

Monday Morning News

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY & STAFF

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Upcoming Events & Activities

This Week

August 24 Freshman advisement week begins

August 25 Meet the Bobcats, Bobcat Stadium, 6 pm

August 25 Maroon Typhoon exhibition, following Meet the Bobcats, Bobcat Stadium

August 27 Football at Itawamba, 7 p.m.

August 29 Soccer at NWCC

Upcoming

September 1 Soccer. Jones hosts Itawamba, 1/3 pm

September 3 Football at East Mississippi CC

September 7 Labor Day Holiday. Evening classes meet on schedule.

Happy Birthday!

August 24

Jody Buchanan

Welding

August 25

Jacquelyne Barnett

Counseling

Deborah Cheeks

Occupational Ed

August 27

Jennifer Musgrove

Information Tech

August 28

Laurie Gambrell

ABE/GED

August 29

Petey Barnett

Maintenance

Meri Newell

Fine Arts

Wesley Dixon

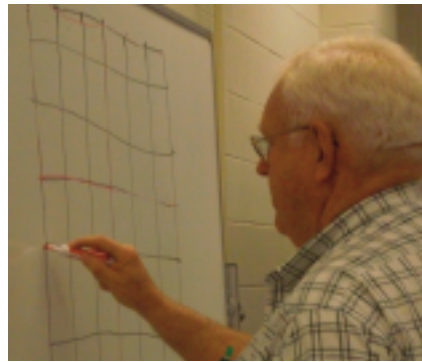
Library

August 30

Gary Herring

Library

Local Businessman Uses Engagement Strategy with Jones Students



Local businessman and successful industrialist Charles Holder used a form of student engagement in Jones machining class recently. The students were very motivated to find the answer to a problem he presented. Holder is volunteering to help Jones make its machining technology program the best that it can be.

— photos and information submitted by Jim Kelly

Heavy Equipment Operator Training at JCJC

by Teresa Martin

The Jones Workforce Development Team is offering training to help students prepare for a new career as an entry-level Heavy Equipment Operator. The class will meet at the JCJC Advanced Technology Center (ATC) on Monday & Tuesday nights from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. with hands-on training on Saturdays at 8 a.m. An orientation and registration meeting will be held on Monday, August 31 at 6 p.m. at the ATC. Classes will begin Tuesday, September 8 and will conclude in December. Training tuition is \$500 plus \$92 for medical screenings.

This course will include lecture, computer-based training, and hands-on skills to prepare trainees as entry-level equipment operators. Trainees will learn heavy equipment operation from the ground up with a significant emphasis on safety. Equipment used for training includes excavators and dozers. Other pieces of equipment will be added as time allows. Learn valuable skills that will open up new opportunities for you by calling JCJC for program requirements at 601-477-4186 or 477-4114 or email at regina.kitchens@jcc.edu or shannon.wilks@jcc.edu.

Division Meeting

August 21, 2009

- Gwen Magee - All drop/adds will be done from the Counseling Office beginning Monday.
- Paul Hollomon - Due to J.B. Young construction, there is only one access way to their department, which is the breezeway by Allied Health. Everyone is currently carrying their cell phones in CIST since their phone is not working.
- Samuel Jones - Club and organization meeting will be held September 1 at 7:45 a.m. Club and organization membership drive will be held September 8. Freshmen advisement is week of Aug. 24. Sophomore advisement is following week. Heart Walk is October 31.
- Casey Mercier - If you are having problems with Google mail, please call the IT department. Also, please put your photo in Google mail so everyone will be able to identify each other. IT is continuing to put in phone lines. 80% of the phone lines are in.
- Ed Smith - Senior Preview Days are September 15 and 16. Bobcat Blast will be held Sept. 24 with that night's football game. Hundreds of high school seniors will be invited to attend.
- Susan Smith - The A/C in Fine Arts Bldg will be repaired September 8. The air will be off for about five days. The phones in the building will ring, but they can't be answered, which is why no one is answering if you are calling.
- Caroline Kelly - Don't forget the Faculty Bobcat Club. Hall of Fame is September 11-12. There are five inductees, including Gwen Magee. Tickets cost \$20. If you have homecoming theme suggestions, please let Caroline know. All Foundation funds have been awarded to students for this semester. There may be more available in the spring.
- Ronald Bishop - Regarding volunteering with tutoring English to Spanish speakers, there are

three elementary groups, a night adult class on campus, and a Tuesday afternoon class at Laredo Grill. Any faculty looking to volunteer with these should contact Dr. Bishop.

- Donna Scoggin - Tammie Chandler is a new A.D. nursing instructor.
- Jennifer Powell - Three cases of paper were used in the CAL lab in one day, so there are some printing issues. Online classes begin August 24. Late registration is August 28.
- Katie Herrington - Soccer will be playing its games at the Sportsplex. The 5K race is September 12. Met with athletes Wednesday night and shared with them expectations. If students aren't doing what they are supposed to do in class, faculty please let the coaches know.
- Cheryl Windham - Social Sciences and Humanities are working together to present a powerpoint to students, training them in logging into portal, Blackboard, email, etc.
- John Carter - Groundbreaking for the LAB Building is September 16 at 10:30 a.m. Paving will move to the math building, men's dorms and the non-traditional student center. The paving is free except for the materials. The dates are not chosen by the college.
- Shannon Campbell - Looking for desks for Cheryl Windham's classes. Some students still don't have textbooks because they are waiting on Financial Aid. Please help accommodate them until they have financial aid. Faculty are to be commended for already making a great impression on students.
- Jim Kelly thanked everyone who is helping lost students. He encouraged everyone to mention PTK to students because it's a great incentive to keep grades up.
- Dr. Smith asked how the first two days of classes have been. He said he's proud of the way our instructors have been able to adapt to the new model and how they're engaging students.

U.S. Forest Service Commends JCJC's Forestry Program

by Teresa Martin

The U.S. Forest Service recently awarded the Jones County Junior College Forestry Department a Certificate of Appreciation.

District Ranger, Robert Lee praised the JCJC forestry program, instructors and students in his letter of appreciation for being, "major contributors to ecosystem management and restoration efforts for the United States Forest Service." He added, "The U.S. Forest Service has a long standing partnership with JCJC. We've always had quality students working for us. We just wanted to express our appreciation."

JCJC forestry instructor, Jeff Keeton said working for the U.S. Forest Service is one of the best jobs for a forestry graduate. Currently, six JCJC graduates are employed at the Chickasawhay U.S. Forest Service office, located in Glade. Gary Jarvis, a 1988 JCJC graduate from Leakesville was recently promoted to the Forest Service's National Headquarters in Washington D.C. as the Applied Fire Ecologist for the Office of State & Private Forestry, Fire & Aviation Management. Mike Dueitt, also a 1988 JCJC graduate from Leakesville moved to Jackson to serve as the statewide Forest Fire Management Officer for the National Forests in Mississippi.

In response to Lee's praises of JCJC and its students, Keeton offered his gratitude for the opportunities the U.S. Forest Service has provided JCJC students. "We have a unique partnership," said Keeton. "Through the U.S. Forest Service, our students have access to the more than 151,000 acres of forest in the Chickasawhay Ranger District to conduct lab and field exercises, which is unique to our college."

Three of the JCJC graduates were on hand for the recognition and expressed their appreciation for the efforts of both the U.S. Forest Service and Jones in their efforts to prepare students. "I did a co-op for two summers at the Forest Service while I was at Jones," said Ray Henderson, a 1991 JCJC forestry graduate from Wayne County.



U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Robert Lee (center) extends a gesture of appreciation and gratitude to JCJC forestry instructor, Jeff Keeton (shaking hand-3rd from left). The Forest Service has employed several, quality JCJC graduates who have become state and national forest managers. Pictured left to right are: Andy Barwick, U.S. Forest Service forester; David Berens, U.S. Forest Service fire management officer; JCJC forestry instructor, Jeff Keeton; Robert Lee, U.S. Forest Service district ranger; Jamie Craven, U.S. Forest Service wild life technician and JCJC 1995 graduate from Jones County; Daniel Patterson, U.S. Forest Service firefighter and technician and JCJC 2004 graduate from Perry County; Ray Henderson, U.S. Forest Service forestry technician and JCJC 1991 graduate from Wayne County.

The forestry technician added, "I worked for the U.S. Forest Service before I graduated, giving me hands-on experience with the information I learned in the classroom."

Lee added in his letter of appreciation, Jones students are successful because of, "the dedication of (the forestry) instructors and the passion they have for ensuring their students succeed as they keep natural resource goals and objectives in view." The letter of appreciation continued, "Mr. Keeton and Mr. Walley have worked very close with us as partners and I commend them for their commitment and contribution to the science of natural resource management."

For more information about the JCJC Forestry program, call 601-477-4233 or the web page at www.jcjc.edu. To contact the U.S. Forest Service, call 601-428-0594.