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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends.

I think it is important to acknowledge that the strong momentum, energy and resources needed to support—not to mention sustain—the success of our students and institution is significant.

In this time of so much instability locally and globally, economically, culturally, socially, politically, I want us to remember what we do best at JJC: support each other through understanding and everyday acts of kindness. I have been thinking a lot about empathy, and how empathy impacts the success of our students, employees and partners.

It's important to remember we all carry joy, and we all carry burdens. It is important for us to share our stories, our goals, struggles, and dreams. These are the things that connect us, and help us succeed when we know that we have a support network, and have people beside us guiding the way who have succeeded through similar challenges

and barriers. Expressing sympathy for someone is one thing; understanding what it is like to walk in their shoes—having empathy—is quite another.

For example, our students experience complex challenges that can threaten their path to goal completion:

- In 2018-19, 19.2% of our students received some sort of financial aid in the form of federal grant, state grant, federal loan, federal work study, or veteran's education benefit.
- 39 students answered that they were homeless/at risk of homeless on the 2018-19 FAFSA
- In a 2018 needs survey, 28% of students who responded said that during their time at JJC, there have been times when they did not have enough food for themselves or their households.
- Last year, we supported 27 students through the Student Emergency Fund with a total of \$3,325.

In this annual spring FY19 report for both the college and for the JJC Foundation, we will show you how much your care, empathy, and generosity have shaped the lives of our students and the institution.

Thank you for all you do, **Judy Mitchell, Ed.D.**President



Estimados amigos:

Creo que es importante reconocer que el impulso, la energía y los recursos fuertes necesarios para apoyar y sostener el éxito de nuestros estudiantes y nuestra institución es significativo.

En este momento de tanta inestabilidad económica, cultural, social y política a nivel local y mundial, me gustaría que recordáramos lo que mejor hacemos en JJC: apoyarnos mutuamente a través de la comprensión y los gestos de amabilidad diarios. He estado pensando mucho en la empatía, y cómo la empatía afecta el éxito de nuestros estudiantes, empleados y socios.

Es importante recordar que todos llevamos alegría y todos llevamos cargas. Es importante para nosotros compartir nuestras historias, nuestros objetivos, dificultades y sueños. Estas son las cosas que nos conectan y nos ayudan a lograr el éxito, cuando sabemos que tenemos una red de apoyo y a personas junto a nosotros guiando el camino, aquellos que han tenido éxito a través de desafíos y barreras similares. Expresar compasión por alguien es una cosa; comprender lo que es caminar en sus zapatos, teniendo empatía, es algo diferente.

Por ejemplo, nuestros estudiantes experimentan desafíos complejos que pueden amenazar su camino hacia la finalización de los objetivos:

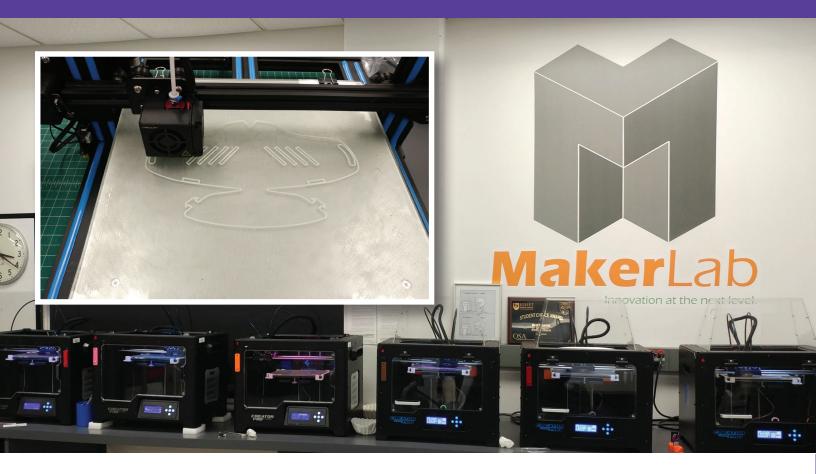
- En 2018-19, el 19.2% de nuestros estudiantes recibió algún tipo de ayuda financiera en forma de subvención federal o estatal, préstamo federal, beneficios federales de estudio-trabajo o de educación de veterano.
- 39 estudiantes respondieron que no tenían hogar o estaban en riesgo de estar sin hogar en la FAFSA de 2018-19
- En una encuesta de necesidades de 2018, el 28% de los estudiantes que respondieron dijo que durante su tiempo en JJC ha habido momentos en los que no tenían suficiente comida para ellos mismos o en sus hogares.
- El año pasado apoyamos a 27 estudiantes a través del Fondo de Emergencia para el Estudiante con un total de \$3,325.

En este informe anual de primavera del FY19 tanto para la universidad como para la JJC Foundation, le mostraremos cómo su atención, empatía y generosidad han dado forma a las vidas de nuestros estudiantes y nuestra institución.

Gracias por todo lo que hacen, **Judy Mitchell, Ed.D.**Presidente



JJC Supporting Pandemic Frontline Health Workers by Creating, Donating PPE



As the COVID-19 pandemic hit local counties this spring, members of the JJC community launched into action to grow the low stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE) for local doctors and nurses treat patients with COVID-19.

Employees with JJC's Health and Public Services Department donated face masks and other supplies to local healthcare facilities, and began producing mask shields using its 3D printers, significantly extending the life of facial masks.

Donating Existing Supplies

JJC Associate Nursing Professor Gina Hulbert is a Morris resident and previous employee of the hospital there. It's also where her current students conduct clinicals. So as COVID-19 cases began to rise across the U.S. and cripple hospitals' PPE supplies, she reached out to her former colleagues.

"I quickly received responses that their supply was running low. I then contacted Dr. Amy Gray, dean of nursing, health and public services, and Dr. Mary Beth Luna, nursing department chair, to see if we could donate some of our supply to the hospital. Without hesitation, both of them agreed," said Hulbert.
"The employees at Morris Hospital are like my second family, and I am so thankful to be part of an organization that was willing to help them out."

"We have learned through our many years of partnership that JJC is committed to community prosperity; helping communities like ours flourish and thrive."

- Hannah Wehrle

In late March, employees gathered thousands of gloves and masks, several tubs of sanitation wipes, dozens of isolation gowns, and plastic goggles. Items were delivered to Morris Hospital, as well as Silver Cross Hospital and St. Joseph Medical Center, and AMITA Health in Plainfield.

"We are incredibly grateful for the supplies JJC provided during this unprecedented COVID-19 crisis," said Hannah Wehrle, auxiliary and foundation officer

at Morris Hospital. "We have learned through our many years of partnership that JJC is committed to community prosperity; helping communities like ours flourish and thrive. Thank you for living out your mission in this special and thoughtful way."

"It was a team effort that just came together due to the caring and proactive people in my department, said JJC's Dr. Amy Gray.

Producing New Supplies From Scratch

When Tom McCullagh read about how people are using 3D printers to make shields that extend the life of face masks, he followed up to see how he could make his own. The small business owner from Shorewood is an avid maker, and owns several 3D printers.

"I then called some friends at various hospitals - Loyola, Palos, Christ, and Silver Cross - to make sure they would accept delivery. When they confirmed that they would I began production," said McCullagh.

To expand that production, he reached out to JJC Vice Chairwoman Maureen Broderick, aware that the college's MakerLab housed multiple 3D printers. He was ultimately connected to MakerLab Manager Debra Daun, who this week began producing the shields.

"Debra is always ready to lend a helping hand and without hesitation stepped up when we were approached with this project," said Amy Murphy, dean of applied arts, workforce education and training. "I can't thank Debra enough for her efforts and sharing her expertise with the innovative technologies that are available in our MakerLab."

Shields are made from PETG 3D printing filament, and each take about 40 minutes to complete. With its nine printers, the college can make upwards of 100 shields per day. Affixed to a face mask, the shields can extend the life of the masks by as much as 300 percent, according to McCullagh's research.

"The collaboration has been quick, decisive, efficient and effective. I cannot stress how impressed I have been with the responsiveness of JJC in wanting to help the community," said McCullagh.

In addition to its 3D printers, JJC's MakerLab features scanners, a carving machine, a laser cutter and ther equipment that students studying architecture, engineering or orthotics and prosthetics technology can use to hone their skills. It is also open to the community.

"We are faced with great challenges during these unprecedented times," Murphy said. "We are ready to contribute in any way that we can to give back to our community and assist those who are serving on the front lines."

BE PART OF THE JJC COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Join JJC's efforts to address the immediate needs of students experiencing hardship as a result of COVID-19.

During these times of uncertainty, students are looking to the JJC Foundation for support. Students need food and household items, technology to finish remote classes this semester, and even help with tuition assistance. Many student's jobs will be affected by this crisis, creating unforeseen challenges that will affect their academic goals.

Your gift to the JJC Foundation's Student Emergency Fund provides life-changing assistance to JJC students in need during a crisis; it offers timely financial help that can lead to peace of mind and academic success.

You can help a JJC student stay on track to graduate!

Give today at **www.jjc.edu/givetojjc** or use the enclosed envelope in the magazine.



LETTER FROM THE JJC FOUNDATION



Alumni and Friends,

I get excited each spring to share our successes through this annual report. This issue, for me, is a celebration that we are truly able to provide life-changing support for our students. An annual report is often filled with statistics and numbers, but for my team, it's about the many students we help in the year. Real students with real stories. I thought I would share one of these stories with you.

My office is often busy at the start of each semester. Students come and go with scholarship questions and faculty and staff connect with us to help students in emergency situations. The first week of school was no different. I received a call from an instructor in our new medical assisting program. The instructor was concerned about a student in the program's first cohort. The student was a single mom with two

children, whose mother was her sole source of childcare. Unfortunately, her mother had passed away unexpectedly a few weeks before the semester started. The faculty asked what the foundation could do to help the student.

A few months prior to this phone call, the JJC Foundation Board had earmarked \$180,000 in scholarship money out of the Vera Smith Endowment to pay for student scholarships. This new initiative, the JJC Foundation Completion Scholarship, helps students that are unable to attend JJC full-time due to financial constraints. This student was the perfect candidate for the scholarship and is the reason we worked hard to implement this new initiative. We were able to pay for her tuition, provide gas and grocery money, and connected her with a social service agency that would help with childcare.

Could you imagine if there were no JJC Foundation for her to turn in her time of need? Or, if her instructor didn't think to help her? The numbers in this report would be just that, but because of alumni and friends who continue to give each year, we are so much more.

Sincerely,

Kristin Mulvey, MSM

Executive Director, JJC Foundation

Executive Director, Institutional Advancement



JJC NEWS



National Grant Drives Apprenticeships at JJC

Community colleges are uniquely positioned to increase the number of high-quality apprenticeship opportunities.

Thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, JJC received a \$140,000 grant from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) for registered apprenticeships and aid for the local workforce.

This grant, which will be available over the next three years, will help JJC increase registered apprentice programs and serve approximately 150 people. The program will have a focus in the hospitality, culinary arts, landscape management, transportation and manufacturing industries.

According to Amy Murphy, JJC dean of applied arts, workforce education and training, the grant funds

will also help companies create and design their apprenticeship programs.

"JJC is committed to working with industry partners to provide the educational component to these apprenticeship programs," she said. "Receiving these funds provides a tremendous opportunity."

To celebrate this opportunity, JJC and other partners hosted a kickoff event late last year to educate businesses about the benefits of participating in the program, with more than 40 groups in attendance.

For more information about the Registered Apprenticeship program at JJC, email apprenticeships@jjc.edu.

INDUSTRY PARTNERS





LyondellBasell Honored as JJC's First Distinguished Partner in Excellence Award Recipient

LyondellBasell, one of the world's largest plastics, chemicals and refining companies located in Morris, Illinois, is the inaugural recipient of the JJC Foundation's new Distinguished Partners in Excellence Award.

As a JJC business partner for more than 25 years and after having donated a total of more than \$50,000 to JJC programs and equipment, the company was recognized for playing an influential role in student success. Perhaps one of LyondellBasell's most important initiatives included helping to shape two JJC degree programs – Process Control Instrumentation Technology (PCIT) and Operations Engineering and Technician (OET).

Since both programs were created, the company has hired a number of JJC students for internships.

LyondellBasell was also instrumental in JJC's Frontline Supervision program for incumbent workers, which provides individuals with the fundamental skills to enter a supervisory role.

The JJC Foundation will continue to acknowledge generous business partners with this award every year.

To learn more about the award, visit jic.edu/about-jic/alumni/about-jicaa.



JJC Named a 2021 Aspen Nominee

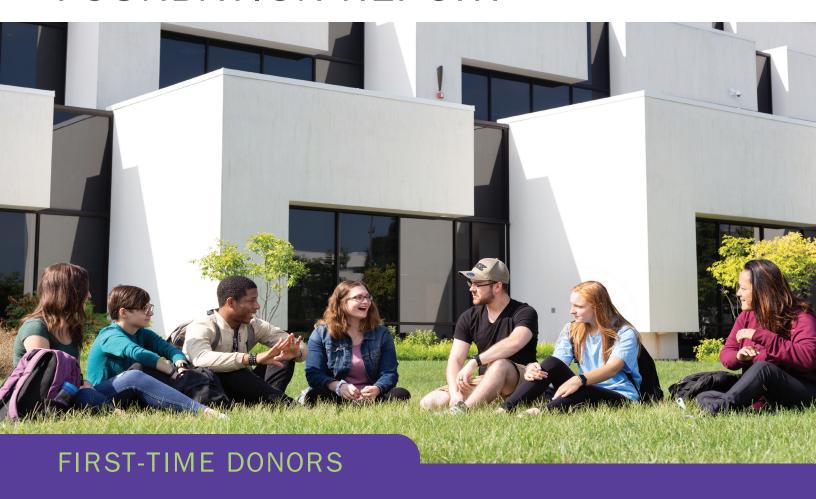
JJC could win \$1 million from the Aspen Institute after being recognized for excellence and improved outcomes in equity, learning, completion rates, employment rates and earnings. As an Aspen Institute Community College Excellence Program nominee, JJC was selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges and remains one of 150 eligible for the prize.

JJC President Dr. Judy Mitchell said this honor is a result of JJC's shared commitment to students and the college as a whole. "I am thrilled that the tremendous, collective effort we've invested to grow JJC has been acknowledged with this prestigious, national recognition. We have worked with diligence and passion to ensure our students earn the success they deserve," she said.

The top 10 finalists for the prize will be named later in 2020. Then, the Aspen Institute will conduct site visits for additional quantitative data. A distinguished jury will make award decisions in spring 2021.

To learn more about the Aspen Institute and this prestigious honor, visit highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize.

FOUNDATION REPORT





Patti Meslar, a Coordinator in the Nursing Department Open Skills Lab, is not only a new employee, she is a first time donor to the JJC Foundation. Prior to donating to JJC, Patti had established a scholarship in her mother's name at Moraine Valley Community College. However, when she arrived at JJC she realized the needs of her current students and felt so welcomed by the faculty and staff, she knew that she wanted to create the Dolores Dalton Mallo Nursing Scholarship at JJC.

"This scholarship fund will continue the spirit of my mother, Dolores Dalton Mallo, and her legacy and love of her career. I have no doubt that if my mom were alive today she would still be working in some capacity as a loving, caring, and compassionate nurse, helping others and making a difference," said Meslar.

First time gifts, whether they are large or small are an important part of the foundation's success. They ensure that future generations continue to receive funding for scholarships. You too, can make a difference in the lives of students in our community by using the enclosed envelope included in this magazine.





Nicholas Robertson was the recipient of two scholarships in the fall of 2019: Carl '55 and Dorothy '85 Van Horn Book Scholarship & Dr. Stan '47 and Nola Rousonelos Scholarship. Both scholarships are given each year in memory of former alumni.







ENDOWMENT INCREASE



in new endowment scholarship money in FY19, bringing the endowment to

One of the ways alumni and friends create lasting gifts is through endowed scholarships. Contributions to endowed scholarship funds become principal in a permanent investment account. Each year, a portion of the earnings fund the scholarship award, while the remaining is reinvested. The minimum required to establish an endowed scholarship is \$30,000.

The JJC Foundation has over 250 endowed scholarship funds, many honoring former faculty members. Here are three scholarships named after former faculty members.

John and Yola Coradetti Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship, for business students, was established by retiree Dr. Lloyd Tinkle in 2006, in the name of his good friends, John and Yola Corradetti. In 2014, a former accounting student reconnected with Corradetti and made the commitment to bring the scholarship fund over \$100,000. Since then, both Yola and John have passed away and memorial contributions brought the endowment to over \$108,000.

Richard W. and Judith B. Manthei Endowed Scholarship This scholarship was established in 2005 by retiree Richard and Judith Manthei '67 for a second-year student majoring in the field of Computer Information and Office Systems (CIOS). Richard Manthei passed away in June of 2019.

Curtis and Estelle Hieggelke Endowed Scholarship

In January 2020, retiree Curtis Hieggelke passed away. Prior to his passing, his family established this scholarship for students majoring in physics who have completed one or more physics courses at JJC. The scholarship is intended for students advancing towards a Bachelor, Master's, or Ph.D. of Science in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math areas of study.











TOTAL AMOUNT IN CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD SCHOLARSHIPS, FACULTY INNOVATION, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN FY19





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Give to the JJC Foundation at www.jjc.edu/givetojjc.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Interesting Facts from a Century Ago: JJC in the 1920s

By Amy Chellino

Establishing a college identity was the focus of JJC during the 1920s as noted by historian Robert Sterling. Enrollment increased at the beginning of this decade due to returning veterans from World War I. Across the country, the junior college movement was growing and residents were learning more about the opportunity to continue their education in Joliet at an affordable cost. While still housed at the high school, JJC was creating an image that was separate and recognizable with the formation of college clubs and a student council, in addition to the creation of a student led newspaper. Increasing enrollment strengthened JJCs reputation as a flourishing and innovative establishment both statewide and nationally. Interesting facts from this dynamic decade highlight the transformation of Joliet Junior College as an educational experiment to generating a community college revolution that endures as an essential foundation for higher education.

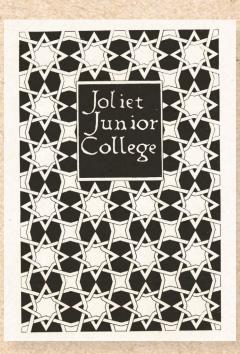


FREE tuition was provided to students who were residents of the Township of Joliet in the 1920s.

108 students were enrolled in the 1921-1922 academic year.

327 students were enrolled at JJC by the end of the decade.

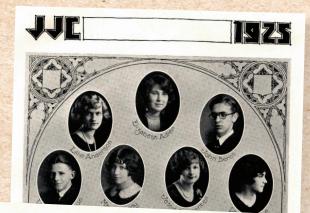
90 public junior colleges had opened across the country by 1930, modeling JJC's design.







8 student clubs provided students an outlet for socializing and learning outside of the classroom in 1925. The Scalpel Club for pre-med students hosted speakers from prominent hospitals. Members of The College Club enjoyed music programs and informative lectures.



One college dean was hired in 1926.

Ira D. Yaggy supervised and advised faculty and students.

His tenure continued until 1947.



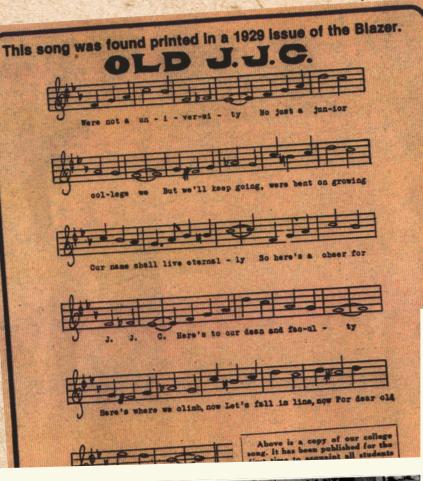
1926



September 25, 1929.

The first meeting of the Student Council was held the 7th period September 25 in room 338. Richard Spangler was nominated and unanimously elected temporary chairman. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Robert Balch, as editor of "The Blazer", be admitted to the Council. A motion that an election for a Council member, chosen at large be held in assembly on the morning of Sept. 26, and those practice teachers who were not able to vote then be allowed to vote in the afternoon. It was seconded and passed. A motion that the chairman be given the power to appoint a member to see Mr. Yangy about the election was made, seconded, and carried. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Council adjourn and meet Friday, Sept. 27, the 7th period. The meeting was adjourned.

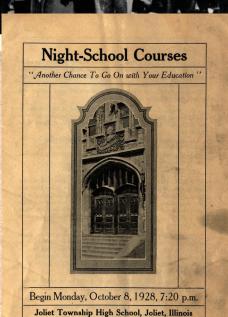
9 students comprised the first Student Council in 1928. Their motto was to "promote a better understanding between the faculty and the student body, and to advance student enterprises."



October 1929 introduced the first issue of the student led newspaper—the Blazer. A song was published in the first issue of the Blazer with the lyrics, "We'll keep going, we're bent on growing, our name shall live eternally, so here's a cheer for JJC."



23 teachers made up the faculty in 1926.
A masters or doctoral degree were required to teach at the college - the same as today.



8 sections of night school classes were offered in 1928 for personal growth and development.

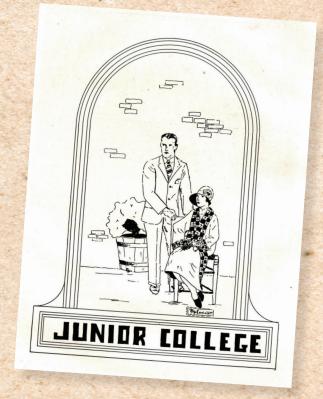
The Home Economics track included sewing, dressmaking, children's clothing, meal planning and serving, specialized cookery and millinery which was a course for how to make and trim hats.



17 women were part of the Women's Athletic Association in 1926. The WAA was formed in 1925 and broadened the athletic and social offerings for female students. Activities included track, tennis, horseback riding, swimming, rifle shooting, folk dancing, interpretive and tap dancing, shuffleboard, volleyball, badminton, golf and bowling.



b college degree programs were offered in 1920: literature and arts, science, engineering, pre-legal, pre-medical and teacher training. The required coursework included rhetoric, science and math and one credit hour of physical education per semester. To graduate, students needed 62 credit hours to earn an Associate's degree in Arts, Science, Engineering or Education.









To learn more about JJC's history and to view digital copies of yearbooks, Blazers, Wordeaters and more, visit the Archives website at http://library.jjc.edu/collections/archives.

For information on the sources used in this article, contact Amy Chellino, JJC librarian, at achellin@jjc.edu, (815) 280-6708.

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COLLEGE REPORT



98% of students surveyed would recommend JJC to friends and family

Brandy Der Kacy was in pursuit of a career change when she enrolled at Joliet Junior College in 2016. The then 28-year-old wanted a path that brought more stability and a stronger future, and she found it through JJC's Cisco program, which educates students across a broad section of computer and network security subjects. Der Kacy's dedication in the classroom and involvement across campus resulted in a complete student experience.

"I've found a place and an opportunity to where I can have growth as a human being and in my career. And JJC helped me get that," said Der Kacy.

As an honors student, Der Kacy completed mentored research in two of her major courses, and was elected



Phi Theta Kappa's vice president of service. She sought math assistance through the Tutoring and Learning Center, and credits Disability Services for helping her effectively manage a chronic neurological disorder.

"I went out and I took advantage of the resources that JJC had, and I showed up, I put in my time, my effort, my work, and I took advantage of the help that was being given."

The experience has Der Kacy poised to accomplish her next goal; obtain a bachelor's degree in computer networking and security from Governors State University.





BUSINESS, INDUSTRY & ORGANIZATIONAL GIVING

The local workforce is getting stronger thanks in part to enhanced industry support of Joliet Junior College programs. In 2019, the college received well over half a million dollars in funding toward scholarships and other initiatives to develop more skilled workers and meet industry demands. That includes a \$250,000 gift to JJC's Operations Engineering and Technician (OET) program from TC Energy.

Aisha Malovski is evidence of that support, which boosts technical and soft skills. After graduating from the OET program last May, she promptly landed a job at TC Energy's Morris office as an electrical instrumentation and controls technician.

"Thanks to the great JJC professors I was always encouraged to ask questions and they made sure to take the time to ensure that I understood the lessons," said Malovski. "I look forward to seeing the program grow and help others reach their dreams like they did with me."

Malovski has helped the JJC program maintain a 100 percent completion and employment rate since it launched in 2015.

"It has been a pleasure working with our corporate partners on a program that meets their needs to train a skilled workforce and at the same time embed essential skills within the program," said Amy Murphy, JJC dean of applied arts, workforce education and training.



\$567,740

Raised last year from business and industry partners

Group LLC President Jim Prescott; IL State Rep. Debbie
Meyers-Martin; IL State Sen. Sue Rezin; Trevence Mitchell,
TC Energy Senior Advisor, Community and Employee
Involvement, Public Affairs and Communications; JJC
Alumna Aisha Malovski.

Front row, from left: Loren Locher, TC Energy Regional Specialist, Government Affairs and Community Relations; Scott Castleman, TC Energy Manager, U.S. Community Relations and Stakeholder Outreach; JJC Foundation President Jennifer Howard; JJC President Dr. Judy Mitchell; Amy Murphy, JJC Dean of Applied Arts, Workforce Education and Training; IL State Sen. Pat McGuire.

TOP 100

FORBES RANKED JJC TOP 100 PLACE TO WORK IN ILLINOIS

Forbes conducted its first-ever ranking of America's Best Employers by State, partnering with market research company, Statista. JJC was one of only 10 higher education institutions to make the top 100 list.





JJC IS AFFORDABLE

Tuition and Fee Comparisons

Tuition and fees quoted as full-time (15 hours per semester) based on 2018-2019 rates.

UNIQUE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

JJC's Orthotics and Prosthetics Program is one of only seven at a community college across the nation.

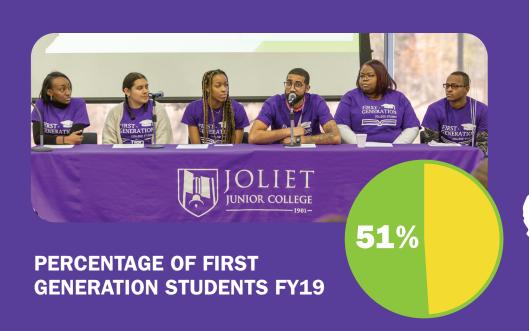
Program Outcomes

93% Employer Satisfaction

93% of employers are satisfied with JJC OPT graduates who enter the workforce.

100% Graduate Satisfaction

100% of graduates report being prepared or very prepared to enter the workforce.



TOP TEN TRANSFER INSTITUTIONS

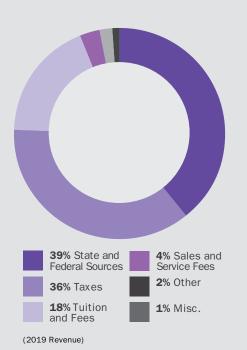
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DePaul University
Chamberlain University



27,000

Approximate annual attendance of credit and non-credit students, 2018-2019

OPERATING FUNDS





FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The district's financial status continues to be strong.
 State apportionment for JJC budgets in FY19 and for FY20 increased funding by 2% and 5%, respectively.
- Overall revenues were \$172.5 million, \$7.6 million more than expenses.
- Total costs decreased by approximately 2.3% or \$3.8 million.

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