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## JJC Celebrates the Inauguration of Dr. Judy Mitchell

Celebrations held on Feb. 1 marked the beginning of Dr. Mitchell's tenure as JJC's ninth president.



## Successful Pathways

Joliet Junior College alumnus Saleh Ruman gained valuable experience at Joliet Junior College before transferring to DePaul University in 2016. Now he's only a few classes away from his bachelor's degree in accounting.



## Strategic Plan Lays Groundwork for Institutional Goals

Learn more about the strategic plan that will guide JJC through 2019.



## JJC Awarded \$1.2 Million Grant to Assist High School Students in Need

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Dear JJC supporters,

I have been extremely fortunate to serve Joliet Junior College for 20 years, and am a proud JJC alumna. When I reflect on the sheer impact the college has made on my life, and the journey I've taken to get where I am today, I cannot help but think of what I can do—and we can do together—to make the same impact on JJC students today.

This institution, from the start, took good care of me as a returning adult student. At that point, I hadn't been inside a classroom for over 10 years, let alone a college classroom. Yet with the support I received from JJC, I was able to persist. I worked and raised my children while going back to school to find the right career path. I transferred to Governors State University where I went on to receive my bachelor's and master's degrees, followed by my doctorate from National Louis University. Our students have unique pathways to success, just like I did.

With each issue of *Connections*, we focus on a theme that embodies our mission and serves as the foundation for the stories we bring you. As we do with every spring issue, you'll find annual reports for both the college and for the JJC Foundation for fiscal year 2016. You will also see a strong emphasis on our partnerships with other colleges and universities. Our students have access to amazing transfer opportunities, as you'll read about in our cover story about JJC alum Saleh Ruman, who is now a business major at DePaul University. Saleh made JJC his first choice for quality academic curriculum and developing his career path through courses in our business department.

Making JJC the first choice for our residents not only serves as the college's vision statement, but it is truly my guiding principle. My personal commitment to this institution and to our students is to provide a strong foundation as we enter our 116th year. Ensuring fiscal responsibility and accountability is critical during this time of economic uncertainty with the state of Illinois.

Despite this turmoil, I am proud to share that in fiscal year 2016, the college celebrated its 43rd consecutive balanced budget. While we know there will continue to be tough financial decisions ahead, we are keeping the importance of student success at the forefront of our decision-making. Student success is noted throughout our Strategic Plan, and embedded in our culture.

I hope you'll take a chance to read about this critical plan on page 12.

Ultimately, Joliet Junior College cannot continue to fulfill its mission without each of you. I am appreciative of your support and collaboration in making the nation's first public community college the first choice.

Sincerely,  
**Judy Mitchell, Ed.D.**  
 President







Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am pleased to announce the addition of Amanda Quinn to our team as the new Assistant Director of Resource Development.

Amanda's focus will be directed toward building corporate relationships in our community. Many of our academic areas work with area businesses to develop curriculum and training for the local workforce. These relationships are vital to our continued growth and academic and career curriculum innovation.

Amanda will also explore monetary and in-kind support while connecting these businesses to the campus community. In this time of significant divestment in public higher education, Joliet Junior College must rely on the philanthropy of community partners to maintain its level of quality and excellence.

In turn, the continued generosity of Foundation donors helps assure JJC's ability to provide access to education through scholarships and other investments in equipment and classroom resources. If your

business or organization would be interested in exploring a partnership with Joliet Junior College, I encourage you to contact Amanda at (815) 280-2693.

Our recent completion of the City Center Campus and Event Center have opened up several naming opportunities for these facilities. These opportunities and recognition on the Center's donor wall are a wonderful way to leave your legacy and invest in the nation's first community college.

Ultimately, it is only together that we can prepare diverse learners to meet and exceed the career and training needs of our community.

Sincerely,

**Kristin Mulvey**

Executive Director, Resource Development



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# JJC Celebrates the Inauguration of Dr. Judy Mitchell

By Rachel Rose



Feb. 1, 2017, was a day of celebration at JJC as the college commemorated the inauguration of its ninth president, Dr. Judy Mitchell.

Dr. Mitchell spent the morning at a special event for students, meeting and speaking with more than 100 students as they came and went from classes.

Later that evening, a crowd of approximately 250 JJC employees, students, community members and elected officials gathered in the U-Building auditorium on Main Campus for a formal event.

While Mitchell was appointed to the position of college president by a unanimous Board of Trustees vote in September 2016 and had served in an interim role since March 2016, the day's events provided an opportunity to publicly confirm and celebrate her appointment, and allow her to share her vision for the future of the institution, which is based on four pillars of success: financial stability, academic programming, student success, and community and philanthropic engagement.

"It is imperative we have a strong foundation to lead us into the future," she said. "We have a proud history at this institution as the first public community college in the nation. It is through this lens of unparalleled innovation and our history of revolutionizing local higher education, that I consider the future of Joliet Junior College."

Mitchell also shared that her beginnings at JJC as an adult student more than 20 years ago influence the choices she makes as the college's president.

"This institution, from the start, took good care of me as a returning adult student," she said. "At that point, I hadn't been inside a classroom for over 10 years, let alone a college classroom. When I walk the halls of our campus today, and spend time with our students in those same classrooms, my collective thoughts are this: 'What can I do, each and every day, to give back to the institution that gave so much to me?'"



Dr. Mitchell with JJC President Emeritus J.D. Ross and JJC Alumni Board Interim President Ericka Williams.





Speakers at the event included JJC Board Chairman Bob Wunderlich, JJC President Emeritus J.D. Ross, JJC Alumni Board Interim President Ericka Williams, and Dr. Mitchell.

In his remarks, Chairman Wunderlich expressed his support for Dr. Mitchell and his optimism for the college under her leadership.

“Dr. Mitchell has a long history at the college,” he said. “She has greatly contributed to the JJC’s overall growth and success. I know firsthand that her loyalty to the college, its students, its employees, its stakeholders, and to this community, is unwavering. Dr. Mitchell is a true visionary and devoted to student success. She is a servant leader who will always do what is best for this institution.”

*“It is imperative we have a strong foundation to lead us into the future.” - Dr. Judy Mitchell*

The evening’s festivities were rounded out with beautiful music provided by professors and students from JJC’s music program, and delicious food provided by JJC Food Services.

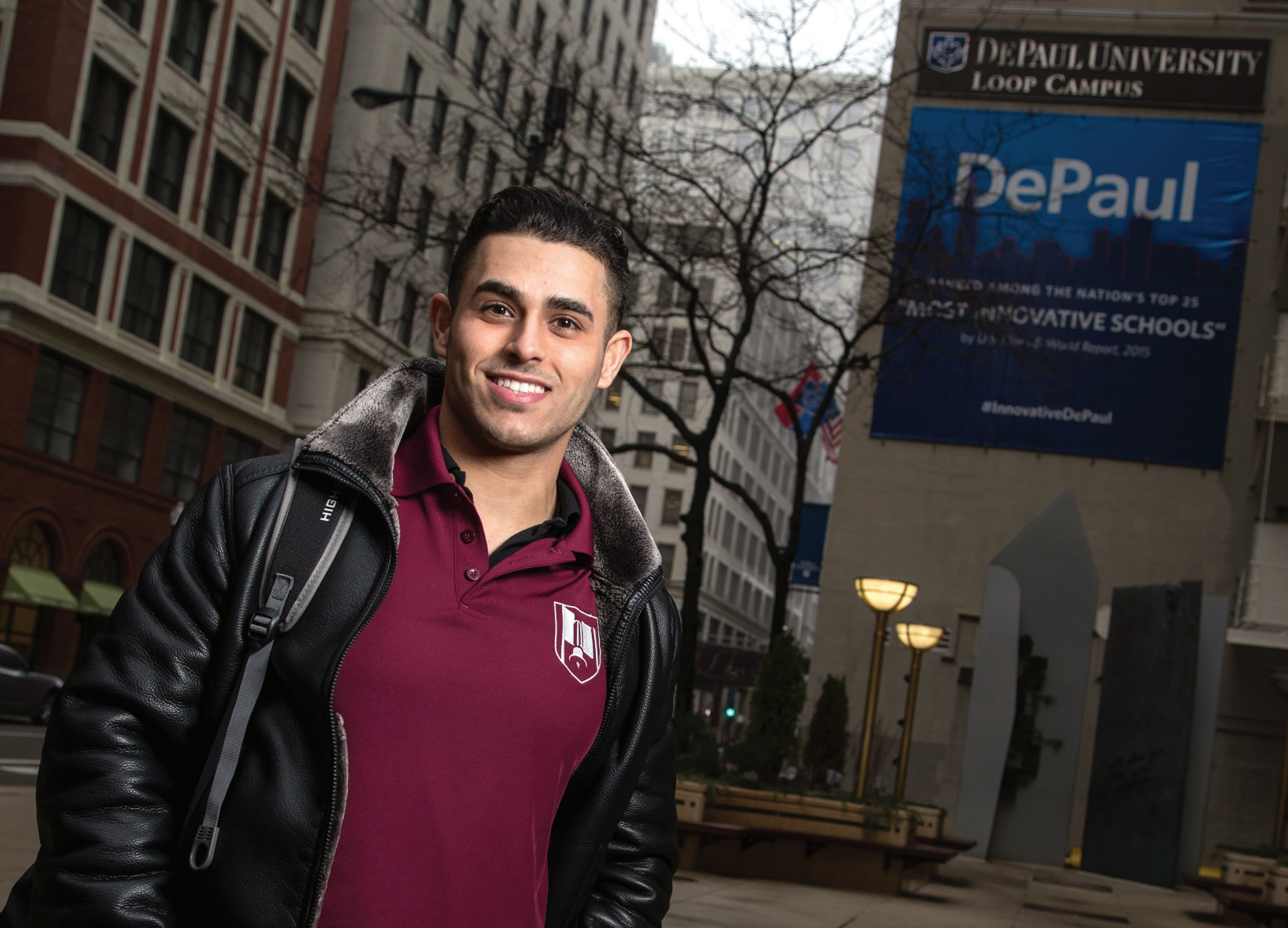
Mitchell began working at the college in 1996, when she was hired as an administrative assistant in the CIOS department. In 2001, she served as the program management specialist in Adult and Family Services, followed by the assistant to the director of administrative services in 2002. In 2004 she became interim director of administrative services, and then the director of business and auxiliary services in 2005. In September 2012, she was appointed to the role of VP of administrative services.

Mitchell received her doctorate in community college leadership from National-Louis University in June 2012. She holds a master’s degree in business administration and a bachelor’s degree in business and technology from Governors State University. She earned an associate degree in microcomputers for business and computer programming from JJC in 1998.



Dr. Mitchell celebrates with members of the JJC Board of Trustees. From left: Alicia Morales; Maureen Broderick, board secretary; Dan O'Connell; Dr. Mitchell; Patty Deiters; Bob Wunderlich, board chairman.





# SUCCESSFUL PATHWAYS

By Sam Ritz

## SALEH RUMAN GOT A SOLID EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AT JJC AND UTILIZED VALUABLE TRANSFER PARTNERSHIPS TO TRANSFORM HIS FUTURE AS AN INCOMING JUNIOR AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

When Saleh Ruman stepped foot onto DePaul's Loop Campus for the first time, confident and motivated, he imagined what it would feel like to finally receive a bachelor's degree: a dream he'd been playing over in his mind since high school. As he found a place to sit in his first business class of the year, his relaxed demeanor and focused persona displayed the opposite of the traditional college jitters – because even though it was his first day at DePaul, he already knew what he was in for.

And that's because he'd done it all before. Two years earlier, he started his freshman year at Joliet Junior College.

As a transfer student, Ruman definitely isn't alone. According to a poll conducted by Inside Higher Ed, 60 percent of all community college students across the nation enroll at four-year institutions – and that number increases to 71 percent for community college students who earn associate degrees.



Having been through all the core requirements and business classes, Ruman said JJC prepared him well for his junior status at DePaul, but it was his involvement in student activities that really transformed him into a leader.

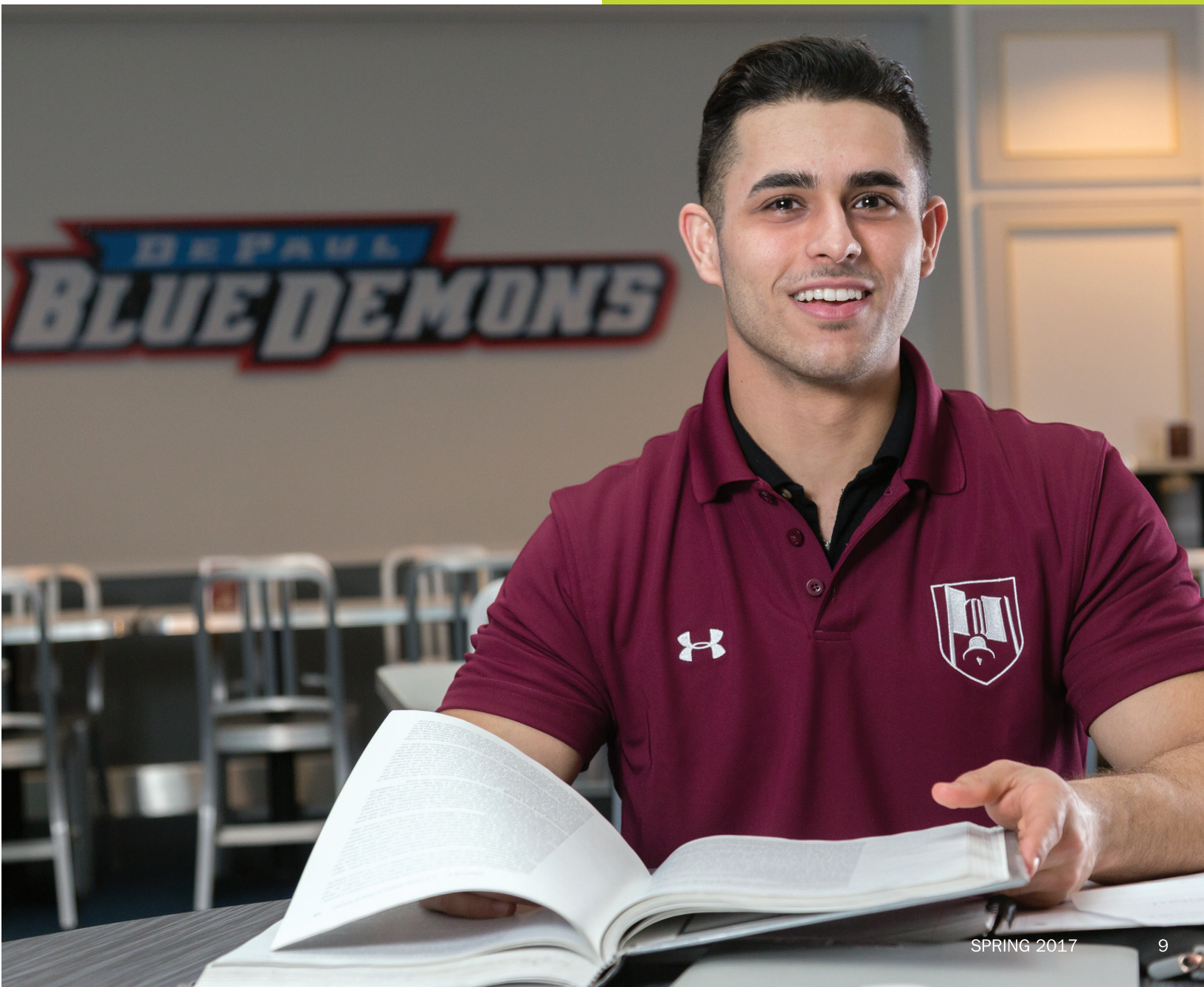
In addition to joining the clubs that interested him at JJC, like student government, he became one of the co-founding members of JJC's revamped business club. But perhaps his biggest accomplishment came in 2015: he was offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be JJC's student trustee.

Ruman spent a full year working at the highest level of the college, where he was responsible for representing more than 15,000 students, each with a different background and life story. He spent his time on the board getting to know a lot of those students, working to make sure their voices were heard, while still completing all the homework and class projects that came with being a full-time business student.

After two years at JJC, transferring to DePaul seemed like a piece of cake – and he was ready for it.

## TOP TRANSFER SCHOOLS FOR JJC STUDENTS

- DePaul University
- Illinois State University
- University of Illinois
- University of St. Francis
- Northern Illinois University
- Lewis University
- Governors State University





“JJC was an excellent starting point,” Ruman said. “And it was such a great experience for me to represent the students on such a broad level. My responsibilities helped me build my leadership skills and I got to see the dynamics of the college from a new level. That viewpoint has definitely helped me grow as a business major.”

As one of JJC’s strategic goals, encouraging students to transfer by providing education pathways and promoting completion is something the college works toward every day. JJC offers resources for students who plan on transferring, such as counseling, workshops, college representative visits, and events like the annual College Fair in October. For students struggling with coursework, JJC provides resources such as the Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC).

Ruman said if it hadn’t been for the TLC, he may not have been as successful when he was a JJC student.

“The tutoring center was a great service. It was very helpful, and sometimes I would go there almost every day,” he said.

As a Glenbard East High School graduate, Ruman originally chose JJC because it was affordable and close to home (his family had just moved to Joliet), but he also wanted to come to JJC first because he still needed to completely figure out his major. Ruman knew he was going to study business because he had an interest in the subject and also because his older brother told him about his own experience with the major in college.

But he didn’t know exactly which concentration he wanted to choose – and there were a lot to pick from – marketing, management, business administration, economics...

Ruman eventually settled on accounting, thanks to guidance from Department Chair Bill O’Connor. O’Connor was one of Ruman’s favorite professors, not only





because his classes were interesting, but also because Ruman said he took a special interest in him.

“Saleh is naturally curious and eager to learn,” O’Connor said. “He was not afraid to ask questions, which is something I like to see in students because that shows that they are thinking.”

O’Connor also helped Ruman sort through his transfer school choices. When he eventually chose DePaul, O’Connor and other JJC business professors helped to guide him into taking the right classes so that they would transfer over without issues.

Now that he’s in his third quarter at DePaul, Ruman has a bright future ahead of him. He plans to apply for an internship, obtain his bachelor’s degree, and eventually start a business with his older brother.

## WHERE JJC STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYED AFTER GRADUATION

- ExxonMobil
- LyondellBasell
- Exelon
- Presence St. Joseph Medical Center
- Silver Cross Hospital
- Morris Hospital
- GROWMARK
- DuPont/Pioneer
- Archer Daniels Midland
- Tyson Fresh Meats
- Elburn Coop
- Davey Tree Care Company
- Diaz Group LLC
- Olympia Fields Country Club
- Green Glen Nursery
- The Growing Place
- Toyota
- Abbott Laboratories
- VCA Aurora Animal Hospital
- Peotone Animal Hospital
- Oak Forest Animal Clinic
- Brookfield Zoo
- Shedd Aquarium
- Stage Right Productions
- Heartland Hospice
- Illinois schools

[www.insidehighered.com/news/2012/11/08/high-graduation-rates-community-college-transfers](http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2012/11/08/high-graduation-rates-community-college-transfers)





# 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Lays Groundwork for Institutional Goals

By Rachel Rose

JJC began the process of updating its strategic plan in 2014, utilizing guidance and strategy from Thomas P Miller and Associates, and seeking input from employees across the college, students, and the seven-county college district. The result was the college's 2016-2019 strategic plan and goals, new mission and vision statements, and updated definitions for the college's seven core values.

"The strategic planning process was absolutely essential to determining JJC's future direction," said Jim Serr, executive director of information technology. "Our skilled consultants from Thomas P Miller and Associates facilitated the process for us, helping us define what is most important for the college to focus on moving forward. We had tremendous input from faculty, staff and community members in this process, and I'm confident the new strategic plan has laid a great foundation for the future of this institution."

The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan is now a critical blueprint for the college, establishing the college's global priorities and goals through 2019. To monitor achievement milestones, a cross-college committee meets quarterly to gather data on JJC's progress on each of the strategic plan goals, which are then compiled into a quarterly progress report and shared with the college community.

While the process of realizing these new goals is still very much in the early stages, a few successes are already being realized:

1. Awareness of the vision, mission, and strategic goals is significantly higher across the institution compared to previous years.
2. Metrics for each of the five strategic goals have been established and are being monitored, measured, and reported to the institution.
3. The integration between the strategic plan and program improvement process has better aligned projects across the institution.

To view the college's progress, visit [www.jjc.edu/info/strategicplan](http://www.jjc.edu/info/strategicplan).

## Strategic Goals

### STRATEGIC GOAL 1

*Provide Education Pathways that Promote Completion*

Offer quality educational pathways that align secondary and postsecondary curricula, course pathways, and industry-recognized credentials promoting access, success, and completion.

### STRATEGIC GOAL 2

*Improve Data Accessibility and Integrity*

Align data systems and processes to promote a framework of accountability and results tied to college success.

### STRATEGIC GOAL 3

*Collaborate with Employers and the Community*

Engage and partner with employers and the community to enhance academic programming.

### STRATEGIC GOAL 4

*Improve Community Awareness and Strategic Marketing*

Leverage marketing assets to build and solidify the College's image, which is aimed at promoting quality and accessible academic programs.

### STRATEGIC GOAL 5

*Improve Internal Communications*

Establish effective college-wide communications to improve information dissemination, idea generation, and employee engagement.

## Mission Statement

Joliet Junior College is an innovative and accessible institution, dedicated to student learning, community prosperity, cultural enrichment, and inclusion. Joliet Junior College delivers quality lifelong learning opportunities empowering diverse students and the community through academic excellence, workforce training, and comprehensive support services.

## Core Values

Joliet Junior College fosters a caring and friendly environment that embraces diversity and sustainability and encourages personal growth by promoting the following core values.

**Respect and Inclusion**  
**Integrity**  
**Collaboration**  
**Humor and Well-Being**  
**Innovation**  
**Quality**  
**Sustainability**

## Vision Statement

Joliet Junior College will be the first choice.

# JJC AWARDED \$1.2 MILLION GRANT TO ASSIST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NEED

Thanks to a \$1.2 million U.S. Department of Education Educational Talent Search (ETS) grant recently awarded to the Project Achieve program at Joliet Junior College, local high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds with the potential to succeed can now receive the support they need to achieve their higher education goals.

Project Achieve is a popular student service at JJC, similar to the federal outreach program, TRiO, that helps guide students as they complete their education through workshops, counseling and tutoring.

Receiving the ETS grant means that JJC's Project Achieve program will now be able to extend its services to high school students attending Joliet Central. According to DeAndre Butler, director of Project Achieve, this grant will help assist 500 students in the next five years with applying to college (whether it's JJC or another school of their choice), in addition to other academic support services including tutoring in English, math, science and college entrance exams; assistance in completing college applications and financial forms; career counseling; and guided visits to college campuses, museums and other cultural areas.

"We're excited for JJC to build a relationship with the community and Joliet Central, and to provide support to these students," Butler said.

JJC decided to apply for the grant because of the need in the community. The Project Achieve staff wanted to help provide a guidance program that would create positive effects for disadvantaged students.

"Students who become part of the Project Achieve program at JJC are very thankful for the connections they make. At the end of the year, we hold a graduation ceremony specifically for these students and it's so great to see how far they have come," Butler said. "We hope to have the same results when it comes to these high school students. We want them to succeed and achieve their goals."

For more information about the ETS program or eligibility requirements, contact Butler at [debutler@jjc.edu](mailto:debutler@jjc.edu).

*Thanks to the Department of Education Educational Talent Search (ETS) grant, JJC's Project Achieve office will now be able to extend its services to high school students attending Joliet Central. Services include tutoring, assistance in completing college applications and financial forms, career counseling and more.*



*DeAndre Butler counsels students who are a part of the JJC Project Achieve office. Project Achieve is a free, integrated student support program that is federally funded.*





# PEOPLE THEN and NOW

## *Chef Patrick Hegarty*

### THEN

Chef Patrick Hegarty started working at Joliet Junior College in 1982. He had been an executive chef in Europe and the United States prior to teaching nearly 25 years at JJC. During his tenure, he also served as the food services director, department chair, and coordinator of the Renaissance Center, which today is part of the City Center Campus located in downtown Joliet.

In 1995, Chef Hegarty introduced the highly successful “Chef for a Day” program where high school students visit JJC for free to experience what it is like to be a culinary arts student. This unique recruitment program catapulted enrollment and continues to attract students and interested individuals from all over the Midwest.

Also during his time at JJC, Chef Hegarty witnessed the culinary arts program as a showplace for community colleges. As an industry leader, he and his colleagues helped other institutions establish their own culinary arts programs. He was also instrumental in changing the level of education of instructors to include a minimum bachelor’s degree along with industry experience. Chef Hegarty believes the caliber of JJC instructors is the main ingredient in how JJC continues to rank among the best.



### NOW

Since retiring in 2006, Chef Hegarty and his wife, Susan, moved to Gaylord, Michigan. The Ireland-born chef enjoys carpentry, playing golf, and fly fishing. The chef not only rebuilt their Michigan home but has used his passion for carpentry to help others in need. As a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, Chef Hegarty served in New Orleans and Orange, Texas after hurricanes Katrina and Ike as well as in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Next to his wife of nearly 39 years, he loved his JJC students and continues to stay connected with the program. The chef said his dream from nearly 30 years ago is coming to fruition as the culinary arts program moves into to the new City Center Campus in downtown Joliet in 2017.





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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The college's budget is designed to fulfill its mission of enriching people's lives through affordable, accessible, and quality programs and services. In order to present a balanced operating budget for the 43rd consecutive year, the following planning goals were employed in developing the FY16 budget:

- Reallocate existing resources to fund new requests
- Address potential impact of the state's fiscal crisis on the college's budget
- Retain realistic projections in property tax revenues
- Anticipate no enrollment growth
- Maintain responsible reserves
- Continue implementation of the master plan and addressing its impact on operating costs
- Implement action plans from the strategic plan with emphasis on the student success initiative

The District's financial status continues to be strong despite the State of Illinois' budget impasse that has drastically reduced state funding. For 2016, the District only received \$2.2 million in credit hour grant funding versus an expected \$8.7 million and due to this revenue loss, **NET POSITION DECREASED 0.9%** over the course of the year.

The District left open positions vacant and deferred or eliminated expenses to offset this loss of revenue.

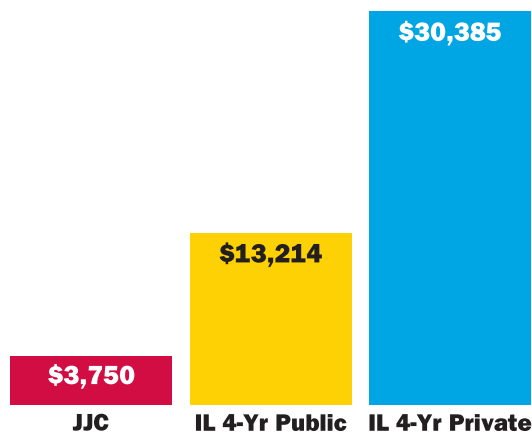
Overall revenues were \$143.1 million, \$1.2 million less than expenses.

**NET TUITION REVENUE DECREASED BY 3.92%** due to a decrease in credit hours and a decrease in scholarships and tuition allowances.

**TOTAL COSTS INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY 3.4%** or \$4.7 million due primarily to a \$4.5 million increase in the on-behalf pension contribution from the State of Illinois.

## TUITION AND FEE COMPARISON

In FY 16, students saved thousands of dollars by making JJC their first choice in quality education.

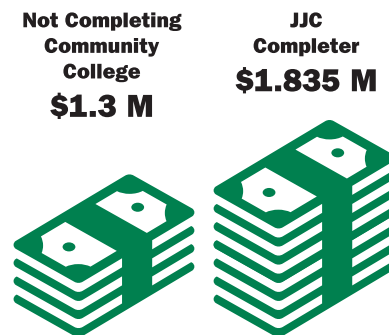


Tuition and fees quoted as full-time (15 hours) based on FY16 rates.

Source: JJC Institutional Research and Effectiveness Office.

## HIGHER EARNINGS

A JJC grad can expect a total lifetime earnings gain of about \$535,000. This is a 41% increase over the \$1.3 million average total lifetime earnings of those not completing a community college program. Investing in a JJC degree pays off.



Source: Illinois Community College Board Economic Impact Study, 2015.

For a comprehensive look at the college's financial reports, visit:  
[www.jjc.edu/info/financial-reports](http://www.jjc.edu/info/financial-reports)



# CONDENSED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

The total cost of all programs and services was \$144.3 million. The District's program-related expenses are predominantly instructional cost, academic support, student services, and public services which were \$64 million or 44.4% of total expenses.

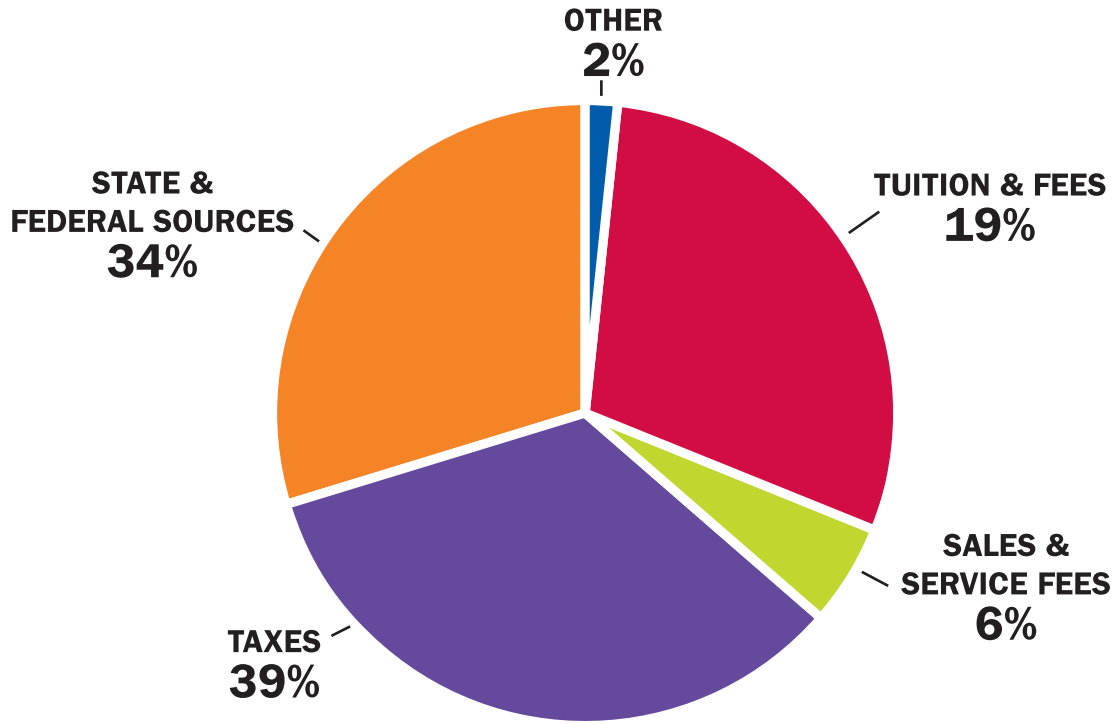
<i>(in millions of dollars)</i>	2016	2015	INCREASE/DECREASE	% CHANGE
Current Assets	\$84.3	\$94.9	\$(10.6)	-11.2%
Capital Assets	\$221.1	\$189.2	\$31.9	16.9%
Noncurrent Assets	71.1	\$92.4	\$(21.3)	-23.1%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$376.5</b>	<b>\$3.76.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Current Liabilities	\$37.7	\$30.0	\$7.7	25.7%
Long-Term Liabilities	\$210.1	\$216.6	\$(6.5)	-3.0%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$247.8</b>	<b>\$246.6</b>	<b>\$1.2</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>				
Invested in Capital Assets	\$59.9	\$43.1	\$16.8	39.0%
Restricted	\$26.9	\$43.1	\$(16.2)	-37.6%
Unrestricted	\$41.9	\$43.7	\$(1.8)	-4.1%
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$128.7</b>	<b>\$129.9</b>	<b>\$(1.2)</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

## CHANGES IN NET POSITION FROM OPERATING RESULTS

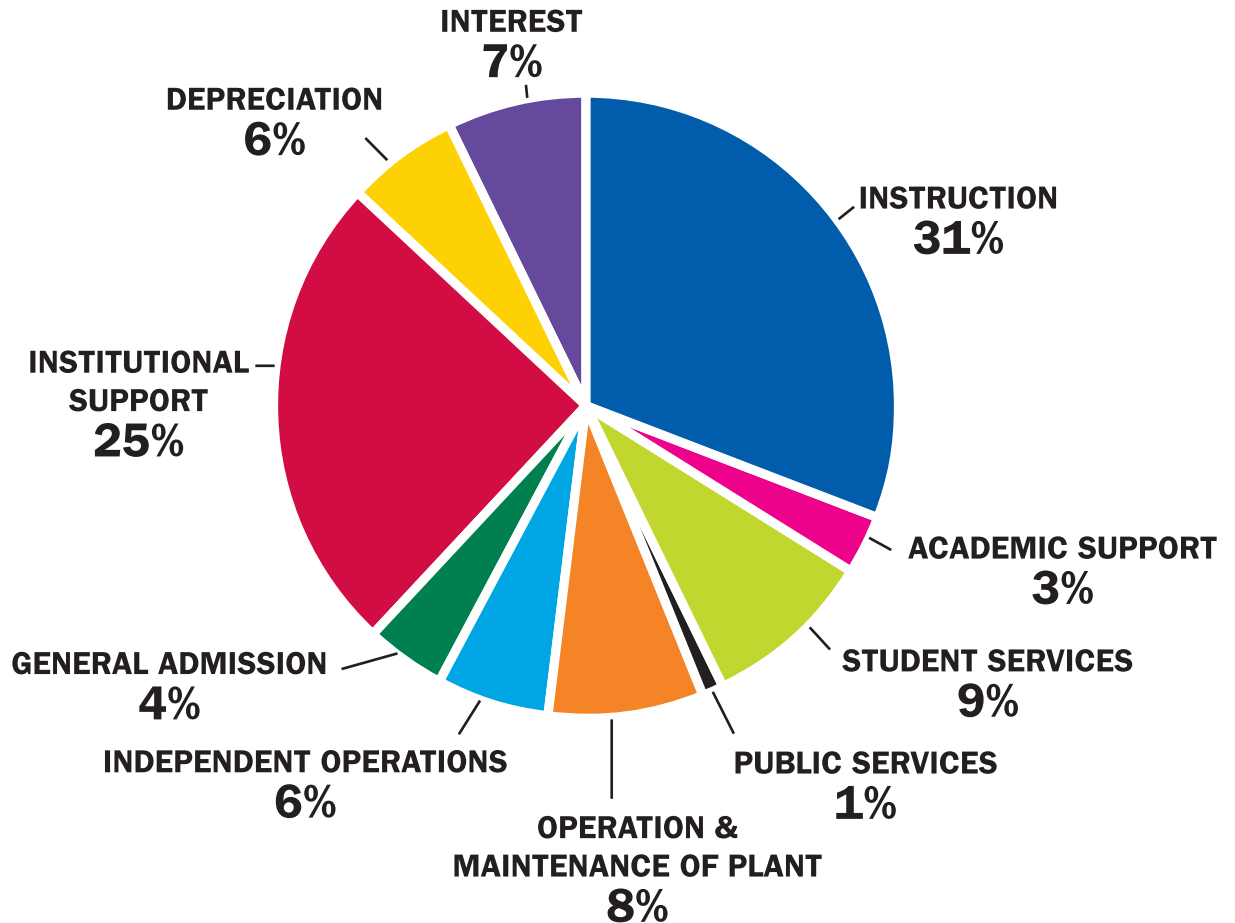
<i>(in millions of dollars)</i>	2016	2015	INCREASE/DECREASE	% CHANGE
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
Tuition and Fees	\$38.1	\$39.8	\$(1.7)	-4.3%
Less Scholarships and Allowance	\$(10.9)	\$(11.5)	\$0.6	-5.2%
Net Tuition and Fees	\$27.2	\$28.3	\$(1.1)	-3.9%
Sales and Service Fees	\$8.2	\$8.4	\$(0.2)	-2.4%
Miscellaneous	\$0.9	\$0.9	-	0.0%
<b>Non-Operating Revenues</b>				
Taxes	\$55.3	\$54.6	\$0.7	1.3%
State and Federal Sources	\$48.7	\$51.1	\$(2.4)	-4.7%
Other	\$2.8	\$3.0	\$(0.2)	-6.7%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$143.1</b>	<b>\$146.3</b>	<b>\$(3.2)</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Instruction	\$44.7	\$44.1	\$0.6	1.4%
Academic Support	\$4.0	\$3.8	\$0.2	5.3%
Student Services	\$12.9	\$12.8	\$0.1	0.8%
Public Services	\$2.4	\$2.3	\$0.1	4.3%
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$11.9	\$12.0	\$(0.1)	-0.8%
Independent Operations	\$8.3	\$8.5	\$(0.2)	-2.4%
General Administration	\$5.5	\$5.2	\$0.3	5.8%
Institutional Support	\$36.2	\$31.4	\$4.8	15.3%
Depreciation	\$8.5	\$8.2	\$0.3	3.7%
Interest	\$9.9	\$11.3%	\$(1.4)	-12.4%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$144.3</b>	<b>\$139.6</b>	<b>\$4.7</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
Beginning of Year	\$129.9	\$123.2		
End of Year	\$128.7	\$129.9		
Decrease in Net Assets	\$(1.2)	\$6.7	\$(7.9)	



## REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016



## EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016





# FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT



## Letter from Rosa Arias Angeles Foundation President

I'm extremely proud to be serving as president of the JJC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that supports the mission and goals of Joliet Junior College. In my over eight years on the board, I have witnessed amazing growth in financial support thanks to many dedicated alumni and friends of the college. This commitment allows the foundation to support scholarships, programs, equipment and services that enable the college to be the first choice for education in our community. I am pleased to say that we truly make a difference to students pursuing their education at JJC.

The college recently appointed its ninth president, Dr. Judy Mitchell. The vision Dr. Mitchell has for the future of the institution highlights philanthropic engagement as a priority. This "pillar of success" solidifies the partnership between the college and the foundation. We are committed to working together to create opportunities for students to ensure academic success.

We are able to impact so many lives each year because we have amazing supporters, like you, who believe in the work we do. You can help by using the envelope included in this magazine to support those who have dreams to earn a degree from JJC.

For more information on the work of the JJC Foundation, please contact the Executive Director, Kristin Mulvey, at [kmulvey@jjc.edu](mailto:kmulvey@jjc.edu) or 815-280-2353.

Sincerely,  
**Rosa Arias Angeles**  
JJC Foundation, President

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	(JUNE 30, 2016)
Total Current Assets	\$19,110,960
Capital Assets, Net	\$760,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$19,870,960</b>
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,000
Total Net Assets	\$19,867,960
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 19,870,960</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	(JUNE 30, 2016)
Total Revenues	\$1,287,401
Total Expenses	\$1,462,057
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$20,042,616
End of Fiscal Year	\$19,867,960
Endowment	\$11,245,593
Investments	\$18,671,322
Annual Contributions	\$851,784
Scholarships Awarded	\$513,087



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# A FRYING PAN AS A PALETTE AND A DINNER PLATE AS A CANVAS:

## THE DELICIOUSLY ECLECTIC BEGINNING OF JJC'S CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

By Amy Chellino

How does this sound for lunch:  
*Maryland lump crab cake, fresh bake shop  
 toasted English muffin, house smoked Canadian bacon,  
 truffle-citrus hollandaise, black pepper pommes frites?* This  
 delectable crab benedict is part of the continually changing menu at  
 JJC's Savor restaurant where dishes are skillfully prepared by culinary arts  
 students. This spring, the department is settling into their new state-of-the-art  
 home at the City Center Campus. This is a monumental advancement for a program  
 which has grown to become one of the most nationally-renowned culinary programs in  
 America. Looking back, the foundation for this program was set in 1970 when two chefs  
 with European backgrounds were brought on to assist with the formation of the department.

With the growth of the hotel and restaurant industry, a need for a culinary arts program  
 was recognized at JJC in 1969 and Chef Claude Kern was hired as director of the program to  
 develop the curriculum and direct JJC's food services. As a lifelong chef, Kern was a natural  
 choice. Born in Switzerland, Kern's culinary career began when he was 10 years old serving boxed  
 lunches to tourists at a Swiss hotel. He fostered his passion for cooking by working in European  
 restaurants and eventually the Drake Hotel in Chicago as executive chef before coming to JJC.

"I can teach anyone to cook," Kern told the *Joliet Herald News* in March 1970. "But I cannot make a chef  
 out of him." Kern's philosophy on cultivating a chef included a vast amount of practical experience in  
 every area of food services. He was also known as the "health keeper" at JJC with the responsibility  
 of feeding 500 to 700 students and faculty members at the college cafeteria each school day.

Chef Siegfried "Mike" Mieland was soon hired to assist Kern, bringing an artistic flair to the  
 department, using "a frying pan as a palette and a dinner plate for his canvas," according to  
 the March 15, 1970 *Herald News* story. Also a life-long food aficionado, Mieland was born in  
 Germany and at age 14 began working in European restaurants before settling in Chicago.

"All great artists do not learn only from one man or two," Mieland insisted  
 to the *Herald* when encouraging his students to strive for new and  
 varied experiences as chefs. Each day, in addition to the usual  
 cafeteria fare, Mieland introduced JJC to a special dish  
 not usually found on cafeteria menus.

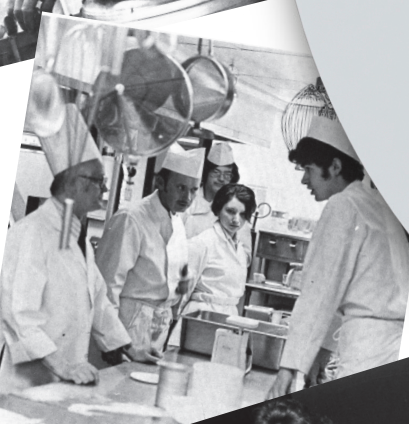
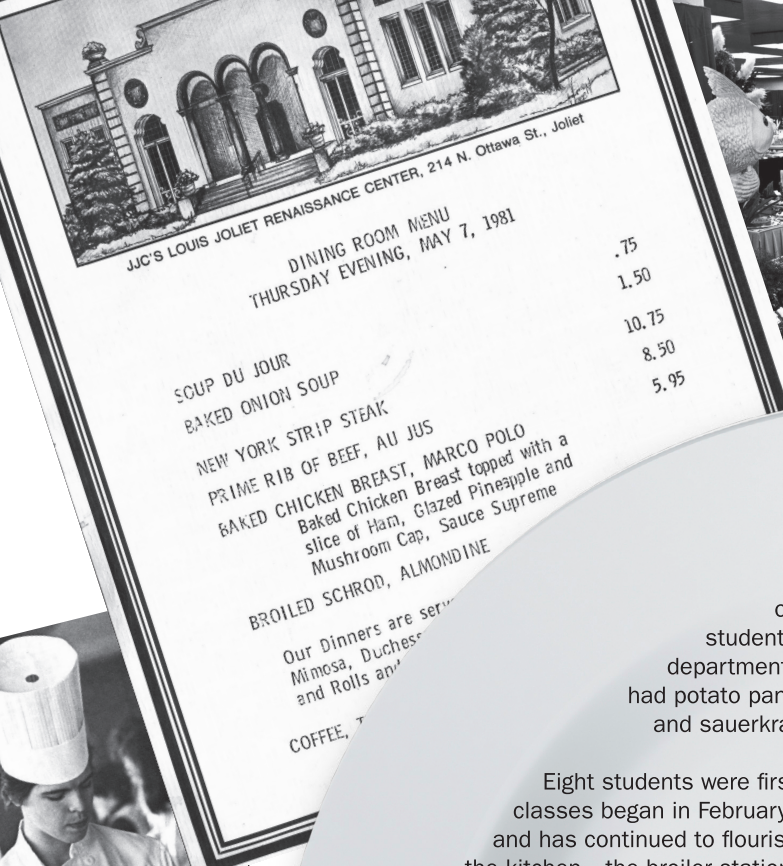
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 The salads will include garden  
 fresh green, sweet corn, cottage  
 cheese, relish tray, American  
 potato salad and several jello  
 molds.

Cornbread, hot biscuits and  
 assorted dinner rolls will compose  
 the bread course. Appetizers to  
 choose from will be decorated  
 platters of ham and cheese and  
 coldcuts. Dessert will be comprised  
 of Martha Washington's cherry  
 pie, Grandma's apple pie and  
 Pilgrims' mince pie.  
 Tickets are \$5 per person and  
 if price for children and can be  
 \$4 at the buffet.

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"[Mieland] put on a German buffet with the students," Chef Michael McGreal, current department chair, said. "To this day, I have never had potato pancakes, braised red cabbage, sauerbraten and sauerkraut that could come even close to his."

Eight students were first enrolled in the new Culinary Arts program when classes began in February 1970. By 1973, the program grew to 150 students and has continued to flourish. The first-year curriculum focused on each station in the kitchen—the broiler station, fry cook station, storeroom, service line and sanitation department. The second year of study was on the fine art of cooking with pastries and preparing banquets. Chef Mieland taught hands-on in the kitchen while Chef Kern lectured in the classroom. Together, they emphasized the hallmarks of cooking on taste, smell and feel, preparing food in a timely manner and cost and planning management.

From the beginning, JJC's culinary students and faculty have continuously won numerous prizes and national awards. Chef Kern and Chef Mieland set the groundwork for the exceptional culinary arts department that continues to delight and tantalize the community, driven by McGreal's belief that "being a chef is not just a career, but a purpose-driven calling that fulfills and enriches not only our lives, but the lives of those who come and share food with us."

Currently, there are 250 students enrolled in the program and there are eight full-time and two part-time chef instructors.

"Each chef brings a different specialty and expertise, combined with a true passion for this career and commitment to those who want to learn our trade," McGreal said.

*Experience the delectable, made from scratch cuisine at the brand new City Center Campus and save room for dessert. You just may find the heavenly lemon tart on the menu: toasted marshmallow ice-cream, salted caramel sauce, and a pistachio crumble. Yum!*

### Looking for a safe, secure space to donate your JJC memorabilia?

The JJC Library Archives is always looking for ephemera from our college's past. If you have materials you would like to donate, or have any questions about materials in the library archive, please contact:

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# NEWS BRIEFS



*L-R: Caroline Portlock, JJC Director of Workforce Development; Shannon Dudek, Superintendent, Morris School District 54; JJC Trustee Mike O'Connell; Rep. David Welter; JJC President Dr. Judy Mitchell; Mayor Dick Kopczick, City of Morris; Marsha McCormick, Director of JJC Extended Campuses*

## JJC CELEBRATES NEW MORRIS LOCATION

Nearly 80 people attended the ribbon cutting event for the new JJC Morris Education Center on Oct. 26, 2016.

The college moved into the former Shabbona Middle School facility at 725 School Street over the summer, and began offering classes for the Fall 2016 semester. The college has had a presence in Grundy County since 2001, but moved to the new location to double the number of students served to 600 with the expansion in space.

Guests at the event had the chance to tour the 5,000 square feet of space the college occupies, which includes a resource area for job seekers, tutoring/testing space, six classrooms, two computer labs, and space for Grundy Workforce Services, a long-time partner of the college.

Several elected officials came out to support the event, including JJC Trustee Mike O'Connell; State Rep. David Welter; Greg Ridenour on behalf of Congressman Kinzinger's office; Harold Vota, Grundy County Board member; Chris Balkema, Grundy County Board president; Mayor Dick Kopczick, City of Morris; Dennis Best, Morris High School District president; and Pat Stevens, Jerry White, and Bonnie Cap, board members of Morris School District 54. Shannon McNeil of the Illinois Office of the Comptroller presented the college with a proclamation recognizing the new facility and supporting its continued success.

## JJC'S SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM ACHIEVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

JJC's Diagnostic Medical Sonography program has achieved national accreditation and is now one of only six Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited sonography programs in Illinois with general concentration.

For sonography students, that is the first step in obtaining the DMS license, with the next step being to pass a specialty examination of their choice.

Employment opportunities for these graduates are generally found in hospitals, outpatient medical centers, imaging centers and doctors' offices. In addition, career advancement opportunities exist in education, administration, research and in commercial companies as education or application specialists, sales representatives, technical advisors, etc.

Miller explained that there are many benefits of enrolling in JJC's CAAHEP-accredited sonography program. For example, students are qualified to sit for the Abdomen and Obstetrics/Gynecology specialty examinations given by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) 60 days prior to successful completion of the program. This allows students to become registered or licensed diagnostic medical sonographers the same day they graduate, which is mid-December.

For the more information about the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program and admissions criteria, visit [www.jjc.edu/info/dms](http://www.jjc.edu/info/dms) or contact Elena Miller, sonography program coordinator, at [emiller@jjc.edu](mailto:emiller@jjc.edu) or (815) 280-2588.

## SPRING 2017 MASTER PLAN PROJECT UPDATES

### HAUNTED 5K RAISES \$40,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, PROGRAMS, ATHLETICS

The JJC Foundation and Athletics Department partnered together for another successful Haunted 5K Run and Walk at the college's Main Campus on Oct. 23, 2016.

Altogether, the 2016 Haunted 5K raised \$40,000 for student scholarships, college programs and athletics.

"This event continues to be a great success in not only raising funds for our students, but bringing faculty, staff, and community members together for a fun, family-friendly activity on our beautiful nature trails," said Executive Director of the JJC Foundation Kristi Mulvey. "We look forward to even more wonderful 5K events in the future."

With nearly 430 registered participants, more than 50 volunteers and dozens of fans to cheer on the runners and walkers, it was a fun-filled morning for all involved, complete with perfect weather.

The top three winners in each age and gender category received a plaque or a medal, and a trophy was awarded to the fastest runner in costume. The JJC Nursing Team took home the top team award with 54 registered participants.

Since the Foundation began hosting the annual 5K eight years ago, a total of nearly \$240,000 has been raised.



### EVENT CENTER

The JJC Event Center on Main Campus is on schedule and in budget. It features a fitness center for student athletes, two basketball courts, configuration options for competition basketball and volleyball tournaments, portable batting cages, bleachers and seating (to accommodate both athletic competitions and graduation ceremonies), athletic staff office spaces, and a presentation room.

The Event Center will host the May 2017 JJC graduation ceremony, marking the first time the college has been able to host commencement on Main Campus since 2008. The college will host an official grand opening event for the facility in fall 2017.

Facility rentals are also available. Please contact **Susan Stockwell**, events coordinator, at **(815) 280-2524** or **sstockwe@jjc.edu**.



### CITY CENTER CAMPUS

JJC opened the new City Center Campus for the spring 2017 semester, welcoming students in the programs of culinary arts, workforce development and adult education. The six-story, 96,000 square-foot building features five different culinary arts learning kitchens, a library, several classrooms, computer labs, and two student-run restaurants that are open to the public.

Additionally, as of April 2017, the renovation of the historic Renaissance Center is wrapping up with a significant amount of flooring and ceiling work being completed, electric, plumbing, masonry and HVAC upgrades, new paint, and several areas remodeled since the culinary arts program was entirely moved to the City Center Campus next door.

A grand opening event was held for both facilities on April 11.

### ROMEOVILLE CAMPUS EXPANSION

The Romeoville Expansion is on time and in budget, slated to open for classes in the fall 2017 semester. Over the last 10 years, enrollment at Romeoville has grown 45 percent with current enrollment topping out at 4,000 students. The 50,028 square-foot expansion includes space for: student services, bookstore, cafeteria, classrooms, laboratories, space for campus police, and faculty and adjunct offices. Additionally, students will be able to earn an associate in arts degree or an associate in science degree entirely from the Romeoville Campus location.

A grand opening event for the Romeoville Campus will be in fall 2017.





# JJC EVENTS

## JJC ALUMNI EVENTS

**36th Annual Alumni Brunch • Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m.**

Honoring the classes of 1957, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1997 and 2007, as well as the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award and Susan H. Wood Award recipients.

Joliet Junior College Main Campus • U-Building Auditorium  
Email [alumni@jjc.edu](mailto:alumni@jjc.edu) for more information.

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All planetarium shows are free. For more information, contact the **Herbert Trackman Planetarium** at **(815) 280-6682** or visit [jjc.edu/info/planetarium](http://jjc.edu/info/planetarium).

### TUESDAY SHOWS, 7:30P.M.

- April 11** Galileo, the Power of the Telescope
- April 25** Asteroids and Comets
- May 9** Seasonal Skies
- May 23** Humans and Robots in Space
- June 6** Viewing the Solar Eclipse

### THURSDAY SHOWS, 6:30P.M.

- April 6** The Little Star that Could
- April 20** Cosmic Journeys
- May 4** Mars
- May 18** Seasonal Skies
- June 1** We Go to the Moon
- June 15** Viewing the Solar Eclipse

## FINE ARTS EVENTS

To learn more, contact the Fine Arts Department at **(815) 280-2200** or visit [jjc.edu/info/fine-arts](http://jjc.edu/info/fine-arts).

## MUSIC

- April 9** Fine Arts Theatre • 3 p.m.  
Musica Viva featuring Casey McGrath on violin and Daniela Broderick on piano
- April 26** Fine Arts Theatre • 11 a.m. • Student Recital
- April 30** Fine Arts Theatre • 7:30 p.m.  
Chorale Masterworks Concert featuring JJC Cha.m.ber Singers and JJC Community Chorale
- May 5** Fine Arts Theatre • 7:30 p.m. • Jazz Band Spring Concert
- May 7** Fine Arts Theatre • 3 p.m. • Community Band Spring Concert
- May 9** Fine Arts Theatre • 7:30 p.m. • Guitar and Percussion Ensembles Concert
- May 11** Fine Arts Theatre • 7:30 p.m. • Honors Recital

## THEATRE

### “PROOF” BY DAVID AUBURN

- April 20-22 and 26-29** Black Box Theatre • 7:30 p.m.
- April 22-23 and 29** Black Box Theatre • 2 p.m.
- May 4-6** Black Box Theatre • 2 p.m. & 7:30p.m. Spring Festival of One Acts
- June 12-16** Touring Children’s Theatre Production  
Please call director Nicki Blowers at (815) 280-2200 to book a tour appearance.

## ART

- April 24-June 29** Laura A. Sprague Gallery  
Joliet Junior College Arts Students’ Juried Exhibition





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**Kimberly Minarich**, a 2006 graduate, credits her JJC professors for shaping her music career. Minarich, a choir director and music teacher at Monroe Middle School in Wheaton, Ill., has performed throughout the United States and Europe as a pianist, flutist, vocalist, teacher, and musical director. In 2015, she was awarded the Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction award.

*"Because of JJC, I not only went into a career that I love, but also met the love of my life!"*

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