belonging/affinity/](http://www.jccmi.edu/diversity-equity-belonging/affinity/)**

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## Celebrate MLK birthday as 2022 Celebration will again gather in person

Join us for the 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, happening Saturday, Jan. 15, in the Victor Cuiss Fieldhouse. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 for youth and senior citizens.

**Keynote speaker** for the evening will be **Paula Autry**, senior vice president and chief executive officer of Henry Ford Health System's Central Market and president and CEO of Henry Ford Allegiance Health. She will share about **"The Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.: PURPOSE, COMMITMENT, JUSTICE."**

With a successful career in healthcare and hospital administration, Autry is one of Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Minority Healthcare Executives.



Recipient of the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Medal of Service Award** will be **Monica Pierce**, Principal for Instruction at Jackson High. Pierce is committed to helping students, wanting the best for them as she does for her own family. She is Jackson High's first African

American, female principal for instruction, and under her guidance, multiple programs have been put in place to help students and staff succeed.

Tickets available from the Potter Center Box Office at 517.796.8600 or online at [www.jccmi.edu/mlk22](http://www.jccmi.edu/mlk22). Masks are required on campus; please check the College's COVID-19 protocols at [www.jccmi.edu/covid-19](http://www.jccmi.edu/covid-19).

## More great entertainment to come as Potter season continues

### Drumline Live | 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22

DRUMLine Live is based on the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching band tradition. Incorporating original compositions and soul-infused interpretations of top 40 hits, performances range from colorful, choreographed routines to heavy doses of drum riffs and cadences.



### Motones vs. Jerseys:

#### The Ultimate 60's Sing-Off | 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27

Motones vs. Jerseys is the ultimate 60's sing-off where the audience chooses the winner! Which group will reign supreme? Featuring nearly 50 songs from beloved artists like Marvin Gaye, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, The Temptations, The Beach Boys, and more.

### Peter Pan and Cinderella on Ice 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19

Sit on the edge of your seats as professional champion ice skaters, Broadway-level singers, and cirque performers captivate you in a world where magic is real. Welcome to The Spinning Tales of Peter Pan & Cinderella On Ice! - Where fairy tales and ice collide!



### The Electric Light Orchestra Experience featuring Evil Woman - The American ELO

#### 7 p.m. Saturday, April 9

Celebrate 50 years of The Electric Light Orchestra, whose brilliant arrangements and flawless musicianship and vocals of the elite professional musicians are hallmarks of their signature sound. ELO is known for hits *Telephone Line*, *Evil Woman*,

*Strange Magic*, *Mr. Blue Sky* and *Don't Bring Me Down*.

### The Oak Ridge Boys Tour 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7

The Oak Ridge Boys' four-part harmonies and upbeat songs have spawned dozens of country hits and a No. 2 pop smash, earned multiple awards and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades. The Oak Ridge Boys bring four decades of charted singles, and 50 years of tradition, to a stage show widely acknowledged as among the most exciting anywhere.



Tickets may be purchased online at [www.jccmi.edu/pottercenter](http://www.jccmi.edu/pottercenter) or by calling the Box Office at 517.796.8600.