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Message from the Foundation President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Johnston Community College Foundation Board of Directors is excitedly embarking on another great year in the life of our organization. With heartfelt gratitude to you, the College Foundation celebrated another great year as we closed the 2010-2011 fiscal year on June 30 experiencing 15% growth in contributions. THANK YOU for being a part of our growth!

Over the last ten years, the Foundation’s assets have grown from $1.5 to over $5.1 million under management. Today, the Foundation oversees 238 funds to include 95 named scholarship endowments and 16 special purpose endowments.

For the 2011-2012 academic year, the Foundation is able to award 148 scholarships totaling over $101,000 in support. And students have taken advantage of $26,000 in emergency book loan support during the fall semester – funds provided through the years from the Foundation for the support of our students and college!

While scholarship funding is a priority for the Foundation, additional and new gift investment opportunities have been developed over the course of the past year.

With the construction of the new Learning Resource Center, ten individuals and corporations have chosen to name rooms within the building. These naming opportunities are being used to create endowments that will fund the new President’s Innovation Fund. The President’s Innovation Fund will be used by the College President and its leadership to develop and expand instructional opportunities, meet emergent institutional needs, and for initiatives to ensure and support student success.

The work of the College Foundation would not be possible without the support of the businesses and citizens of this community.

As you plan your year-end charitable contributions, please consider making an additional contribution to the Johnston Community College Foundation. In the current economic environment, the needs are great and we can assure you that your contributions will be life changing as we support the work of Johnston Community College. Your support is crucial in providing the necessary funds the College needs to move aggressively and progressively into the future.

On behalf of the Johnston Community College Foundation Board of Directors, the College President and Trustees, I extend our gratefulness for the many ways your contributions impact the lives of our students and enrich our community.

Earl W. Worley, Jr.
President
Johnston Community College Foundation

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Art Gallery gets off to a vibrant start

The Frank Creech Art Gallery had a successful first year on the JCC campus, showcasing numerous art exhibits of regional and national acclaim.

In February, the gallery housed a collection of collage art by artist Eric McRae of Raleigh. In celebration of Black History month, McRae’s "Pulse: Pieces of Life" used every day materials such as painted papers, photographic reproductions, snippets of photographs, scraps of fabric, cut and torn paper, water media and acrylic paints. The different materials were edited, sliced and reassembled into amazingly new images on paper, board and canvas.

In March, the gallery presented Stephen Greer’s "Still", a collection of paintings celebrating rich Native American heritage, regalia, and dance. A resident of Jacksonville, Greer said the inspiration for the exhibit came while attending an Indian powwow more than a decade ago.

“When I saw and heard North Carolina Native Americans in full regalia making their grand entry into the ceremonial circle, I knew I would record that experience in paint,” Greer said.

In May, the gallery featured the JCC Student Art Exhibit, which showcased various fine art examples created by students in various media. Juan Perez of Angier took the Best in Show honor for his “Manipulations” acrylic creation on canvas.

In June, the gallery welcomed artist Jane Lillian Vance, a Smithfield native who lives in Blacksburg, Va., who promoted her painting exhibition and the award-winning documentary "A Gift for the Village."

Created by filmmakers Tom Landon and Jenna Swann, the documentary chronicles the remarkable story of the delivery of Vance’s special painting "Amchi" to a Tibetan village leader in Nepal.

Vance lived in Smithfield during her high school years, and many community members were thrilled at the opportunity to view the inspirational film and see the brilliant paintings of the world-renowned artist. After the film showing and a question and answer session, guests observed 25 of Vance’s oils on canvas in the gallery. With vibrant colors and intricate detail, Vance tells amazing stories of life in two communities on opposite sides of the globe through her paintings.

Vance said she was humbled by the outpouring of support from the community that made such a lasting impression on her childhood.

“It is so gratifying to be welcomed so graciously by my hometown and acknowledged by such important business and educational leaders,” Vance said. “The Frank Creech Art Gallery is a wonderful testament to JCC’s commitment to art and cultural education.”

Last December, The Frank Creech Art Gallery debuted in the Arts Building at JCC, marking the culmination of a community effort to recognize the late artist’s significant contributions to arts programs at the college, in Johnston County, and beyond. The 1,500-square foot gallery was a collaborative project between the College Foundation, the Johnston County Arts Council, and the college’s Fine Art and Graphic Design faculty.
Foundation rewards innovation

The College Foundation awarded $5,900 in Innovation Grants to four projects on campus this spring.

These grants are designed to fund projects that benefit students, programs, curriculum, the classroom, or the college in the general. This year’s applicants were required to submit projects that support one of four categories – innovative curricula, student-oriented initiatives, recruitment and retention initiatives, and global initiatives.

Applicants were reviewed and recipients chosen by the Foundation’s Nominating, Scholarship, and Board Development Committee.

Dennis de Jong was awarded $1,500 to establish a recording and production studio on campus. Heather Murphy received $1,500 to support a global villages project at the 7th annual International Festival. Carrol Warren received $1,500 to debut Project ENHANCE, which provides computer skills tutoring to eligible TRiO students. Lin Frye received $1,400 to support sustainable living programming and gardening at the Arboretum.

JCC is proud to announce its 2011-12 Student Ambassadors

JCC selects 15 up-and-coming student leaders each year to serve as its prestigious Student Ambassadors. The students receive paid tuition for the year through private monies given to the College Foundation. In return, the Student Ambassadors are involved in a number of Foundation special events and student activities on campus to foster their leadership skills. For more information about how you can support this important leadership program, please contact Zanna Swann, director of alumni and annual programs, by phone at (919) 209-2115 or by e-mail at zwswann@johnstoncc.edu.

College Foundation brings message and mission to the community

The Johnston Community College Foundation Board of Directors hosted a Business after Hours event June 2 in Benson. The event is part of the organization’s efforts to bring the College Foundation’s message and mission for support to the community by hosting local events throughout the community. Anna Dudley, a JCC Student Ambassador and graduate of South Johnston High School, spoke to guests of the importance of private support for Foundation programs such as innovation grants, program development, and scholarships.

To date, the College Foundation has hosted similar events with chambers of commerce in Clayton and Four Oaks.
The Johnston Community College Foundation raised a record $23,163 at its sixth annual Dollars for Scholars fundraiser held May 12 at the Smithfield home of Leo and Helen Daughtry.

Dollars for Scholars is one of the College Foundation’s major fundraisers for the year and supports scholarship, educational, and outreach programs for the College.

Earl Worley, president of the board of directors of the JCC Foundation, said the record support will enhance the educational experience for JCC students.

“The JCC Foundation is grateful to the donors and volunteers who helped support Johnston Community College through the sixth annual Dollars for Scholars event,” Worley said. “This year’s event raised the highest amount ever making it a tremendous success for our students and our educational programs.”

Nicky Cox and Jenny Stewart served as co-chairs of the event’s planning committee. Members of the committee were Belle Allen, Lynda Creech, Selma Davis, Leo and Helen Daughtry, Griffin David Lockett, Jody McLeod, and Penny Ward.
New Learning Resource Center opens in style

With much anticipation, the new Learning Resource Center is open on the JCC campus just in time for the fall semester.

After more than a year of construction, the 33,000-square-foot, two-story facility is getting rave reviews from students, faculty, and staff.

“This library is amazing,” said student Star Stokes of Princeton. “It’s better organized, and the colors are just so relaxing. I really like the group study rooms so you can collaborate with other students.”

Kerran Green of Clayton, a JCC Student Ambassador, spent some time in the new library recently to study music appreciation.

“I think this is going to be my second home,” Green said smiling. “I really like that it is so quiet here, and it’s such a welcoming atmosphere.”

In addition to its book volumes and computer stations, the modern library also includes several unique themed spaces, many of which have been named through a private giving project on behalf of the College Foundation.

The second floor of the facility is home to a distance education suite which includes computer-equipped classrooms and office space for distance and global education staff.

Unique LEED features

- Overall water use in the building will be reduced by 30 to 40% over a building of similar size and usage.
- The building is set up to work with the town of Smithfield’s reclaimed water system.
- Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of the building.
- CO2 sensors are located throughout the facility to monitor air quality.
- The building is constructed with low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) materials such as less polluting paints, adhesives, solvents, caulks, wood products, carpets, and sealants.
- 75 to 90% of the building has day lighting to minimize energy costs.
The LRC is also special in that it is the College’s first LEED-certified building. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is intended to provide building owners and operators a framework for incorporating green building design and construction.

The facility was sited to maximize appropriate solar orientation to capture natural day lighting. It was also modeled and designed to minimize energy and water costs and to improve the indoor air quality for the building. The building uses recycled and durable materials to reduce overall maintenance costs on the building upkeep.

The $8.2 million facility was paid for with county bond monies approved by citizens in 2007. A grand opening and building dedication ceremony are planned for Nov. 3.

“We are so grateful for the local support from our county leaders and citizens for this wonderful new learning environment,” said David Johnson, JCC president. “This splendid facility will enable us to better serve our students and the larger community. I encourage you to visit and experience firsthand this wonderful addition to our campus.”

Learning Resource Center Naming Opportunities

Special Purpose Endowment Funds

- Deacon Jones Coffee Bar
- Grifols, Inc. Lobby
- Anne Sanderson Ogburn Children’s Area
- Donnie E. and Linda V. Lassiter North Carolina Archives and Local History Room
- Novo Nordisk, Inc. Media and Group Workroom
- Wallace Ashley III Listening and Viewing Room
- E Street Jones, Jr. Business Center
- Dr. Carolyn Grantham Ennis Group Study Room
- Hazel Fendley Lock Group Study Room
- Mary Lois Bryan Group Study Room

... at the new Learning Resource Center
JCC alumna establishes annual scholarship

A JCC alumna recently established an annual scholarship with the College Foundation to assist a self-supporting student with tuition costs. Tarsha Johnson of Selma has established the ShaTarsha N. Williams Memorial Scholarship in memory of her late cousin who passed away in February 2010.

Johnson, who was a scholarship recipient while studying at JCC, said this scholarship is an opportunity for her to give back to the college that helped her find success. “Without other people giving to me, I would not have been successful,” Johnson said. “This scholarship is my way of giving back and sharing with others that all the tools you need to be successful are right here at JCC.”

Johnson earned her associate degree from JCC in 2010. Currently, she is pursuing her bachelor’s degree in special education from East Carolina University and is a teacher’s assistant with Johnston County Schools. She is a single mother of two sons.

Waste Industries supports vocational technology students

Waste Industries USA, Inc., headquartered in Raleigh, has increased support to JCC students this fall by initiating new scholarship funding. The scholarships will support students studying in vocational technical programs, a growing area for the College’s instructional division.

Waste Industries USA, Inc., JCC’s 2009 Business and Industry Partner, is a solid waste services company that provides collection, transfer, disposal, and recycling services to commercial, industrial and residential customer locations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, Delaware, and Tennessee for more than 40 years.

In addition to the scholarship funding, Waste Industries donated two trucks over the last two years to the College’s Truck Driver Training and Heavy Equipment and Transport Technology programs and has worked alongside instructors to enhance educational programming to graduate highly-skilled, professional technicians.

Foundation goes to the ballpark

The College Foundation Board of Directors took their June meeting on the road when Steve Bryant, Foundation Board Director and owner of the Carolina Mudcats, hosted the group and members of their families at the Cattails Restaurant and Five County Stadium.
Family honors Stanley’s dedication to healthcare

Margaret and John Taylor recently initiated a scholarship endowment in memory of Lois Allen Stanley, Margaret Taylor’s sister.

Stanley, a Four Oaks native, passed away June 28. A graduate of JCC’s first associate degree nursing class, Stanley worked for Sylvania for over 20 years before entering the healthcare field where she worked for Johnston Health for 26 years. After a brief retirement, Stanley returned to work at the Quick Med Clinics of Johnston Memorial Hospital.

Margaret Taylor said the scholarship endowment at JCC is a fitting tribute to her sister.

“Lois devoted her life upon graduation to the care and service of others,” said Taylor. “Lois’s goal was to provide excellent nursing care to all patients with love and compassion. We hope Lois’s legacy will continue through future healthcare providers who may benefit from the Lois Allen Stanley Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund.”

Family endows scholarship fund in memory of JCC art student

Laurie Orr Peters embarked on a new chapter in her life in 2010 by her pursuit of a fine art degree at Johnston Community College.

Deeply compassionate and an inspiration to faculty and students in the Fine Art department, Peters quickly made an impact at JCC and was known to younger students as “Miss Laurie.” Sadly, Peters’ dream was interrupted when she passed away on Sept. 21 as a result of complications from the effects of cancer she had battled as a teenager.

To honor Peters’ life, her parents Jerry and Gail Orr recently endowed a scholarship in her memory. The fund will support future generations of students pursuing a degree in fine arts.

In addition to her parents, Peters is survived by her two precious children, Nicole and Grant.

New Funds

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS
Elmer J. Wellons, Jr. Family Endowment
Laurie Orr Peters Scholarship Endowment
E Street Jones, Jr. Scholarship Endowment
Lois Allen Stanley Memorial Nursing Endowment

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT
Athletics Volleyball Scholarship
Byrd Surveying Nursing Program Scholarship
Carolina Copier Service Scholarship
Carrier Annual Scholarship
Chamber Women’s Business Network (CWBN) Scholarship
Daniel and Linda Heckman Memorial Scholarship
JCC Performing Arts Scholarship
Johnston County Special Education Annual Scholarship
Roy Hilton Dunn Scholarship
ShaTarsha N. Williams Memorial Scholarship
Smithfield Manor Nursing Program Scholarship
Waste Industries USA, Inc.
Wood Termite & Pest Control Scholarship

ESTABLISHED ENDOWMENT COMMITMENT FUNDS
Laurie Orr Peters Memorial Arts Endowment

Three local organizations join efforts to support JCC students

Zaxby’s of Clayton and Smithfield, Serve the Need in Johnston County, and the Mental Health Association in Johnston County have teamed up to sponsor a $1,500 annual scholarship with the JCC Foundation to support students studying special education.

Pictured from left are Dr. Norwood Williams of Serve the Need, Marie Dodson, executive director of the Mental Health Association, and Michael Smith, owner/operator of Zaxby’s of Smithfield & Clayton.
JCC is proud to announce Zaxby’s of Clayton & Smithfield as the Presenting Sponsor of the 2011-12 Performing Arts Concert Series. Pictured from left are David Johnson, president of JCC; Michael Smith, owner/operator of Zaxby’s of Smithfield and Clayton and a member of the College Foundation board of directors; Derrick Thompson, president of 20/15 Marketing and a community representative of the JCC Foundation Board; Zilphia Adcock, president of the JCC Performing Arts Advisory Board; and Ken Mitchell, associate vice president of auxiliary enterprises at JCC.

2010-2011 Performing Arts CONCERT SERIES

Friday, November 18, 2011 • 7 p.m.
$10 advance / $12.50 at door

Cinderella

The Cleverly’s
Saturday, February 25, 2012 • 7 p.m.
$17.50 advance / $20 at door

Masters of Motown
Saturday, April 21, 2012 • 7 p.m.
$20 advance / $22.50 at door

For a complete list of all performers in the 2011-12 Concert Series, please visit our Web site at www.jccperformingarts.com.

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• By calling the box office at 919-209-2099
• In person—Box Office Hours: Monday through Friday 1:30 - 5 pm
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Phyliss Braswell
Triangle Insurance Group
White Swan Barbeque, Inc.

COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWCASE
Farm Bureau, Keith Brinson
Harry’s Guitar Shop, Raleigh, NC
Johnston County Visitors Bureau
Neuse River Printing
Phyliss Braswell
White Swan Barbeque, Inc.
Barbara Baker isn’t your typical housekeeper

When it comes to her job of keeping buildings looking their best at Johnston Community College, immaculate is her standard practice.

“I can’t say enough about how good Barbara is at her job and as a JCC employee,” said colleague Cindy Phillips. “Her quality of cleaning is outstanding, and she never complains. Barbara is so deserving of this outstanding staff award for all she has done above and beyond what she’s asked to do.”

Baker is the recipient of the 2011 Rudolph A. Howell Outstanding Staff Person Award at JCC established through the College Foundation. In her 23 years of service to the College, Baker says she’s loved every day on the job.

“I could have gone anywhere to work, but I chose to stay here at JCC because of the family atmosphere,” says Baker, 55. “We are all family here, and it’s a joy to work with such wonderful people.”

Jessica Rieger thrives on student success

So it’s no surprise that her passion for helping others achieve is just one of the reasons she’s been named the 2011 recipient of the Earl C. and Doris F. Helms Excellence in Teaching Endowment at Johnston Community College.

“The students come from such diverse backgrounds and you learn so much from them every day,” Rieger says. “Some of the obstacles they have overcome just to get to the college classroom… it really teaches you a lot about perseverance.”

Rieger came to JCC in 2006 as a part-time instructor of basic education and GED classes. A year later, she became the lead instructor of the new Community Spanish Interpreter program. This fall, Rieger will be tackling a new leadership opportunity as the director of Basic Skills programs at JCC.

“I am very humbled and surprised to receive this award,” Rieger adds. “There are so many other deserving candidates here at the college, and I am proud to be a part of such an amazing faculty.”

Rusty Mitchiner just can’t get enough of college

At 41, Mitchiner is studying Spanish interpreting and heating and air conditioning technology in addition to his prerequisites for nursing.

On top of the academics, he’s also a Student Ambassador, a member of the Rotaract service club, the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and in April was named the College’s Academic Excellence Award recipient.

“I just like to learn, and I’ve always felt that knowledge is power,” said Mitchiner, a Garner resident. “People can take your money and your freedom, but they can never take the knowledge that’s in your head.”

Mitchiner said he is extremely grateful for his Student Ambassador scholarship and the relationships he has built with College supporters through the College Foundation.

“When you participate in fundraising events like Dollars for Scholars and the golf tournament as a Student Ambassador, you get to interact with donors who place an important value on education,” Mitchiner said. “It’s a very good feeling to know that you are a part of something so special.”

Myers retires as continuing education leader at JCC

After almost three decades of leading continuing education programs at two community colleges, Talbert Myers is slowing down.

Myers officially retired June 30 as the vice president of community development and lifelong learning at Johnston Community College, where he spent the last 12 years leading the workforce development, basic education, and personal enrichment programs here.

“It’s been a really good experience working at JCC,” Myers said. “There have been some challenges, but I have worked with some really great people here at this institution. I would put the quality of their hard work up against any other community college.”

A native of Montgomery County, Myers got his start in community colleges as a biology instructor at Montgomery Community College. He quickly moved up the ranks and held several leadership positions there, including dean of continuing education, before he came to JCC in 1999. He remembers it being a great place to work and grow.

Joy Callahan, dean of economic and community development at JCC, said continuing education programs at the college experienced tremendous growth during Myers’s tenure.

“JCC has been able to grow the continuing education programs tremendously to reach nearly every corner of Johnston County and we have made the Workforce Development Center a success,” Callahan said. “Talbert is a wonderful person who approached every situation with honesty, integrity and fairness, and he will be missed greatly.”
Fruits and Berries with Shawn Banks, Johnston County Cooperative Extension Service
Nov. 9, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost is $15. Workshop held at the Arboretum Mobile Unit. Learn about the various species of fruits and berries that we can easily grow at home.

Soap Crafting 101 with Lin Frye
Nov. 30, 6 – 8 p.m. Cost is $35. Workshop held at the Arboretum Brick Building. Create your own delightfully fragranced, moisture-rich, unique soaps.

Wreath Making with Natural Materials
Dec. 7, 2 – 4 p.m. Cost is $20. Workshop held at the Arboretum Brick Building. This hands-on workshop will cover the most suitable materials for wreath making and how to weave these materials into attractive wreaths.