

STUDENT LIFE

Alumni Association

Students are urged to involve themselves in extracurricular activities throughout their college careers. This is also important to the institution in the years after the students leave Jones County Junior College. The Jones County Junior College Alumni Association promotes the welfare of the College and its alumni by increasing the interest of its members in the College and in each other. The annual meeting of the association is held at Homecoming each year. During this meeting, the Alumnus of the Year is announced and officers for the next year are elected.

Athletics and Intramurals

A varied program in intercollegiate and intramural athletics is offered throughout the academic year to provide for competitive athletic teams and educational experiences to develop physical, social, and academic skills, as well as emotional wellbeing. The intramural program provides opportunities for students to participate in basketball, ping pong, softball, tennis, volleyball, and other competitive and noncompetitive activities. Intercollegiate athletics is under the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Division and is an integral part of the total educational program. The Jones County Junior College Bobcats compete in football, basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, tennis, golf, and cheerleading under guidelines established by the National Junior College Athletic Association, the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association, and the local Board of Trustees.

C. L. Neill Student Center

The Student Union building serves the needs of Jones County Junior College students. Located in the building is the school bookstore, where textbooks, school supplies and various incidentals may be purchased and mail service is provided. A grill/snack bar in the Student Center provides short-order food service for students and faculty. Sodexo, Inc., operates a large, well-equipped cafeteria in the Student Center. A sincere effort is made at all times to serve well-prepared, high quality food in attractive surroundings.

Organizations and Clubs

Jones County Junior College provides a diversity of student organizations and clubs to supplement its educational programs, and students are urged to become active members of one or more of them.

The Student Association, which involves all students as members, cooperates with the administration, faculty, and Board of Trustees to encourage participation in school activities and to develop student leadership.

The Student Government Association is the executive body of the Student Association and serves as a coordinating agent for other organizations and clubs on campus. The

students of Jones County Junior College are afforded the opportunity of participation in the institutional decision-making process via the Student Government Association, which serves as an effective and responsible link between the student body and the school administration in changing student policies when the need for such becomes apparent. Recommendations proposed by the Student Government Association are forwarded to the Vice President of Student Affairs for consideration. The Vice President of Student Affairs then forwards the recommendations to the President of the College for his decision.

The following clubs and organizations are also available to students: Association of Child Development Technology (ACDT), African-American Student Organizations (AASO), Agriculture, Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP), *Alpha Beta Gamma, Baptist Student Union, College Democrats, College Republicans, Skills USA, Engineering Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Food Production, Forestry, Horticulture Club, Student Nurse Organization (SNO), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Pharmacy Tech., Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), Phi Beta Lambda (Tech), Political Science Club, **Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Publications Club, Student Government Association (SGA), Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), Nontraditional Student Association (NTSA), Science Club, University Mothers Against Drunk Driving (UMADD), and Wesley Foundation.

***Alpha Beta Gamma** is an international junior and community college honor society for students in the business curricula for the purpose of recognizing scholarship, leadership, and service. Eligibility for membership in ABG requires students to be enrolled in a business curriculum and have completed a minimum of 15 credit hours with at least 12 hours being in courses leading to a degree recognized by the institution. Students must possess qualities of citizenship and have established academic excellence of a 3.0 GPA in business courses as well as a 3.0 overall average.

****Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)** is the international honor society for two-year colleges, promoting scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. Eligibility for membership in PTK is based on a grade point average of 3.5 for all college work completed before election. During the semester preceding election and the semester of election, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 15 semester hours of academic courses.

Religious organizations include the Baptist Student Union, Wesley Foundation (Methodist), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Association of Baptist Students. These religious organizations contribute to student life under the direction of capable leaders.

Publications

The purpose of student publications is to provide a record of activities and offer students opportunities for experience in journalism through the campus newspaper (Radonian) and College yearbook (Lair). Students participate in the publication of the Radonian and Lair while enrolled in journalism classes.