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STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND CHARACTERISTICS

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SPRING 2023 HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT 4,071

The following data are presented as either frequencies and/or percentages:

Seventy-seven Mississippi counties (out of 82) and 11 states are represented by the Spring 2022 student body;

Top twelve counties in Mississippi contributing students in descending order are Jones, Smith, Forrest, Wayne, Jasper, Covington, Lamar, Clarke, Greene, Perry, Rankin, and Marion.

District Residency: In-District enrollment (8 county service area) is 69%; Out-of-District enrollment is 25%; Out-of-State enrollment is 6%; Out-of-Country/Not Reported is <1.0%;

Average Age = 21 years; Median age = 39; Traditional age (19 or younger) = 59%; Delayed Entry (ages 20-24) = 28%; Non-Traditional age (25 and older) = 13%;

Full-time students (2,013 based on 15 hrs) = 49.45%; Range of hours enrolled = 15-24 hours, with an average of 19 and a median of 19.5;

Part-time students (2,058 based on 15 hrs) = 50.55%; Range of hours enrolled = 1-14 hours, with an average of 7.5 and a median of 8;

Freshmen class enrollment = 40.87%; Sophomore class enrollment = 28.27%; Dual Enrolled=24.56%; Not Classified/Reported=6.29%

ACT Composite Score for those reported (3,604): Mean = 21; Median = 22 and Range = 0-34

Gender: Male = 38.05%; Female = 61.07%; Unknown/ Not Reported = < 1%;

Race/Ethnicity: Black = 30%; White = 63%; Other = <1%, including American Indian, Asian; Not Specified/Reported = <1%; Hispanic = 2%, Two or more, non-Hispanic = 3%

Top ten academic plans (major area of study) in descending order: General Studies (1287 / 32%), Health Related (531 / 3%), Business Administration (176 / 4%), Associate Degree Nursing (147 / 4%), Elementary Education (100 / 2%), Practical Nursing (91 / 2%), Engineering (86 / 2%), Electrical Technology (85 / 2%), Psychology (83 / 2.%), and Biology (68 / 2%)

Curriculum Type: Students enrolled in Liberal Arts = 51.71%; AD Nursing = 3.61%; Technical = 15.79%; Career = 4.32%; Dual Enrolled = 24.56%;

Top ten feeder high schools: West Jones High (397 / 9.81%), South Jones High (365 / 9.02%), Northeast Jones High (269 / 6.65%), Wayne County High (193 / 4.77%), Laurel –

Watkins High (173 / 4.27%), Greene County High (135 / 3.33%), Raleigh High (117 / 2.89%), Petal High (115 / 2.84%), Seminary Attendance Center (104 / 2.57%), and Stringer High (104 / 2.57%). Based on high school attended, 45.88% of the Spring 2023 enrollment comes from the Jones College District feeder high schools.

SPRING 2023 FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN ENROLLMENT AND DEMOGRAPHICS ENROLLMENT = 149

Top five Mississippi counties contributing FTF students in descending order are: Jones, Wayne, Forrest, Jasper, and Clarke.

District residency: In-district = 56.38%; Out-of-District = 22.82%; Out-of-State = 20.81%; Out-of-Country/Not Reported = < 1.0%;

Average age of first-time freshmen is 22.51 years, Median age = 29.5; Traditional age (19 or younger) = 48.99%; Delayed Entry (ages 20-24) = 29.53%; Non-Traditional age (25 and older) = 21.48%;

Full-time students (97 based on 15 crhrs) = 65.10%; Range of hours enrolled = 15-21 hours, with an average of 18 and a median of 18;

Part-time students (52, based on 15 crhrs) = 34.90%; Range of hours enrolled = 3-14 hours, with an average of 8.8 and a median 9;

Curriculum Type: Students enrolled in Liberal Arts = 71.81%; AD Nursing = 0%; Technical = 14.77% and Career =13.42%;

Race/ethnicity: Black = 39.19%; White = 53.38%; Other =2.06% including American Indian, Asian, Hispanic/Latino 5.41%;

Gender: Male = 32.21%; Female = 67.79%; Unknown/ Not Reported = < 1%;

ACT composite score of those reported (108): Mean = 19.72; Median = 19.5; Range 11-30;

Top five academic plans (major area of study) in descending order are: Health Related, General Studies, Commercial Truck Driving, Heating & Air Conditioning Technology, and Business Administration.

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Spring 2023 eLEARNING Demographics (Census Date = January 31, 2023)

Jones College students are enrolled in 172 online class sections offered through the JC eLEARNING Program, with 107 class sections (62%) being taught by JC instructors. Spring

2023 online duplicated student headcount = 4,688. The eLearning Program manages both MSVCC and JC locally offered Internet based (www) class sections. Data does not include hosted students from other Mississippi CJC institutions enrolled in JC classes.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

Jones College Jazz Band makes history with New Orleans Jazz Festival performance

ELLISVILLE – The 25 member Jones College Jazz Band will be making college history when they perform as part of the New Orleans annual Jazz and Heritage Festival in April. Director of Bands, Dr. Ben Burge confirmed this is the first time the JC Jazz Band has been invited to be a part of the 53rd annual Jazz Festival with their Saturday, April 29, performance in the Heritage Museum Courtyard.

"The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival is an annual celebration of music and culture. Huge names in the music world along with regional musicians perform at the Fair Grounds and in and around the city," said Burge. "I am very excited to bring our jazz students to the Big Easy. I know they will have a wonderful time, give an outstanding performance, and enjoy being a part of such a wonderful cultural and musical experience!" In 2019, Burge invited New Orleans and world-famous clarinetist, Doreen Kitchens to perform with the Jazz Band which opened the doors to landing a performance in the French Quarter at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Museum.

"Initially, we were just looking for an opportunity to perform. Once we found an available performance date, it landed right in the middle of the largest Jazz Festival and the perfect opportunity for our students to learn a lot on many levels."

For music major, Jessica Manning of Quitman, this is a huge opportunity and a dream come true. The freshman saxophone player has enjoyed the atmosphere of the New Orleans jazz culture previously but being able to play there is a big honor.

"I saw a bunch of jazz musicians playing in New Orleans and I thought then that I would want to do that and now I finally am!" said Manning. "A lot of people think Junior Colleges don't get good opportunities but here at Jones College, we get to do a lot of things people have not been able to enjoy."

Growing up on jazz music, trombonist, Leo Norman of Ellisville is looking forward to being a part of the biggest jazz celebration in the world. Nerves won't be a big problem for Norman after being a part of the South Jones High School World Championship Winter Guard International group.

"Performing in Dayton, Ohio in 2019, and winning the World Championships was incredible in high school but this will be really cool too, because I'll be playing jazz music as a member of the first JC Jazz Band to be invited to perform there," said Norman.

However, Kaitlyn Beasley of Buckatunna, who has played clarinet for seven years, is a little nervous about playing the tenor saxophone in New Orleans with only three months experience.

"I've always been intrigued by the jazz band but playing in front of people on saxophone with a little experience is nerve-racking for me. I'm still really excited about going to New Orleans because I've never been there and this will give me a different view on how people do things, which is important as a music major," Beasley shared.

Sophomore keyboard player, Hanna Grace Wood of Sandersville noted that music majors have to be knowledgeable in all genres of music and play numerous instruments. Participating in this type of venue is a life-changing experience.

"I was in jazz band all through high school and I knew I wanted to be in jazz band at Jones College. There is nothing like it, and it's nothing I've done before. It's absolutely amazing! I love the experience and the time I've had here at Jones which will be capped off with a performance in the Jazz Capital of New Orleans," said Wood.

The JC Jazz Band will be performing six tunes which include, "Grazing in the Grass," "Cry Me a River," "Welcome to the Jungle," "Isn't She Lovely," "Fremont Trolling" and "Get After It" for their 2 p.m. performance which is free and open to the public. For more information contact JC Director of Bands, Dr. Ben Burge by email at ben.burge@admin



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Part-time students (2,192 based on 15 hrs) = 46.01%; Range of hours enrolled = 1-14 hours, with an average of 7.5 and a median of 7.5;

Freshmen class enrollment = 48.68%; Sophomore class enrollment = 24.2%; Dual Enrolled=21.07%; Not Classified/Reported=6.05%

ACT Composite Score for those reported (3,894): Mean = 21; Median = 21 and Range = 8-34

Gender: Male = 37.28%; Female = 62.32%; Unknown/ Not Reported = < 1%;

Race/Ethnicity: Black = 33.71%; White = 63.96%; Other = <1%, including American Indian, Asian, Hispanic/Latino; Not Specified/Reported = <1%;

Top ten academic plans (major area of study) in descending order: General Studies (1430 / 30.02%), Health Related (687 / 14.42%), Business Administration (228 / 4.79%), Associate Degree Nursing (143 / 3%), Practical Nursing (119 / 2.5%), Elementary Education (119 / 2.5%), Psychology (100 / 2.1%), Engineering (94 / 1.97%), Electrical Technology (82 / 1.72%), and Welding (72 / 1.51%)

Curriculum Type: Students enrolled in Liberal Arts = 54.97%; AD Nursing = 3%; Technical = 15.45%; Career = 5.5%; Dual Enrolled = 21.07%;

Top ten feeder high schools: West Jones High (450 / 9.5%), South Jones High (403 / 8.5%), Northeast Jones High (324 / 6.84%), Wayne County High (223 / 4.71%), Laurel – Watkins High (199 / 4.2%), Greene County

High (175 / 3.69%), Petal High (129 / 2.72%), Seminary Attendance Center (128 / 2.7%), Mize High (123 / 2.6%), and Stringer High (122 / 2.57%). Based on high school attended, 45.31% of the Fall 2022 enrollment comes from the Jones College District feeder high schools.

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Top five Mississippi counties contributing FTF students in descending order are: Jones, Forrest, Wayne, Smith, and Lamar.

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Average age of first-time freshmen is 32.65 years, Median age = 31.5; Traditional age (19 or younger) = 78.92%; Delayed Entry (ages 20-24) = 9.64%; Non-Traditional age (25 and older) = 11.44%;

Full-time students (758 based on 15 crhrs) = 81.86%; Range of hours enrolled = 15-23 hours, with an average of 17.14 and a median of 19;

Part-time students (168, based on 15 crhrs) = 18.14%; Range of hours enrolled = 1-14 hours, with an average of 10.6 and a median 8.5;

Curriculum Type: Students enrolled in Liberal Arts = 74.41%; AD Nursing = 0%; Technical = 19.11% and Career = 6.48%;

Race/ethnicity: Black = 44.85%; White = 52.87%; Other = 2.28% including American Indian, Asian, Hispanic/Latino;

Gender: Male = 40.6%; Female = 58.75%; Unknown/ Not Reported = < 1%;

ACT composite score of those reported (797): Mean = 17; Median = 19.5; Range 9-31;

Top five academic plans (major area of study) in descending order are: Health Related, General Studies, Business Administration, Welding, and Health Care Assistant.

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Fall semester starts off "normal" at Jones College

ELLISVILLE – The first day of the fall semester Monday, August 23, seemed to be more "normal" according to students and administrators at Jones College. After a year of virtual and/or hybrid classes, students are meeting in person while wearing masks and trying to physically distance themselves.

"The campus feels alive today with activity and excitement! We are thrilled to be able to welcome students back to class in a traditional setting and we are offering some of the more 'normal' activities we all have missed," said Dr. Finee' Ruffin, Jones College Executive Vice President, Chief Enrollment Management, Information Technology and Marketing Officer.

With everyone back on campus, finding a parking spot was challenging, as usual. Freshmen students like Ariyonne Varra of Lake, and Kenaz Gaddis of Columbia were actively searching for their next classes and dodging cars as they traveled across campus.

"It's going really well today," said Varra a nursing major. "There's a nice vibe here and everyone has been so helpful."

As a member of the colorguard in the Maroon Typhoon Marching Band, Gaddis added, "Everybody has been very friendly. I'm really looking forward to the first performance for the band and pep rally next week during 'Meet the Bobcats.'"

Especially happy to be living on campus are freshmen, Amberlyn Holifield of Leakesville, and Lily Hendrix of Sumrall. They said being at Jones College this semester has been refreshing.

"I love living on campus because it is so easy to meet people, especially after last year with everything being virtual," said Hendrix who is majoring in elementary education.

Holifield said she likes living on campus for the convenience. "Besides meeting a lot of people, it's easier to get to classes, and I don't have to wake up as early!"

As a dual-enrolled student last year, freshmen, Danielle Fenton of Laurel said she is excited to be able to take traditional classes at Jones College this fall.

"I didn't mind virtual classes too much; it was actually easier to 'go to' class when it fit my schedule. However, I missed the social aspects of college. I am hopeful this year will be much better than last year."