

# Monday Morning News



## Upcoming Events & Activities

### This Week

- July 27** Soccer camps. Ages 5-8
- July 28** GED graduation ceremony

### Upcoming

- August 2-9** Blackboard unavailable statewide due to system upgrade time.
- August 5** Graduation practice, 11 a.m. in Band Hall
- August 6** 2nd term Summer classes end
- August 6** Graduation, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium
- August 17** Faculty and Staff inservice

## Happy Birthday!

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| <b>July 27</b><br><b>Ed Smith</b><br><i>VP of Student Affairs</i> | <b>July 29</b><br><b>Bridget Maskew</b><br><i>Business Office</i> |
| <b>Sandi Flynt</b><br><i>Business/Office Tech</i>                 | <b>July 30</b><br><b>Stephanie Green</b><br><i>Social Science</i> |
| <b>July 28</b><br><b>Dwight Green</b><br><i>Welding</i>           | <b>July 31</b><br><b>Beverly Messemore</b><br><i>Career/Tech</i>  |
| <b>Michael Banes</b><br><i>Tech Prep</i>                          | <b>August 2</b><br><b>Margaret Moore</b><br><i>Math</i>           |

## Benigno to Speak at GED Graduation

The public is invited to the Jones County Junior College GED Graduation Ceremony to be held Tuesday, July 28, at 7 p.m. in the JCJC Fine Arts Auditorium. Jones County School's Community Involvement Director, Dr. Chuck Benigno will be the commencement speaker for the almost 229 graduating students.



## PeopleSoft Functional Leads Announced

Each department has someone in charge of PeopleSoft. They are listed below.

### Enrollment and Student

#### Records

- o Lead – Bonnie Warren
- o Asst. Lead – Ashley Hill

#### Records and Admissions

- o Lead – Rick Hamilton
- o Asst. Lead – Kathryn Davis

#### Academic Advisement

- o Lead – Gwen Magee
- o Asst. Lead – Bonnie Warren

#### Financial Aid

- o Lead – Jennifer Suber
- o Asst. Lead – Juanita Morgan
- o Asst. Lead – Tasha Peters

### Deans Office

- o Lead – Regina Poole
- o Asst. Lead – JoAnna Newcomb

### VoTech

- o Lead – Mary Abbey
- o Asst. Lead – Candice Weaver

### Student Financials

- o Lead – Amanda Hall

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- o Lead – Bridget Maskew
- o Asst. Lead – Missy Jones

### HR & Payroll

- o Lead – Sonya Graves
- o Asst. Lead – Christy Hilbun

### Others:

- o Shannon Campbell – Deans Office
- o Laverne Ulmer – Institutional Research/Blackboard Outcomes
- o Phyllis Shearer – Institutional Research
- o Jennifer Powell – Blackboard E-Learning
- o Emileigh Sones – Blackboard E-Learning
- o Candi Smith – Blackboard Community/Financials

# Jones Anticipating Federal Investment from Obama Initiative

Yesterday, the House Education and Labor Committee took a step in making the American Graduation Initiative a reality by passing H.R. 3221 (The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act) by a 30-17 vote.

Although funding amounts have changed since Obama's announcement of the Initiative last week, \$9.5 billion is still slated to be used for the nation's community college system to strengthen America's workforce.

"Jones recognizes the fact that community colleges are the economic engines that drive economic development and workforce competitiveness," said Jason Dedwylder, director of external funding. "Our college plans to continue to follow this legislation and will actively pursue funding opportunities made available through this initiative."

The bill provides significant funding increases in two key areas, Pell Grants and Obama's graduation initiative:

- The Pell Grant maximum will increase to \$5,500 in 2010 and gradually increase to \$6,900 by 2019.

- Beginning the fiscal year of 2011, \$2.5 billion will be available for grants to community colleges to modernize, renovate and repair facilities.

- \$6.3 billion for competitive grants will be available for community college and state use to innovate and expand college programs. These funds are available for 10 years. The first four years are open to colleges and the remaining of those years will be open to states' use, with 90% of funds allocated toward community colleges.

- \$700 million for competitive grants will be available for the national development of free online training and courses.

"This initiative will provide a unique opportunity for Jones to increase enrollment and improve graduation rates through innovative programs," said Dedwylder.

The bill now goes to the House Budget Committee. It's anticipated that the entire House will vote on it by the first of August. The Senate is expected to consider this legislation in early September.

# Administration Meeting

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## **Business Affairs - Rick Youngblood**

- OneCard office is progressing. Furniture has been ordered. Move this week.
- Approved Operating budgets were distributed to deans and administrators last week. Watch your budgets carefully.
- When hiring, we are being very careful to make sure new employees are in the budget. Trying to limit new employees to replacement hiring only.
- Bookstore installing new registers this week - to upgrade and improve speed. Existing registers are about 8 years old and have become slower.
- We need a cashier in the bookstore. Pass the word around. Jessica Russell is going back to school. She is a great employee, and we will miss her tremendously.
- It appears that Direct Loans are coming for FY 2011. A presentation to this group will be scheduled at an appropriate time.
- A presentation on VA benefits will be scheduled in two weeks. Crystel Hinton has a wealth of information to share with the group.

## **Instructional Affairs -**

### **Kelly/Campbell/Weaver/Messemore**

- Tuesday Jim Kelly will be attending the state Articulation Committee meeting in Jackson with IHL and SBCJC, CJC Instructional officers to discuss the proposed revisions to the Articulation Agreement.
- We will have the 4th of the "5 Days of Summer" Freshmen Orientation and Registration on Wednesday.
- Jim Kelly is scheduled to speak to the Jones County Genealogical & Historical Association on the "Free State of Jones" on Saturday, July 25th.

- The Greene County Learning Center celebrated another milestone with the completion of a \$37K grant from Twin Districts Workforce Investment Area. The grant was used to purchase computers, tables, chairs, and other supportive equipment for the Adult Education classes. Shannon Campbell will meet with Greene County's Board of Supervisors on Tuesday at 9:00am to update them on our progress with the new center.

- Online classes--Please use extreme caution when enrolling an adult in online classes if they have never taken them before. We are experiencing a large number of students overwhelmed at the amount of work required to complete an online class. Adults should not be encouraged to take more than one to two online classes their first semester to enroll in them.

## **Foundation and Alumni - Caroline Kelly**

- Scholarship Tabloid is in process.
- Preparing and planning for Hall of Fame weekend....September 11-12
- Preparing and planning for Homecoming 2009 weekend....October 16-17
- Caroline will be out of the office July 22-24
- Preparing for 2008-2009 audit

## **Marketing - Marlo Dorsey**

- Please visit the website to see the newest college catalog online. Gabe and Marlo say it is viewable by section.
- We are working on our tentative ad contracts with all vendors for the year.
- Thanks to everyone who participated in the communications workshop. It exceeded our expectations.
- Marlo will be attending the MEDC Con-

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ference in Biloxi with the EDA of Jones County July 22-24.

- We will be working with Clear Channel tuition promotion the first of August.

#### **Institutional Effectiveness - Dr. Laverne Ulmer**

- Preparing evaluation instruments for administration
- Working with Chairs on reporting instruments
- Preparing the College Planning Calendar
- Establishing the Faculty Committees for AY10
- Finalizing the Fall Faculty Orientation Schedule and Sessions

#### **Maintenance - Petey Barnett**

- Meeting with Siemens Monday 10 a.m. sub metering and another phase of energy management
- Working on energy used in buildings
- Going Green Meeting with House Keeping Wed.
- J B Young
- Liberal Arts
- Sub Shop in Library
- ADA work on campus

#### **Student Affairs - Ed Smith**

##### • Student Services

o Freshmen Orientation/Registration this Wednesday beginning at 12:30pm – 400 students have made appointments.

o Ellisville PD will be on campus Wednesday for a workshop.

o Monday, July 27, auditors will be on campus to do the on-site audit for spring 2009.

##### • Athletics – Katie Herrington

o Soccer camp is Monday through Thursday from 9:00 until 3:00 p.m. Lunch is scheduled at 11:15.

o Cheerleaders leave for camp this Friday

at the University of Alabama.

o Katie and Joanna Newcomb will be meeting Monday at lunch with American Heart Association for planning meeting of Heart Walk.

o Football program ads are being sold and thus far have had a good response.

o Bobcat Bulletin will be sent this week to Bobcat Club members.

##### • Campus Housing

o Room assignments are being completed for all students.

o 355 females have been assigned a room

o 362 students currently on the waiting list

o Ashley will be meeting with Jacqueline Barnett and Gwen Magee today to gain their assistance and support in implementing mandatory housing programs to enhance student engagement.

o Dr. Smith, Board of Trustee President David Garner, and Ed Smith traveled to Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton, Ga and Valdosta State University in Valdosta last Wednesday with the staff of Ambling University Development. The group visited several campus housing units at the two colleges as a beginning to the process of exploring new campus housing possibilities at Jones. On Thursday of last week, the Ambling group spent the day with our housing staff here on campus.

##### • Counseling

o Coach Easley and Coach Oz are assisting with scheduling during high traffic times.

o Residual ACT will be given tomorrow.

o Mr. Stan Lewis and Mr. Randy Purdum's Electrical Technology students helped wire the Nontraditional Student Success Center's computer lab. Twelve students participated in this hands-on learning experience.

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A spaghetti luncheon was provided to all student workers on July 15.

o Three universities have expressed interest in the Nontraditional Student Honor Society that JCJC joined in 2008. Information about the association has been provided to William Carey University, University of Southern Mississippi, and Mississippi State University.

• Recruiting

o The Personalized Brochure for upcoming seniors is being finalized and sent to the printer this week.

o Cynthia and Kathryn are working on updates to the Admissions Packet.

o Packets were held up last week due to an issue with the post office. The issue has since been resolved. 24 In District, 3 Out Of State & 14 Out Of District were mailed out. We also gave two campus tours.

• Future Notices

o Future Orientation dates - August 4.

o The Dixie Youth World Series August 7-13. We will need the housekeeping staff to help clean all the rooms and bathrooms prior to our students moving in on Monday, July 17.

o Graduation Practice for students- Aug 5 - 11 a.m. in Band Hall.

o A training workshop for on-line classes will be held on August 21 at the Nontraditional Student Success Center. Lisa Purdum will facilitate the workshop to help nontraditional students learn the basics required for on-line classes.

o Senior Preview Days – September 15 & 16.

o BOBCAT BLAST – September 24 prior to Hinds FB game.

**President's Office**

• Liberal Arts – Site work is well underway. About 20 of the approximately 140 piers

have been drilled, rebar placed, and concrete poured.

• Student Success Center – The architect is working on plans and specifications for an August 27 bid opening.

• Miscellaneous ADA improvements – Materials have been ordered and once received, turned over to the contractor.

**Information Technology - Casey Mercier**

• JSI communications is working in Old Wayne to wire that dorm for Internet use.

• IT is designing and programming a transportation management system.

• All faculty members now have access to view ACT and Accuplacer scores for students.

• Royce is working with and testing Academic Advisement. We will need help from the deans office to test this system.

• Working with MBS Bookstore the installation of the hosted service will begin this week.

• Working with the Greene County Center to set up phones.

• All PeopleSoft requests are required to be logged into the PeopleSoft system.

**Physical Plant - Michael Bradshaw**

o Delivered desks and other items to Greene Co. ABE.

o Repaired odd and ends and touched up paint at Greene Co. ABE.

o In process of installing new electrical supplies in welding and machine shops.

o Pressure washing & painting in Wayne Hall.

o Star Service reports that the air handler for Fine Arts is scheduled to be shipped 8/19/09.

o Mac's Commercial Heating and Air is to install heat and air unit at Taylorsville ABE.

*Administration Notes shortened for publication.*