JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATE
SUMMER 2015
SEASON OF SUCCESS

TRAIL BLAZER BASKETBALL
2015 NJCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL RUNNER-UP

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM
NATIONAL AWARDS

MANUFACTURING PROGRAM
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

BUDDING CHEMIST
STEPHANIE DEARWESTER ’15

BUSINESS BARONS
BOBBY FIELD ’15 & SAL MARTORANO ’15

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
100% JOB PLACEMENT
Success breeds success. That’s how the saying goes, and it is the best way to describe the last year at John Wood Community College. From earning a CNN top 10 percent national ranking for student success to a National Runner-Up men’s basketball season, students at JWCC are practicing a positive brand of peer pressure—exceeding expectations.

The pressure is fueled by expert faculty, supportive staff and a laser focus on student success. President Mike Elbe, a passionate former coach, calls the plays. All of this factored into these JWCC profiles of success.
Homegrown Doc

When Dr. Greg Havermale began his pre-medical studies at John Wood Community College, it was the one-on-one interaction with professors and family environment that became the foundation for his success. He credits individual attention he received in anatomy and chemistry lab courses from JWCC Professors Paula Edgar and Mark Moore for giving him a solid knowledge base for his future medical coursework. “The biggest advantage John Wood gives is the transition it provides,” Havermale said. “I began in a small environment where I could ask questions and get immediate help, versus starting in a giant pond giving him a solid knowledge base for his future medical coursework.”

“John Wood has a great reputation for credits transferring, so I never worried about that,” he shared. “When I was accepted to medical school, my transcripts were looked at as if I took all four years at Mizzou. John Wood credits became Mizzou credits.” After graduating from Mizzou, Havermale was accepted to A.T. Still University–Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He earned a doctorate in osteopathic medicine in May 2015 and began his residency with Southern Illinois University Family Practice in Quincy this summer. As a doctor, Havermale wants to create the same kind of atmosphere for patients that he experienced as a student at John Wood. He feels a friendly, helpful environment focused on careful, personal interaction will serve his patients well. “I enjoy interacting with patients, at every stage of life,” Havermale shared. “The whole body, whole life aspect is something that interests me. My focus is to really get to know patients and become their trusted advisor.” Havermale looks forward to serving his hometown as a family practitioner after he completes his residency. So, if you are looking for a personal approach to medicine, JWCC’s Dr. Havermale may see you now.

Career Builder

“My art history classes involved architectural concepts over time periods,” Bice said. “That really helps now when I’m involved in restoration or remodeling projects that tie past features into a future building.” Bice shared that her JWCC drawing classes also help her connect with clients. “Those concepts really benefit me now to do a rough sketch for a client and actually be able to dictate my ideas clearly.”

The design courses equipped Bice with conceptual knowledge and skills, while the coaching and business classes assist with her daily duties as a project engineer. She is currently working on a $24 million elementary and high school addition and remodel in Telluride, Colorado. On any given day, Bice can be found managing multiple contracts, supervising subcontractors, negotiating with clients and working on strategy development.

Next on the punch list is continued education. With JWCC and WIU degrees and work experience in her tool belt, Bice plans to begin a master’s degree in construction or business to build upon her solid foundation.

“While earning my degree I took classes in different industries to find what I wanted to do for a living...the biggest lesson in that was finding what I was truly passionate about.”
FINAL NOTE

The Musical Legacy of Gary DeClue and Rhonda Basinger at JWCC

Nearly 25 years ago it was a dream. The search began for a champion who would establish a fine arts program at John Wood Community College. That champion was Gary DeClue, who began the work of creating music and fine arts courses, identifying future faculty members, recruiting students and building performance groups. Shortly after his arrival, Rhonda Basinger accompanied DeClue in the effort, and they have been making JWCC sing ever since.

From creating courses and instructing students to directing performance groups and designing a facility, DeClue and Basinger were instrumental in every aspect of building JWCC’s music and fine arts programs.

Today, students impress crowds at the College’s $8.8 million Heath Center, complete with a state-of-the-art 300-seat performance venue, choral and band rehearsal halls, piano and computer labs, music library and listening lab.

Students may pursue an Associate in Fine Arts degree transferable to any university across the country. Any musically inclined student can audition to join three performance groups, which present three major concerts annually and tour throughout the Midwest.

Art students enjoy spacious labs and expert instruction in painting, drawing, 2D, graphic and 3D design courses. Their works are on display throughout the College and featured regularly alongside regional artists’ exhibits in the Heath Center gallery.

All of these opportunities, once a dream at JWCC, have been carefully directed by DeClue and Basinger and a supporting cast of loyal instructors, patrons and students.

In April, the duo announced their plans to retire following more than two decades of service to the College. As they gracefully exit the stage to usher in a new era of music at JWCC, a fitting farewell can be summed up in one word: Bravo.

In Memoriam

Joyce Miller-Boren 1955-2015

John Wood Community College lost a tireless student advocate, dedicated colleague, supportive mentor and dear friend in April. Joyce Miller-Boren served the College for 36 years as a developmental education professor and department chair. During her career she was an energetic leader within JWCC’s Faculty Senate, innovative instructor and effective collaborator among faculty, staff and administration.

Her legacy lives on in hallways of JWCC’s Quincy and Pittsfield centers and with the thousands of students whose lives she changed forever through her wisdom and determination.

Your Career

Supplementing the Supply Chain

Transport goods where they need to be, when they need to be there, and in the right quantity. That’s the focus of JWCC’s new supply chain management and logistics/operations degree and certificate programs available to students this fall.

Logistics and supply chain management span numerous industries that fuel the regional economy, from warehousing and transportation to manufacturing and construction.

Students can earn a two-year associate in science degree in supply chain management at JWCC and transfer all credits as part of Western Illinois University’s bachelor’s degree in the same major. College officials signed a 2+2 agreement to formalize the process at Dot Foods, Inc., the nation’s largest food industry redistributor—a company rooted in logistical expertise.

Students may also pursue a one-year certificate in logistics or two-year associate in applied science degree in logistics/operations management to directly enter the workforce at other area companies.

JWCC was part of a group of community colleges that received Department of Labor Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution and Logistics grant to fund the creation of the degree and certificate programs in supply chain logistics.

Your Career HEADQUARTERS

WHAT’S THE JOB OUTLOOK?

Employers are looking for people who can take the time to understand the industry, the products they’re selling, and the skills they’re looking for in their employees. The right person can help solve their biggest problems.

WHAT’S THE MINIMUM EDUCATION YOU NEED?

A high school diploma or GED is the minimum you will need to get started in the field of supply chain management and logistics. However, having a degree or certificate in the field can give you a competitive edge.

WHAT CAN YOU EARN?

The salaries for supply chain management and logistics jobs can vary depending on the level of education and experience. Entry-level positions may start at around $35,000 per year, while more experienced professionals can earn six figures.

WHAT ARE SOME POTENTIAL CAREERS?

Some potential careers in supply chain management and logistics include logistics coordinator, supply chain analyst, warehouse manager, and logistics manager.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND EMPLOYMENT?

Supply chain management and logistics professionals can find employment in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, transportation, retail, and healthcare. Many large companies have their own supply chain departments, while smaller companies may outsource these services to third-party logistics providers.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THIS CAREER FIELD?

The supply chain is a critical component of the global economy, and as businesses continue to look for ways to improve efficiency and reduce costs, demand for supply chain professionals will likely continue to grow.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND MORE INFORMATION?

For more information about the JWCC supply chain management and logistics/operations degree and certificate programs, contact Workforce Development Office at wdc@jwcc.edu.
Pike and Brown County Start Smart

A smart start. That’s what JWCC district residents asked for in Pike and Brown County, and that is what JWCC is offering its students and elementary students in the area.

High School seniors in Pike and Brown County are enjoying the benefits of JWCC’s Smart Start program, which provides students the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. Even better, Smart Start classes in those counties may be half the regular tuition price.

The JWCC Foundation has received support from the Tracy Family Foundation to cover 50 percent of Smart Start tuition costs for Brown County High School students. In Pike County, students save thanks to an estate gift designated to help high school students start college early.

Third through eighth graders in Pike and Brown County are joining in the movement in a different way. They are learning more than their peers during the summer thanks to new programs.

In the southeastern portion of the College district, community members selected and appointed members to serve on an advisory council to provide input regarding facility planning and other needs for JWCC’s Pittsfield Education Center.

**Advocacy Council for the Southeastern Portion of the JWCC District**

Joni Petry, Summer Hill, Entrepreneur - Chair
Bill Dural, Pittsfield, Retired - Air Force - Vice Chair
Gary Woods, Pittsfield, Retired - Education - Secretary
Lance Hendrick, Barry - City Manager
Gina Schuman, Griggville, Executive Director, PCDC
Alina Mellenbrand, Pittsfield, Engineer
Doug Smith, Griggville, President, Farmers National Bank
Jeanne Hove, Milton, Retired - Educator
Sperre Benson, Pittsfield, Teacher
Gary Westermeyer, Bluffs, President, Westermeyer Industries
Andy Spurke, Kindale, Owner, Draper’s Ignite, Pittsfield, Director, Scott/Parke/Sanford, Shaw-Brenemiller, Barry Mayor
Robert Odlebrer, Pleasant Hill, Entrepreneur
Eric Miller, Milton, Farmer/Commodities Broker

JWCC shares a facility with the University of Illinois.

**Smart Start Program**

Enrolling high school students in Brown and Pike counties may receive 50% of college courses in JWCC’s Smart Start program. Similar scholarships are available for students at Unity and Camp Point Central high schools. For information, visit jwcc.edu/smartstart. Scholarships are subject to available funds. Some restrictions apply.

**Ag Demand Growths**

As demand grows for students in the agriculture sector, so does JWCC’s Agricultural Education Center in Cayhutt, Illinois. In the past five years, more than 600 students have chosen to study agriculture at JWCC.

The direct connection with the University of Illinois research facility, real-world curriculum, sophomore internships and personalized instruction continue to lead students to success.

To meet the needs of employers in the Southeastern portion of JWCC’s district, the College has also added several welding stations at the College Center to train individuals with the skills needed to fill the demand for open welding positions in the area.
Support the Students in Your Community

Make a gift to JWCC’s Foundation. Gifts or pledges may be made online at jwcc.edu/advancement or sent to: JWCC Foundation

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(J.W.C.C. Foundation Scholarship Banquet)
A 2015 survey showed that 96.6% of current students would choose to attend JWCC again to begin their bachelor’s degree or earn a credential to enter the workforce.

With 24 student-led clubs and organizations, nationally-ranked athletics, talented musical performance groups and a Student Government Association 240 members strong, it is easy to see why students recommend John Wood to their friends.

Blaze a trail to JWCC to visit this summer and see for yourself. jwcc.edu/visit

Introducing Woody the Trail Blazer

In January 2015, John Wood Community College unveiled its first mascot, Woody the Trail Blazer. He is modeled after a young John Wood, the College’s namesake, as he appears on the College’s official seal. John Wood, Quincy’s founder, was a pioneer and trail blazer who played a key role in the settlement and development of West Central Illinois.

Woody the Trail Blazer epitomizes the pioneer spirit, pursuit of knowledge, innovation and a strong work ethic.

Watch for him and the signature “W” at a community event near you!