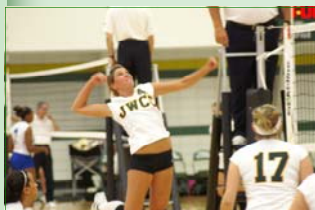




# THE BLAZIN' TRAIL.....

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## WELCOME TO 'BLAZER ATHLETICS!



Welcome to the First edition of "The Blazin' Trail"! As an athletic department, we are constantly looking for opportunities to share our successes and share our stories. This monthly newsletter will serve as a platform to highlight our coaches and, more importantly, our student-athletes.

In this first edition, you will find a variety of information and exciting news. Our competitive seasons are under way and we will share a small capsule on the progress of our fall pro-

grams. You will have an opportunity to hear from the Director of Athletics, Michael Elbe, as he shares some of the progress we have made as a department and an exciting announcement that can have a lasting effect on our athletic programs.

Another constant in "The Blazin' Trail" is the BLAZER SPOTLIGHT. This month we highlight Joyce Woodruff, the administrative assistant that assists all of our programs on a daily basis. We look forward to highlighting other important people in our department.

Finally, I hope you take some time to look through our award winners from the last academic year. Our student-athletes were responsible for over 50 individual awards and honors. Academically and athletically we were well-represented at the conference, region, and National level.

We hope you enjoy this opportunity to learn more about our athletic department and our athletic programs. We also encourage you to visit www.jwcc.edu/athletics for more up-to-date news and events.

Take care and GO BLAZERS!

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## CURRENT PROGRAM CAPSULES.....

### VOLLEYBALL

First year Head Coach, Hadley Foster, has brought a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to our volleyball program. Currently we sit at 10-9 on the season.

### GOLE

Coach Lee Osborn welcomed 8 golfers to this year's edition of the Trail Blazers. Led by re-

turner Blake Gilbert, they are anxious to compete in the conference and region tournaments.

### BASEBALL

Baseball has had a full fall schedule. They have competed in 8 fall scrimmages and shown real promise for this season.

### SOFTBALL

Softball, like Baseball, has battled

a wet spring and fall, but got a doubleheader in last weekend. With a strong core, they are excited about the season.

### MEN'S/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

October 1 begins official practice for the men's and women's basketball programs. Both groups have a strong core of returners and have high expectations for the winter.



Michael Elbe  
Director of Student Life  
and Athletics

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Mike Elbe



Joyce Woodruff & family  
Administrative Assistant

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Joyce Woodruff

## MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MICHAEL ELBE

### WHAT A RIDE!

The past two years for John Wood Athletics have been extremely exciting and rewarding. First, the opening of our new 34,000-square-foot Student Activity Center and our baseball/softball complex has been amazing and truly a dream come true for many of us. If you have not had the opportunity to tour these facilities, consider this your invitation! To all of those pioneers who competed in intercollegiate athletics at off-campus facilities, our appreciation goes to you for paving the way for today.

Second, last February, we inducted our first class into the newly formed John Wood Athletic Hall of Fame. There is a dedicated area in the Student Activity Center to display and recognize our alums who excelled in their respective sport. We are in the process of voting for this year’s inductees and alumni are eligible to nominate past teammates for this prestigious recognition.

Lastly, I am working on another project this year that will be a first for our athletic program. I am in

the process of starting a “GREEN AND GOLD” club which, in conjunction with our Foundation, will be an athletic booster club to assist all of our intercollegiate athletic programs. This general athletic booster club will support our programs with one-time purchases that enhance our programs. You will be receiving more information from me regarding the “GREEN AND GOLD” club in the near future.

Once again, thanks for all you have done to grow our athletic programs and our community college.

Have a great fall!

## BLAZER SPOTLIGHT ON.....JOYCE WOODRUFF

*Joyce joined the athletic department staff in September of 2007. She plays an integral part in the day-to-day activities in the office and athletic programs. She resides in Mendon, IL with her husband, Doug, and their son, Logan.*

### Who has been one of the greatest influences on your life? Why?

My son Logan—he makes me strive to be a better person. Having a child puts everything into perspective.

### Where is your dream vacation spot? Why?

A beach—to swim and to also relax and watch the waves.

### What books do you read? Favorite book?

Anything written by Nicholas Sparks & the Harry Potter series—my favorite book is ‘The Notebook’.

### Reflect on what your experience at JWCC has been like during your first year working in the athletic department?

So much more than what I imagined. We experienced a lot of firsts during my first year and it seems that the time has flown by. I have truly enjoyed my job and my time here.

### Christmas, Thanksgiving, or Halloween?

Christmas, because of the giving spirit that fills most everyone. People set aside their differences for this one time of the year.



### What music do you like? Favorite Singer?

I enjoy all types of music, mostly top 40 & country. My favorite band is Maroon 5.

### What do you like best about your position?

Being able to work with the JWCC coaches and student athletes. I enjoy being the “go-to” person when anyone has a problem and needs assistance.

### Why JWCC?

The atmosphere, working in an environment where we strive to assist the students with their path in life, and working in an office where everyone has the same main goal and is on the same page.



## 2007-08 STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS

The 2007-2008 intercollegiate athletic season ended last Spring with many team and individual awards and highlights. Below is a list of the individual student-athlete awards, listed by sport.

[www.jwcc.edu/athletics](http://www.jwcc.edu/athletics)

### Athletic Department E-Directory

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#### Volleyball

Rachelle Boston	Academic All-Conference, NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American
Vicki Foxall	Academic All-Conference, 2nd Team All-Conference
Carlin Wear	Academic All-Conference, Honorable Mention All-Conference
Tori Denhoff	Honorable Mention All-Conference

#### Golf

Blake Gilbert	Academic All-Conference
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#### Women's Basketball

Sam Poppe	Region 24 All-Region Team, First Team All-Conference, Academic All-Conference
Alicia Turner	Honorable Mention Region 24 All-Region Team, 3rd Team All-Conference
Rachelle Boston	Academic All-Conference, NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American
Carlin Wear	Academic All-Conference
Amber Anders	Honorable Mention Region 24 All-Region Team

#### Men's Basketball

Reo Quarles	Region 24 All-Region Team, First Team All-Conference
Brock Edris	Academic All-Conference, NJCAA Academic All-American
Andrew Vonderhaar	Academic All-Conference
Mendaugus Petriekis	Academic All-Conference
Justin Reynolds	3rd Team All-Conference, Region 24 All-Region Team

#### Baseball

James Graham	Academic All-Conference
Connor Haxel	Academic All-Conference, Second Team All-Conference, NJCAA Academic All-American
Brock Jones	Academic All-Conference, NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American
Joshua Lathrop	Academic All-Conference
David Marshall	Academic All-Conference, NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American
Justin Miller	Academic All-Conference
Zachary Simons	Academic All-Conference
Vincent Sottile	Academic All-Conference
Michael Weiman	Academic All-Conference
Michael Hoosen	Second Team All-Conference

#### Softball

Kaitlyn Dyche	Academic All-Conference, Honorable Mention All-Conference, Region All-Tournament
Sam Poppe	Academic All-Conference, 2nd Team All-Conference, All-Region Team
Elizabeth Schodroski	Academic All-Conference
Terri Christal	2nd Team All-Conference,
Lexi Kuch	Honorable Mention All-Conference

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARD WINNERS!**



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Did you know?..  
by the numbers.....

**103**—Total number of student-athletes currently involved in inter-collegiate athletics at JWCC

**23**—Student-athletes represented in 2007-2008 on All-Academic Teams

**7**—States represented by the current student-athletes

**3**—International Countries represented by the current student-athletes

**3**—2007-2008 Distinguished Academic All-Americans

John Wood Community College Staff and Faculty will be guided by these core values in everything we do: Self-Development, Excellence, Accountability, Integrity.

JWCC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, religion, age, disability or other factors prohibited by law.

## 2008-2009 JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE FALL ATHLETIC GAME SCHEDULES

### Golf 2008 Schedule

September 27, 28, 29

Springfield College Invite  
DA Weibring Golf Club -  
Bloomington, IL

October 3, 4, 5

Danville Area CC  
Turtle Run -Danville, IL



### Volleyball 2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September			
24	Lincoln Land*	HOME	6:00
27	Millikin University JV	Decatur, IL	12:00
October			
1	ICC	East Peoria, IL	6:00
4	SCC Tri-Match	W.Burlington, IA	9:00
6	Lewis & Clark*	Godfrey, IL	6:00
8	Culver Stockton JV	Canton, MO	6:00
11	Mineral Area Tri-Match	Flat River, MO	2:00
14	Lincoln College*	HOME	6:00
18	John A. Logan Quad	Carterville, IL	12:00
22	Shawnee*	Ullin, IL	6:00
25	John Wood Tri-Match	HOME	10:00
31	Region 24 Final Four Tournament	TBA	TBA
November			
1	Region 24 Final Four Tournament	TBA	TBA

The college competes in the Mid-West Athletic Conference and is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association. Currently in our 18th year of competition, we strive to provide the best experiences for the student-athletes, the coaches, the community, and the college through commitment, hard work, and competition.

## JOHN WOOD CC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES—CLASS OF 2008



*Men's Basketball Team 1995-1996*



*Individual Inductees 2008*

Jessy Fletcher, now Stephenson — Women's Basketball Team 1998-2000

Kory Neisen — Men's Golf Team 1994-1996

Kyle Pryor — Men's Baseball Team 1997-1998

Wayne Walker — Men's Basketball Team 1994-1996

Men's Basketball Team 1995-1996

**We are currently in the process of selecting the 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees. Contact us with any questions or nominations!**

Contact Joyce Woodruff in the Athletic Department at 217/641-4976 or [jwoodruff@jwcc.edu](mailto:jwoodruff@jwcc.edu) for season and game ticket or Hall of Fame information!

