



JCJC Alumni & Friends E-News

www.jcjc.edu

June 18, 2008

Note: We are forming committees NOW to plan the Homecoming events for 2008. The 1958 year classes of JCJC and Ellisville High School will be the "Honored Classes". Please contact Amie at the Alumni Office if you are interested serving on the group that will be planning and contacting your classmates. Homecoming is October 11, 2008. Alumni Office telephone number is 601-477-4049.

The JCJC family hopes you and your family are enjoying the warm summer. The campus is really busy this time of year with all the summer camps and JCJC students attending summer school classes. The summer camps remind all of us how much energy younger teenagers have! We do hope that you will come by and visit the campus and see the many changes that are taking place.

Please continue to visit the JCJC website for activities and opportunities that you and your family may want to attend on campus. We hope you will send us the email addresses of your friends and family who might want to receive this information.

We continue to search for Alumni! Fall class reunions are currently in the planning stages. A Cheerleader reunion for a September home football game is now in the planning stage and contacts are being made. Look in your JCJC yearbook and see if you know where any of your classmates are located. Let us know who you find. Please contact the Alumni Office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at amie.herrington@jcjc.edu to update your address.

In addition to activities on campus, the ENewsletter will highlight individuals who attended or are friends of JCJC. This will include their activities and honors. We need you to submit items that you would enjoy seeing in future editions of the ENewsletter.

Birthday or Graduation Gift Idea: Give a JCJC Lifetime Alumni membership to your spouse, young person or family member. Contact the JCJC Alumni office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at amie.herrington@jcjc.edu for more information. (We had a number of people who did this for Christmas gifts).

* **Upcoming events:** (Go to www.jcjc.edu for more info on events and activities)

* **Visit the JCJC Website for Summer Camps.**

* **Leadership Conference, July 15-18. Visit the JCJC Website for more information.**

* **Reunion for classes or groups.** If you are interested in coordinating a class or group reunion, contact the JCJC alumni office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at amie.herrington@JCJC.edu.

* **Visit the JCJC website for registration information for fall semester.**

* **The JCJC all sports schedules** are available. Visit www.jcjc.edu or contact campus for a copy.

* **The 2008-2009 Bobcat Club application for all sports** will soon be in the mail soon.

Tidbits from the JCJC Family

* **Reunion for the 1961 Bobcat Football Team** was May 8-11, 2008 in Gatlinburg, TN. This get-together was planned and organized by Parker Dykes and Eddie Loper. Eleven Bobcats attended the reunion and according to Parker, "We just started where we left off 45 years ago when we left JC and went on to other colleges and jobs." The next reunion for this group will be on the Mississippi Gulf Coast April 30-May 3, 2009. Jimmy Dale Pitts, Tony Parrish, Thomas Pitts and Jon Blanchette are the organizers of this reunion. If you are interested in being a part of this reunion, contact Parker at 865-940-1035 or 965-696-6678.

The people appearing in this section are usually Alumni and Friends from past years. We are featuring the "Newest" JCJC Alumni in this edition of the ENewsletter. All of these students are completing their studies at JCJC and will continue their education at a senior college or enter the workforce.

These students (now Alumni) are Mr. & Miss JCJC, Student Government Association President and Hall of Fame.

Joe Armour (08) of Laurel, MS (Mr. JCJC). He was active in the College Republicans (where he served as president), Engineering Society, Science Club, BSU and intramural sports. Joe stated "I attended JCJC because it was close to home and inexpensive for a high quality education." He is the brother of Rebekah Armour, Miss JCJC. He is the sixth sibling out of 12 in the family to attend JCJC. Joe's parents are Steve and Debbie Armour from Laurel.

Rebekah Armour (08) of Laurel, MS (Miss JCJC). She was President of the Engineering Society, Treasurer of the College Republicans and active in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor society. She was selected Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was a JCJC Ambassador. Rebekah comments about why she attended JCJC; "One of the primary reasons for me attending JCJC originally was the vast amount of scholarship opportunities available. JCJC has opened so many doors and provided much opportunity for my future. I am honored to have been a part of such an exceptional school!" She is the seventh sibling out of 12 in the family to attend JCJC. Her parents are Steve and Debbie Armour. Rebekah plans to attend MSU this fall and pursue a degree in Industrial Engineering.

Kayla Bradley (08) of Laurel, MS (SGA President, Hall of Fame). She was Organizational Editor for the Lair Yearbook, Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges, President's List scholar, freshman class president and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Jones Ambassadors, Bobcat Brigade and College Republicans. She also participated in intramural sports. Kayla comments about her time at JCJC: "I Love Jones! Jones has truly inspired the greatness in me! I wasn't planning to come to JCJC until I met the people here and saw all the opportunities the school had to offer me. After that I knew in my heart Jones was where I needed to be. My time here has helped me discover what I wanted to do with my life as far as a career. I've enjoyed being part of the Bobcat Family and I plan to still be a part of it as an Alumni. Once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat." Kayla plans to attend MSU this fall majoring in Communications-Public Relations and educational leadership. Her parents' are Alan (79) and Ann (83) Bradley.

Annah Freeman (08) of Laurel, MS (Hall of Fame). She was vice president of the Science Club and active in College Republicans, Phi Theta Kappa and the SGA. Anna was a President's List scholar, JCJC Ambassador, Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges, JCJC HEADWAE Recipient, Capitol Day Representative and a William Winter Scholar. Annah has a 4.0 grade point average and plans to further her education at USM majoring in Economics, Finance and International Business. She hopes to obtain her Ph. D. in International Business and work with a multi-national corporation in Europe. Annah states about her time at JCJC: "My time at JCJC has become two of the best years of my life. Jones has afforded me so many opportunities that I don't believe I would have had anywhere else. I was able to be in the first group of Jones Ambassadors as well as the HEADWAE Recipient. I loved being involved with the organizations because it has left me with friendships for a lifetime. It was also a pleasure being taught by and working with such as amazing faculty and staff. My Bobcat years will truly be a cherished memory." Her parents are Ted (80) and Karen (86) Freeman from the Laurel area.

Chris Glaze (08) of Ellisville, MS (Hall of Fame). He was vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the JCJC Bobcat baseball team and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletics. He often visits elementary schools in the area to talk about the negative aspects of taking drugs and he is very active member of the Ellisville First Baptist Church. He earned several scholarships while at JCJC. Chris was named the Lea Plarski Award winner by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). This award goes to a student-athlete who exemplifies sportsmanship, leadership, community service, academic excellence and athletic ability. He was honored at the 2008 AT & T National Sportsmanship Awards on June 15 in St. Louis Mo. Chris is a two year starter as shortstop on JCJC's baseball team and was coached by his father, Bobby Glaze. His parents are Bobby and Linda Glaze from Ellisville.

Eric James (08) (Hall of Fame) Eric was secretary of Engineering Society and parliamentarian of Science Club. He was a member of the Honors College, Phi Theta Kappa, Jones Ambassadors, College Republicans and Reformed University Fellowship. Eric served as a math tutor. He earned the Letter "J" Award, and has been awarded ACT, Presidential and Foundation scholarships.

Randy Jones (08) of Waynesboro, MS (Hall of Fame). Randy was a member of Student Government Association, Bobcat Brigade, Phi Theta Kappa and Science Club. He is the recipient of ACT, Academic, Laurel Area Dental Society and Harris-Fee scholarships. The student body elected Randy as a class favorite for both his freshman and sophomore years. Randy comments about his time at JCJC: "Loved it! I hope State is just as great. I wish I could get an 8 year degree here at JCJC!" Randy plans to attend MSU this fall and seek a degree in Biological Science and Chemistry minor. His plans include attending UMC Dental School. Randy's parents are Kay (79) and Bobby (75) Jones.

Jackie Lee (08) (Hall of Fame). Jackie was president of Phi Theta Kappa. She was a member of the women's varsity soccer team and Alpha Beta Gamma National Business Honor Society. She also participated in intramural sports. Jackie earned the Letter "J" Award. In addition to her athletic scholarship, she received an ACT, Academic Excellence and Foundation scholarships.

Eli Lowry (08) (Hall of Fame) Eli was member of Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government Association, Bobcat Brigade, College Republicans, Maroon Typhoon Marching Band and Symphonic Band. He also participated in the intramural sports program. Eli was a recipient of the Letter "J" Award, a Band Scholarship and ACT Scholarship.

Elizabeth Nicholson (08) of Petal, MS (Hall of Fame). Elizabeth was a delegate for the Mississippi Nursing Association Convention. She is the recipient the Letter "J" Award, Associate Degree Nursing Student Nurse of the Year, and Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. She received the Myrtle Howell Barnett Nursing scholarship. Elizabeth's comments about her time at JCJC. "In January 2005, I enrolled at Jones and started on the path toward a goal I had forgotten many years ago. I had not been a student since January 1973 when I dropped out of the tenth grade. I know now that I could not have chosen a better place to resume my journey. I remember enrollment day like it was yesterday, I was scared to death and even though I had never even taken an ACT and my placement test scores were less than spectacular, the nursing instructor who helped me through registration was very encouraging and supportive. The positive and caring attitude of everyone at Jones inspired me and definitely contributed toward my success in reaching my lifelong goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. Looking back, I realize I could not have made a better choice of schools. Jones not only provides an excellent education, it also inspires its students to excel in their chosen fields. I am currently working on the Neurosurgery Unit at Forrest General Hospital. I am proud to graduate from Jones County Junior College and it is with special pleasure that I do so with my youngest daughter, Christina N. Nicholson right beside me."

Brandan Sellers (08) of Shubuta, MS (Hall of Fame). Brandan was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Engineering Club. He participated on both the varsity men's soccer and football teams. He is the recipient of an ACT scholarship and a Foundation piano scholarship. Brandan's comments about his time at JCJC: "The past two years at JCJC has allowed me to live the total college experience. My freshmen year I received All-State and All-Region honors as the Bobcat kicker. Being a varsity athlete required living on campus-an experience I wouldn't have missed for the world. The friendships I developed through dorm life will be life-long. Along with pursuing my pre-engineering major, I also worked toward a music minor. The teachers I had in the music department are truly wonderful people. They have inspired me to keep music a high priority in my life. What can I say about academic teachers? There is not one teacher I had in the classroom who I would not recommend highly to others. They all really care about the student body at Jones. From athletics to music and everything in between, JCJC has prepared me to continue my education at MSU with confidence." Brandan is a third generation alumni. His grandfather, James C. Sellers (51), father Johnny N. Sellers (78), mother Shea Holland Sellers (80) and brother Jonathan C. Sellers (05) are all graduates of JCJC.

Gracie Thompson (08) (Hall of Fame). She was secretary of Phi Theta Kappa. Gracie was a member of the Maroon Typhoon, Flute Choir, Future Educators Association and Science Club. She was a recipient of the Chisholm-Wisner Memorial Scholarship.

Note: Contact us if you would like to be part of this information on JCJC Alumni in future ENewsletters.

JCJC Offering Options in Education

The following information was provided by Teresa Martin, Director of Media and Public Relations

Changes in the economic and learning environments have prompted Jones County Junior College to examine the way education is offered. "Today's students are technologically savvy and because of rising fuel costs are beginning to limit their travel. As a result we are offering more options to enhance the traditional delivery of education," said JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith.

Jones has offered students scheduling options in the past, but now there are even more opportunities for a traditional classroom education, on-line courses, and a combination of both called hybrid on-line courses.

“We are offering Friday-only classes, which meet for three hours, just like a night class, in basic areas like English Composition, Psychology and Biology. Also, the Career and Technical division is now offering Saturday classes with an on-line component. We hope this will enable those students who work off-shore for example and those who are unable to regularly meet on campus,” said Smith.

Currently the Saturday option is only available to electronic students. They will attend eight Saturdays and then complete the course online. More classes like this will be offered in the future.

Other options that are available for students include taking courses only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as well as Tuesday and Thursday classes. “These scheduling options allow students to work on their off days or save gas money, as the case may be,” said Jim Kelly, V.P. for instructional affairs.

Nearly one-thousand students are taking classes on-line this summer and JCJC officials believe the demand for on-line classes will only rise because it’s a convenient educational option. “On-line classes provide the working professional an opportunity to get continuing education. For example, teachers have to keep their licenses current and need courses we offer on-line. They can work during the day and do the course-work at their convenience,” said Kelly.

Students are taking three times more on-line classes this summer compared to last summer, showing that the demand will only increase. Traditional courses will continue to be offered on campus, however, “we are providing options for students that are necessary and vital to the success of both the student and the college,” said Smith. “We are also offering courses throughout our eight county districts, so students can conveniently get an education, close to home.”

Jones is working hard to find options for students to get an education, knowing the success of our region depends on the success of our students, explained Smith. “Offering a variety of options is imperative, especially when students are having a difficult time finding the resources to get an education.”

For more information about on-line courses check the web at www.jcjc.edu

Deaths

Georgiette (Anderson) Allums (32) died May 13, 2008 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, MS. She was a lifelong resident of Jones County and Ellisville. She touched the lives of many Jones County residents during her 35 year teaching career at JCAHS and South Jones High School. She was among the first classes to graduate from JCJC and was very proud of her association with JCJC.

Latriece (Simmons) Wade (44) died April 20, 2008 at the Jones County Rest Home in Ellisville, MS. She began her teaching career at Soso High School, teaching many veterans who had returned to school after the war to complete their high school education. She later taught Business Education at Stringer, Moss, Glade and Northeast Jones. She retired in 1983 as the Title I Director of the Jones County School district

Mary Annelle Holifield (51) died March 30, 2008 in Laurel, MS. She was a retired teacher from the Jones County School System. Mrs. Holifield was a teacher at Myrick Elementary, principal at Sharon Elementary and at Glade Elementary. She loved music and was an excellent pianist.

Kathleen Crosby Bush Wallace died May 20, 2008 at her home in Moselle, MS. Mrs. Wallace was a retired switchboard operator at JCJC. She was an avid gardener and loved to grow beautiful flowers.

FYI

The JCJC Alumni Association is an organization that is actively involved in programs that promote the college and assist students. We are eager to have you be a part of the activities. Alumni newsletters and school newspapers are mailed to members to keep you up-to-date on campus events. If you have not been receiving these mail outs, please complete a new membership form so we will have your correct address (mark this form UPDATED ADDRESS). The ENewsletter will be sent at least once a month so you will be able to keep up with campus events on a regular basis.

Visit the Alumni Association on the JCJC Website: www.jcjc.edu

NOTE: We are looking for all: Mr. /Miss JCJCs, SGA Presidents and Hall of Fame Members. Please email or contact us if you, your family member or friend received any of these honors at JCJC. Thank you to all of you that have responded to this request.

New and Renewing Annual Members for May/June

Portia (Fant) Anderson (81)
G. K. Atkinson (Friend of College)
Velton and Judy Barnard (53)
Tommie T. (Sumrall) Beck (53)
Martin Beech (54)
Charles E. and Cora Jo Blackwell (56)
J. C. and Amy Bridges (91)
Judy F. Brown (60)
Kathy N. Buckhaults (92)
Daryl Bush (93)
Carlen Y. Cain (76)
Roy D. Caves (53)
Terry L. Caves (78)
Patricia Dickey (67)
Jesse and Maude Dickinson (51)
Winston E. and Dixie Duckworth (Board of Trustees)
Gary and Ruth Frazier (50)
Marilyn (Allred) Fuquay (70)
Jim Gabel (63)
Glenn A. and Linda Geddie (62)
Vern and Joan Geddie (49)
June and A. Howard Graham (56)
Darriel R. Green (80)
Pellie Mae (Tisdale) Hancock (49)
Dale Herrington (82)
Lacey E. Hinton
Shirley G. (Chain) Holliday (53)
Charles A. and Debbie Hollingshead (54)
Martha E. (Long) Hosey (94)
Wilford M. Ishee (55)
R. G. Jordan (45)
Byron Kisner (39)
Thompson D. Knight (41)
Marilyn (Blount) Long (97)
Eddie and Lynda Loper (62)
Subrina (Darlinton) Lavigne (05)
Sara (Smith) Landrum (70)
Melton L. and Helen McCarty (50)
Erica S. McCullum (03)
Anne (Elmore) McKnight (59)
Gwyn G. Mitchell (92)
Lisa (Anderson) Murdock (79)
B. T. Nobles (54)
Margaret Norton (36)
Mary F. Norton (74)
Jim and Chellie (Thomas) Ormon (59)
Bruce and Belinda Ratcliff (84)
Ann (Moffett) Rose (54)
Edna R. (Westbrook) Salem (55)
Wilbur and Wanda (Rounsaville) Saul (65/68)
Mrs. Peter Schneider (41)
Roger B. and Dianne (Dunagin) Speed (67)

Jo Ellen (English) Sullivan (93)
Virgil T. and JoJo Sullivan (Retired JCJC Faculty)
C. H. Sumrall (54)
Michael Sumrall (76)
Kenneth P. and Karen Swager (70)
Lynda (Kowatch) Thames (64)
Deborah A. Thornton (79)
Mary (Stennett) Trovato (67)
Charles C. Vaughn (49)
Connie (Smith) Walley (53)
Elgin K. Walley (40)
Linda E. Walters (62)
Tammy (Hill) White (78)
Maggie (Hudson) Williams (79)
John H. Windham (48)

I look forward to hearing from you via the Internet! Email me at: robert.landrum@jcjc.edu

Robert Landrum (67)
JCJC E-News contact person
Foundation Development Officer
601-477-4111