**SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOODS FARMING**

**NINE REASONS TO CONSIDER JWCC’S PROGRAM**

1. **Class Schedule:** Classes meet two or three days per week, for convenience and ease of student scheduling.

2. **Professional Faculty:** The program offers experienced, knowledgeable, highly professional and caring faculty.

3. **Financial Assistance:** In addition to traditional financial aid options, the agricultural sciences department has an extensive scholarship program.

4. **Land lab:** An onsite 10-acre demonstration market garden will provide students with the opportunity for hands-on experience.

5. **Placement:** Placement assistance is available to all students; this includes resume writing, job seeking and referrals.

6. **Alumni Organization:** The active JWCC Agriculture Alumni Association assures many benefits following graduation.

7. **Reputation:** JWCC has national award-winning ag programs.

8. **Advisory Council:** Agriculturalists from the community guide and direct curriculum to be “real world” and current.

9. **Leadership Development:** Leaders are developed through coursework, Ag Club, and Postsecondary Ag Student (PAS) competitions. JWCC has had many winners in state and national PAS contests.

**ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

John Wood Community College was founded in 1974 in order to provide residents with high-quality, low-cost programs in higher education.

**DEGREES/CERTIFICATES**

The College offers a comprehensive baccalaureate transfer curriculum, with four degrees specifically designed to accommodate students transferring to four-year colleges: the associate in arts (AA), associate in fine arts (AFA), associate in general studies (AGS) and associate in science (AS). John Wood also offers the associate in applied science degree (AAS) and certificates for those interested in specialized career/technical training that leads to immediate employment.

**PROGRAMS**

Agriculture, horticulture, nursing, early childhood education, computer-aided design, restaurant management, culinary arts, office technology and truck driver training are just a few of the career/technical programs offered at JWCC.

**LOCATION**

The JWCC campus is located at the east edge of Quincy. Additional centers include the Agricultural Education Center near Perry; the Pittsfield Education Center; the Mt. Sterling Learning Center and the Workforce Development Center and Kinscherff Adult Education Learning Center in Quincy. JWCC also provides tailored career/technical training at area businesses and industries.

**TUITION AND FEES**

Tuition and fees at JWCC are among the lowest in the area. A complete financial aid program that includes scholarships, loans, grants and work study opportunities is available for students who qualify.

For information on JWCC programs, contact:

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Mike Roegge, Unit Educator, Crop Systems
University of Illinois Extension
Adams/Brown Unit, Quincy
Statewide and regionally, consumer demand for local foods is currently not met by producers. Data show that Illinois’ annual direct-market farm sales more than doubled between 1997-2007, and the number of farmers’ markets nearly tripled between 1999 and 2008.

Careers in sustainable local foods farming include farmer, food processor, food distributor, food marketer, agricultural entrepreneur, and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) partner.

Salary range varies widely, based on crop, market, production system and acreage in production. According to a 2005 survey of fresh market vegetable farms conducted by the University of Wisconsin’s Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems, average net income/acre ranged from $3,757 for farms over 12 acres to $5,664 for farms up to three acres.

“Currently Illinois produces less than 5% of the food that we consume. We need more farmers raising foods for local markets. The lack of farmers raising local food is the number one obstacle to building an Illinois-based food system. This program will provide the production knowledge and business skills that beginning and transitioning farmers need to be successful.”

Mike Roegge
Unit Educator, Crop Systems
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“As the largest independent grocer in central Illinois, Niemann Foods, Inc. is committed to meeting the growing demand for locally grown food. To help meet this demand, we need farmers who understand raising local food is a viable option.”

Gerry Kettler
Consumer Affairs Director
NFI, Quincy
Member, Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force

An onsite 10-acre demonstration market garden will provide students with the opportunity for hands-on experience.

**JWCC’s PROGRAM**

The program provides the practical skills and knowledge necessary for success in the local foods and sustainable agricultural industries and features both classroom instruction and hands-on training in a vegetable and small fruit land lab.

Classes are offered in fall, spring and summer terms and the program takes approximately 41 weeks to complete.

**CURRICULUM**

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* This listing consists of agricultural and horticultural sciences coursework only. The current JWCC catalog contains all program curricula.

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**JWCC CORE VALUES**

Self-development. Excellence. Accountability. Integrity

John Wood Community College is regionally accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.

John Wood Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability or other factors prohibited by law.

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