

Academic PBL earns awards

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Jones County Junior College Academic Phi Beta Lambda students brought back 16 awards and their advisor was honored in the state competition held in February.

PBL students from across the state competed in over 30 business/technology events in Tupelo Feb. 25-27. Students from state two-year colleges as well as state universities attended the competition.

Jones winners advance to nationals in Anaheim, CA, June 20-24, where they will compete against students from all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Also attending the competition were Jones instructors David Ray and Dr. Charlotte Williams, who serve

as advisors for the college's Academic PBL.

Williams was honored as Mississippi's PBL Advisor of the Year.

Students who placed in the competitions are: Brittney Henry, Laurel, first place business presentation; Susanna Walters, Hattiesburg, first place microeconomics and first place marketing concepts; Clair Mahon, Petal, first place macroeconomics and first place hospitality management; Kayla Graham, Foxworth, third place marketing concepts and fourth place desktop publishing; Allison Graves, Laurel, first place business presentation; Brian Leggett, Laurel, first place emerging business issues, third place microeconomics; Caleb Houston, Laurel, first place accounting principles and



JCJC Academic PBL students who came away as winners are shown: (Front Row) Brittney Henry, Susanna Walters and Clair Mahon, (Middle Row) Kayla Graham, Allison Graves (Back Row) Brian Leggett, Caleb Houston, Sean Wolfe, and Bryan Rowell. *Photo submitted*

first place emerging business issues; Sean Wolfe, Hattiesburg, second place sales presentation and second place contemporary sports issues; and Bryan Rowell, Laurel, first place business presentation and fourth place desktop publishing.

Tech PBL students place at state

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Jones County Junior College's Technical Phi Beta Lambda students recently attended the annual state competition where they earned seven awards.

Betsy Eubanks won first place for database design and applications and second place for computer applications.

Gabe Mercier took first place for public speaking and second place for computer concepts. He was also recognized as a Mississippi PBL Who's Who Recipient.

Ted Brown received first place in project management, while Justin Stevison placed fourth in both computer concepts



JCJC Technical Phi Beta Lambda students who placed in the state competition, pictured, left to right, are: Betsy Eubanks, Mize; Gabe Mercier, Laurel; Ted Brown, Richton; and Justin Stevison, Richton. *Photo submitted*

and help desk.

All first and second place event winners will represent Jones and Mississippi this summer at the

National Leadership Conference on June 19-24 in Anaheim, CA.

Other honors the Tech PBL earned at the 2009 state

conference included March of Dimes Contribution and Bronze memberships from the FBLA/PBL Foundation.

Three colleges to compete in guitar festival

By: Stacey Williams
News Editor

Jones County Junior College, Meridian Community College and William Carey Community College will be competing in the annual Guitar Festival, being held at the Foote Chapel at JCJC, on Tuesday, April 14.

"We at JCJC are proud to host this event," said Dr. Mike Boyd, guitar instructor. "It's a great opportunity for younger guitar students to work with area professionals."

Students Jay Gandy, Eric Johnson, Elijah Davis, Jeremy Stricklin and Caitlin Cooley will be performing in the festival.

"You get a chance to see

where you are, and what you need to work on," said Gandy.

The members of the guitar ensemble will perform selections from "Pequeñas Joyas".

Gandy and Johnson also recently placed in the state guitar competition.

"For me it's a challenge to be a better musician, more so than playing popular guitar," said Gandy, referring to playing the classical guitar.

Johnson also appreciates the opportunity to learn how to play the guitar in a classroom setting. He believes the classroom offers advantages that enhance natural ability.

"When you see the notes on the page you feel how

the harmony comes in," said Johnson. "I like reading music more than playing by ear."

The festival is an all day event starting with the student performances from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m. the master class will perform with guest clinician Dr. Nicholas Ciraldo.

Ciraldo is assistant professor of guitar at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Ciraldo is the co-founder or the Quadrivium Guitar Quartet and founder of the Hammer/Nail Project.

Ciraldo has won many awards including the Tredrez-Locquemau International Guitar Competition in France, the

Gaetano Zinetti International Chamber Music Competition in Italy, and the GFA Solo Guitar Competition.

He has also worked with harpist Franziska Huhn, flutist Thomas Robertello, and guitarist Eliot Fisk.

At 6 p.m. the guest artist recital will begin.

"Other larger, regional guitar events are more oriented towards more advanced students, so this festival was catered to (meet the needs of) beginning and intermediate guitar students," said Boyd.

For more information about the guitar festival contact Dr. Michael Boyd at mike.boyd@jcc.edu.

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as an automatic calendar that alerts students to upcoming deadlines. CollegeFish provides information on the sequence of tasks to be completed in order to make the transfer process a success.

Many colleges provide financial aid and this information can also be accessed through CollegeFish.org. In addition, the site will offer career-planning

tools to help students identify and pursue career options.

The project will equip community colleges with new technology to incorporate into their advising and/or orientation programs, allowing all students to begin early planning for transfer to a senior college. In addition, enhanced technology will allow advisors and administrators to actively track transfer progress as well as enhance the advising experience.

A team of Phi Theta Kappa staff members visited JCJC, meeting with staff members to plan for a successful rollout of

the program.

"This is an exciting program," said Rebecca Patrick, one of the instructors who attended the presentation. "I believe CollegeFish will help our students make smarter decisions concerning transfer and will also provide them with valuable timelines for admissions, housing and financial aid at the senior colleges."

Once the Beta Test in Mississippi has been completed, the program will be rolled out to other community colleges across the nation.

CollegeFish.org

automatically allows enrollment of all active PTK members, but access to the program will be available to all students once they enroll in their first class.

Transfer advisor and administrator accounts will include the ability to enroll all students interested in using CollegeFish.org.

PTK International is headquartered in Jackson and is the largest honor society in American higher education. Current PTK members may request an account by sending an email to tech_support@CollegeFish.org.

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attack. The Fitness Center can also be used as a tool to help fight the dreaded 'Freshman 15.' Remember, it is important to

manage weight, but not obsess over it, as that will only cause more anxiety.

In terms of physical health, the basics help more than college students usually realize. Yes, "drink more water and less alcohol" and "get more sleep" sound cliché, but they actually work. Not only do those suggestions work, but

so do opting for the stairs instead of the elevator, eating a healthy breakfast and limiting late night snacking. Just doing those five things can provide students with more energy and alertness.

Imagine how much more enjoyable feeling healthy and, more importantly, actually being healthy can make the college

experience.

Stress, fatigue and loss of energy simply hamper the excitement and the social life. It is important to focus on learning to take care of one's mental and physical health now rather than wait and let it snowball into more problems as job and age come into play later in life.

Make plans for Spring Fever Week

By: Cia Kinard
Staff Writer

Get geared up for the exciting schedule of activities set for Spring Fever Week, April 6-9.

The Student Government Association's Spring Fever Week Committee has worked hard to provide four days of fun and good food during the days leading up to the Good Friday Holiday.

"I hope everybody is ready for a little fun," said Sonya Davis, director of student activities. "The students have worked hard to offer a little something for everyone."

On Monday, April 6, inflatables will be set up across from the Student Center by the chapel from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. In the past, Davis has

gotten slides, obstacle courses, a bungee run, a Velcro wall and a boxing rink. This event is free admission.

On Tuesday April 7, there will be a seafood supper spread for dorm students in the cafeteria. Students who do not live in the dorm may attend, but will have to pay the regular price to eat.

On Wednesday April 8, in the Industrial Services parking lot the band, Sally Jane, will be playing a live concert. This concert event is sponsored by the National Guard and will be free admission.

On Thursday April 9, the PTK will be serving birthday cake during lunch.

For more information on Spring Fever Week, contact Davis at 601-477-4229 or sonya.davis@jcc.edu.

SGA officers elected

By: Cia Kinard
Staff Writer

Student Government Association elections were held in March and positions for the 2009-2010 school year have been filled.

Kate Davis, from Monticello, is the SGA president.

"I hope to fulfill more specific needs of students at Jones," she said. "We, the students, are the ones that go to school here so it's important to try and do things students want to make Jones more enjoyable."

C. J. Deloach, from Clinton, is the vice president.

"I plan to assist Kate in fulfilling the needs of each and every student here at Jones throughout my vice presidency," DeLoach explained.

Akeem Davis, from Laurel, is the JCJC secretary/treasurer. Ellie Turner, from Quipman, is the sophomore class president.

"It feels good to be sophomore class president," Turner said. "I do not have any major responsibilities, but I will make sure the things I am responsible for are done well."

Concert set for April 7

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The spring band concert will be Tuesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

It will feature the Symphonic Band, the Concert Band and the Percussion Ensemble.

Symphonic Band selections include the "American Overture for Band" by Joseph Wilcox Jenkins, "Prelude Siciliano" and "Rondo" by Malcolm Arnold, "March of the Belgian Paratroopers" by Pierre Leemans, "Purple Heart (Faces of Bravery)" by David Shaffer, "With Heart and Voice" by David

Gillingham and "Buglers Holiday" by Leroy Anderson.

The Concert Band will perform "Spirit of the Winds" by Robert W. Smith, "American Century Fanfare" by Rod Harkins, and "Synergies" by Robert Sheldon.

The percussion ensemble will play a couple of selections between bands.

Sammy Barr and Matthew Pickering direct the bands, while Jeff Brown directs the percussion ensemble.

The public is invited and the concert is free.

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and a unified volleyball team competition. There will also be an Olympic Town so those not competing can still enjoy the festivities. The age groups participating are elementary-adult. Approximately 200 athletes are expected.

"It really gives those special individuals to be recognized in a special way," said Pam Johnson of ESS.

The Special Olympics organization believes that through sports competition, people with mental retardation benefit physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. Families are strengthened. In addition, the community, both through participation and observation, is united in understanding people with mental retardation in an environment of equality, respect,

and acceptance.

"It is truly a special event for all athletes," said Dr. Sam Jones, dean of student affairs.

The mission is to provide year around sport training, athletic competition and a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with mental retardation.

"Everything we do hinges on volunteers, fundraising, and donations," said Johnson. "It couldn't happen without volunteers."

The Special Olympics is open to the public. The Student Government Association will have a table for volunteers to sign up.

"The socialization the athletes get with volunteers is just wonderful for them," said Johnson. "It is something that they crave for."

All athletes are recognized and awarded at the end of the Olympic ceremonies for the accomplishments and successfulness.

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Once a donor schedules an appointment and donates for the first time, he earns 100 points for each of those steps. Most reward gifts are available for 400 points, so just a few more acts of heroism can help that level to be achieved.

In addition to the UBS points, the JCJC Blood Drive Committee held a drawing for a \$100 gift

certificate to the bookstore. Student Courtney Mitchell was the lucky winner.

"Thanks (goes) to all the faculty, staff and students that worked to make this drive such a huge success," Cochran said. "Out next drive will be in June, so please make plans to work and donate again then."

For more information on JCJC blood drives, contact Cochran at 601-477-4159. To learn more about the "HERO in ME" campaign call 601-477-4245 or go to www.bloodhero.com.

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Members of the JCJC Student Government Association and representatives from numerous clubs met to discuss participation in the Great American Clean

Up. Although all plans are not completely finalized, Dr. Samuel Jones, dean of student affairs, announced that all students who participate in the cleanup will be eligible for cash or gift card prizes totaling \$500. Prizes winners will be announced throughout the celebration concert.

To be eligible for the prizes, students must sign in with their

participating club. Club sponsors will record participation and turn in those names to the prize committee. Sonya Davis, director of student activities, encourages students who are not in clubs to sign up through her office located in the Student Affairs Office.

"We would love to have anyone who wants to participate to join with us as a part of SGA,"

Davis said. "Giving back to our community is very important and the Great American Clean Up is a great way to show people we care."

For more information on JCJC's Great American Clean Up, contact Davis at 601-477-4229 or sonya.davis@jcc.edu or Rebecca Patrick at 601-477-4109 or rebecca.patrick@jcc.edu.